

# The Messenger

## January 2015



# The Presbyterian Church Of Johnstown

# Minister's Message

## Happy New Year!



It is hard for me to believe that 2014 is coming to an end and we are about to launch into 2015. This year seems to have flown by. As I reflect on all that has happened at JPC, I feel incredibly blessed that God has called me (and my family) to be a part of the ministry that is happening here. From mission work to worship services to times of fellowship and even times of sorrow and grief, this church has been a true demonstration of God's love and grace to our members and to our community.

Jesus Christ gave instructions to his followers just prior to his own arrest and crucifixion where he said, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35, NIV) And... these are some of the last words that he would speak to them knowing that his own death was imminent. In essence Jesus is saying, "Look! Your job now is to let others know about me, and... the very best way for that to happen is in how you interact with one another. You must love each other in the same way that I have loved you!"

This passage comes to mind, because I believe that JPC is a place where Christ is made evident and seen clearly because of the way we engage each other in love. In fact, as a guiding principle of our church states that our vision is "Taking God's love to the world and sharing the good news of Jesus Christ." So it is no surprise that I have consistently witnessed the love and care that exists here in the way that we do ministry and share in fellowship and come alongside each other in times of pain and loss. It is a tremendous witness to Jesus Christ and the transformational experience we can have in our lives when we come into relationship with him and experience his love!

I know that we are not perfect and that sometimes challenges arise and tensions can surface, but it is a true experience of God's grace to be a pastor at a church that truly wants to allow God to take the lead. We could not position ourselves any better for the future.

And who knows what all is in store for us in the coming year of 2015? We can't know all that God has planned for us, but what we can know is that He is good and that wherever He leads us is exactly where we should go. My prayer is that our hearts and minds would always be made ready to hear and discern God's calling, so that we can join with Him in the ministry of revealing His Kingdom in our community and in our world.

I thank God that we are co-travelers in this journey, and I pray that we would continue to manifest the unconditional love that reveals Christ to all.

Happy New Year to all of you, and I thank each and every one of you for the love, grace and support you have shown me in this past year.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Kevin



## A Note from the Clerk...

Matthew 23:11-12 The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Session met on Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at the home of Scott and Linda Lockwood, where we enjoyed appetizers and fellowship before the meeting. Pastor Kevin opened the meeting with prayer.

The Mitten Tree is overflowing thanks to your generosity. A Bible study/coffee hour is being planned for our young adults. A new member class will be offered in January. The Junior Choir presented a wonderful musical on December 14 during the Worship Service with 209 people in attendance! Elders will be ordained and installed on January 11, 2015. The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 18, 2015 following the Worship service.

Please think about serving on one of the Committees this year. New ideas and many hands will improve our ability to move forward in sharing the love of Jesus. At our January meeting, the Elders will decide which committee they would like to chair and that information will be posted on the bulletin board.

Pastor Kevin was awarded a \$900 grant from the Presbytery of Scioto Valley to help provide meals for Youth For Christ meetings.

Look for changes to the procedure for providing flowers for the sanctuary.

We thank Rhonda Piper and Bob Pardee for their years of service on Session and welcome Hazel Almendinger and Mark Trimble who will join us in January.

Our next Session meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 7:00PM.

Wishing you a blessed New Year as I thank God for all of you, Diane Frazier



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
<b>4</b> Sunday School 9:15am Adult SS 9:30 kids SS 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Dishin' for the Dominican	<b>5</b> 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting	<b>6</b> 9am Tuesday Morning Bible Study 6:00 TOPS	<b>7</b> 5:15-6:45 Jr Choir/bells 7:45-8:30 Adult Choir	8	9	10
<b>11</b> Sunday School 9:15am Adult SS 9:30 kids SS 10:30 Worship Service 12:00 Father/kid bowling & pizza	<b>12</b> 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting	<b>13</b> 9am Tuesday Morning Bible Study 6:00 TOPS	<b>14</b> 5:15-6:45 Jr Choir/bells 7:45-8:30 Adult Choir	15	16	17
<b>18</b> Sunday School 9:15am Adult SS 9:30 kids SS 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 Annual Meeting & potluck	<b>19</b> 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting	<b>20</b> 9am Tuesday Morning Bible Study 6:00 TOPS	<b>21</b> 1pm Elizabeth Circle @ the Hot Spot 5:15-6:45 Jr Choir/bells 7:45-8:30 Adult Choir	22	23	24
<b>25</b> Sunday School 9:15am Adult SS 9:30 kids SS 10:30 Worship Service	<b>26</b> 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting	<b>27</b> 9am Tuesday Morning Bible Study 6:00 TOPS	<b>28</b> 5:15-6:45 Jr Choir/bells 7:45-8:30 Adult Choir	29	<b>30</b> Youth Group Sub Sale begins	31

# Volunteer Ministries for January

## **GREETERS:**

4<sup>th</sup> the Lockwoods  
11<sup>th</sup> Pat Blair  
18<sup>th</sup> Jeanne Voigt  
25<sup>th</sup>

## **ACOLYTES:**

4<sup>th</sup> Megan Miller  
11<sup>th</sup> Nathan Heckathorn  
18<sup>th</sup> Charlie Richards  
25<sup>th</sup> Reagan Deeds

## **NURSERY:**

4<sup>th</sup> Marci Parpart  
11<sup>th</sup> Jamie & Annika Pardee  
18<sup>th</sup> Phoebe Richards  
25<sup>th</sup> Andra Kisner

## **JUNIOR CHURCH:**

4<sup>th</sup>  
11<sup>th</sup> Rhonda Piper  
18<sup>th</sup>  
25<sup>th</sup> Kathy & Haley Trimble

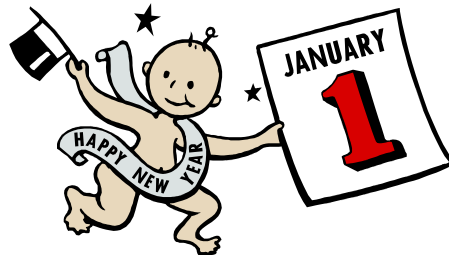
## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:**

4<sup>th</sup> Pastor Kevin  
11<sup>th</sup> Marilyn LeClair  
18<sup>th</sup> Rhonda Deeds  
25<sup>th</sup> Barbara Derenburger

## **WORSHIP LEADER:**

4<sup>th</sup> Scott Lockwood  
11<sup>th</sup> Maci Ashbrook  
18<sup>th</sup> Karen Blair  
25<sup>th</sup> Jeanne Voigt

# Birthdays and Anniversaries



3 Norma Johnson

14 Kate Kisner

4 Charles & Marilyn Parker

15 Hayden Wagner

5 Heather Mansell

16 Tyler Jones

6 Lewie Main

17 Reagan Deeds

8 Brad Ashbrook  
John & Penny Replogle

18 Jim & Pat Blair

9 Chris Blair  
Ashley Speck

21 Jesse Farley  
Aletha Irwin

10 Tanya Weaver

24 Kathy Trimble

11 Claire Almendinger

27 Jane Muller

13 Charles Parker

30 Kevin Frazier

31 Pat Speck

# Our Church Groups



## **ELIZABETH CIRCLE**

This group meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at the Hot Spot coffee house. The group has a short bible study and plenty of fellowship time. Come and see what we are all about!

**Next meeting: January 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:00pm**



## **Tabitha Sewing Circle**

The sewing Circle meets each Tuesday at 1:00pm in our sewing room (off the Fellowship Hall). The group makes lap quilts and baby quilts, which are donated to local charities.

**The circle is currently on winter hiatus.**



## **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

Our Tuesday morning Bible study group meets at the church on Tuesday from 9am-10am. We welcome any new faces.



## **Women's Association**

The Women's Association is selling their cookbooks and brooms. The new price is \$5 for the cookbooks, and \$8 for the brooms. You can purchase these through Norma Johnson, or bring the money into the office during office hours.



## **PRAYER CHAIN**

Please send all prayer chain requests to Carolyn Friedberg.

The email address is [JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com](mailto:JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com).

# Church Happenings



## Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> in our Fellowship Hall following Worship Service. Please bring a dish to share.



The 2015 Offering Envelopes are in the hallway next to the office. Please stop by and pick-up yours today.



## New Member Class

We will be offering a new member class this January. Pastor Kevin will meet with the class for three weeks during the Sunday-School hour. If you are interested please call the office to sign up.



## Children's Sunday School-Christmas Break

There will be no youth Sunday school on January 4<sup>th</sup>. This break will allow our dedicated teachers and students a Christmas break.



## Hello Girlfriends!

Are you looking for time away from your business of life? For time to stop and smell the roses? Join us for our Garden Getaway retreat and experience this and more.

Garden Getaway is a relaxing garden themed retreat for the women of our church. Included are worship, Bible study, and time for laughter and reflection.

Friday, May 1, 2015 we will begin with dinner and end around 4pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Deer Creek State Park is our destination this year. The cost is \$105-\$135 depending on the room occupancy. Meals are included.

A \$20 non-refundable deposit is due by January 11<sup>th</sup>. Please see Melanie Main or Karen Blair for more information.





## New Lists Are Up

Please take time to sign yourself up to be a Greeter, Nursery Attendant, or Junior Church leader. The lists are on the bulletin board in our narthex.



### **\*\*NEW\*\* College Coffee Hour**

Christian Education is in the process of forming a Bible study/College Life group for our college students. Youth group, teen choir, bells is now over...so what is next for us??? What is God's plan for us??? We would like to have a planning session while our students are home on Christmas break. If you are interested in joining this group please contact Madison Ashbrook at 740-817-3000 or Rhonda Piper.

Hello. My name is Liz Myers. My husband Owen, our son Connor, and myself recently started attending here in the last 6 months. We have been very blessed to feel so welcome. Even though I have a full-time job of being a mom to an active two-year old, I also have another full-time job with The Village Network. My role with TVN-Newark is the Licensing Specialist. I am responsible for recruiting foster parents (through word of mouth and marketing efforts), completing the potential families' home studies, and sending the paperwork to the state for approval once the home study process is complete. I also am responsible for ensuring the licensed foster parents stay up on their training hours, teach some training and again make sure the state has the correct paperwork to recertify the homes every 2 years. Another one of my roles is ensuring all families are up to date on rule changes with the state that occur frequently!

We are always looking for families that are interested in becoming foster parents. There are so many youth out there that need somewhere to call home. We frequently turn away referrals for youth because we do not have enough homes. Or a home we may have available is not a good match for the youth and the type of behaviors they may have. If you are interested in opening up your home, or are at least interested in hearing more about the opportunity please contact me. I would love to talk with you more. Thank you.

Make an **IMMEDIATE** impact on a child's life.

- Open your home and your heart to a child in need.
- Paid Specialized training for Foster Parents
- Excellent daily per diem
- Ongoing support from TVN staff
- Paid Respite

Contact: Liz Myers, Licensing Specialist

The Village Network

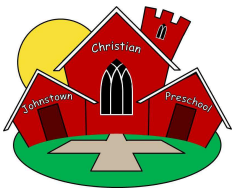
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Wishing everyone a blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year!  
The Preschool Staff

### New Year Resolutions

As you are making New Year resolutions, consider making a resolution to increase your financial support to the Church. Would you consider making a resolution to increase your financial support by 5% or more. Here is a table to help you do that.

5% Contribution Increase	
Current Contribution	Increase
\$5.00	\$0.25
\$10.00	\$0.50
\$15.00	\$0.75
\$20.00	\$1.00
\$30.00	\$1.50
\$40.00	\$2.00
\$60.00	\$3.00
\$80.00	\$4.00
\$100.00	\$5.00
\$150.00	\$7.50
\$200.00	\$10.00

### Missed a sermon?



Were you traveling? Feeling ill? Or simply wanting to hear one of Pastor Kevin's sermons again? They are now being posted on the Presbyterian Church of Johnstown website. Simply:

1. Go to [www.thejpc.org](http://www.thejpc.org)
2. Select the RESOURCE tab
3. Select the SERMONS tab and choose the sermon you want to hear.



### **Thank you Notes...**

Thank you to all who have helped or will help with the undercoating of our church. We are so blessed with so many faithful people who are willing to give of their time and talents. A very special thank you to Erich Almendinger and Clint Perkins and our wonderful youth for our new stable and nativity that they placed in our front yard!



## **Our Beautiful Poinsettias Were Sponsored By:**

Mike & Barbara Derenburger in memory of our parents, Dr. & Marie Young and Charles & Patty Derenburger.

Dick & Norma Johnson to the glory of God.

The McMillan Family in honor of all members and visitors to our church.

The Brown Family in memory of Richard Brown.

Margaret Jolley and Family in memory of Tom Jolley.

John & Jane Muller in honor of our grandchildren.

The Venard Family in memory of Edward Venard.

Mark, Katie, Megan & Peyton Miller in celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Jim & Pat Blair

George & Karen Dreisbach in memory of our parents, George & JoAnn Dreisbach and Ed & Myrtle Page.

Dick & Norma Clark in honor of The Christ child.

Kevin & Rhonda Piper in memory of our parents Melvin & Mildred Piper and John & Joyce Keeran.

The Mooney Family in memory of Raymond Celmer and Clarence Stoneburner.

The Cartwright Family in honor of family near and far.

Scott & Linda Lockwood in honor of the birth of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.

Scott, Katie, Lucy & Logan Shaffer in memory of Bob Shaffer.

John & Margie Billman in memory of our parents.

# Prayer Chain Requests for December 2014

## [JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com](mailto:JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com)

### **CONTINUED PRAYERS**

- Our Governmental Leaders.
- Anti-police violence

### **THANKSGIVINGS AND PRAISES**

- Ron Schultz, Suzy Sayer's father, was hospitalized with bilateral pneumonia on December 12. He had subsequent biopsies to determine whether or not he had lung cancer. They were negative.

### **CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

- Norma Duncan needs continued prayer. She has been hospitalized for heart congestion.
- John Replogle had successful brain surgery to remove the tumor on December 12. He went home December 19 for a six-month recovery.
- Ken Weaver fell coming up his basement steps.
- Don Orr has had some surgeries for dermatological issues.
- Megan Carlson, Maxine Pardee's granddaughter, has been hospitalized to determine the cause of pain.
- Judy Schultz, Suzy Sayer's mother, recovering from neck and back surgery.
- Cecyl Blakley, Maxine Pardee's five-month-old great grandson, has some breathing problems and has been treated for them.
- Jenny McNair, niece of Alice Main's friend, had successful gall bladder surgery December 19.
- Kimberly Baughn is recovering from major surgery.
- Jeff Dunlap, son of Jeanette Dunlap, had surgery on his bowel October 23. He will be off work for 2 to 3 months.
- Mike Spangler, Marie Fleming's brother-in-law, has Stevens-Johnston Syndrome. It is a rare, serious skin disorder resulting from a reaction to a drug.
- Gwen and John Haspels, Presbyterian missionaries in Ethiopia who were attacked and injured by armed bandits October 1, have been taken to Presbyterian Hospital in New York City, for reconstructive surgery.
- Margaret Bobo, neighbor and friend of Maxine Pardee, had a stroke July 26.
- Alice Coleman, friend of Katie Miller, had a stroke December 13 or 14 which has left her left leg affected.
- Bill Grubb, friend of the Mullers, had a significant stroke December 15 at the age of 60.
- Ron Goodman, Jane Muller's brother-in-law, has the latter stages of Parkinson's disease.
- Mike Robinson who is paralyzed from the waist down as a result of a tree falling on him.
- Maxine Pardee myasthenia gravis and extreme pain. She got good results from her heart tests.
- Rev. Edward Carlson, Maxine Pardee's son-in-law, has serious medical issues.
- Barbara Haines, a former member of this church, has a serious autoimmune disorder. She had surgery the week of November 17 to have a feeding tube inserted.
- Gloria Miller, friend of Kaye Cook, has severe kidney disorder.

## **CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR HEALING OF CANCER**

- Victoria Boals, New Albany High student has been getting chemo treatments for a brain tumor. Her doctors have changed their minds and do not consider her terminal. In January she will have another MRI to decide whether or not to continue chemo treatments.
- Megan Johnson Cervi, daughter of Bill Johnson, is having treatment for melanoma cancer.
- Charles "Copper" Thacker has advanced lung cancer. He has gotten worse and is receiving radiation.
- Rod Lunt, friend of the Almendingers grandson Matt in Kansas, has melanoma
- Turney Williamson has chronic leukemia.
- Lea Ann Snyder, friend of Roger & Donna Hines, Barbara & Bill Mitchell, and Phyllis Kraner, has cancer throughout her body.
- Patty Oyler, friend of Kaye Cook, has colon cancer. This is the second round.
- Brian Fisher, friend of Mark and Katie Miller, has a cancerous spot on his left lung. He had been on our prayer chain as late as this March for colon cancer.
- Brandon O'Keefe, fellow fireman with Jeremy Derenberger, has been placed on hospice care at the James because of advanced cancer. He and his wife have two pre-school aged children.

## **THOSE SHUT IN OR CONFINED TO THEIR HOMES**

- Roy H. Sarbaugh, Carol Hoff's father
- Alice Neibarger, New Albany Gardens and Care Center, Columbus, OH 43230
- Arthur Miller, Kathy Trimble's father, has dementia.
- Betty Ford, Presidential Center, 524 James Way, Marion, OH 43302
- Lawrence Bishop at Sharonbrooke Senior Living Center in Newark.
- Rev. Tom Jackman, former minister of the Johnstown Presbyterian church in the late 60's and early 70's, 200 Cottage Dr. Apt 302, Palmyra Pa. 17078-3608.
- Cecil and Maryann Grimes, brother and sister-in-law to Maxine Pardee, are having difficulty caring for each other. Maryann has a lung condition and Cecil has worsening Alzheimer's disease.
- Margie Wheaton, Betty Ford's daughter, is in a nursing facility in Newark because of her Parkinson's.

## **DEATHS**

- Nanci Stradley, friend of Jane Muller, died Monday December 15 from cancer at the age of 49.
- Kerry Fleming's grandmother passed away and the funeral will have been Christmas Eve.

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## Office hours & Contacts

Pastor Kevin will be in the office Monday through Thursday.

Marie's hours are Monday–Friday from 9am to Noon.

Our phone number is 967-7541

Pastor Kevin's email address is [pastorkevin@thejpc.org](mailto:pastorkevin@thejpc.org)

Our email is [johnstownpres@gmail.com](mailto:johnstownpres@gmail.com)

Prayer Chain email is [JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com](mailto:JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com)

[www.thejpc.org](http://www.thejpc.org)

We present to you many opportunities to get involved in the church life. There are sign-up sheets for ministry involvement that need volunteers in our foyer. Take a chance and sign up! You will be blessed. Here are the names to contact if you have any questions.

<b>Flowers for Worship:</b>	contact the Office
<b>Greeters:</b>	contact Karen Blair
<b>Acolytes:</b>	contact Marie Richards
<b>Nursery &amp; Jr. Church:</b>	contact Rhonda Piper
<b>Children's Message:</b>	contact Marianne Derenberger
<b>Special Music:</b>	contact Marilyn LeClair
<b>Property Maintenance:</b>	contact Lee Mansell
<b>Church Sign:</b>	contact Marie Richards
<b>Wedding Coordinator:</b>	contact Sally Uhde

## FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY



We will no longer be purchasing flowers or planters for the sanctuary from a florist. A beautiful silk flower arrangement will grace the altar beginning in January. You may still sign up to honor or commemorate a special person or event on the sign-up sheets in the office. If you wish to donate your own fresh flowers, you may. If you have questions please call the office.

## Finances

Monthly financial information may be picked up or viewed in the church office.

