

The Messenger

January 2014



The Presbyterian Church
Of Johnstown

MINISTER'S MESSAGE



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I'm ready to be done with winter! I am someone who genuinely enjoys cold weather for the most part, but this winter has been particularly cold and I've had my fill of scraping ice and shoveling snow! I know many who feel the same. So when the temperature began to climb last week and get into the 50's it was a welcomed reprieve from the cold. Many people took advantage of this break in the weather to go outside and walk, run and ride bikes. I saw people walking around without coats and enjoying the warmth. The funny part in all of this, however, is that these same temperatures in the upper 40's and lower 50's if experienced in September would have people complaining about how cold it is and would cause them to want to stay in where it's warm.

It's amazing how perspectives shift when viewed from different contexts.

So it is with the gospel as well! There is a perspective on the gospel that we carry that warms us and causes us to rejoice. We love to hear that God sent his son to die in our place so that we can have life eternal. We like knowing that our sins are forgiven. However, there is also a perspective that tends to rub us the wrong way. It has to do with control.

I was reading Paul's letter to the Galatians recently. I never cease to be amazed at how truly passionate Paul was about the Gospel. After his conversion experience on the road to Damascus, there was no greater force in his life. It influenced every aspect of his life, and this is especially evident in this letter. One of the crucial opening statements that Paul makes is, "I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—which is really no gospel at all." (1:6-7, NIV)

In essence – Paul is stating to the Galatians that there is no greater priority or power in our lives than the gospel. And... he is reminding them (and us) that any addition to or subtraction from the gospel that is given by God results in no gospel at all. And as we look at the gospel, especially as we celebrate the coming of the New Year, we should be reminded as well that there is no power greater in our lives and in this world than the gospel! And, yes, we should rejoice that our lives have been secured for all eternity through Christ, but we should also realize that our whole lives are to be given over to living the gospel and coming in line with where it leads! That is a bold New Year's resolution to make if we dare make it!

A Note from the Clerk...



Isaiah 43:4-5 The Lord says, "You are precious and honored in my sight...Do not be afraid, for I am with you."

Session met on December 9, 2013, at the home of Karen Blair, with Pastor Kevin moderating and opening the meeting with prayer. Elder-elect Cille Childers joined us for this meeting. Cille will be ordained and installed, and Jeanne Voigt and Jeremy Derenberger will be installed for their second term, on January 5, 2014, during the Worship Service.

You are invited to attend Pastor Kevin's Installation Ceremony on the afternoon of January 5, 2014, following the potluck lunch after the Worship Service.

The Membership Development Committee is planning a New Member class to be held on January 12, 19 and 26, during the Sunday School hour, with new members being received on February 2. Please let Lee Mansell or Pastor Kevin know if you are interested.

Please check your bulletin to keep up with all the Fellowship Team activities that are being planned.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on January 26, 2014 following the Worship Service and a potluck.

If you happen to have a key to the building and don't need it, would you please return it to Marie Richards in the office?

Session approved the 2014 Budget as presented by Scott Lockwood and the Stewardship Team.

Our next Session meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6 at 6:30PM, in the conference room.

Thanking God for all of you, Diane Frazier

Kids Page

Sunday-School is held from 9:15-10:15 each Sunday morning for Pre-School through High School.

Junior Church is following the Children's Message and is for kids Pre-K through 4th grade.

Nursery is provided to children up to Kindergarten.



Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.

January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>1</p> <p>New Year's Day</p>			
<p>5</p> <p>8:30 Teen Bells/Choir 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>Elder Installation</p> <p>1:00 Rev. Heckathorn's Installation</p>	<p>6</p> <p>4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting</p> <p>6:30pm Session</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 TOPS</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:15-6:45pm Joy Ringers & Jr. Choir</p> <p>7:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8:30 Teen Bells/Choir</p> <p>9:15am Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service</p>	<p>13</p> <p>4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9am Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 TOPS</p>	<p>15</p> <p>5:15-6:45pm Joy Ringers & Jr. Choir</p> <p>7:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Youth Retreat</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Youth Retreat</p> <p>9:15am Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Youth Retreat</p> <p>4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9am Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 TOPS</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:15-6:45pm Joy Ringers & Jr. Choir</p> <p>7:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>23</p> <p>February newsletter deadline</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Murder in Maui Mystery dinner</p>
<p>26</p> <p>8:30am Teen Bells/Choir 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>Annual Mtg</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9am Bible Study</p> <p>5:30 TOPS</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:15-6:45pm Joy Ringers & Jr. Choir</p> <p>7:30 Adult Choir</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Youth Group Sub Sale</p>	

VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES FOR JANUARY

FLOWERS:

January 5
January 12
January 19
January 26

ACOLYTES:

January 5 Grace Almendinger
January 12 Phoebe Richards
January 19 Charlie Richards
January 26 Reagan Deeds

NURSERY:

January 5 Amy Wagner
January 12 Stephanie Mack
January 19 Jamie Pardee
January 26

GREETERS:

January 5 Ashley Speck
January 12 Teens
January 19 Jim & Pat Blair
January 26

JUNIOR CHURCH:

January 5
January 12 Kris Almendinger
January 19
January 26

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

January 5
January 12
January 19
January 26

WORSHIP LEADER:

January 5 Scott Lockwood
January 12 teen
January 19 Bob Pardee
January 26 Rhonda Piper

Birthdays and Anniversaries in January



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 Alex Mason 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 David & Aletha Irwin	27	Jane Muller
13	Charles Parker	30	Kevin Frazier
		31	Pat Speck

Our Church Groups

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets in the choir room once a month, at 7pm. We would love to see you there. It is never too late to join this committee!!!

Next meeting: January 21, 7:30pm

Upcoming events: January 25th, 5:30pm Murder in Maui, murder mystery dinner



ELIZABETH CIRCLE

This group meets the 3rd 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!

Tabitha Sewing Circle

Our sewing circle is back in action! We meet at 1:00pm in the sewing room which is off the Fellowship Hall. We welcome anyone who can sew, tie a knot, or use scissors. Our circle makes lap blankets and baby blankets which are donated to local charities.

The circle will be on hiatus beginning December 10th.



Tuesday Morning Bible Study

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

We will resume class on Tuesday, January 7th, 2014



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.



Church Happenings

Annual Meeting

On January 26th following our worship service we will hold our annual meeting and potluck.



New Member Class

New member class is being offered. Classes will be on January 12th, 19th, and 26th, Sunday mornings beginning at 9:15 am. For your convenience we will be providing childcare during these classes. If you are interested or have questions please contact Pastor Kevin at pastorkevin@thejpc.org or Lee Mansell at jlmansell@aep.com.



Attention basketball parents

We need pictures for the bulletin board of your kids. We would love a copy of the school programs to use on the bulletin boards. You can drop off bulletin board items in the church office



News from Christian Education

Christian Education is looking for volunteers to teach Jr church and work in the nursery during the worship hour. Step out of your comfort zone and volunteer when you get that call for help!!

There will be no Sunday school on January 5th. The teachers are on Christmas break.

Youth Group

- January 18th through the 20th, weekend retreat at the Almendinger Cabin.
- Friday, January 31st Sub Sale. You will find the order form later in the newsletter.



Hearing Assist Devices Available

Having trouble hearing during the worship service? We have hearing assist devices available to make you worship more enjoyable. Simply ask for one from the sound system operator.

Murder Mystery Dinner



The fellowship team presents-

'Murder in Maui...A Luau to die for'

The Johnstown Presbyterian Church is transforming into the Oceanside Palace Hotel of Maui where a luau on Sunset Beach (The fellowship hall) where an adult luau will be held. **January 25th, 2014 promptly at 5:30pm, doors will open at 5:00.** Exciting Polynesian spirits will fill the air as you are greeted and presented with festive Hawaiian leis. Wear your favorite Hawaiian or summertime clothing. Please plan on attending the fun filled evening. Mingle with other Hawaiians while snacking on appetizers then sit down for a traditional Maui dinner. But, watch out for the murderer... You never know who it may be. Be aware of your surroundings and on guard at all times. Everyone is a suspect.

A signup sheet will be in the church hallway. You must sign up by **January 19th**. Seating is limited so signup early.



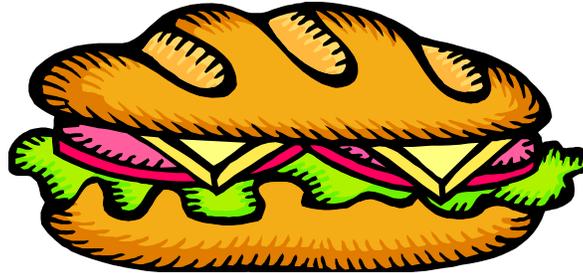
Young at Heart Christmas luncheon
at Davis Shai house



Oh! What a Night!



Johnstown Presbyterian Church
Middle and High School
Youth Group Sub Sale



\$6.50 each

Don't cook food for your Super Bowl party....order subs

8 inch Italian sub loaded with salami, ham, pepperoni, provolone cheese, shredded lettuce, tomatoes, onion and Italian dressing. (Hot peppers optional)

Advanced orders necessary, payment upon pick-up
Cash or check

Make checks payable to Johnstown Pres. Youth group

ORDERS DUE BY JANUARY 25TH:

EMAIL ORDERS CAN BE SENT TO KAREN BLAIR the5blairs@embarqmail.com

ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT KAREN BLAIR 740-966-5687 OR
MARIE RICHARDS IN THE CHURCH OFFICE 9-12 MONDAY –FRIDAY 740-967-7541

PICK UP DATES

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31ST 5-8PM

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1ST 12-3PM

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2ND 11:30-2PM

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NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

NUMBER OF SUBS _____

BANANA PEPPERS YES _____ NO _____

Our Lovely Poinsettias Were Donated by:

The McMillan Family

Norma Duncan in memory of John Duncan.

The Cartwright Family in memory of Thelma Shisler.

Scott & Linda Lockwood in honor of Christ Jesus.

Nancy Venard in memory of Ed Venard.

Gale & Brenda Schaile in memory of our parents, Hazel Chase and Darrell & Virginia Blair.

The Speck Family in memory of Darrell & Cathy Carr.

Jim & Pat Blair in memory of Darrell & Virginia Blair.

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Johnson to the Glory of God.

Steven & Marilyn LeClair in honor of Haitian refugees in the Dominican Republic and in memory of our parents.

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

The Brown Family in memory of Richard Brown.

Don & Dolly Orr in honor of Jesus, our Savior.

Jeanne Voigt in memory of my parents, Bob & Betty Doughten.

The Fleming Family in memory of Dad and Papa Dale Collins.

Tom & Margaret Jolley in memory of Our Parents.

Kenneth & Jean Weaver in memory of our parents, Carl & Ruth Walker and Carl & Lulu Weaver.

John & Margie Billman in memory of our parents.

Dick & Norma Clark in memory of Beverly Harmon, Norma's sister-in-law, and in memory of Barbara Harmon Gualtieri, Norma's niece.

Mark, Katie, Megan, & Peyton Miller in memory of Mary Lou Pfeiffer-Saunway, Mary Ellen Miller, Irene Kosakowski, and Billie Frazier.

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



Prayer Chain Requests for December 2013
JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com

JOYS/THANKSGIVINGS/SUPPORT:

- Mike McLaughlin, friend of Maxine Pardee, was diagnosed with terminal cancer. His doctors say he is doing well. There is no reason except that there was a MIRACLE!

CONTINUED PRAYERS

- Our Governmental Leaders.

CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

- Marily LeClair is healing from foot surgery on December 18 to repair a broken bone.
- Joel and Bonny Whidden, friends of Charlie Parker in Florida, were severely injured in a traffic accident on December 18.
- Katie Miller had her left ankle “scoped” on Tuesday because of continued pain. Earlier this year she broke her ankle while on an outing with her children.
- Melody Frazier Dickens was in a car accident and was seriously injured. She is greatly improved and is resuming day-to-day activities. She does need prayer for her eyes because they are not working in unity.
- Barbara Haines has a serious autoimmune disorder. She is still on a feeding tube but can have some broth types of food. She is doing better and is hopeful.
- Ron Goodman (brother-in-law to Jane Muller) has the latter stages of Parkinson’s disease.
- Gary Weaver needs a knee replacement (Ken Weaver’s brother)
- Ellen Howell, Hazel Almendinger’s sister, is house bound. She is in pain management.
- Jane, Aunt of Susie Speck, stroke
- Mike Robison paralyzed from the waist down.
- Maxine Pardee continued strength and healing of myasthenia gravis.
- Gene Shellenbarger frail health.
- Jim Frazier to have his eyesight restored to normal.
- Rev. Edward Carlson, Maxine Pardee’s son-in-law, now has a heart monitor. He has other serious medical issues.
- Lucy Heller, Ed and Teri Heller’s daughter will not be having any surgery in the near future because of her delicate condition.

CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR HEALING OF CANCER:

- David Irwin's cancer is decreasing.
- Bob Maibach is staying at Heartland of Westerville while receiving treatments and the James.
- Colton Zigo, Northridge graduate. Second round of chemotherapy. Pray for success and his healing.
- Kathy, Roger & Carl -- Susie Speck's cousins
- Diane Crooks and Nancy Wiseman, friends of Suzy Sayer, have been diagnosed with ovarian cancer.
- Brian Fisher, friend of the Miller's and the Frazier's, diagnosed with colon cancer. He is about finished with his chemo treatments.
- Val Kauahi, Northridge resident.
- Amy Walters, friend of Diane Frazier, had successful surgery, but they found more cancer on her spine.
- Megan Johnson Cervi, daughter of Bill Johnson, is having treatment for two areas of melanoma cancer.
- Milt Jordan, cancer has returned.
- Mary Michels, Rhonda Deeds' sister, has been recently diagnosed with lung cancer and it has spread to other parts of her body.
- Laura and Bruce Wright's daughter, Tina, has breast cancer. She is now taking chemo treatments.

THOSE SHUT IN OR CONFINED TO THEIR HOMES:

- Roy H. Sarbaugh (Carol Hoff's father)
- Alice Neibarger
- Arthur Miller (Kathy Trimble's father) has dementia.
- Betty Ford, 65 S. Williams St., Apt 214, Johnstown 43031. It is wonderful to see her at church on some Sundays.
- Lawrence Bishop at Sharonbrooke Senior Living Center in Newark.
- 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.

Deaths

- Joan Shellenbarger died December 20. Joan is the maternal aunt to Linda Brobeck. Cards may be sent to her husband Gene at 46 Central Station Place, Johnstown, OH 43031

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

Our email is johnstownpres@gmail.com

Prayer Chain email is JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com

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.

Flowers for Worship:	contact the Office
Greeters:	contact Karen Blair
Acolytes:	contact Marie Richards
Ushers:	contact John Alexander
Nursery & Jr. Church:	contact Rhonda Piper
Children's Message:	contact Marianne Derenberger
Special Music:	contact Marilyn LeClair
Property Maintenance:	contact John Alexander
Church Sign:	contact Tami Ashbrook
Wedding Coordinator:	contact Sally Uhde

FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY



If you signed up to place flowers in our chancel for a special remembrance on Sunday mornings, please don't forget to put your \$17.00 donation for cut flowers, or \$25.00 for Planters in an envelope marked "Flowers" and place it in the offertory plate on that Sunday, or before. We appreciate the beauty of your generous donation and hope to know your tender "remembrances" and make them as special to our church family as they are to you. You may take the flowers home after the Sunday morning service.

Finances

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

