

The Messenger

October 2013



The Presbyterian Church
Of Johnstown

MINISTER'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

At the prompting of a friend of mine, I recently read the following proverb "Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and he will establish your plans." (Proverbs 16:3, NIV)

The reason he prompted me to read it is because I was sharing with him about my transition to becoming the pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Johnstown. This friend had been aware that earlier this year I had begun to sense that God was calling me to begin thinking about the next direction that He would have me go in my life. It was an uncomfortable decision to make, because at the time I only knew that God was calling me somewhere - but it wasn't clear exactly where.

Since that time, and after much prayer and conversation with Julie, we now realize that our decision to commit our journey into God's hands has led us to be privileged to be a part of His plan for our lives and the undeniable calling to be a part of the JPC family. It has been such a blessing to experience God's love and grace in leading us here.

In the week that I've been here in my "official" capacity, I (as well as Julie and the boys) have felt so incredibly welcomed into the community and the family that is clearly at the heart of this great church. Moreover, we would like to thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts for all you have done to welcome us. We feel very blessed and excited to be here, and we are very much looking forward to being a part of the ministry that God is calling all of us to here in Johnstown.

Again – thank you all very much – it has been such a true blessing to experience the love and person of Jesus Christ in all of you! I look forward to spending more time with you and getting to know you.

In Christ,
Kevin

A Note from the Clerk...



1 John 4:16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him.

Session met on September 9, 2013, with Pastor Oluf moderating our last meeting with him. As always, he left us with important lessons to consider. Karen Blair brought in baked potatoes and we all brought in toppings for a send-off supper for our interim pastor. It has been a pleasure to learn from and work with Pastor Oluf.

The Christian Ed committee is encouraging all teens to attend the Fall Youth Rally at Geneva Hills on September 29. The Fellowship committee has many plans in the works. Please check your bulletin for specific details. John Alexander has hired a new custodian, Jean Kern, to replace Kathy Stafford, who served in that capacity for many years. Other committee chairs will be meeting with Pastor Kevin to talk about the work of their committees and hear his ideas for the future.

Session also met on September 15, to approve the request for membership of JoAnn Glick. We are happy to welcome her into our congregation.

Pastor Kevin, Linda Lockwood and I made the trip to the Presbyterian Church in London, Ohio, on September 17. There, Linda introduced Pastor Kevin to the Presbytery as our new Teaching Elder.

Our next Session meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 14 at 7:00PM.

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.

Joy Ringers is held from 5:15-5:45 on Wednesday nights for 2nd through 5th grade.

Junior Choir is held from 6-6:45 on Wednesday nights for 2nd through 5th grade.



A Christian Pumpkin Poem

I am a Jack O' Lantern
My light will shine so bright

For I am a Christian pumpkin
My symbols tell what's right.

My nose is like the cross
on which our Savior died

To set us free from sin
We need no longer hide.

My mouth is like a fish
The whole wide world to show

That Christians live in this house
And love their Savior so!

The story starts at Christmas
My eyes are like the star

That shone on Baby Jesus
And wise men saw from far

My color it is orange
Just like the big bright sun

That rose on Easter Day
Along with God's own Son.

And so on Halloween
Let's set our pumpkins out

And tell the trick or treaters
What God's love is all about!

This Poem is read before or during your pumpkin carving. 😊



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 9am Bible Study 1:00 Tabitha Sewing Circle 5:30 TOPS	2	3 6-7:30 Girl Scouts 7-8:30pm Adult Bell Choir	4	5 Time TBA Denison University tailgate for Kortney Cartwright.
6 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/World Communion	7 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting 6-7:30 Girl Scouts	8 9am Bible Study 1:00 Tabitha Sewing Circle 5:30 TOPS	9 5:15-6:45pm Joy Ringers & Jr. Choir	10	11	12
13 8:30 Teen Bells/Choir 9:15am breakfast celebrating Pastor Appreciation Day 10:30 Worship Service	14 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting 6-7:30 Girl Scouts 7pm Session	15 9am Bible Study 1:00 Tabitha Sewing Circle 5:30 TOPS	16 1:00 Elizabeth Circle at the Hot Spot Coffee House 5:15-6:45pm Joy Ringers & Jr. Choir	17 6-7:30 Girl Scouts	18	19
20 8:30am Teen Bells/Choir 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	21 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting 6-7:30 Girl Scouts 6:30pm pre-school board meeting 7pm Fellowship	22 9am Bible Study 1:00 Tabitha Sewing Circle 5:30 TOPS	23 5:15-6:45pm Joy Ringers & Jr. Choir	24	25 12:30 Women's Association set up	26 10 am Fall Brunch for Women-Hazel Almendinger speaks
27 8:30am Teen Bells/Choir 9:15am Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service/Reformation Sunday	28 4pm Prayer Walk at the Bike Path *weather permitting 7pm By Women For Women @The Hot Spot	30	31  Halloween 5:30-7:30pm Trick or Trunk			

VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES FOR SEPTEMBER

FLOWERS:

October 6	Chris & Karen Blair in honor of Madison's 18 th birthday.
October 13	Darren & Marie Richards in honor of our 18 th anniversary.
October 20	Scott & Linda Lockwood in honor of their 40 th anniversary.
October 27	Ken & Jean Weaver in memory of our parents.

ACOLYTES:

October 6	Sidney Blair
October 13	Moriah Fleming
October 20	Reagan Deeds
October 27	Phoebe Richards

NURSERY:

October 6	Karen Mansell, Heather Mansell, and Maci Ashbrook
October 13	Chris & Alison Speck, Chloe Cox, and Kaitlin Piper
October 20	Ryan Trimble
October 27	Diane Alexander, Adeline Almendinger, and Haley Trimble

GREETERS:

October 6	Rhonda and Reagan Deeds
October 13	Jeremy, Marianne, and Grant Derenberger
October 20	Julie, Ben, and Nathan Heckathorn
October 27	Mike and Barbara Derenburger

JUNIOR CHURCH:

October 6	Carrie Almendinger
October 13	Katie Miller
October 20	Tami Ashbrook
October 27	Rhonda Piper

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

October 6	Pastor Kevin
October 13	Pat Blair
October 20	Katie Miller
October 27	Dick Moseley

WORSHIP LEADER:

October 6	Bob Pardee
October 13	Karen Blair
October 20	Jeanne Voigt
October 27	Kathy Trimble

Birthdays and Anniversaries in October



1	Andrew Sayer	15	Gabriel Wittmer
2	Cille Childers Karen Dreisbach Mike & Suzy Sayer	16	Doug Orr
5	Ray Speck (Susie) Bob McCartney Kortney Cartwright	17	Ray & Pat Speck
6	Madison Blair	19	Billie Joe & Debbie Farley
7	Penny Replogle Dan & Kris Almendinger Madison Ashbrook	20	Scott & Linda Lockwood
8	Norma Duncan Suzy Sayer	22	James Darrell Blair Liz & Clint Perkins
10	Mildred Voigt Wahlenmaier Bob & Micki Maibach	23	Michael Frazier
11	Marilyn LeClair	25	Barbara Derenburger
14	Darren & Marie Richards	27	Alexis Diehl
		29	Kenneth & Jean Weaver
		30	Marie Fleming
		31	Steven LeClair

Our Church Groups



Session

Our Elders meet on the second Monday of each Month at 7pm. Our next session meeting will be on October 14th in the Choir Room.

Fellowship Committee

The Fellowship Committee meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, at 7pm in the choir room. We would love to see you there. It is never too late to join this committee!!!



Our next meeting is October 21st at 7pm.

Upcoming events: Oct. 13th at 9:15am; breakfast for Pastor Appreciation, October 31st from 5:30-7:30; Trick-A-Trunk.

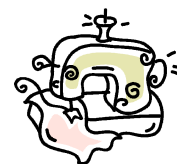
ELIZABETH CIRCLE

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!

Our next meeting is October 16th at 1:00pm.

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.



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.

Church Happenings

JOHNSTOWN PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

OCTOBER 26TH FALL BRUNCH

Program Presentation by Hazel Almendinger
10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall

November 3rd Chili in the Fellowship Hall

Time: Immediately after service
Everyone invited!

This will be a benefit for the Women's Association and groups they support, such as Tabitha Circle

December 12th Angel Program

6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary
Music by Apogee



Christian Education news:

There will NOT be Sunday-School on Sunday October 13th due to the Pastor Appreciation breakfast pot luck. Be sure to bring your appetite to Sunday-School instead. :)

Beginning Sunday October 6th there will be a new adult Sunday-School class. There are a few of us who would like to refresh ourselves on the Bible basics. We will meet in the fellowship hall at 9:30 am. Remember to bring your Bible.

Rhonda Piper

Teen Choir and Bell Choir



Teen bell choir has begun! It is on Sunday mornings at 8:30am. Teen Choir will follow at 9:00 am. Please be prompt.

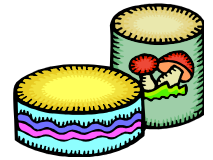
Mark It With a Bell and Sing Out Loud!



Note to all parents and kids who are grades 2-6!
Joy Ringers and Junior Choir began practices Wednesday, Sept 11. Bells start at 5:14pm; choir starts at 6:00. The children have a snack and water break between groups, so let us know if you would like to help set up, provide food or napkins/paper towels. We look forward to seeing all of you!

FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your large donation to the food pantry. We are having a hard time keeping our shelves stocked. Today, 9-9-13, we sent out 17 boxes. The donations we received today will help us get the can vegetables we are out of. August we sent 154 boxes out.



God Bless You! Ruth Krumm and workers

Operation Christmas Child

We will once again collect shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Since 1993 Operation Christmas Child has delivered over 100 million shoeboxes to children in 130 countries. It allows one the opportunity to participate in a global mission that brings the love of Jesus into a child's heart through not only the gifts provided in the box, but the information that Samaritan's Purse gives to each child about Jesus too.

We live in a hurt and broken world. That has become all too apparent recently. Consider providing a box to a boy or girl in an effort to spread the light and love of Jesus to children all over this world.

This is a simple project - just wrap a shoebox in Christmas paper, or some get a small, plastic shoebox sized tub, and fill it with small toys, pencils, markers, paper, soap, wash cloths, toothpaste, etc. Items that are allowed/not allowed are in the pamphlets.

The pamphlets will be in the Narthex soon.

If you have any questions, please contact Katie Miller.

Thank you for your consideration.

Katie Miller

katiemiller73@yahoo.com

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.



Youth Group

The Youth Group is preparing to begin another year of faith, fellowship and fun. We are striving to create new adventures and rekindle the good times of the past. Life is busy and full of challenges each day. This year your Youth Group is going to be a place to learn, have fun, and focus on the most important things in life.

The youth group is open to all 6th - 12th grade students. You do not have to be a member of our Church to attend so feel free to bring your friends. We have planned several fun activities along with regular meetings that are going to focus on your life as a Christian in today's Middle and High School. We are looking forward to as much participation as you can give.

The schedule of meetings and activities are being organized. Look for it in your e-mail box soon. We are very excited about the upcoming year and hope you can make the time to attend all we have planned.

If you have any questions feel free to contact us.

Kris Almendinger, Carrie Almendinger, Karen Blair, Jeremy, and Marianne Derenberger

Adult Choir



It is with great excitement that Adult Choir will open its much anticipated 2013-2014 season. The energy of the Spirit moving within our church is contagious! Catch the fever as we anxiously await the arrival of our new pastor! Rumor has it that he will be a "perfect fit"!

We encourage and welcome new members and are expecting all of our faithful past members to once again anchor this thriving ministry.

Come join us for rehearsals on Wednesday nights from 7:30 until 8:30.

We will be singing the first and third Sundays of most months.

There will be nothing more exciting than having our choir loft bursting at the seams.

We will sing our hearts out as we celebrate God's many gifts to us.

This is YOUR personal invitation!

Musically yours, Barbara, Penny, Margie, Melanie, and Jane

Bicentennial Sun Catchers

The Johnstown Historical Society and the Bicentennial Committee will be selling sun catchers by The Glass Factory. The cost is \$10.00 and you may contact Julie Atwood at 740-967-4672 to purchase or for more information.



Letters and Notes



Dear Members of Presbyterian Church of Johnstown,

Thank you so much for the truly wonderful farewell celebration you gave us on Oluf's last Sunday at the church. The luau theme was wonderful with so many people entering in with Hawaiian dress and marvelous dishes at the potluck.

Special thanks go to Marie, Rhonda, Karen, and Katie for organizing the celebration. Also to the many others who were involved including Dani who made the fantastic cupcakes frosted by Chloe.

We both will enjoy using the gifts to Cabela's, Barnes and Noble, Bob Evans, and the excellent chocolates, jams and even home canned green beans. Overwhelming!

It has been a joy for us to be part of your congregation this past year and a half. You will always be in our prayers.

With love and gratitude,

Betty and Oluf

Dear Friends,

Bob and I would like to express our most heartfelt Thanks to each one of you for your concern, prayers, e-mails, cards, texts, visits, and food over the last few weeks.

We are surrounded by your love and every thoughtful gesture.

The challenges we face are made easier by our church family and by God's grace

God Bless,

Bob & Micki

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers, flowers, cards and food in the passing of Margaret's Mom. Our church is truly "A Family Of Faith Reaching Out In Love To Others Around Us". Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

Tom & Margaret

My Dear Linda, Melanie, Mark, Jim, Jenny, Kevin, Madison,

Nearly a week has passed since we were dismissed from P.N.C. I feel like I want to address you all.

I really felt overwhelmed when I was asked to serve. Now I feel very grateful and fulfilled. That is because of all of you. Each of you have such great personalities which I'm glad I got to know.

I regret that every member of our great Church could not have served with this committee. I can truly say I enjoyed servng. But I would not want to do it again unless you all were serving also. There will always be a special place in my heart for each and every one of you.

Thanks for taking such good care of the "Grandmother" of the group.

Loving You All,

Mona (Hilderman)

Thanks to the Pastor Nominating Committee

On September 8th, the congregation elected as their Teaching Elder/Pastor Kevin Heckathorn whom the Pastor Nominating Committee had selected and put forth in nomination. PNC has now fulfilled all of its final obligations and is disbanded.

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley met on Tuesday, September 17th and also formally approved the call of Rev. Kevin W. Heckathorn as the Teaching Elder (Pastor) of The Presbyterian Church of Johnstown. Pastor Kevin, Clerk Diane Frazier and I traveled to London Presbyterian Church for that meeting where I introduced Kevin. The 3-way call process between candidate, church and the Presbytery is now complete.

As PNC Chairperson, I wanted to take a moment to again thank all of the members of the PNC for their diligence and excellent follow through in the search for a new pastor. You were all eager, willing and attentive to all details and a real joy to work with over the 10 months we served. We all have a great satisfaction in knowing we selected Pastor Kevin who is an excellent choice! The members again were:

*Mark Trimble

Melanie Main

*Jenny Cartwright

*Jim Frazier

Madison Blair

Mona Hilderman

Kevin Piper

*Linda Lockwood

(*Mission Study Team)

Half of the PNC members also gave of themselves for another 6 months serving on the Mission Study team. This committee completed a large self-study or critique of our church's effectiveness and identifying its needs for the future. As part of the mission study team, I know we all agree how helpful and responsive the congregation was in providing input into this study.

Linda Lockwood, PNC Chair

Prayer Chain Requests for September 2013

JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com

JOYS/THANKSGIVINGS/SUPPORT:

- Our new minister—Kevin Heckathorn
- Phil Gordon (friend of Maxine Pardee) who has been in rehab is now walking with his prosthetic leg.

CONTINUED PRAYERS

- Our Governmental Leaders.
- The precarious situation in the Middle East and Nairobi.

LIFE EVENTS

- Kent & Kate Carson welcomed Alexandra Jean Carson on September 23rd.
- Sarah Pastusak, Maxine Pardee's granddaughter and early-childhood educator, seeking a job considerably closer to her home. Currently commuting 60 miles.
- Lawrence Bishop has moved to Sharonbrooke Senior Living Center in Newark. He turned 95 August 13.

DEATHS

- Ruby Holstein, Margaret Jolley's mother died September 18. Cards may be sent to the Jolleys at 5440 Johnstown-Alexandria Rd, and to the Ashbrooks at 8128 Crouse Willison Rd, both of Johnstown 43031.
- David Schnaidt from Granville (friend of Liz Perkins) died September 1 from cancer.
- The 13 who died at the Washington Navy Yard.
- The dozens who were killed in Nairobi, Kenya.

PRAYERS FOR ILLNESS, SURGERY, EMERGENCIES:

- Mike Derenburger had kidney surgery Tuesday, September 24.
- Barb Mitchell had surgery September 18. Her husband reports that the surgery went well.
- Jane Pelkey Burton had surgery on September 13. This was a precautionary surgery as a result of breast cancer.
- Rev. Nancy McClure, friend of Maxine Pardee, recovered from initial eye surgery. She is will be having another surgery soon.
- Trevor Purty, friend of the Almendingers, had a logging accident breaking his back in three places and a leg.
- Loretta, sister-in-law of Diane Alexander, collapsed at work.
- Melody Frazier Dickens (Katie Miller's cousin) was severely injured in a car accident July 20. She is now in rehab in Phoenix.
- Norma Duncan continues to have vascular problems and must walk with a walker. Pray for the Lord's healing touch.

THOSE SHUT IN OR CONFINED TO THEIR HOMES:

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

CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR HEALING:

- Scott Lockwood
- Barbara Haines has a serious autoimmune disorder. She is still on a feeding tube. She is doing better and is hopeful.
- Paul Dorsey's leg still is now healing. He is getting intravenous antibiotics and wound evacuation.
- Ron Goodman (brother-in-law to Jane Muller)
- Gary Weaver needs a knee replacement (Ken Weaver's brother)
- Ellen Howell (sister of Hazel Almendinger)
- Jane, Aunt of Susie Speck, stroke
- Mike Robison, paralyzed from the waist down.
- Maxine Pardee continued strength and healing of myasthenia gravis
- Gene and Joan Shellenbarger frail health
- Jim Frazier to have his eyesight restored to normal.

CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR HEALING OF CANCER:

- David Irwin had surgery July 16 for colon cancer. He will be having chemo treatments for 3 months.
- Bob Maibach had surgery to remove a brain tumor.
- Amy Williams, Marilyn Parker's daughter awaiting reconstructive surgery.
- Colton Zigo, Northridge HS Senior
- Kathy, Roger & Carl -- Susie Speck's cousins
- Jane Pelkey Burton, breast cancer.
- Diane Crooks and Nancy Wiseman friends of Suzy Sayer have been diagnosed with ovarian cancer
- Brian Fisher, friend of the Fraziers, has colon cancer that has spread.
- Brandin O'Keefe (friend of Jeremy Derenberger) has brain cancer.
- Val Kauahi, Northridge resident.
- Megan Johnson, daughter of Bill Johnson is having treatment for melanoma cancer.

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.