

# The Messenger September 2015



# The Presbyterian Church Of Johnstown

# Minister's Message

## Two Years and Counting



It occurred to me when I sat down to write something for this month's installment of *The Messenger*, that I have now been a part of the ministry at JPC for two years now (as of September 16). It is hard for me to believe that it has already been that long, because it seems like just yesterday that I first stepped into the pulpit of the church to preach my candidate sermon.

We have all heard the saying, "time flies when you're having fun." And I would say that the time has flown for me, because it has been fun. However, when we speak of fun we often think of fun activities like going to an amusement park or enjoying some other fun event together. And there have certainly been plenty of moments like that at JPC over the two years, but that only scratches the surface of all that has allowed my time at JPC to be so fulfilling.

If you were to ask my wife what I enjoy most in life and find most fulfilling, you would undoubtedly hear her say that I enjoy relationships and being around people. She would also probably add that I love fly fishing and eating, especially at Nazareth Deli, as well. And... she would be absolutely right! I really do enjoy getting to know people, and I enjoy seeing lives that begin to overlap where friendships form and deeper bonds begin to take root. There is no doubt that my time has gone quickly so far at JPC, because it is a place where it is clear friendships and deeper bonds exist.

I know that God calls us to be the church and to be a community of people that "take God's love to the world and share the good news of Jesus Christ" (as our vision statement states). And the only way that we could ever truly live out this vision is if we are able to experience God's love in a way that draws us together as a community that truly can reveal His love to others. I believe this is definitely happening, because I (and my family) have experienced it firsthand.

I am very grateful for all that God has called me to be a part of in my first two years here at JPC. More than that, I am excited about what is yet to come! I know that God is moving in our midst, and I look forward to where He is leading us. And Julie, Ben, Nathan and I are thrilled that we get to follow His lead with all of you!

Thank you for all for everything!

In Christ

Pastor Kevin



# A Note from the Clerk...

Acts 16:5 So the Churches were strengthened in the faith and grew daily in number.

Session met on August 4, 2015.

Hazel Almendinger, the Chair of the Christian Education committee, reported that all is ready for Sunday School to begin in September. Jeanne Voigt told us of the needs of the Food Pantry for the coming month. Cille Childers is interested in publishing a new Church Directory in the spring. Lee Mansell has been busy with property concerns. Mark Trimble has a Habitat for Humanity work date set for September. Jeremy Derenberger reported on the new changes in the choirs. Karen Blair has been working on the outdoor worship service planned for August 30. Scott Lockwood is always seeking to find us the money to pursue more ways to spread the love of Jesus. The Nominating committee is beginning to consider the positions that will need to be filled for next year. All Elders are working on their Spiritual Autobiography as Pastor Kevin leads us through this training.

Session will meet on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Thanking God for all of you, Diane Frazier, Clerk of Session

# September

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 5:15 Jr Choir/Joy Ringers 6:00 TOPS	2 6-7:30 GS	3 8 am men's coffee Hour 6-7:30 GS	4	5
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# Volunteer Ministries for September

## GREETERS:

6<sup>th</sup> Mark, Katie, Megan & Peyton Miller  
13<sup>th</sup> Scott & Linda Lockwood  
20<sup>th</sup> Mike & Barbara Derenburger  
27<sup>th</sup> Kris Almendinger

## ACOLYTES:

6<sup>th</sup> Megan Miller  
13<sup>th</sup> Charlie Richards  
20<sup>th</sup> Emma Kisner  
27<sup>th</sup> Alexis Diehl

## NURSERY:

6<sup>th</sup> Sidney Blair  
13<sup>th</sup> Phoebe Richards  
20<sup>th</sup> Phoebe Richards  
27<sup>th</sup> Sidney Blair

## JUNIOR CHURCH:

6<sup>th</sup> Katie Miller  
13<sup>th</sup>  
20<sup>th</sup>  
27<sup>th</sup> Karen Blair

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

6<sup>th</sup>  
13<sup>th</sup>  
20<sup>th</sup>  
27<sup>th</sup>

## WORSHIP LEADER:

6<sup>th</sup> Lee Mansell  
13<sup>th</sup> Orion Irwin  
20<sup>th</sup> Cille Childers  
27<sup>th</sup> Jeremy Derenberger

## FLOWERS:

6<sup>th</sup> Scott & Katie Shaffer will honor their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the memory of Bob Shaffer.

# Birthdays and Anniversaries



3<sup>rd</sup> Roy Hilderman  
Scott & Katie Shaffer

5<sup>th</sup> Cody Farley

6<sup>th</sup> Mike Mooney

7<sup>th</sup> John Muller  
Allen & Lora Weaver

9<sup>th</sup> Evan Willeke

12<sup>th</sup> Chris & Karen Blair

17<sup>th</sup> Adam Eckstein

19<sup>th</sup> Katie Almendinger  
Matthew David Sayer  
Danielle Cox

21<sup>st</sup> Daniel Almendinger  
Rhonda Deeds

23<sup>rd</sup> Alexandra Carson

24<sup>th</sup> Phoebe Richards

25<sup>th</sup> Cille & Jeff Childers

26<sup>th</sup> Henry Speck  
Billy Joe Farley

28<sup>th</sup> Scott Kisner

29<sup>th</sup> Moriah Fleming

30<sup>th</sup> Brandon Eckstein

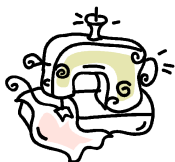
# Our Church Groups



## **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: September 16<sup>th</sup>**



## **Tabitha Sewing Circle**

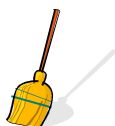
The sewing Circle meets each Tuesday at 1:00pm in our sewing room (off the Fellowship Hall). The group makes lap quilts and baby quilts, which are donated to local charities.



## **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

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

**New studies will begin on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>**



## **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).



## **Men's Coffee Hour**

The men meet at the Hot Spot Coffee House each Thursday morning at 8am to fellowship.

# Church Happenings



The calendar is just about to change to September and the start of choir rehearsals is just around the corner! The following are dates and times for the start of each choir's rehearsals:

Cherub Choir – Sunday 9/13, 10:00 AM – Katie Miller (director)

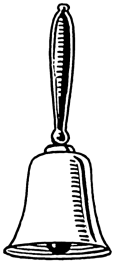
Junior Choir and Junior Bells – **Tuesday** 9/1, 5:15-6:30 PM – Katie Miller (choir) and Jane Muller (bells)

Teen Bells – Sunday 9/13, 8:30-9:00 AM – Melanie Main (director)

Teen Choir – Sunday 9/13, 9:00-9:30 AM – Claire Almendinger (director)

Adult Choir – **Tuesday** 9/15, 7:00-8:00 PM – Jeremy Derenberger (director)

Please be sure to note that the Junior and Adult Choirs have moved practices to **Tuesday** this year. Feel free to contact any of the directors with any questions you may have.



## Attention all 7-12th graders...

The early morning season is here once again and Sounds of Celebration (aka Teen Bells) will be back in action beginning September 13th. We practice at 8:30 on Sunday mornings and usually perform the second Sunday of each month. No experience is necessary. Please contact Melanie Main (614-395-8059) if interested. Thanks!

Dear JPC Teens,



I would like to introduce myself as the new director of the Teen Choir for the 2015-2016 school year. I have a lot of new and exciting ideas that I think will make this year a success and I am hoping you will join me in fulfilling them.

To kick-off this year, we will begin practice at the usual time, 9:00 a.m. in the Music Room in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Doughnuts and juice will be provided! There are special incentives/rewards for those who make it to every practice, so don't miss out on a chance for some free Hot Spot, or something else exciting!

I would also like to make sure I have your cell phone number so that we can better communicate. If you would please just text my number, (740) 817-2265, with your name, I will add you to my contacts. I anticipate on doing most of our communication this coming year by text.

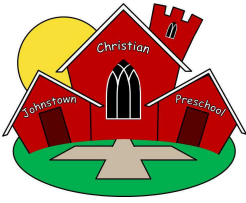
I look forward to seeing you all on the 13<sup>th</sup> and am looking forward to serving and praising God with you this coming year.

Sincerely,

Claire Almendinger

“Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he, who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.” – Psalms 100: 1-5.





The preschool staff is hard at work preparing for another exciting year. More than 100 children are currently enrolled with more expected before the first day of school. In addition, several new staff members have been added. Please help us welcome them and our preschool families. Pray that the love of Jesus shines through in everything we say and do.



### YOUNG-AT-HEART WILL TOUR FOOD BANK

Ever wonder what 4 million pounds of food looks like? We will find out when we tour the Mid-Ohio Food Bank in Grove City on Thursday, September 10.

The food bank distributes to 625 food pantries, soup kitchens, senior housing and after-school programs. Please bring a canned food to donate.

We will leave the church at 11:00 AM, eat lunch in Grove City and then tour at 1:30. You must wear closed toe and heel shoes and bring a jacket or sweater for the freezer section. If you are available to drive let us know. Please let Ann or Dick know by Sunday, Sept. 6 if you plan to attend.



### Cookies for Kairos

We are looking for willing bakers to bake cookies for Kairos. Please let Marie Richards know if you are willing. There will be a sign-up sheet in the office.

Here are the details:

Only Home-Baked Cookies Are Used Baking and Packaging Instructions ·

Cookie mixes, pre-mixed cookie dough (tubes or tubs) from your supermarket, or “frozen cookie balls” from food wholesalers are easy beginnings. ·

Chocolate chip, oatmeal, cookies with M & M’s or butterscotch bits, peanut butter, plain sugar cookies are easy to make and popular. Rice Krispy bars and brownies are special.

- Don’t over-bake cookies; brittle cookies may break during shipping and handling. · No raisins, icing or powdered sugar
- Cool cookies before packaging so they don’t stick together.
- Package in one gallon zipper-lock bags (no metal ties), 2 Doz. per bag. Mark bags “2 doz.” so dozens can be easily counted.
- Pray for the Kairos weekend participants as you bake and package your cookies, asking God to use the “agape love” cookies and the team as instruments for his love, forgiveness, healing, Christian renewal and evangelism.



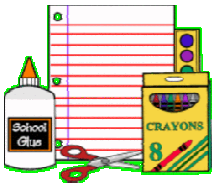
### **Tuesday Morning Bible Study**

Bible study will resume its study on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. We begin at 9:00am for approximately 1 hour. We study God's word with sharing, fellowship and prayer. We will begin to study the book of Elijah and go on to another when finished with this study. The group is open to everyone. Bring your Bible and share your thoughts.



### **Elizabeth Circle**

This circle of women meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 1:00. We meet at the Hot Spot Coffee House in the back room. We study, pray and fellowship together, occasionally dining out for lunch. We welcome any lady who would like to attend. Our next meeting is September 16<sup>th</sup> at 1:00.



### **School Supplies**

We will collect school supplies for the Johnstown-Northridge food pantry for the next several weeks. They are in particular need of blunt end and sharp end scissors.

### **Women of Faith**



The Presbyterian Women's Association would like to invite the women of the church and the community to the Women of Faith conference. The conference will be held on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> here in our sanctuary. This will be in place of the PWA fall rally. Elections for PWA officers will be held during lunch Saturday. This is a free event however a good will offering will be taken daily. A schedule of events will be available soon. Contact Dani Cox or Katie Miller if you have questions.



### **Sunday-School**

Children's Sunday School will begin on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Sunday school begins at 9:30am. We look forward to a great new year!!

### **Teacher Coffee & Meeting**

Hazel would like to invite all of her Sunday-School teachers and Superintendents to coffee and a short meeting. She will meet all of you at 9:00am on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall. Come, talk about the upcoming year, curriculum, etc.

## Kroger Community Rewards Program



Remember to sign up for the Kroger Community Rewards Program where Kroger donates money to our Church based on how much you spend at Kroger. All you have to do is sign up and use your Kroger Plus card when you check out. Below are instructions for enrolling. If you have enrolled before, you may need to re-enroll. You can search for our church by typing in Johnstown Presbyterian Church or by our NPO number of 81872.

### **TO USE THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:**

- Simply encourage your members to register online at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)
- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus card handy and register your card with your organization after you sign up.
- If a member does not yet have a Kroger Plus card, please let them know that they are available at the customer service desk at any Kroger.
- Click on Sign In/Register
- Most participants are new online customers, so they must click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
- Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, agreeing to the terms and conditions
- You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
- Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter NPO number or name of organization, select organization from list and click on confirm.
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see your organization's name on the right side of your information page.
- REMEMBER, purchases will not count for your group until after your member(s) register their card(s).
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 877-576-7587 to get your Kroger Plus card number.
- **Members must swipe their registered Kroger Plus card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Kroger Plus card when shopping for each purchase to count.**

# Prayer Requests

## August 2015

### JPCPrayerRequest@hotmail.com

#### Continued Prayers

- Our governmental leaders
- Unrest in our cities
- The Middle East and ISIS violence
- Jimmy Carter who has cancer

#### Healing

- Ken Weaver will have had complex eye surgery August 26.
- Emma Kisner has been having absence seizures. Pray she will soon outgrow them.
- Rev. Edward Carlson, Maxine Pardee's son-in-law, is recovering from surgery for a brain aneurysm. He other health issues that may require additional surgery.
- Bill Kraner, Phyllis Kraner's husband, has ongoing health problems.
- Lawrence Bishop was admitted to Licking Memorial Hospital August 22. He is out of the hospital and back at Sharonbrooke Sr. Living Center in Newark.
- Micki Maibach is dealing with severe back pain and is scheduled for surgery on Sept 18.

#### Cancer

- Caroline Mitchell, 21-month old granddaughter of Barb and Bill Mitchell, being treated for leukemia. The doctors anticipate two years of treatment.
- Roy Hilderman has completed his cancer treatments. The treatments have been tiring on both Mona and Roy. They are now looking forward to Roy's recuperation.
- Larry Pool, cousin of Alice Main, was diagnosed with a rare form of blood cancer. It is not curable but treatable.
- Lea Ann Snyder, friend of Roger & Donna Hines, Barbara & Bill Mitchell, and Phyllis Kraner, has cancer throughout her body.
- Dana Logan, acquaintance of Kaye Cook, has Stage 4 lung cancer. The cancer has spread to her bones. She is now on hospice care.
- Henry Webster, friend of Katie Miller, suffering from seizures. He was operated for a brain tumor. He has had a subsequent scan which indicated the brain tumor has shrunk. He will continue on chemo for the next several months.
- Brian Fisher, friend of Mark and Katie Miller, has a spot on one of his adrenal glands. He has been on and off our prayer list since January 2013.
- Maelee Leonard who is only 6 months old is she recovering from a malignant tumor removal from her bladder. She will be getting chemotherapy treatments on August 10th. She is the daughter Macee Leonard, a coworker of Katie Almendinger.
- Tina Wright, daughter of Laura Wright, is fighting breast cancer again. She was on our prayer list for the same thing in March 2014.

### **Long Term Illnesses or Disabilities**

- Ron Goodman, Jane Muller's brother-in-law, latter stages of Parkinson's disease.
- Mike Robinson who is paralyzed from the waist down as a result of a tree falling on him in June 2012.
- Maxine Pardee myasthenia gravis and extreme pain
- Ed Carlson, the younger and Maxine Pardee's grandson, has Marfan Syndrome, a rare genetic condition which affects the heart and breathing. He needs further tests to decide on treatment.
- Brian Eckstein, Brandon and Adam Eckstein's father, was recently hospitalized with blood clots and lung issues. He is now home recuperating.

### **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.
- Betty Ford, Marion, OH.
- Margie Wheaton, Betty Ford's daughter, is in a nursing facility because of her Parkinson's disease.
- Lawrence Bishop at Sharonbrooke Sr. Living Center, 920 Sharon Valley Road, OH 43055
- Ellen Howell, Hazel Almendinger's sister, is house bound. She is in pain management for spinal stenosis.
- Cecil and Maryann Grimes, brother and sister-in-law to Maxine Pardee, Cecil has worsening Alzheimer's and Maryann has a lung condition.
- 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

### **Deaths**

- David Railsback of Mt. Vernon July 26, 2015. He was a law partner of Kathy Trimble.
- Terry Clark, 1982 graduate of Johnstown-Monroe High School, died July 29.

# 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.

**Flowers for Worship:** contact the church office

**Greeters:** contact Karen Blair

**Acolytes:** contact Marie Richards

**Nursery & Jr. Church:** contact Hazel Almendinger

**Children's Message:** contact Marianne Derenberger

**Special Music:** contact Katie Miller

**Property Maintenance:** contact Lee Mansell

**Church Sign:** contact Marie Richards

**Wedding Coordinator:** 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. 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.

