

TODAY'S MINISTER: Rev. Oluf Kongshaug

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADER: Karen Blair

TODAY'S GREETERS: Jim & Pat Blair

TODAY'S ACOLYTE: Wesley Cox

Last Week's Attendance
Worship Service: 201

Vision for Today.....and Tomorrow

The Presbyterian Church of Johnstown (JPC)-our people, our resources, our mission-stands today at a pivot point in our one hundred seventy-five year history. We are emerging from a recent church building expansion period with chance to look prayerfully inward and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit discover what God has planned for the JPC's future. We have the unique opportunity to work together as family in Christ to rediscover and renew our mission to share the love of Christ with the community and all those outside our church walls that need Jesus. We not only want to continue the work we already started but for us, by faith, to venture out of our "comfort zone" to fully embrace the path the Lord has set before us.

We strive to be one church and one congregation by building our relationship with Jesus Christ and with each other, by uniting our congregation into one body of believers through worship, prayer, mission and outreach, education, communication, and fellowship, all while looking for creative and inspired ways to better reach and service the needs of our people.

With God's help and guidance, we pray we will be the church God calls us to be.

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Rev. Oluf Kongshaug

September 15, 2013

10:30 am

No Matter Who You Are; No Matter Where You Are On Life's Journey;
You Are Welcome Here. We pray you can experience the love and peace of
God through your worship with us today.

PRELUDE "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

INTROIT Jr. Choir & Cherub Choir "Bubblin'"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Karen Blair

CALL TO WORSHIP Karen Blair

The Lord summons us to rejoice in the perfect beauty of what is
complete.

God sends forth his Spirit and we become whole!

God sends forth the gifts of the seasons with the thrill of their many
surprises.

**We worship and praise the Lord whose wisdom gives us joy, and
whose grace rests in his presence.**

We praise God for the many ways we are blessed. Let us worship! Let
us sing!

GREET ONE ANOTHER

***HYMN #347** "All Creatures of Our God and King"

***OPENING PRAYER** Pastor Oluf

"BLESSED BE YOUR NAME" see insert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (please be seated)

**Gracious God! Find us and deliver us when we get lost in the
things away from you. Free us to live in the light of your glory.**

**Forgive our sinful ways. Free us to dance in the light of your
saving grace and let the joy of your heart be ours. In the name of
Christ the Savior we pray. Amen**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Anyone who is in Christ is a new being.

The old has passed away, behold the new has come.

I declare to you-In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

GLORIA PATRI #142

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER JoAnn Glick

"THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT NAME" see insert

OFFERING Pastor Oluf

Offertory "God Leads Us Along"

*Doxology #384

*Prayer of Dedication

ANTHEM Teen Choir "Holy Is The Lord"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Pastor Oluf

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 23 Karen Blair

TEXT Luke 15:1-10 Pastor Oluf

MORNING MESSAGE "It's Time for a Party!"

***CLOSING HYMN #98** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** "Festive Postlude"

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Blessed be your name. In the land that is plentiful, where your streams of abundance flow. Blessed be your name. Blessed be your name. When I'm found in the desert place. Though I walk through the wilderness. Blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in, Lord. Still I will say, Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be your glorious name.

Blessed be your name. When the sun's shining down on me. When the world's all as it should be. Blessed be your name. Blessed be your name. On the road marked with suffering. Though there's pain in the offering. Blessed be your name.

Every blessing you pour out I'll turn back to praise. When the darkness closes in Lord. Still I will say, blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be your glorious name.

You give and take away. You give and take away. My heart will choose to say, Lord, blessed be your name. You give and take away. You give and take away. My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be your name. Blessed be the name of the Lord. Blessed be your glorious name.

“THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THAT NAME”

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There's just something about that name! Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain; Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all Heaven and earth proclaim; Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, But there's something about that name!

GREETERS FOR NEXT WEEK:

September 22nd Marie, Phoebe, & Charlie Richards

ACOLYTE FOR NEXT WEEK:

September 22nd Phoebe Richards

JUNIOR CHURCH FOR NEXT WEEK:

Jr. Church will resume in October

CHILDREN’S MESSAGES FOR NEXT WEEK:

September 22nd Hazel Almendinger

WORSHIP LEADER FOR NEXT WEEK:

September 22nd Rhonda Piper

FLOWERS

Today’s beautiful flowers were given by The Frazier family in memory of loved ones.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY WISHES

A special and heartfelt congratulations goes out to all those with Birthdays and Anniversaries this week.

September

16th Andy Ward

17th Adam Eckstein

19th Katie Almendinger
Matthew Sayer
Danielle Cox

21st Daniel Almendinger
Rhonda Deeds

ANNOUNCEMENTS

September 15th, 2013

HAPPENINGS THIS COMING WEEK

Sunday, September 15th 9:15am Sunday-School
10:30am Dress Down Worship Service
With Rev. Oluf Kongshaug
11:30am Luau/Potluck

Monday, September 16th 4pm Prayer Walk, Bike Path
*weather permitting

Tuesday, September 17th 9:00am Bible Study
1pm Tabitha Sewing Circle
5:30pm TOPS
7pm Fellowship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 18th 5:15-6:45 Joy Ringers/Jr. Choir
7:30pm Adult Choir

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With Rev. Kevin Heckathorn

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Building Expansion Fund

I am pleased to report that your August contributions to the Building Expansion Fund have exceeded our monthly load



payment. This is the first time in several months. Thank you for your support.

Scott Lockwood

Pre-School Notes



Pre-School is back in session. It is important to remember that the doors must remain locked when the children are present. If you come to the church and open the door, please remember to re-lock it behind yourself.

Thank you for helping us keep our children safe!

The staff at The Johnstown Christian Pre-School

Save the Date!!!



October 12th and 13th from 1-5pm

Johnstown Bicentennial Farm Heritage Day

At the Joe Almendinger Farm

Food-crafts-games-storytelling-contests-antiques

YOUNG AT HEART



We are going to wrap up our summer schedule with breakfast in New Albany. This will be Friday, Sept. 27, 9:30 AM at Bob Evans. Please let us know if you need transportation and if you plan to attend by Monday, Sept. 23. Call Mona 967-2101 or Ann 966-3074.

Youth Group Kick-Off



Middle and High School Youth Group's first meeting is **Sunday, September 22nd at Belt Park from 6pm-8pm.** We will start our year with a kickball kickoff. Mark your calendars now. Dinner will be provided. Just bring your friends

Fall Youth Rally



September 29th from 2-7pm at Geneva Hills there is a Fall Youth Rally. Activities include music, fellowship, hiking, canoeing, hayrides, food, fun, and worship. The cost is \$15 per youth. If you are interested in going, please contact Karen Blair the5blairs@embarqmail.com. This rally is open to all 6-12 grade students.

Adult Choir



It is with great excitement that Adult Choir will open it's 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 our first rehearsal on Wednesday, September 11 from 7:30 until 8:30.

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

We will sing our hearts out as we celebrate God's many gifts to us and the arrival the pastor God has planned for us!

Now don't forget: Wed the 11th at 7:30.

This is YOUR personal invitation!

Musically yours, Barbara, Penney, Margie, Melanie, Jane, and Pat

Ladies Ladies Ladies

Reunion and Party

September 23, 7:00pm

All ladies of our church and their friends are invited to a very special reunion and Coffee/Tea Party at the Hot Spot Coffee House on Monday evening, September 23 at 7:00 p.m.

A very special surprise is being planned - details to follow in our bulletin and in our emails.

The fellowship of women is a powerful source of friendship, Spirit and strength in our church and our community.

Mark your calendar NOW so you do not forget!!!! Our goal is to have every woman of our church there!!! Please!!!

"I WAS THERE"

You say you will never forget where you were when you heard the news on Sept. 11, 2001. Neither will I.

I was on the 110th floor in a smoke filled room with a man who called his wife to say "Good-Bye." I held his fingers steady as he dialed. I gave him the peace to say, "Honey, I am not going to make it, but it is OK...I am ready to go." I was with his wife when he called as she fed breakfast to their children. I held her up as she tried to understand his words as she realized he wasn't coming home that night.

I was in the stairwell on the 23rd floor when a women cried out to me for help. "I have been knocking on the door of your heart for 50 years!" I said "Of course I will show you the way home - only believe in Me now."

I was at the base of the building with the Priest ministering to the injured and devastated souls. I took him home to tend to his Flock in Heaven. He heard my voice and answered.

I was on all four of those planes, in every seat, with every prayer. I was with the crew as they were overtaken. I was in the very hearts of the believers there, Comforting and assuring them that their Faith has saved them.

I was in Texas, Kansas, London. I was standing next to you when you heard the terrible news. Did you sense Me?

I want you to know that I saw every face. I knew every name - though NOT all knew Me. Some met me for the first time on the 86th floor. Some sought me out with their last breath. Some couldn't hear me calling them through the smoke and flames, "Come to Me...this way...take my hand."

Some chose, for the final time, to ignore Me. But, I was there.

I did not place you in the Tower that day - you may not know why, but I DO.

However, if you were there in that explosive moment in time, would you have reached for Me? September 11, 2001 was not the end of the journey for you. But someday your journey will end. And I will be there for you as well. Seek Me now while I may be found. Then at any moment, you know you are "ready to go." I will be in the stairwell of your final moments.

**Remember...
I love you.**

~God~



Prayer Concerns
9-12-2013
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Continued Prayers

- Our Governmental Leaders

Life Events and Praises

- Election of Rev. Kevin Heckathorn as our new minister.
- Beginning of this year's Sunday School Classes.
- Gary Weaver's (Ken Weaver's brother) surgery for a brain aneurysm is now at home.

Travelers

- Dick and Ann Moseley exploring Maine, Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island. They are returning this week.

Healing

- Mike Derenburger recovered from blood infection and is awaiting surgery for kidney removal on Sept 24.
- Bob Maibach had surgery to remove a brain tumor on August 14. He is now home.
- Barbara Haines has a serious autoimmune disorder.
- Trevor Purty recovering from a logging accident, broken back and leg.
- Barb Mitchell scheduled for surgery on Sept 18.
- Katie Miller broke her ankle while bowling July 21.
- Melody Frazier Dickens was in a car accident and was seriously injured. Moved to rehab center in Phoenix.
- Maxine Pardee myasthenia gravis. .
- Joan and Gene Shellenbarger —poor health
- Ron Goodman, latter stages of Parkinson's disease (brother-in-law to Jane Muller)
- Jane, (aunt of Susie Speck) stroke and failing heart

- Daniel Thompson—in therapy.
- Margaret and Tom Jolley
- Maryann Grimes (sister-in-law to Maxine Pardee) lung condition.
- Ron Schultz (Suzy Sayer's father) had shoulder surgery Aug 20th.
- Norma Duncan
- Josh Hall

Cancer

- David Irwin is having bi-weekly chemotherapy treatments for colon cancer.
- Brandin O'Keefe, aged 31, recent Fire Academy graduate, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Colton Zigo, Northridge Senior. Second round of chemotherapy. Pray for success and his healing.
- Carl, Roger, Kathy, (Susie Speck's cousins)
- Amy Williams (Charlie Parker's daughter) finished with chemo treatments, will have reconstructive surgery.
- Brian Fisher, friend of the Miller's and the Frazier's, diagnosed with colon cancer. Had surgery and cancer has spread to lymph nodes.
- Megan Johnson Cervi, daughter of Bill Johnson and newlywed is being treated for two areas of melanoma.
- Diane Crooks and Nancy Wiseman, Suzy Sayer's friends, have ovarian cancer.

Those Shut in or Confined to their Homes

- Roy H. Sarbaugh (Carol Hoff's father)
- Alice Neibarger
- Ellen Howell (Hazel Almendinger's sister) is house bound. She is in pain management.
- Betty Ford