



MAY



2021

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Worship Schedule

9:00 am CLC and Live-Streamed

11:00 am Sanctuary and Live-Streamed

Please see JPC's website to view live-stream services

Rev. Dr. Jay D. Smith Senior Pastor

Rev. Casey Riker Associate Pastor

SESSION

Class of 2021

Mary Brooke Guernier Ricki Hall Kim Schoepske Brian Stroud Michelle Wentz George Wissmiller

Class of 2022

Chip Cromartie Lenny Dean Gary Fulp Joanne Graham Karen Johnson Danielle King

Class of 2023

Randy Dabbs Krista Hannah Doug MacColl Chris Mills Darryl Ray Bruce Shaw

May is one of the most beautiful months of the year. Flowers are in bloom, it hasn't gotten too hot yet, and the world is abuzz with activity. Even as we creep out of the pandemic at slow speeds May is a big month. Sports are in full swing. By May you can probably figure out what kind of pitching the Braves are going to have and whether or not its going to be a long summer. Other sports are in their playoffs. The pool will open at the end of the month and visions of a "closer to normal" summer bounce around in our heads. Students will graduate even though we may not like the way that looks. Some will even be lucky enough to get to go to a prom.

In the Smith household May is a big month too. Joshua will get his wisdom teeth removed and his sisters are already planning the publication of his post-surgery video. I am sure glad that wasn't a thing when I had mine done thirty years ago. Perhaps it will all work out and he will say something ridiculous that they can capture on screen and we will become internet famous? Jordan will also celebrate her 15th birthday on the third. It is hard to believe that she was six, about to turn seven when we first came to JPC. Just this morning I picked her up in the Food Lion parking lot where she was finishing her Driver's Education course. It was strange to see her drive into the lot and pull next to me! Happy Birthday Jordan!

In the life of the church, we will graduate another class of Preschoolers. We will return to one service a Sunday for the summer months. We will finish what has been a safe and productive program year. I would like to thank everyone that helped out this year by wearing your mask, making sacrifices, and by participating in the ministries of the church through your contributions to Outreach and the finances of JPC. It has been a tough year but we made it through. We only had two COVID scares all year on campus and NO ONE contracted COVID as a result of being here for worship, scouts, youth group, and other events. That is a blessing and is a testimony to your willingness to follow the rules. If you haven't been back with us, we thank you for your support from afar and look forward to seeing you whenever you are ready.

Of course, the big event in May is Mother's Day. This is a special day that we honor the women in our lives that help us to grow, make wise decisions, and follow the Lord. This spring I have been at a few weddings and I was moved to tears each time a son finished dancing with his new bride and invited his mother to come and have a dance with him. It was in watching these young men that I was reminded just how important our mothers are to us at any age. It has been very rewarding to watch my girls' relationship with their mother change over the years as they grow into young

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women. Obviously, Jordan is not the same almost 7 year old she was when you met us and Julia is certainly not the toddler that roamed the halls of JPP. They need things from their mother that I just can't offer. They talk about things that I know nothing about or that I am terrified to even acknowledge that those topics exist. When I am on the war path they go to Erin to talk some sense in to me. Mothers are a gift from God and no matter how frustrating our children can be at all stages of their lives, they need you!

I know I am thankful for my mother. I am thankful that she and my dad have worked hard, taught that work ethic to my brother and I, and I am thankful for her as the grandmother of my children. She is able to have a unique relationship with each of them and that is a treasure. As parents we sometimes fall into the role of transportation and logistics and it has been through watching her that I am reminded that a special relationship with each child is critical.

I am also thankful for the women of this church that care for my family and even, at times, mother me. I don't mean that in any way but the highest praise. I am thankful for the gentle nudges, friendly reminders, suggestions, criticism, and even the "Do this now" imperatives that are sometimes necessary. I am thankful that you care enough about this church and me as your pastor to take the time to make us succeed. Isn't that what a mother really does? She equips those around her and gets their best from them. I think that is a lofty and righteous goal for all of us. May we all honor the women in our lives, the mothers and not, this month. May we remember those that have gone before us and consider what blessings they left us. May we all strive to be the best that we can be, just like mom would have wanted. God bless you and see you in church.

-Pastor Jay



STEPHEN  
MINISTRY

### **A Good Word from Your JPC Stephen Ministry Team: THREATS**

The worries and scary portents around us may nearly paralyze us with fear. In much of the media, for instance, we learn of threats aplenty. So it has been for the human race for thousands of years. Famine. Pestilence. Wild beasts. Fierce weather. Pain.

But humankind has yet to give up, to turn to the cave wall and shiver in defeat. Whatever the threats we face, Lord, help us feel your comfort.  
Isaiah 41:10

We are a Stephen Ministry church. Please contact the church office to be connected with a Stephen Minister if you need assistance.



## GROWING AND PROSPERING IN OUR THIRD YEAR

We have initiated our 3<sup>rd</sup> year! On April 17 JPC gardeners, and Girl's BSA Troop 5068 planted spring vegetables: Swiss Chard, spinach, carrots, beets, kale, potatoes, collards, okra, tomatoes, green peppers.

We continue to add leafy greens to Church World Service food boxes.

Saturday, May 8 join us for spreading mulch on the pathways between the beds at 9am. This is another service opportunity for our young people.

### ***Kudos Nancy Seay***

Seay Partners celebrates Landscape Architects' efforts to facilitate people growing together with each other and nature. Seay Partners is focused on local issues. This year local communities faced food insecurity. Community gardens were rewarding for laborers and those who could eat fresh veggies. Partners included Jamestown Presbyterian Church, Girl's BSA Troop 5068, Guilford County Master Gardeners.



### **Healthy Green Smoothie**

Adding dark leafy greens to your smoothies adds fiber and helps keep them lower in sugar, packing in a big nutritional punch. This one features Swiss chard, cucumber, celery, avocado, pineapple, ginger and coconut milk.



## **RISE AGAINST HUNGER!**

Outreach will once again host the "Rise Against Hunger" event on May 16<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 pm. This is a popular event so sign up early! The Rise people have made the event very safe and are taking all precautions.

Click on the link below if you are interested in working this year and helping us reach our goal of **10,000 meals**.

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/JPC>

Blessings,



## Clerk's Corner

*The Session of JPC met on April 20, 2021 for its monthly stated meeting. Below are the highlights from that meeting, as well as other important updates:*

- The Re-Opening Task Force (RTF) met on April 18, and presented several recommendations to the Session at its stated meeting on April 20. The session discussed and voted to approve each of the following:
  - The use of Sign-up Genius for both the 9:00 and 11:00 worship services has been discontinued.
  - The plastic curtain separating Decided from the congregation will continue to be used as an added layer of precaution.
  - The Re-opening Task Force has been dissolved. Any additional business will be handled by Session.
- The Christian Education Committee is pleased to announce the restart of Sunday School. Now in their third week, are classes for Children K-5 grade, Youth 6-12 grade, and adults. These classes will continue through May.
- The session approved a charitable gift of \$200 be given to Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in honor of both Pastor Jay and Pastor Casey. This donation (\$100 in each of their honors) was made in recognition of their Alumni celebration.
- The Connections Committee will once again be providing Friendship Bread to our visitors. All safety measures will be taken.
- The Outreach Committee planned and held a three day Yard Sale in order to raise funds to support a multitude of Outreach projects/missions.
- The Property Committee is pleased to announce that the outside of the church will soon be repainted. Work will begin soon.
- As a reminder, both the 9:00 and 11:00 services are live-streamed each Sunday.
- The Grace Group will soon be providing Communion for the homebound members of our congregation. If you are part of the College of Elders and wish to volunteer, please see Michelle Wentz or Doug MacColl.
- JPC will be hosting a small gathering in the picnic shelter for pastors of the Salem Presbytery on May 13 from 4:00-5:30pm.
- On behalf of the Session and Congregation of Jamestown Presbyterian Church, I would like to extend a warm, heartfelt and humble appreciation to the members of the JPC Re-Opening Task Force. You all worked diligently and effectively to ensure the safety of the congregation, and for that we are most grateful. Thank you to: Chip Cromartie, Carol McConnell, Charles Stanfield, Doug MacColl, Gary Fulp, Pastor Jay, Kerry Miller, Kimberly Jellous, Michell Wentz, and Lynette Smitherman. A special thank you also goes out to the following people for their support and contributions to the work of the RTF: Pastor Judy Fitchett, Pastor Casey Riker and Kim Schoepske. Please know you are all greatly appreciated!

In Him,

Krista A. Hannah  
Clerk of Session

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

MONDAY, JULY 19TH—THURSDAY, JULY 22ND

**Details to follow soon!**



FROGS met on April 25 and played some epic GA-GA Ball!! They also painted some beautiful suncatchers for our Grace Group. Our FROGS look forward to having fun together but they always love to do service projects! FROGS will meet again on **Tuesday, May 18 at 4 pm.**

## DONATIONS

Donation to JPC Bus Fund In memory of Joye Wentz by Art and Judy Fitchett	Donation to JPC Outreach Endowment Fund In honor of Ricki Hall by Anne Barts
Donation to JPC Food Pantry Fund In memory of Joye Wentz by Joan Brisley Jack and Marilyn Bell	Donation to JPC Congregational Life Fund In memory of Alice Bame, J.C. Bame, and Bill Graham by Joanne Graham
Donation to Avery Snead Preschool Scholarship Fund In memory of Joye Wentz by Dennis and Joy Snead	Donation to JPC Outreach Endowment Fund In memory of Joye Wentz by Jo Burroughs
Donation to JPC Worship Endowment Fund In memory of Joye Wentz by Nancy Guiton	Donation to JPC Columbarium Fund In memory of Joye Wentz In memory of Scott LaBella by Charles and Betty LaBella
Donation to JPC Outreach Endowment Fund In memory of Joye Wentz by Don and Evangeline Freeman Doug and Anne Wright	Donation to JPC Worship Endowment Fund In memory of Joye Wentz by Frances Snow Jim and Becky Brown
Donation to JPC Outreach Endowment Fund In honor of Cathy Durbin by Doug and Anne Wright	Donation to JPC Outreach Endowment Fund In memory of Paul Martin by Bill and Nancy Carter
Donation to JPC Worship Endowment Fund In memory of Joye Wentz by Joanne Graham Anne Barts	Donation to JPC Worship Endowment Fund In memory of Joye Wentz by Barry and Nancy Hamilton
Donation to JPC/Hamil Kerr In memory of John Parks by Jo Brech	Donation to JPC Bus Fund In memory Stuart Schurr by Bonnie Schurr
Donation to JPC Bus Fund In memory of Joye Wentz by Jo Brech	Donation to JPC Music Fund In memory of Steve Wall's father by Jim and Darryl Ray
Donation to JPC Outreach Endowment Fund In memory of Paul Martin by Jo Brech	Donation to JPC Bus Fund In memory of Joye Wentz In honor of Ricki Hall by The Doug Wentz Family

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