

# SEPTEMBER 2021



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## Summer Worship Schedule

**10:00 am  
CLC  
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**

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

## From Pastor Judy

When I began pastoring my first church in Indiana, I found out that the previous interim pastor had lived in Indianapolis about 60 minutes away from the town where the church was located. In the winter, when weather presented hazardous driving conditions, the pastor always checked in with the congregation (via email) early on Sunday morning to be sure that streets were cleared of snow and passable for him to get there for worship. One of my habits after I began pastoring there was to continue these early morning emails so the congregation and I could get to know one another a little better. This is one of those emails that I sent to that congregation one Sunday in September in 2018. Enjoy!:

I've been ruminating over a couple of ideas for the last few weeks; it involves how God teaches us, in the here and now, about God's grace and love towards us.

I have been blessed to learn a little about God's love and grace in my life because of the ways that others have loved me. There have been occasions in my life when others have loved me with a sacrificial love that revealed to me a bit more about how God loves me. There have been people who have extended grace in times that I did not earn or deserve that favor.

Recently, I am experiencing God teaching me a bit more about God's grace and love in another way. God is calling and allowing me to show God's love and grace to others. Sometimes God teaches us by gifting us and sometimes God teaches us by allowing us to be the bearers of those gifts. Learning by giving is a different way of learning. Maybe that is what it means to be a disciple and why discipleship is so hard. It is life giving to receive God's gifts; it is humbling to be the bearers of those gifts to others.

How are you learning, experiencing, and sharing God's gifts in your life?





## GROWING AND PROSPERING IN OUR THIRD YEAR

At this writing we are preparing for September and Fall planting. We are planting turnips and several types of greens. Butternut squash is successful and we enjoyed watching it thrive. Summer squash and zucchini grew to be gargantuan this year. There are many potatoes and beans being harvested. We supplied the World Church Service families with lots of fresh vegetables they are familiar with. What a joy! Family Services of the Piedmont is thankful for fresh vegetables from our garden as were the Sedgefield Presbyterian Church's Summer Lunch and Enrichment Program every week. We enjoyed helping our guests in the Joy House choose their vegetables.

### Preparing Veggies grown in JPC Community Garden

by Nancy Seay

#### *Butternut Squash*

##### INGREDIENTS

Preheated oven 400

1 butternut squash - peeled, seeded, cut into 1 inch cubes

2 tablespoons olive oil

2 cloves garlic

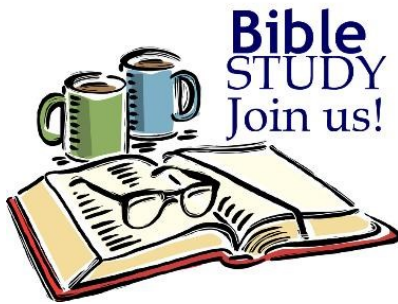
Salt and pepper to taste



Toss butternut squash with olive oil and garlic in a large bowl. Season with salt and black pepper. Arrange coated squash on a baking sheet. Roast in the preheated oven until squash is tender and lightly browned, 25 to 30 minutes.

Alternative: Squash can be boiled and mashed like a potato.





## Thursday Night Bible Study

Thursday Night Women's Bible Study is starting up on September 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. with a wonderful Bible study by Louie Giglio called "Don't Give the Enemy A Seat At Your Table: It's Time to Win the Battle of Your Mind." The study runs 6 weeks and will be in Classroom 222 at JPC.

This study is based on the 23rd Psalm and particularly verse 5, "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies." As the description of the study says:

"Discover how to break free from the chains of negative thinking and experience true freedom from unhealthy thoughts and emotions. The Enemy is constantly seeking to fill your mind with destructive and harmful thoughts—whether of fear, worry, insecurity, anxiety, temptation, envy. . . . It's all too easy for Satan to manipulate his way into a seat at the table intended for only you and Jesus, and to try making himself at home in your mind. It's an ongoing battle, but one you can win!

In *Don't Give the Enemy a Seat at Your Table*, bestselling author and pastor Louie Giglio shares practical ways to overcome the Enemy's lies and instead find peace and security in any challenging circumstance or situation."



**Hello Ladies, Come One and All!**

The Morning Circle Group will resume (finally!) in Rm. 222 at 10AM, Monday, Sept. 20. Please join us to enjoy social time, service projects, and always—a good video with discussion. We hope to be able to add to our roster of members, so come and join, everyone welcome. Please be sure to wear a mask! Thanks, ladies!



## Alphabet Soup – QCDs, IRAs & RMDs What You Should Know

Tax time is approaching – it's a great time to think about using QCDs from your IRAs to meet your RMDs. Confused? Read on!

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act law passed in 2018 nearly doubled the standard deduction and eliminated or restricted many itemized deductions in 2018 through 2025. As a result fewer taxpayers are itemizing on their returns. That might make doing taxes easier, but those who use the standard deduction may miss out on several popular tax breaks, including claiming a deduction for donations they make to a qualified charity. It also hurts those charities' bank accounts, if donors who were partially motivated by the tax break decide to no longer give. Fortunately, there is a strategy that can keep both givers (at least those who are retirement age) and getters on course with charitable donations.

Taxpayers age 70½ and older can use a qualified charitable distribution to donate up to \$100,000 annually directly from a traditional IRA to an eligible public charity without counting that amount as taxable income. Instead, it would count toward their required minimum distribution and reduce the taxable amount of their mandatory withdrawal.

### Some definitions:

**QCD** stands for **Qualified Charitable Distribution**, sometimes referred to as a charitable IRA rollover.

**A Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)** is the amount of money the owner of an individual retirement account (IRA) must withdraw from their plan during the year. RMDs now start in the year the owner turns 72 (previously it was 70½) and equal a prescribed fraction of the plan balance at the end of the previous year. The older the owner, the larger the fraction of the plan balance the owner must withdraw whether they need that money or not in that year.

### So what do I need to know?

1. Each person can donate the full amount of his or her RMD, up to a maximum of **\$100,000** annually.
2. You should work with your IRA custodian to correctly accomplish a QCD. The distribution must go straight from the IRA account to the charity, not through your bank account.
3. Be sure to inform your tax preparer that you did a QCD. It must be noted in your tax return to obtain the benefit.
4. It's permissible to use less than the full RMD for the charitable distribution. Generally there are not low limits on how much you can donate.
5. For a QCD to count toward your minimum annual IRA distribution, it must meet the same deadline as a normal distribution (usually Dec. 31.)
6. Timing matters. The first dollar out of an IRA is considered to be the RMD. So, if you take money out early in the year, that distribution would count toward your RMD and you could potentially lose the tax benefit of the QCD. Work with your financial planner or tax accountant.

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Other benefits:

Since the tax reform arrived in 2018, QCDs have become more valuable than ever. Many taxpayers now take the standard deduction, eliminating the tax deduction for charitable gifts. QCDs add to the standard deduction by allowing the donations made from the IRA to be excluded from income. With a QCD, you get a tax break for your charitable contribution even if you are using the standard deduction.

Another benefit of a QCD is that the amount transferred from the IRA to the charity is not included in your adjusted gross income (AGI) for the year. By not including the distribution in AGI you can potentially avoid the loss of exemptions, deductions, credits and phase outs, AMT (alternative minimum tax), the 3.8% surtax on net investment income, and the increase in Social Security premiums for Medicare Part B and Part D.

In Closing:

If you're already 70½ but the QCD strategy is new to you, be sure to discuss your specific situation and any questions with a qualified tax professional. If you haven't turned 70½ yet, it's still worth having a conversation about how to prepare to take advantage of this strategy in the future.

For those who are charitably inclined and won't be able to itemize their deductions, a QCD can be a win-win: You get to satisfy your RMD and exclude income from your AGI, and the charities that are important to you (like JPC!!) will continue to benefit from your generosity.

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



**STRUCTURE**

Well before daybreak, in the haze of streetlights and porch lights, even through the fog, the true size and structure of a tree is unmistakable. We may not notice the lacework of the small branches far from the thick trunk otherwise; so much of the time leaves drape the entire tree and hide them. But the support is there, always.

***Let me rely on the incredibly strong structure You have provided, Lord, even glimpsed through the fog.***

- Isaiah 43:2.

## HOORAY HOORAY!

Jay will soon be on his way! Let's celebrate his return immediately following worship on September 19th! Watch for weekly updates for confirmed plans!



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## SCOUTS CORNER

Our three Scouting units have remained active to provide the mentoring of each person whether female or male. Since Covid-19 hit us I have not been submitting items for the JPC Newsletter. When you read following articles you will know and feel the energy the Scouting Program brings to the community. Every meeting is opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath & Law. Pastor Casey preached about staying connected, I guess that's the fog I have been going through.

*A large part of Scouting is service, and service has a noble purpose. Those who give service learn to think of others, learn to help those in time of need, and learn to put others above themselves. It is also through service that we feel a sense of fulfillment in our lives.*

Troop 5068 is growing and now has 10 scouts. They had an amazing time at summer camp where they worked on various merit badges including rifle shooting, kayaking, and environmental science. They earned 45 merit badges during the week. We had our first 2 girls tapped out to be part of the Order of the Arrow, an honor society in scouting. The scouts have did service projects including scouting for food, working in the JPC garden, and trail maintenance. Our girls have advanced rapidly in rank over the past few months including having our first life scout. We handed out our very first scout of the year and scout spirit awards and look forward to seeing our first eagle project in the 2021-2022 scouting year.

Troop 68 has been quite busy and these items were a portion of The Scout Master report at their Court of Honor in June 2021:

In October of last year they took a backpacking trip to the Birkhead Wilderness and at the end of the month they hosted the Akela District Camporee focusing on Merit Badges.

In February Troop 68 did Scouting for Food and performed a Conservation service project at Gibson Park. In March they camped at Hagenstone Park.

In April we went to Cherokee Scout Reservation for ATV/Shotgun/Cooking, and also helped out with Pack 68's Pinewood Derby. In June Troop 68 enjoyed a wonderful week of summer camp. They have 8 uniform leaders and 30 active scouts.

Tom Coolidge, JPC Charter Orig.Rep.

## DONATIONS

Donation to Jamestown Presbyterian Church  
In memory of Dollie Smith by  
Olene Mabe  
Barry, Diane, Marcia and Brent Smith

Donation to JPC Congregational Life Fund  
In memory of Mildred Ray, Jim Ray's mother, by  
Jeff & Mary Brooke Guernier

Donation to JPC Men  
In memory of Stu Schurr by  
Jo Brech

Donation to JPC Youth Fund  
In memory of Eileen Stroud, Brian Stroud's mother,  
by  
Jo Brech

Donation to Outreach to Support Mission Trips  
In honor of Cam and Allison Tally by  
Joseph & Deborah Hughes

Donation to JPC Outreach Endowment Fund  
In memory of Dollie Smith  
In memory of Mildred Ray, Jim Ray's mother, by  
Jo Brech

Donation to the JPC Worship Endowment Fund for  
hearing aid equipment  
In honor of Joan's Brisley's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday by  
Jenny Rynn  
Jon Brisley

### CLERK'S CORNER



### The Clerk's Corner

***The Session of JPC met on August 17, 2021 for its monthly stated meeting following a summer break in July. Below are the highlights from that meeting, as well as other important updates:***

- At its stated meeting, the Session voted to require masks for ALL indoor events. This includes events held by the Scouts and other organizations.
- The Session also voted to continue serving pre-packaged Communion at least through the month of September. We will re-evaluate at the September Stated Session Meeting to be held, September 21, 2021.
- JPC has been getting a fresher look! The exterior of the church has been painted over the summer. The work is almost complete and looks wonderful.
- Be sure to visit the Columbarium... Thanks to Gary Fulp and the Property Committee, the fountain is now in working order and is beautiful.
- Pastor Jay is set to return from his sabbatical on Sunday, September 19th. Please make plans to join us for his welcome back event. He will be preaching that day, as well.
- The bus is coming soon! As with all things Covid related, it is taking longer than expected to be built and delivered... Pastor Casey will let us know as soon as it is enroute!
- The Session regretfully reports we accepted the resignation of Elder Chip Cromartie at our last meeting. Chip has accepted a new job in the Southern Pines area of NC and he, Natalie and the children have relocated. The Session wishes to acknowledge and thank Chip for his leadership during his time on Session; especially for his work on with the Reopening Task Force and Admin Committee. We wish both he and the entire Cromartie family well in their new endeavors. They will be missed greatly!
- The Congregational Nominating Committee is busy at work putting together a slate of names for nomination for the Elder Class of 2024. They will also work on filling the remainder of Chip's term with the Class of 2022.

In Him,

Krista Hannah  
Clerk of Session

## A Letter of Thanks!



Dear Pastor Judy and Pastor Casey,

On behalf of the entire JPC Congregation, the Session and the Worship Team, we want to take a moment and say “Thank You” for all that you have done for this church over the past 3 months! Words don’t adequately express our appreciation and gratitude for all you have done for this Church!

John C. Maxwell is quoted as saying, “A leader is one who knows the way, shows the way and goes the way.” Jeremiah 3:15 says, “Then I will give you Shepards after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding.” This quote and scripture passage couldn’t be more true when we think of the two of you and how you have guided, nurtured, loved and led this congregation during Pastor Jay’s Sabbatical! You have blessed us with your leadership, with sermons and spiritual teachings, led multiple mission trips and youth outings, answered too many phone calls and text messages to count, led meetings and cared for the sick, presided over funerals and memorial services, provided counseling to so many, all while being the embodiment of the life and love that Jesus shows each of us, and for that we are so thankful.

It is because of your tireless and selfless efforts these past three months that we can confidently and lovingly hand Pastor Jay back this amazing congregation and church! Thank you for pouring your hearts and souls into this congregation and church, and for being such a wonderful example of Christ’s love for each of us and for JPC. We look forward to your continued contributions to the church and hope you both know how blessed we feel to have you serving with us.

May God Bless each of you and may God continue to bless Jamestown Presbyterian Church.

In Him,

Your Worship Committee Elders  
Michelle Wentz (Chair)  
Doug MacColl

Thank you to all who have sent cards, called, texted, and emailed me since my hospitalization. Also to the wonderful food cooler angel who filled my refrigerator! I know your prayers have hastened my healing. God bless you all.

-Barb Bayle

Dear JPC Family,

On behalf of the entire Stroud and Lempp family, I cannot thank each of you enough for the love and support you have showed us during my mother’s health journey.

When I think of all the hugs, cards, and large amount of food we received it brings tears to my eyes.

It’s hard to say goodbye to someone you love so dearly, especially a mother, but I am so incredibly thankful for all the stand-in family members this church has brought me.

Thank you for an amazing memorial service to honor my mother’s life and legacy. A special thank you to Congregational Life for the wonderful food they prepared for our family following the service. Thank you for being my church home, I love you JPC!

Sincerely,

Brian Stroud



# GET INVOLVED!



DO YOU LIKE TO ... knit? Or maybe, crochet? We have an opportunity for you!

Wednesday, September 1st at 10:00 a.m., the JPC Prayer Shawl Ministry team will meet in room 222. Oops! You know nothing about working with yarn, but you want to learn? Here's your chance. If you've been part of the group before, we hope you'll join again for the coming year. If you haven't been part of this ministry before but would like to give it a try, please ... come on by!

Feel free to contact Joanne Graham at 336-255-4855 or Vashti Forrest at 336-202-0836 for more information.

## Hello JPC!

It's hard to believe schools have started back and that in a few short weeks we will start back to having two worship services. With the start of two worship services coming up, the Connections Committee needs members!

Connections helps to greet members and visitors as they enter JPC, as well as advertising the church and connecting members to different resources on our campus. If you are interested in joining please email [jpcconnections@gmail.com](mailto:jpcconnections@gmail.com)!

In Him,  
Danielle King & Brian Stroud



# FROGS



FROGS met August 25 for a hot game of GaGa Ball! They also packed lots of "Thank you" bags for Outreach. They finished their time with Wacky Olympics where everyone won a trophy! We will meet again on Sunday, September 26. Be on the lookout for an email with the exact time!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL  
BEGINS OCTOBER 3. STAY TUNED.



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