

**APRIL 2022**

**JAMESTOWN  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

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**Worship Schedule**

**9:00 am  
Contemporary Service  
(CLC)**

**&  
11:00 am  
Traditional Service  
(Sanctuary)**

**Live-Streamed**  
(JPC website & Facebook)

**Rev. Dr. Jay Smith**  
Senior Pastor

**Rev. Casey Riker**  
Associate Pastor

**Rev. Judy Fitchett**  
Parish Associate

**SESSION**

**Class of 2022**  
Lenny Dean  
Gary Fulp  
Joanne Graham  
Karen Johnson  
Danielle King  
Kerry Miller

**Class of 2023**  
Randy Dabbs  
Krista Hannah  
Doug MacColl  
Chris Mills  
Darryl Ray  
Bruce Shaw

**Class of 2024**  
Vivien Carson  
Carlos Frontera  
John Martin  
Clayton Robinson  
Brian Stroud  
Joanne Vitelli

*From the Desk of Pastor Casey*

This May, JPC is taking a group of volunteers back to Sunset Gap! Sunset Gap is a wonderful mission site in Cosby, Tennessee. This organization is passionate about helping their community in many different ways. Just like JPC, Sunset Gap is very aware of the food insecurity problem that plagues its own neighbors. They attempt to combat this issue by running their own food pantry and by helping community households stretch their dollars at their thrift store. They also assist with home repair projects for those in need. This is where we get involved!

JPC will be heading to Sunset Gap May 8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. This mission trip is much anticipated by anyone who has gone in the past. Sunset Gap is a great experience for people of all ages and all abilities. In the past, we have built wheelchair ramps and even helped build an entire house frame. But don't let big projects intimidate you! There are many ways to help when we partner with Sunset Gap. There are flowers that need planting and fences that need painting. We will need help from people who are comfortable in the kitchen to help keep us fed and energized to take on the day! No matter your skillset, God can use you! During down time on site, God allows for the opportunity to build relationships with the homeowners.

After the workday, we will have time to relax and enjoy one another's company. We will have devotionals, play games and rest. This time together is precious and will help our church group grow closer. If you feel like you have not yet connected on a personal level with JPC, this trip would be a great opportunity to start building those friendships.

The most important thing about this trip is that it gives us a chance to witness and participate in the ministry of God outside of our normal context. God will work through you to reach others and God will work through others to reach you. I would encourage anyone that is interested in this to jump in and do it! You can attend the whole week or only join us for a couple of days. Give some time to God and allow God to show you why JPC loves Sunset Gap so much!

If you have any questions about this trip please reach out to those who have gone in the past...Carlos Frontera, David Farmer, Ann Barts, me and many others. They will tell you how this trip has impacted their lives and their faith. I know life is busy and there are so many excuses as to why this trip might not fit into your schedule, but it is time to push those excuses to the side and join JPC on the next trip to Sunset Gap!

## DONATIONS

Donation to JPC Food Pantry Fund

In memory of Ellen Mitchell by  
Wayne & Betty McCray

Donation to Avery Snead PS Scholarship Fund

In memory of Ellen Mitchell by  
Jim & Darryl Ray

Donation to JPC Outreach Endowment Fund

In memory of Wes Craver by  
Jerry & Beth Burroughs

Donation to JPC Food Pantry and Leisure Fellowship  
Funds

In memory of Fred Ellas by  
Kevin & Vicky Smith

Donation to JPC Food Pantry Fund

In memory of Fred Ellas  
In memory of Jim Brown

In memory of Wes Craver

In memory of Bud Guernier, Jeff Guernier's father,  
In memory of Robert Bazinet, Kim Schoepske's  
father, by  
Dave & Nancy Seay

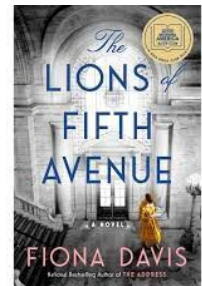
Donation to JPC Food Pantry Fund

In memory of Marjory Lennihan, Ruth Clark's sister,  
by

Charlotte Griner  
Dot Russell

## PASTOR JAY'S SPRING BOOK CLUB

Since we are getting back into the swing of things Pastor Jay is pleased to announce that he will offer a 4 week book club starting in May. The group will meet Wednesdays at either 12:30 or 6:30. You will be able to float between the groups. The book we will be reading is entitled *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* by Fiona Davis. It is a work of fiction. This group is intended for fellowship and fun, not deep theological reflection.



Told in two timelines, *The Lions of Fifth Avenue* tells the stories of Laura Lyons (1913) and Sadie Donovan (1993) and their experiences at the New York City Public Library. In 1913, Laura's husband is the superintendent of the library, and their family actually lives in an apartment inside the library. Laura wants more from life and is bored at home with her two children, so she enrolls in journalism school and becomes involved with a radical group of women feminists meeting in Greenwich Village. Meanwhile, valuable books are stolen from the library and her family is under suspicion. In 1993, Sadie is the Curator at the New York City Public Library and also shares a secret connection with the famous essayist, Laura Lyons. The library experiences the theft of a few valuable pieces and Sadie's job is in jeopardy. Truths come to light regarding Sadie's family history as the case is investigated.

The group will meet May 18 & 25 and June 1 & 8. If you are interested in joining us, get your book and start reading! It is available at Amazon in paperback and also other places. Please notify the church office if you plan to attend or if you need help getting a book ordered. Hope to see you there.

## The End of the Story

At the beginning of Lent Casey and I mentioned an article that I had read and passed on to her that asserted that this was the first Lent/Easter in three years. I remember that first COVID Easter morning. We managed to record a service at the columbarium. It was published sideways, it was cold, and it was the beginning of a crazy journey. I have been so overjoyed by your attendance, response to fundraisers and special offerings, and your participation in Lenten programming here at the church. The last two years have been a journey, but this Lent has been a season of renewal and hope as we make our way to the cross and the empty tomb.

I have truly enjoyed our Wednesday study of the crucifixion of Jesus. It has been challenging and at times I have not agreed with the author, but it has been powerful to consider for a moment all the individuals present on that day. The best part for me has been getting to discuss the reading with you and opening the Bible with you each week. I have also loved getting to hear your thoughts and experiences. While the reading was academic and it was hard to relive that day over and over again for six weeks it was tolerable because we know that the crucifixion (Good Friday) is not the end of the story.

Perhaps this is what gets us through daily life as Christians? We know that God has a plan for us and that this life is not the end! I think that throughout COVID, a war, and inflation we should remember that this world is only temporary and that there is victory in Christ Jesus. The worst day of our lives is not the end of the story. The prophet Jeremiah writes, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." That hope and that future all begin in Jesus.

Don't forget to attend the Easter Egg Hunt with your children, grandchildren, neighbors, or whomever! Also remember the Cantata on Maundy Thursday. There will be 3 services on Easter Sunday: 6:30AM Sunrise in the picnic shelter, 9AM contemporary in the CLC, and 11AM traditional in the Sanctuary.

These last few days of Lent let us all remember that in John 14 Jesus told the disciples that he was going to prepare a place, that he will return, and that there is room for all of us. Also remember that God loves each of us so much that he sent Jesus to restore us in His death. This world is tough and could even be getting tougher but through the morning daybreak light on that first Easter we can see that God is in control and that we are His.

Happy Easter!  
-Pastor Jay





## WISHING PASTOR JUDY A HAPPY RETIREMENT!

It is with mixed emotions that I announce the retirement of Pastor Judy effective at the end of April. She has been a blessing to our staff and we are sad to see her go. However, if you think about it this is actually Judy's 3<sup>rd</sup> retirement! She worked as a pharmacist before leaving that work to become a pastor. She moved to Jamestown to be closer to her parents. It was while she was caring for them that she got back into vocational ministry at JPC. We should be happy that she and Art will get to travel and enjoy time together and with family.

Reverend Judy Fitchett joined the JPC staff early in 2019. She and I met to discuss the needs of the church after losing an associate pastor. She agreed to come on board to help with pastoral care duties until a new associate pastor was called. After Casey came on board Judy stayed on the staff to help in many ways. She has been involved with the Stephen Ministry of the church. She has attended Leisure Fellowship events and gotten to know the senior citizens of the church. She served as "Acting Head of Staff" while I was gone for my sabbatical. This was a difficult job that Judy handled masterfully. But the most meaningful thing Judy has done here in my opinion are the special services she has led. I am talking about her involvement on Ash Wednesday, the Longest Night, and other special services. These have been a gift to me personally and I thank her for bringing the Longest Night service to JPC and I am sure that tradition will continue.

I want to make you aware of two dates in the near future. The first is Pastor Judy's last preaching Sunday at JPC. That is Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. She will be preaching both services. Come on out and hear this great pastor share God's one last time as a member of the staff at JPC. Then it's time to party!

Join us Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> between worship services in the Fellowship Hall as we have a goodbye party for Judy. This will be a fun time to wish her well and to thank her for her faithful service to God and JPC. Now Judy and Art aren't leaving town so you will probably see them again but we still need to properly thank her for going the extra mile at JPC!

-Pastor Jay

### LEISURE FELLOWSHIP

Leisure Fellowship will be going to Temple Theater in Sanford to see "My Way – Frank Sinatra" at 2:00 PM Thursday, April 21.

The advertisement says: You'll marvel at the range of Frank Sinatra's music and get a kick out of this nostalgic trip down memory lane. This award-winning musical revue featuring more than 50 songs recorded by 'Old Blue Eyes' is a classy tribute to his style, his era and some of the 20th Century's most beautiful songs.



We will leave JPC at 10:00 AM. Cost will be \$36 per person to cover cost of tickets and transportation. Lunch will be on your own at Cracker Barrel in Sanford. We will return to JPC about 5:30 PM.

Please make your check payable to JPC, mark it for the Sanford trip and give it to Tara Daniel by Monday, March 28. If you have questions, or if you haven't signed up and would like to go with us, please contact Charlotte Griner, 336 402-5001 or [clgriner@earthlink.net](mailto:clgriner@earthlink.net).



## A Good Word from Your JPC Stephen Ministry Team

### Haven

Where is your haven? Is it in your home, your yard, a vacation spot- or is it in your mind? A haven is a place of safety and refuge, so it is not the same for all people. We feel relaxed and at peace in such a place- it is our sanctuary.

“Help us, Father God, to find our haven when we need it most, and to know You are there with us.” --John 14:2

### FROGS



Four of our FROGS will attend AGAPE camp in Fuquay-Varina April 8th-10th. They look forward to community building activities and praising God.

JPC EASTER EGG HUNT will be Saturday, April 16th at 11 am at the picnic shelter!! Come and bring friends!!

I love you and so does God!  
-Grammie Sammie



### JOY HOUSE COMMUNITY GARDEN

See the jolly gardeners cleaning up the garden and planting spring cool weather seeds of potatoes, kale, peas, carrots, onions and Swiss chard. We plan to be in the garden every Wednesday at 10 am. Come join the fun!





## HOLY WEEK AT JPC

- Sunday, April 10th**– Palm Sunday Services at 9 am and 11 am  
**Thursday, April 14th**– Maundy Thursday Cantata (Sanctuary) at 7 pm  
**Saturday, April 16th**– Easter Egg Hunt (grounds) at 11 am  
**Sunday, April 17th**– Easter Sunday Services at 6:30 am for Sunrise Service, 9 am and 11 am services. No Sunday school

### CLERK'S CORNER



## Clerk's Corner

*The Session of JPC met on March 15, 2022 for its monthly stated meeting. Below are the highlights from that meeting, as well as other important updates:*

- The JPC Session is pleased to welcome Whitney Stroud into membership of the congregation here at JPC. Whitney is the sister of Brian Stroud and daughter of Randy Stroud and has transferred her membership from Christ Presbyterian by way of letter from Salem Presbytery.
- **GREETERS WANTED!!** The Connections Committee is still looking for volunteers to serve as greeters at both services. If interested please contact Brian Stroud, Danielle King or the church office. This is a great way to connect with members and visitors alike!
- The Session would like to thank all those who participated in the 24 hours of prayer for Ukraine. All 96 slots were filled. A church that prays together, stays together.
- Several of your elders are meeting monthly to pray for our church as a whole, our Session, and for those on the prayer concern list. If you would like to be added to the prayer list, please email the church office or Krista Hannah at [kristahannah23@gmail.com](mailto:kristahannah23@gmail.com).

**Submitted respectfully and in His love,**  
Krista A Hannah  
Clerk of Session, JPC

## JPC YARD SALE

The JPC yard sale is quickly approaching and as always we will need LOTS of help. Below is the schedule of the days we need volunteers. If you would like to help, let me know what days

Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 AM – until???? - we will move the items in the 2 Sunday School rooms to the CLC and items in the AAA storage unit.

- Tables will need to be setup
- Items need to be moved and sorted on tables
- Price items
- Trucks or SUVs to move items from storage unit

Trucks to move rest of furniture from Joy House (Casey, can the youth do this Sunday night, March 3<sup>rd</sup>????)

Wed., April 6<sup>th</sup> -Continue with pricing

Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> -Volunteers to do checkout, 3-4 people to mingle around the tables and assist people

Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> -Volunteers to do checkout, 3-4 people to mingle around the tables and assist people

Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> -Volunteers for checkout, clean up and pack up what is left

Please contact Kim Schoepske or Pastor Casey. Thank you!!!

### Yard Sign Fundraiser

What a wonderful sign to show our excitement as Christians as we approach Easter! These signs are \$20 each, with \$7 from each sign going toward our Youth program and the Avery Snead Preschool Scholarship Fund.

If you would like to purchase a sign or two, please contact the church office!

Thank you!



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