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**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

Take Time for Lent

I am excited for Lent this year! I am excited that the church is finally getting back to normal, and people are comfortable coming back. I am excited about the Lenten Bible Study, Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday services, and the upcoming events from the Family Matters team. Lent is a time of remembrance, but it is not a past or completed act. Each year we celebrate Lent by remembering the temptation and fasting of Jesus in the wilderness, not as a completed act but as a reminder or what He would do at the cross for our sins. We sometimes give things up for Lent to model His suffering and to cause us to focus. Some folks give up vices while others pick up new habits or practices in an attempt to make them focus more on God.

I always found it odd to give things up for Lent. Growing up in a very Catholic community I always loved that the best burger joints would be empty on a Friday. I also often wondered if eating fish on Friday was really a deeply spiritual practice for anyone any longer? I think the Catholic church, to be more appealing to the masses (maybe at masses too?), is considering moving away from this tradition. I am going to tell you why they traditionally don't eat meat on Friday, it is to remember Good Friday, the day of Jesus' death. Meat was selected as the thing to give up in a time when meat was a celebratory thing, not an everyday part of the diet. In the 21st century where dollar menus, fast food burgers, and giant supercenter grocery stores have made meat much more readily available and often suggested for a complete and balanced diet, this sacrifice doesn't hold the same power it once did.

This Lenten Season I am trying some new things too. Instead of denying myself something sweet or anything like that I am focusing on self-improvement. The first thing that I am doing is that I am intentionally spending time in God's Word. I am adding extra time, not just getting ready for sermons and studies. Each time I rediscover scripture there is a beautiful message of God's love and hope and peace that pours out. The Holy Spirit is present as we encounter God's living breathing word, the problem is we don't take the time for those encounters.

The next thing I am doing this Lent is I am paying attention to my body. I have joked about putting on weight. This happens as we age. The problem is not the weight but my inability to catch my breath and do simple things. I have to make a change. It is easy to blame the pandemic or age. It is even easier to make excuses, but something must give. I guess the second thing I am doing this Lenten Season is really time management in that I am intentionally making the time to rest, exercise, and enjoy family along with work!

The final thing I am trying to do this year is I am trying to be more aware of others. By this I mean people I don't know. It amazes me that without a mask the power of the smile seems to have increased exponentially. Recently I have been bothered by
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a series of commercials on TV. I think they are for insurance? They make fun of turning into your parents. They are funny in a way but only because I do all of those things, except for the clothing that they have the actors wearing. In recent weeks not only have I been willing to smile at people, but I have engaged them by saying, "Hello," or something similar. While the commercials portray this as intrusive or annoying, I have found most people find my interactions with them to be friendly or at the least neighborly.

Saturday morning I was in a large place that I often shop. I only needed a few things and was headed to Jordan's swim meet so I didn't have anything cold. As I walked in the store I noticed that every single cart they had was neatly in its place. Someone had obviously worked through the night to track them down and get them ready for the Saturday rush. When I was leaving two ladies were stopped there in front of those carts. They were taking their bags and leaving the carts, not wanting to start the trend of abandoned carts for the day. I thought that looked like a great idea and I did it too. The three of us talked and laughed as we slid bags up our arms. I shared with them what a person retrieving carts in a parking lot once told me. He said, "You can tell a lot about a person by where they leave their cart." I guess he meant that people that were intentional about returning them to the store or the rack were more likely to be good people in life? I also think he meant that people that just dumped them wherever or let them run off into someone's car were not destined for success? Anyway, as I told these ladies about this, wished them well, and went on my way. One of them said, "I bet I know where we will all be tomorrow!" She meant that she was certain that we would all be in church. How that older African American lady knew that about me I will never know. But I stopped and told her that in fact I would be in church tomorrow because I was a pastor.

You know in all my years and all my Walmart stories I can only think of a handful of times that while doing something nice or witnessing something ghastly that my faith was clearly communicated. But here over a row of carts some ladies and I were able to affirm that we were believers to one another. That stuck with me all day. I hope that by ignoring the commercials I might get more opportunities that lead me to have opportunities to say what makes me different in everyday life.

The gift of God's grace is a finalized act, but our celebration and reception of that grace should not be. Consider what you need to work on rather than what you need to give up. What do you need to add to your life this season of Lent? I promise that more than passing on soda or chocolate adding some time with God will prepare you for Good Friday and our remembrance of Christ's death. You will also be more focused when we proclaim that He is Risen on Easter Morning.

-Pastor Jay



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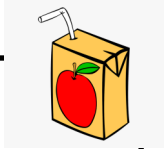
The FROGS came out in full force at JPC's Rise Against Hunger Event on February 20th. The kids had a great time packaging meals!

PASSPORT is June 15-18 at Camp Eagle Eyrie in Lynchburg, VA or July 11-14 at Greensboro College. We would only go to one session depending on how many kids could attend. Please email me at jpckids1@gmail.com right away if your child is interested in going. Spots fill up quickly.

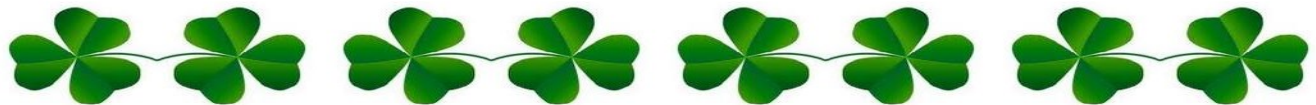


I love you and so does God!
-Grammie Sammie

OUTREACH DONATION REQUESTS!



For the month of March, Outreach will be collecting juice boxes and healthy snacks for the Children's Hope Alliance (combination of Barium Springs and Grandfather Home for Children). All donations can be dropped in the donation box outside the office or in the donation carts on Sunday. Thank you!



A Good Word from Your JPC Stephen Ministry Team



ROPE

Isn't rope the most fascinating stuff? Miniature hairy fibers, hundreds of them tightly stretched and intertwined, each contributing to the overall strength of the whole.

A nick...which frays to become a break... which unravels at the weakest point...And the horse bolts or the clothesline falls to the grass or the boat is lost.

Help us, Lord, to keep our own filaments together, bound fast. -Isaiah 41:10.

**CLERK'S
CORNER**



Clerk's Corner

The Session of JPC met on February 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 Jack and Helene Bell into membership of the congregation here at JPC. They have transferred their membership by letter of transfer from Westover.
- **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!
- Please join us for our Ash Wednesday service this Wednesday, March 2 at 6:30pm preceded by a yummy Pancake Supper sponsored by our wonderful Congregational Life Committee.
- As a reminder, masks are no longer required when attending events and worship at JPC; however, all members and visitors are encouraged to continue to exercise appropriate safety measures and to wear a mask if they so desire.
- The May 2022 Stated Session meeting has been postponed from May 17th to May 24th due to a conflict with the Salem Presbytery quarterly meeting.
- Please prayerfully consider joining one of the many ministries/committees here at Jamestown Presbyterian Church. Help us be the hands and feet of Christ to those in our community, as well as those in our congregation.

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

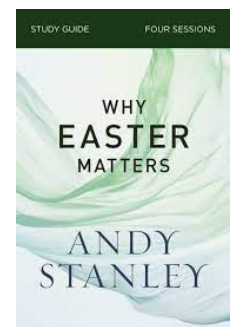
LADIES THURSDAY MORNING LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Beginning March 24, in Room 222, we will begin a study by Andy Stanley called Why Easter Matters. This four-week study will discuss:

“The High Cost of Following Christ,”
“The Risk of Surrendering to God,”
“The God Who can be Trusted”

“The Foundation of our Faith.”

We will capitalize on Andy Stanley’s enthusiasm and sound Biblical teaching to prepare ourselves for Easter and all the promises that it holds. For additional information contact Vivien Carson or Clarajo Pleasants.





Greetings Fellow Gardeners!!

Spring is around the corner. Please put some time on your calendar to help grow veggies for our community. We're getting together for a planning meeting to decide what we are going to grow, when we will garden and when we will deliver food. Please join us for lunch that we are providing.

Tuesday, March 8
12 Noon
JOY HOUSE SUN ROOM

We are looking forward to seeing you and working together to do this good work for God's people. No experience necessary! If you want to learn or share your gardening experience, all are welcome. Feel free to share this with others who might be interested. If you cannot make lunch let us know so we can keep in touch and you can join us in the garden!

Please RSVP Kathy Coolidge (336-880-3339) or tcoolidge@triad.rr.com

JPC VAN UPDATE



I just wanted to give everyone an update on this long journey as we await our new van. After putting in a lot of thought, prayer and discussion, the JPC Bus Committee decided to buy a Ford 15 passenger Transit 350 van. We placed the order in late April 2021 and the expected delivery date was late June 2021. This date was pushed back to August, and here we are today, in March 2022... still without a van. I had a hard conversation with the Ford dealer, and was told they have no information on when this van will come in. I decided to take this situation back to our Bus Committee. We looked at different options and decided to purchase a 15 passenger Sprinter van from Mercedes-Benz. This was a more expensive option, but because of generous donations and the support of our incredible church, we were able to make it happen.

We bought a van that is significantly nicer with an accessibility package, safety package and a comfort package. We are hoping to get a delivery date any day now. The dealer has told us we will get this van sometime in March 2022. This is very exciting and I cannot thank you all enough for your help in making this happen. I will be sure to keep you updated on how this van is being used for the ministry of the church. I cannot wait to celebrate with you all when this van rolls into our parking lot. Please continue to pray for this van so that it will get here quickly!

Blessings,
Pastor Casey



LEISURE FELLOWSHIP

Leisure Fellowship will be meeting in the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish luncheon at 12:00 Thursday, March 17. Please bring a dish to share.

Cameron Kent will be our speaker: Kent was the Emmy Award-Winning News Anchor at WXII-TV in Winston-Salem until his retirement in December, 2016. He's the author of several books *Make Me Disappear*, *When Ravens Die* and *The Road to Devotion*. His film credits include movies shown on NBC, HBO, Lifetime, and at the American Film Institute,

Cameron and his family attend Highland Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem, and are actively involved in Habitat for Humanity.

Please join us for fun and fellowship and hear this outstanding speaker!

At 11:30, prior to lunch, we will meet in the vestibule of the CLC to assemble 50 street ministry bags for Outreach. All items and bags will be set up in an assembly line when we arrive. Please help us help Outreach.

Also, we will be going to the Temple Theatre in Sanford to see *My Way – Frank Sinatra* Thursday, April 21. Please call Charlotte Griner at 336 402-5001 or email clgriner@earthlink.net if you'd like to join us.



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