

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

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



MAY 2022

From the Desk of Pastor Jay

Remember to Remember

May is a busy month. We find ourselves finishing up so many things in preparation for a summer of relaxation and travel. In the Smith household this year we celebrate a “Sweet 16,” prepare for the graduation of our first child, and of course celebrate mom. I decided this year that I would not be writing a Mother’s Day newsletter article, not because it isn’t a worthy topic but because I have done it the last several years and wanted to try something new. So, at this point I will say Happy Mother’s Day to all the wonderful women of our church. We thank you for all your caring attention over the years and for crafting each of us into the people we are today!

Each year, my family participates in the Pilgrimage Beach Weekend over the Memorial Day weekend. This is a fun time for those individuals that have been to Pilgrimage and their families to enjoy a time of fellowship, study, and fun in a relaxed beach setting. North Carolina Presbyterian Pilgrimage is a powerful weekend retreat that I would highly encourage you to consider attending. This article is also not about attending Pilgrimage either, although you should!

We are all super busy and when we get busy, we forget things. Sometimes they are little things that don’t matter. Other times they are important things that can really gum up the works! I can’t tell you how many times in my life I have popped up in the middle of the night in a terror because I remembered I was about to miss a deadline or a payment. I want to talk to you about a third type of forgetfulness, and that is when we just fail to make something a priority or we fail to value it. Maybe we don’t do this intentionally, but it happens. For me, the true meaning of Memorial Day has been replaced with a beach trip. While this is a good Christian event, it keeps me from remembering the real importance of a Monday off.

Memorial Day was started just after the Civil War to remember and honor those who gave their lives in service to our country. It was designated as May 30th. From most of my digging it seems as if it was practiced by both Union and Confederate states and included decorating graves and important buildings on the day. It also seems as if it was called Decorating Day for a season of time. After the World Wars the holiday was transformed into a more general day, including all wars and service people, not just the Civil War. In 1970 Congress changed the date from May 30th to the last Monday in May. On that day we are to remember and give thanks those individuals that gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

In the Bible, especially the Old Testament, there are several instances of the Israelites making memorials to intentionally remember something that took place in a location or something God did for them. This Memorial Day I will be at the beach, but I will be intentional. I will take a moment to thank God for the freedoms we enjoy due to the hard work and sacrifices of others. Not just on Memorial Day but every day I encourage you to give thanks. Give thanks for the ways God has blessed you. Give thanks for the freedoms you enjoy each day. Give thanks for God’s guidance and direction in your life.

Family Matters

**Next Event For
PARENTS OF YOUNG ADULTS & YOUTH
Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 5:00
JPC Fellowship Hall**

Facilitator: Shannon Adcock, Clinical Psychologist, PhD Candidate

You are invited to attend/participate in a forum where these issues will be addressed:

ANXIETY - SOCIAL MEDIA INFLUENCE - BULLYING

LEISURE FELLOWSHIP

Please join Leisure Fellowship at 12:00 Thursday, May 19 in the Fellowship Hall for a delightful lunch and a program called Scambusters given by BBB of Eastern North Carolina. Please bring a dish to share.



Scambusters is a live presentation with real life interactions, emails, texts, web-site pop-ups, etc. Participants must determine if they are real or scams. Scambusters was originally intended to teach high school students to avoid scams but was so successful they started showing it to all ages.

I don't think you will want to miss this one. Please mark your calendars - we'll see you there.



**STEPHEN
MINISTRY**

A Good Word from Your JPC Stephen Ministry Team

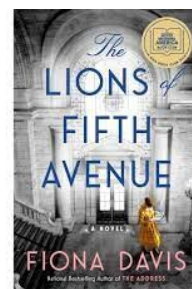
AFFECTION

The Hallmark store, groceries, Target, and dollar stores all fill aisles with tender, sweet, and amusing statements of affection and caring that we can share with others for a dollar or two plus postage. Sometimes the rightness of the printed sentiment coaxes us to do that very thing. Grant us, Lord, the insight and the voice, the impulse and the follow-through, to share our affection for others.

- 2 Peter 1:5-7

PASTOR JAY'S SPRING BOOK CLUB

Pastor Jay's 4 week book club 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.



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.

GIRL'S night out

Our next GNO outing will be the family friendly, free of charge kind! Girls of all ages come join this event! We'll meet at Wrenn Miller Park in Jamestown Friday, May 6th 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm for the first Music in the Park summer series featuring Dante's Roadhouse.

Dante's Roadhouse will be playing original songs and covers inspired by the golden age of rock; Neil Young, Grateful Dead, Rolling Stones, Allman Brothers, and Little Feat. Food trucks will be onsite too! Bring a chair, bring a blanket, bring a friend and join us for some fellowship with good music!

CLERK'S CORNER



Clerk's Corner

The Session of JPC will meet on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 for the April Stated meeting. Our schedule was revised due to the Easter holiday and several schedule conflicts. Below are a few announcements to share with you. Additional business for the month of April will be shared in the June newsletter.

- The Session met on Tuesday, April 12th for a Called Meeting for the purpose of welcoming new members. We are pleased to welcome Mr. Steven Stiles and Ms. Melita Robinson into membership. Please be sure to give them a warm JPC welcome when you see them at church.
- **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 is pleased to share that we are returning to serving our traditional Communion elements beginning May 1st. Communion kits will be available for those wishing to continue using them.
- Several of your elders are meeting monthly to pray for our church as a whole, for 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.

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

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

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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

Donation to Lane Pleasants Scholarship Fund
In memory of Marjory Lennihan, Ruth Clark's
sister, by
Jo Burroughs

Donation to JPC Music Fund
In memory of Tom Bucy, Patty Cone's brother, by
Jim & Darryl Ray

Donation to JPC Outreach Endowment Fund
In memory of Don Charters by
Louise Monroe

Donation to JPC Food Pantry Fund
In memory of Ellen Mitchell
In memory of Marjory Lennihan, Ruth Clark's sister,
by
Jo Brech

Donation to JPC Music Fund
In memory of Fred Ellas
In memory of Ellen Mitchell by
Cathy Durbin

LADIES MORNING CIRCLE

Monday, May 16, 11:30 AM the ladies of the Morning Circle will have their spring luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Everyone bring a dish to share and enjoy each other's company.



FROGS

FROGS will meet at the picnic shelter at JPC on **Sunday, May 1 at 5 pm.** Please join us for GaGa Ball and other fun games! Friends are welcome!



God loves you and so do I,
-Grammie Sammie

SAVE THE DATE

VBS

VBS is around the corner! All pre-K thru rising 5th graders are welcome to join us for VBS July 18- 21! More details will be forthcoming!

Dear Friends and Family at JPC,

I will never forget my first preaching Sunday as part of JPC staff. Jay and Erin had planned a few days away to celebrate a wedding anniversary on a cruise. I was to preach on Sunday Feb. 10. On Saturday night, Feb. 9, my dad died. I was trying to be stoic and said I would preach, but the folks from this church would not hear of it. I remember talking to Becky Brown and to Kerry Miller that Saturday night who told me to stay home. They said they would take care of everything on Sunday. And so it was done. I think Sammie did the sermon that Sunday, from what I heard, and God was worshiped and glorified! I learned that night that JPC takes care of her people. Probably one of the greatest strengths of this congregation is that they take good care of their pastors and staff, too!

In stepping down as your Parish Associate, I have had time to recall so many different times that people of this church have blessed me and my family. I will never forget, nor be able to thank you enough for the generous and loving ways you cared for both my mom and dad in my absence. It was hard living far away from our families when we lived in California and just as hard when we lived closer but still not close enough during our time in Illinois and Indiana. The folks here at JPC grew them and loved them through a lot of years. I don't think those who are unchurched will ever understand the value of a loving and caring church family.

I have loved getting to know many of you. We have shared times together in homes, in hospitals, on outings, in worship, on Session, in meetings and in studies together. That's a lot of caring and sharing over these last 3-plus years together. Thank-you for letting me be a part of your lives and your ministry.

I feel like God has brought me full circle in many ways. From California back to North Carolina where Art and I first met. From pharmacist to pastor. And today, April 27, 2022, as I write to you my thoughts on retirement, I also celebrate the anniversary of my Ordination. In so many ways God has been faithful to you and just as importantly through you.

I am reminded of a note I received from a friend on my Ordination:

"Don't forget to remember how far God has brought you,
Blessed you,
Provided for you,
Protected you, Favored you, And loved you!"
By Christine Caine



I thank-you for sharing your lives with me and letting me love you these last few years as Parish Associate. I am grateful for God in you and what I have learned from knowing you!

In Grace and Love,
Pastor Judy



Summer
Worship

We will begin our 10:00 am combined services on Sunday, May 29th in the Sanctuary. The following Sunday, June 5th, is Senior Sunday!

Going forward, as in years past, we will alternate between the Sanctuary and the CLC each week. As a reminder, there is no Sunday School during the summer months. Thanks!

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