



The JPC Monthly

March 2024

FROM PASTOR JAY

Busy, But Not Too Busy



March is here and before you read another article from me Lent and Easter will have come and gone. This is an exciting month in the life of Jamestown Presbyterian Church. Later in this newsletter you will find information on most of these things so I am just going to highlight them in passing and you can check the website, eblasts, and the pages of this fine publication.

Rise Against Hunger is one of the best events of the year in my opinion. Everyone is always so excited, and we accomplish so much in a short period of time. I just love how this church comes together for this event!

The very next week is the Outreach Yard Sale. It always amazes me how they find all the things that they sell and even more how much God blesses them with what they sell it for. It is not too late to donate and certainly not too late to mark your calendars to be there for the preview night and the rest of the week. Whether you are donating, volunteering or buying, we need you to make this event great!

Next up is Youth Sunday. After much debate we have decided to make this a combined service in the CLC. Even if this isn't your favorite style of worship, I really want to challenge you to come out and support the kids. They have been practicing 2 – 3 times a week to get ready for this service. This is also our first true youth service in many years. I am also excited that our own Jordan will be sharing the message. I really want to encourage you to be a part of this service.

As I expressed in my opening, we end the month with Easter. As has been the case in recent years we will offer three services on Easter Sunday morning. We will offer a sunrise service at 6:45 AM in the picnic shelter. This service will be informal— some people might even still have their pajamas on and we will not have communion. At 9AM we will meet in the CLC for our normal contemporary service and 11AM we will worship in the Sanctuary for our traditional service. We will have communion at both times. Each of these three services is a uniquely different way to celebrate the Resurrection. The flower cross will be available at all services.

That sure sounds like a lot of extra things going on at JPC. When you combine these with the other Lenten events I haven't even mentioned along with the normal weekly meetings and events, it seems like we could get caught up in the busyness of the month and forget the true meaning. Even if we are able to attend some or all of these things, it is easy to forget that for these 40 days we remember that Jesus was willing to complete God's plan for our justification and he allowed Himself to go to the cross for us.

Don't let the Lenten season pass you by. Take a few moments and spend some extra time with the Lord. You can read the story of Holy Week in the Bible and we can always find more time to pray. I want you to be a part of all of these events but more than that, I want to challenge you to draw closer to your heavenly Father these last days of Lent. I know in my personal life that when I am the busiest I allow for my time with God to be the area I cut time. It doesn't make sense does it? In the season when we remember and focus on God's willingness to sacrifice His Son on the cross we should not spend less time in His presence. Each of the things I listed can be a way to draw you closer to the Lord, even in fellowship and fun. At Rise Against Hunger we ring the gong after every 1000 meals but what if you took a moment and thanked God for some blessing each time it rang?

Before I go, I want to mention a few other events. Don't forget the Cantata on Maundy Thursday, the Easter Egg Hunt, the next Life Center Study, and all the other great opportunities at JPC this month. I close my article the same way each month and this way more than ever I mean it when I say, "See you in church!"



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 15th- 18th

Our own wonderful Alyssa Henry will be Vacation Bible School Director! We would love to have you join us. Put this date on your calendar and be on the lookout for a Sign Up Genius in the next few weeks. We will be looking for teachers as well as students so please consider helping out. There will even be an incentive to sign up early so get....ready.... to.... go.... to.... Nazareth, for VBS!

ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS!
PLEASANTS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS...are due in the church office by March 15, 2024. (This includes transcripts.) If you need an application or additional information, please contact Jen McNamara in the church office.



LEISURE FELLOWSHIP



Thursday, March 21, Leisure Fellowship will be going to an 11:30 am lunch at Seafood Shack, 2890 Darrow Road, Walkertown, NC. We will leave JPC at 11:00am and expect to return to JPC 1:30 pm-2:00 pm. Lunch will be on your own. There will be no charge for the bus on this trip; however, we need to know how many are going by Monday, March 11 so we can confirm the reservation. Please email Charlotte Griner at clgriner@earthlink.net or call/text her at 336 402-5001 if you would like to go. Also indicate if you will drive or would like to ride the JPC bus. We hope you can join us for this delicious meal and wonderful fellowship.

GNO

Join us to do a spring cleaning on the Hoy House before the Furniture Market. We will meet at the Joy House on Saturday, March 26 at 2:00 pm. We have all the cleaning supplies. Just bring yourself!
 Many hands make light work!



SAVE THE DATE!

CELEBRATE!!!

**October 5, 2024
 10 am—2 pm**



CLERK'S CORNER

The JPC Session met on February 20. We approved the 2023 annual statistical report that is filed with the General Assembly. After taking care of business, what a joy it was for me to sit around the table and hear all the wonderful things happening. JPC has a reputation for doing great things in our church and in our community. All the ministry teams are hard at work "making it happen."

The **CONGREGATIONAL CARE/CONNECTIONS TEAM** continues to seek new JPC members, send cards and prepare meals for those members who need them. Receptions and family meals continue after funerals as requested and members of this committee are always there when food is involved.

The **OPERATIONS TEAM: Admin** is preparing revisions of JPC operational manuals. **Property** continues, daily, taking care of repairs and general maintenance of our building. **Resource Management** has identified the 2024 audit team and reports that donations for Orange Feather have been good for the first two months of the year.

The **SERVICE TEAM** has just completed a blood drive and are now preparing for Rise Against Hunger and the JPC Yard Sale. Thanks for your support of all the **Service team** programs.

The **FAITH FORMATION TEAM: Christian Education** is preparing for VBS, outings and conferences for children and youth this summer. Bible study groups are going well, and the Life Study Program is off to a good start. **Worship** is planning for Lent, the Maundy Thursday Cantata and Easter services and activities. They are also working on the summer worship schedule.

There are so many things happening and so many ways for you to get involved. Watch for details on the JPC Yard Sale, Easter Sunrise Service, the Unknown Tour, Celebrate, and more. Be sure to sign up to help with offering and to be a greeter. We need your help, and we need your prayers.

Becky Brown
Clerk of Session

DONATIONS

Donation to JPC Music Fund

In memory of Joe Auman, Barbara Auman's son, by
Jo Brech
Jo Burroughs

Donation to JPC Lane Pleasants Fund

In memory of Lane by
Jo Brech

Donation to JPC Outreach Endowment Fund

In memory of Doris Porter by
Cecil & Pat Little

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In memory of Fred Hannah's father by
Cecil & Pat Little
Jim & Darryl Ray

Donation to JPC Congregational Concerns Fund

In honor of Betty McCray by
Jim & Darryl Ray

JPC KIDS AND YOUTH CORNER



JPP PRESCHOOL NEWS!

Happy March! We are so excited that Spring is around the corner! We cannot wait to play outside and have some fun! Registration is open for our 2024-2025 school year! Please let Mrs. Bolick know if you have any questions or need an application. Spaces are filling up quickly! We began our Easter study this week in Chapel. We are using Easter eggs to explore the story. We open 4 eggs each week at Chapel. We have talked about Jesus riding on a donkey, the cup at the Last Supper and Jesus praying in the garden. We will have our Very Important Picnics starting at the end of March where we invite the very important people in the students' lives to share a lunch with us. We are excited for this special day.

FROGS NEWS!

Our FROGS enjoyed Sparetime on February 18th with bowling, laser tag and arcade games! It is so much fun to see the bowlers improving their scores and the brotherhood that these boys are forming!



The FROGS will be participating in the Rise Against Hunger service project on March 10th from 4 to 6 pm.

Our POLYWOGS met February 25th to enjoy a movie together and make an Easter craft for our homebound members. We even got a little outdoor time on our playground since it was a beautiful day!

JPC's Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, March 16 at 11 am at the picnic shelter. A big thank you to the Monday morning women's circle who stuffed a lot of eggs for us!

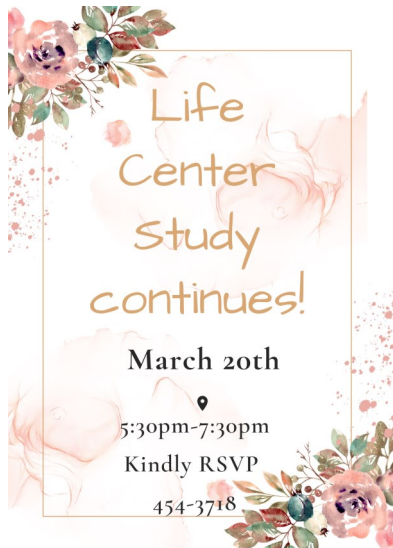
YOUTH GROUP

YOUTH NEWS!

Don't miss the fun! March 9th ParTee Shack! Meet us at 3712 S Holden Rd Greensboro, NC. 10AM for middle school 4PM for high school. For ages 13 years and under the price is \$12. For ages 13 years and over the price is \$15. YOUTH SUNDAY March 17th! 10:00am combined service in the CLC. Come and support the youth!

Ladies Morning Circle

The Ladies Morning Circle will meet on Monday, March 18th at 10:00 in Room 222. The Lesson from **The Women of the Bible: Life Changing Stories for Women Today** highlights Mary of Bethany. Also, we will discuss and continue plans to provide items for Barium Springs Orphanage. Come join us the day before "The First Day of Spring."



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, March 28th

7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Easter Sunday, March 31st

6:45 am Sunrise Service at Shelter

9:00 am Contemporary Service in the CLC

11:00 am Traditional Service in the Sanctuary

ORANGE FEATHER COMMUNITY SCHOOL

DONATIONS YEAR TO DATE:

\$1,051.79

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