



The JPC Monthly

June 3, 2025

THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR JAY

Summer is Here

June is a month of big changes. It starts to really get hot in June! High school seniors graduate and start the next chapter of their journey. Even children of every age look forward to the next grade level after a summer of fun. Houses go on the market. Erin and I walk our dogs in the evenings, and it is amazing in the last couple of weeks how many homes have popped up for sale just on our normal route. I also notice that people paint their homes, too. The trendy colors of HGTV are all over the neighborhood. People switch jobs. New model year cars come out at the end of the summer so lots of people take advantage of summer deals to change cars, too.



In the church there are things that happen as well. We worship in the combined style all summer. I always love this because it brings everyone together. I really want to encourage you to be a part of combined worship even in your “less than comfortable” worship style. The Church Nominating Committee is fast at work trying to discern who God is calling to serve our church as leaders. I would ask you to pray for them and for those they contact. God already knows who the next class of Elders will be, we do not. This is often uncomfortable and stressful. Lift this process in your daily prayer life until we come back with a slate of Elders.

Worship and Christian Ed are both working on new things for the fall and the next program year. This doesn't just magically happen. They meet all summer to get these things ready for you. I am not ready to fully reveal all of that just yet, but stay tuned for new opportunities for Study and fellowship on Sunday mornings and a concert and guest speaker sometime in the winter.

Families still need food and furniture. Outreach is always gathering, collecting, organizing, and distributing “stuff” all over town. You could be a part of that. Even if you can't carry a couch or if it isn't something you have done before, you can learn. We make sandwiches once a month for the homeless community. I am convinced that everyone can make a sandwich.

I was preparing for the College of Elders meeting and one of the items I listed on the agenda was, “We NEED YOU!” This is true not only of the Elders but of each of you. You have something to offer. Maybe you have a need. Let your church be part of the solution. I want to really challenge everyone to make an intentional effort to stay or become a real part of this community of faith this summer.

Whether it is trying new things/ways to serve or actually reading Romans, there IS something you can do! I promise that if you stay connected this summer you will look back in the fall and say, “I grew *in this way* by stepping out in faith this summer.” Here these words from Paul, not in Romans, but the fourth chapter of Philippians. “Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Have a great summer, but don't disappear on us! See you in Church!

APPRECIATION AND GRATITUDE

Barbara Koehler was instrumental in getting our garden started and keeping it going every season since it's beginning. She is relocating to Spain with her family where she will probably start another garden since Barbara always has a garden. JPC thanks you Barbara for your devotion to this important mission. We will really miss your guidance, help, and joy of life.



It's June already and we are harvesting asparagus, Swiss chard and bok choy and soon we'll have blueberries to enjoy. The summer crops are all planted! Think about tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, green beans and peppers.

Please join us Wednesday and Saturday at 9am to enjoy gardening and eating all these wonderful vegetables. We have a lot of fun while working together. Contact Nancy Seay at seaywhat7@aol.com with any questions. You are needed and valued on our gardening team!

Sauteed Swiss Chard

Ingredients:

2 bunches Swiss chard, about 1 pound
1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
2 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
¼ teaspoon sea salt, plus more to taste
Freshly ground black pepper
Lemon wedge, for squeezing



Instructions:

Slice the stems off the chard leaves and chop the stems into ¼-inch slices. Coarsely chop the leaves. Heat the oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add the chard stems and cook for 1 to 2 minutes, or until they begin to soften. Add the chard leaves, garlic, salt, and several grinds of pepper and sauté for 1 to 2 minutes, or until the leaves are wilted. Turn off the heat, squeeze a little lemon juice over the chard, and toss. Season to taste and serve.

Serves 4

Courtesy of www.loveandlemons.com



FLAG DAY

Saturday, June 14th

Flag Day is a national observance day honoring the adoption of our country's official flag on June 14, 1777.

LEISURE FELLOWSHIP

Please join Leisure Fellowship on Thursday, June 19 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a presentation by our very own Jay and Jordan Smith about their trip to France, England, and Germany. They will focus on important World War II sites they visited. It will be fun and interesting to hear their stories! Please bring a covered dish to share. We look forward to seeing you there!



Please join us each Sunday this summer at 10:00 am for Combined Worship!

June 8 CLC (Senior Sunday)

June 15 Sanctuary

June 22 CLC

June 29 CLC

July 6 Sanctuary

July 13 Sanctuary

July 20 CLC

July 27 Sanctuary

August 3 CLC

August 10 Sanctuary

August 17 CLC

August 24 Sanctuary

August 31 CLC (Labor Day Weekend)

JPC OUTREACH YARD SALE RESULTS

Our final total was just a little over \$13,500! I cannot thank all of you enough for stepping up and helping us to make this a successful fundraiser for Outreach. We'll be able to bless so many with the funds that we have raised. Many people were in and out helping in different ways - putting up tables, setting out hundreds of items, pricing, cleanup, and feeding the workers.

Thank you for serving and helping us reach so many!

Kim

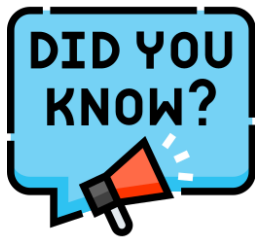


Looking for Buddies!

This fall JPC has 22 (and counting!) college students headed back to classes, some for the first time away from home. To help support them and let them know they may be gone but not forgotten, we have the College Buddy program. We match up a volunteer "buddy" with a student, and once a month the buddy sends a text, letter, or sometimes a little treat their way. It's a fun way to get to know a student you might not already know, and it's a lot of fun for the student to get a monthly surprise!



If you would be interested in participating as a buddy for a college student, please contact Julie Izaj (336-906-9217), Betty McCray (336-906-9958), or leave a message with Jen in the church office. Our volunteer buddies will get together after the combined service on August 17th to draw names and discover what student we each will have for the 2025-2026 school year. We hope you will be able to join in the fun!

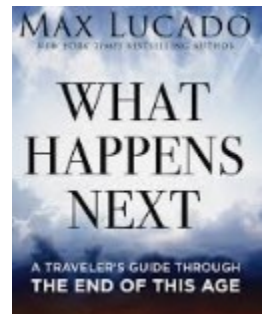


DID YOU KNOW.....

The Jamestown Presbyterian Church **Security Team** originated in 2014. The team was started by David Shelton and Charles Graham with oversight and input of Pastor Jay and Admin. The purpose of the Security Team is to be the eyes and ears of the Church and to safeguard its members and staff. The team also is prepared to assist those in distress (medical, fire, etc.). The original Security Team consisted of David, Charles, Pam Hjelmquist, James Brown and Doug Squires. Presently, the following members make up the team: Charles Graham (retired Federal Agent, U.S. Dept. of Justice), Scott King, Benji Schwartz and Dean Langfitt (Deputy Sheriff). If you have any questions, please contact Charles or another member of our team.

LADIES THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

AFRAID? Have you ever been fearful of studying the Book of Revelation? Be afraid no more! The Thursday Morning Bible study will begin WHAT HAPPENS NEXT: A Traveler's Guide Through the End of the Age by Max Lucado. It is suggested (but not mandated) that you purchase the hard cover book with this title and peruse it this summer in preparation for the class which will start September 26, 2025 at 9:30 in Room 222. (We recommend Thrift Books.com or Amazon.com who sell used books as well as new ones.) For additional information contact Vivien Carson or Clarajo Pleasants.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Cereal (family sized)
Syrup
Pancake mix
Rice
Beans
Fruit (canned or packs of individual cups)
Pasta sauce
Pasta
Tuna / chicken / salmon (canned)
Pop-tarts
Saltines
Peanut butter
Jelly
Cookies (family sized)

DONATIONS

A donation has been made in memory of

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