



# The JPC Monthly

## March 2026

### THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR JAY

#### To Be Young Again

As you may or may not know, I have been serving as a member of the team leading youth group since the first of the year. At the request of my children I attended Arise as a guest and was asked back twice to serve as a Spiritual Director of the retreat. It has been very interesting to be back in youth ministry in such an involved way. I was thinking about it the other day and I realized that the parents of the kids I am working with now could have been in my first youth groups!



30 years ago, I started seminary and I was placed in a field placement assignment in Aurora, Indiana. I remember the church and the tiny town. I remember that while I was there the town flooded (on the banks of the Ohio River) and our church was the center of operations for the Red Cross. As you can see in the photo, the church was on higher ground. It was a cute little town and a wonderful church. There were 4 kids in that congregation. It was a set of twins and two others. We had youth group right after lunch on Sunday before I headed back to school in Louisville. To show you what a different time it was, we once watched a movie in the youth room, and the parents came in to find all five of us asleep with the movie playing.



I was only in Indiana and Louisville for one year before transferring home to Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. While in Pittsburgh, I served two larger churches as a seminary intern for youth. In those days there were only two choices for seminary students, to go serve a tiny country church or to become an associate for youth. I chose to do both. I went to a large church about twenty minutes outside the city to be an associate for youth.

I served there for five years before Erin and I decided it was time to look for a solo pastorate. As I explained in the interviews I had with churches, I was tired of babysitting and body odor.



Over the next eight years, I helped with youth group when needed and even made my first trip to Montreat. As a solo pastor at a small church I was involved in just about everything. Youth group was fun and I enjoyed watching the kids grow in their knowledge of the Lord, but I was thankful that it was not my #1 priority.

When I moved to Jamestown as the Senior Pastor here at JPC I guess you could say that I was involved in the youth program but in a much different way. Since 2013 I have managed 5 different youth leaders and Associate Pastors, to a varying degree of success. The last four years I have been the male adult leader at Montreat.

I don't know if it is the difference in age or the perspective of being a parent, but working with the young people of this church has been a complete blessing. I am leading youth group lessons on Sunday night and hosting devotions at Chick-fil-A on Tuesdays. While they keep me on my toes they have been engaged in the discussion, and I can tell you that I am excited to go to Montreat this summer.

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I guess this is just the long way around of telling you that we have some amazing young people here at JPC. Last week they devoured scripture and then asked if we were doing the same thing again, not because they didn't like it but because they are hungry for God's Word. We also have some great adults. Both Christian Education Elders have attended youth on Sunday nights and parents have stepped up to help with fundraising for our summer trips. We have started the search for our next youth director. If you know of a great candidate contact Nancy Seay or me. Be thankful for the youth in our church because they are our future. I think the future looks very bright!

### 2026 PINE NEEDLE SALE

The Men of JPC are having our annual pine needle sale, which provides primary funding for outreach and mission works. The cost is **\$6.00** per bale, delivered. Payment due upon delivery. Cash or check accepted with checks payable to Men of JPC. Deliveries to be completed by March 14th.



To order, please use the following link, email [jpcmensgroup@gmail.com](mailto:jpcmensgroup@gmail.com) or call the office <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0F4DACAC22A31-61622077-jpcmen>. Thank you!

Louise Monroe sends tremendous thanks for the church's support during shoulder replacement surgery, before, after, and now in this time of healing. I was and am held up by the care, connection, and concern that came my way through meals, visits, my prayer shawl, and cards: such great assurance that this loving congregation prays faithfully for its church family. Thank you.



### EMAIL REMINDER!

As a quick reminder, please use the new staff email addresses previously provided (also located on the back of this newsletter) when reaching out to someone at the church.  
Thank you so much for your cooperation!



Year to Date Donations

**\$474.00**

Thank you for your  
generous support!

### College of Elders Meetings– Save the dates!

All elders and deacons are asked to attend the quarterly JPC College of Elders meetings. We ask that you make every effort to attend each meeting. Please note the remaining 2026 meeting dates:

~Sunday, May 31

~Sunday, August 30

~Sunday, November 29th



From Admin.:

JPCYTH

JPC Members & Friends: We want to announce that we are beginning the process of finding someone God has called to fill our open position of Director of Youth Ministries. We want to give you the first opportunity to consider someone that you might know. We will post this job on a wider basis the week of March 16th.

This is a part-time, hourly position and will require 20 hrs per week with reduced hours during the summer months. Attendance at the Contemporary Service and all summer camps and trips is required. The pay range for this position is in the range of \$20-\$25 per hour dependent upon experience and qualifications. For questions or to submit a resume please contact Nancy Seay at 336-580-3611 or [seaywhat7@aol.com](mailto:seaywhat7@aol.com).

### Scout Troop 5068 - Eagle Scout Project

Over the years, JPC has been blessed to be the recipient of several Eagle Scout projects from Troop 68. This year we have a project from Troop 5068, which is the girls' arm of Troop 68. Senior Maddie O'Brien built and installed a beautiful book library at the playground for children and teens. Regardless of if you have young readers at home, we invite you to take a look and note the thoughtful details that were put into the design of the library. We know everyone will enjoy this lovely addition for years to come!



HAPPY  
ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY





## OUTREACH YARD SALE March 18 – 21



<b>When:</b>	March 18 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm – 6:30pm (members & family) ***
	March 19 <sup>th</sup>	12:00pm - 6:00pm
	March 20 <sup>th</sup>	12:00pm - 6:00pm
	March 21 <sup>st</sup>	8:00am – 12:00pm

\*\*\*Early shopping day for JPC members, families and friends. Come join up for a chili dinner, fellowship, shop, purchase raffle tickets for a chance to win prizes from local business.

### How can you help?

- Donate new items, gift cards, gift baskets to the raffle
- Donate items to the yard sale. Household items, furniture, (no clothes except shoes, purses, coats)
- Come fellowship at the chili dinner and purchase raffle tickets
- Share with family and friends and come shop
- Raffle tickets will be sold on March 1st and March 8th after both services OR see an Outreach Committee Member
- All donations are tax deductible

**Raffle prizes:** Prizes from local businesses include Southern Roots, Blue Moon, Black Power, Gift baskets, and much more!

*All the money raised will be used to help people in need through such programs as our Food Pantry, partnership with Family Services and Church World Services and local schools. It is because of our generous church family that we can share God's love with our community and beyond.*

### JPC Outreach Committee

Peggy Maynard, Ellen Winnett, Pam Hjelmquist, Joanne Vitelli or Kim Schoepske  
~Reach out to a member with any questions, donations or to volunteer at the sale!~

**THANK YOU!**



## JPC Community Garden Kickoff Workday Saturday, March 21st

Come help in the garden from 10:00-12:00 after you shop at the JPC yards sale. We are looking forward to a great growing season in 2026. We have secured a bundle of free seeds from Cooperative Extension. Fruit plants have been ordered to expand the types of fruits we are growing. Muscadine grapes, blackberries and raspberries are being added to the existing blueberry plants.

We would love to welcome you to our enthusiastic group of gardeners! Questions: call or text Nancy Seay at 336-580-3611.

## HOLY WEEK AT JPC

### **Palm Sunday - Sunday, March 29th**

9:30 am Light breakfast treats and coffee (CLC)  
10:00 am Combined Service (CLC)

### **Maundy Thursday - Thursday, April 2nd**

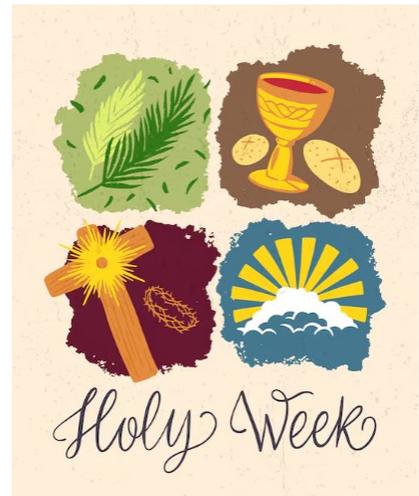
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Cantata (Sanctuary)

### **Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 4th**

10:00 am (rain or shine)

### **Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 5th**

6:45 am Sunrise Service (Shelter)  
9:00 am Contemporary Service (CLC)  
11:00 am Traditional Service (Sanctuary)



## **TWO EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES IN MARCH WITH LEISURE FELLOWSHIP!**

### **1. HIGH POINT THEATER: JOSEPH & THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT**

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM**

Leisure Fellowship is putting together a trip to High Point Theater to see **'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat'** on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. This Andrew Lloyd Webber dazzling retelling of the Biblical story of Joseph, his coat of many colors and his journey from dreamer to hero is a high-energy celebration of music, hope and forgiveness.

In order to get group tickets for \$22.00 each, we need a minimum of 10 people to attend - we already have 7 signed up and we would love to have as many as 20. You can either call Jen at the church or text Anne Barts (336-255-0809) to add your name to the list. We need to have confirmation and a check from you no later than **Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>**, in order to confirm our reservation. Please give your check to Jen in the JPC office. Hoping you will be able to join us!!!

### **2. SEAFOOD SHACK IN WALKERTOWN, NC: Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Meet at the church by 10:50 AM to board the bus and leave no later than 11:00 AM.**

Leisure Fellowship will re-visit one of our favorite places, the Seafood Shack in Walkertown, NC!!!

We will meet at the church and leave no later than 11:00 to drive the bus to Walkertown. You may also drive your own car if you wish. We should be back between 1:30 - 2:00 PM.

There will be no charge for the bus. Lunch will be on your own.

Please let us know if you can join us **no later than Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect. You can either call Jen at the church or text Anne Barts (336-255-0809) with the names of those you know who will be coming. Looking forward to some good seafood and good fellowship!!!

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### **JPC SESSION**

#### **Class of 2026**

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Becky Brown  
Nancy Seay  
Anne Wright  
Cam Tally

#### **Class of 2027**

Jim Gonsiewski  
Kirk Lesley  
Peggy Maynard  
Kerry Miller  
Jenny Rathjen  
Dick Whitt

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Evy Hazenberg  
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Rob Purdie  
Randy Stroud  
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