

JPC Monthly

HOLIDAY MARKET NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for raffle donations, volunteers and baked goods for our annual market from 8am – 2pm on Saturday, November 14th! All proceeds benefit the Outreach Christmas Angel Tree. There are lots of ways to volunteer! We hope you consider spending a few fun hours with us! Please contact the office with any questions, raffle donations, desire to volunteer, etc. To sign up for the bake sale, please see the following link:

[BAKE SALE](#)

Thank you so much!

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Can you believe we are into fall? We have planted broccoli, romaine, peas, collards, kale, carrots, spinach and Swiss chard. We used the \$25 gift certificate we won for coming in 2nd place in the High Point Food Alliance's Community Garden Contest to purchase plants and seeds. Soon we will begin clearing the summer plant debris.

We would like to welcome anyone interested in growing veggies for our community pantries and congregation. Welcome Janet King who has joined our gardening group. Call Nancy Seay for information at 336-580-3611.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Saturday, October 31 2:00 - 500 pm

We are super excited to be hosting this brand-new event here at JPC! We need all the help we can get to have the BEST Halloween fun in town! We will have popcorn, decorated cars filled with sweets, a bounce house, photo prop...

Adults and kids alike, don your costume, use your creativity and host a trunk (we need a lot of those!), greet our guests, help with parking... you name it! This is a great, new way for folks of all ages to be involved with meeting our neighbors. Please contact Peggy Maynard at peggymaynard@att.net or the office at office@jamestownprez.org to volunteer!

Please join us in making this Trunk or Treat a super memorable afternoon at JPC!

LEISURE FELLOWSHIP

Get a jump start on Christmas with Leisure Fellowship! On Thursday, October 15 at noon in the Fellowship Hall, we'll be turning ordinary white plastic coat hangers into beautiful snowflakes. These festive creations can be displayed indoors or outside and can be decorated to sparkle and shine- or left plain for a simple winter look. All materials will be provided, so bring yourself, maybe a friend, and a dish to share. No special crafting skills are needed- we'll have help and plenty of fun. Come enjoy good food, good friends, and a little Christmas spirit as we create something beautiful together!

VOLUNTEER

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

We are currently evaluating how we can redesign our JPC website and what we want it to look like. We've received input from several outside companies, but we feel that before making changes, we needed to find someone to maintain the new website. It is important to keep any website current with new activities, pictures, calendars, etc. Therefore, we would like to find someone to become the JPC webmaster!

Would you be interested in giving 3-5 hours of your time each month to do this? Do you know of anyone that might be interested? We would provide training to familiarize yourself with any new website. This just might be a fun way to help "behind the scenes" at JPC and give of your time and talents.

If you should have any questions or might be interested, please contact Kerry at: kajcmiller@gmail.com

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



This year's theme is "IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!" Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me." Matthew 19:14

Again this year, our JPC family will have the opportunity to fill Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes, which will be sent to children in 100 countries, and territories around the world. When you pack a shoebox, remember to include a "WOW" item, such as a doll, a soccer ball with pump or a stuffed animal. Other suggestions to go in your shoebox: toy cars, jump rope, toothbrush, sock, hairbrush, school supplies, coloring book & crayons. PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE: Soap, candy, toothpaste, gum, food, liquids or lotions & no war-related items.

As you pack a box or boxes, remember it will be an expression of God's love to a child and it may be the only gift he or she receives. Most important, pray for the child who will be receiving your specially filled shoebox. Shoeboxes will be out on Sunday, October 11th for you to pick up in the Sanctuary Narthex or the entrance of the CLC. SPECIAL NOTE: All shoeboxes are due back to the church NO later than November 15th, 2026. Contact Anne Wright with any questions!

Wayne and I would like to express how much we appreciate all the hard work that Kim Schoepske and the Outreach Committee did organizing and carrying out our fall yard sale September 2nd and 3rd. It was a huge undertaking, but over \$10,000 was raised to help people in need in this community. Wow!

Neighborhood people came and got some bargains, and some said they would come back to a service after seeing our friendly members in action. The money we made will be used to buy items for families that social services calls us about. Kim, Outreach, and the volunteers who showed up to help with the yard sale were following Jesus's call to care for our neighbors, and we couldn't be more proud of JPC for supporting this venture!

-Betty and Wayne McCray



From the Desk of Pastor Jay

Don't be afraid of change!

Change is sometimes scary. We tend to be afraid of new things and the unexpected. Some people handle change flawlessly and with excellence. I try to be one of those people but often I fail. We don't like when they change the ingredients in our favorite foods or when prices go up. A change in plans can throw the whole day off. When the doctor tells us to change our diet we don't like that much either.

Change happens all the time and we don't even realize it. The stock market changes multiple times a second when every trade happens and the values of stocks change. Our body changes without us knowing as our skin cells replace themselves every 28 - 40 days. It is the changes that we see or must participate in that give us consternation.

There is one constant, something that never changes. That is God. The Bible teaches that while life brings constant change, God and His character never change. God's nature, love, and truth remain completely steady. Malachi 3:6 says, "For I am the Lord, I change not". Hebrews 13:8 states that Jesus is "the same yesterday, and today, and forever," offering a stable anchor when life shifts. While God does not change, God is the author of change. God is the author of new beginnings. I don't know about you but that brings comfort and peace to me when I think about change. Ecclesiastes 3:1 explains that "to everything there is a season," giving permission for old chapters to end and new ones to begin. God often brings positive change and fresh starts. Isaiah 43:19 declares, "Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth".

Change can occur in individuals, families, and groups like the church. For individuals that profess Christ there is a change. Accepting faith in Christ creates a deep spiritual change. Second Corinthians 5:17 notes, "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come". Then we are called to see the world differently, act differently, and work for the kingdom of God. Romans 12:2 encourages believers to be "transformed by the renewing of your mind" rather than conforming to the world.

Why all this talk of change? Of course, the answer is work with the consulting firm Ministry Architects. I was thrilled with the participation from this congregation. I am excited for the future. But here comes the but, change is coming. How will we respond to that change? Will we resist, dig our heels in, and maybe even fight or will we be open to the work of the Spirit in this place? JPC is an amazing community of faith with great people doing spectacular things in the name of Jesus Christ. That is in no way a guarantee that this year isn't going to be uncomfortable! Be ok with that. Give honest feedback. Allow yourselves to volunteer and try new things as we live into what God is calling us to in this time and place. Change is good. Change is from God. Let's get started!

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