JPC Monthly

November 2026



TRUNK OR TREAT FUN

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We had our first HALLOWEEN Trunk or Treat! JPC was THE happening place to be that afternoon.

We had 20 vehicles lining the driveway and spilling into the upper parking lot; the aroma of fresh popcorn filled the air. The giggles and fun screams of the kids bouncing off some energy in the bouncy house were contagious. The fire department even sent over a fire truck and had to zoooooom off twice, lights flashing and sirens blaring to the delight of the littles! Costumes were worn by every age! It was impossible to count the number of people, but judging on the amount of candy each trunk went through, we probably had over 300 kids!

We let our trick-or-treating guests case their vote for their favorite vehicle. The Winner??? JPC youth! Their truck had an awesome hot lava game and face-painting!

Thank you to all who participated and made this a great success. Will we do it next year? SURE!
-Peggy Maynard





















Pastor Jay's November Message

Don't Forget to be Thankful!

The other night I got home late from some meetings at the church. Julia and I were on our own, so I stopped and got some fast food. I won't give any free advertising but let's just say that they have over 40 different flavors of milkshakes! We were starving. I sat down and divided the food and started eating mine right away. Julia looked at me and followed suit. What did I do? I forgot to be thankful! At our house we always say grace before a meal to thank God for providing for us.

It is easy to forget to be thankful. It is easy to get too busy to have time to be thankful. It is also easy to look at what someone else has going on in their life and be too envious to be thankful. Here is what the Bible tells us about being thankful:

Psalm 100:4 – 5 says, "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the LORD is good and His love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations."

Psalm 118:29 says, "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, His love endures forever."

Colossians 3:15 says, "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful."

I Thessalonians 5:18 says, "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Finally, Philippians 4:6 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

November is a busy month at JPC for many reasons. Children and adults alike are in full swing rehearsing for their Christmas performances. Pledge cards are coming in, and the Resource team is working hard to come up with a budget for 2027. Admin is fast at work on end of year things like reviews and new Elder training. Property continues to keep this place together. I should say here that they did a great job getting the elevator fixed for 25% of the original quote! Worship is busy planning all of the holiday services and to decorate the church for Christmas. Congregational Care keeps us fed and taken care of when there is a sickness or someone in the hospital. CE is in full swing and Michael is planning a Friendsgiving and a trip to Operation Christmas Child for the youth. Membership is actively pursuing visitors and working to make them feel welcome. Outreach is in their busiest time of year when we are blessed to help families with food, toys, and furniture depending on need.

Beyond Session there are tons of other things going on. This weekend is the Holiday Market and it is a great chance for our church to fellowship and welcome people into our facility. The JPC Men will help by providing pancakes! Next week we will be decorating the church for Christmas. We can't forget the work of the Implementation Team as the work with our consultants to make what we do at JPC even better.

It hardly seems possible that Advent is just 4 weeks away. With so much going on at church and the things in our personal lives it is easy to forget to be thankful. Be intentional. Take some time each day or maybe at the beginning or end of the week to reflect on the blessings you have received this day/week/month/year. Take time to thank God and others for the blessings they are in your life. Find some time to eat some turkey too! See you in church.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Market
Saturday, November 14th
8:00 - 2:00 pm (CLC)

Hanging of the Greens
Sunday, November 22nd at noon

Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 5th 8:3- 10:30 am (CLC)

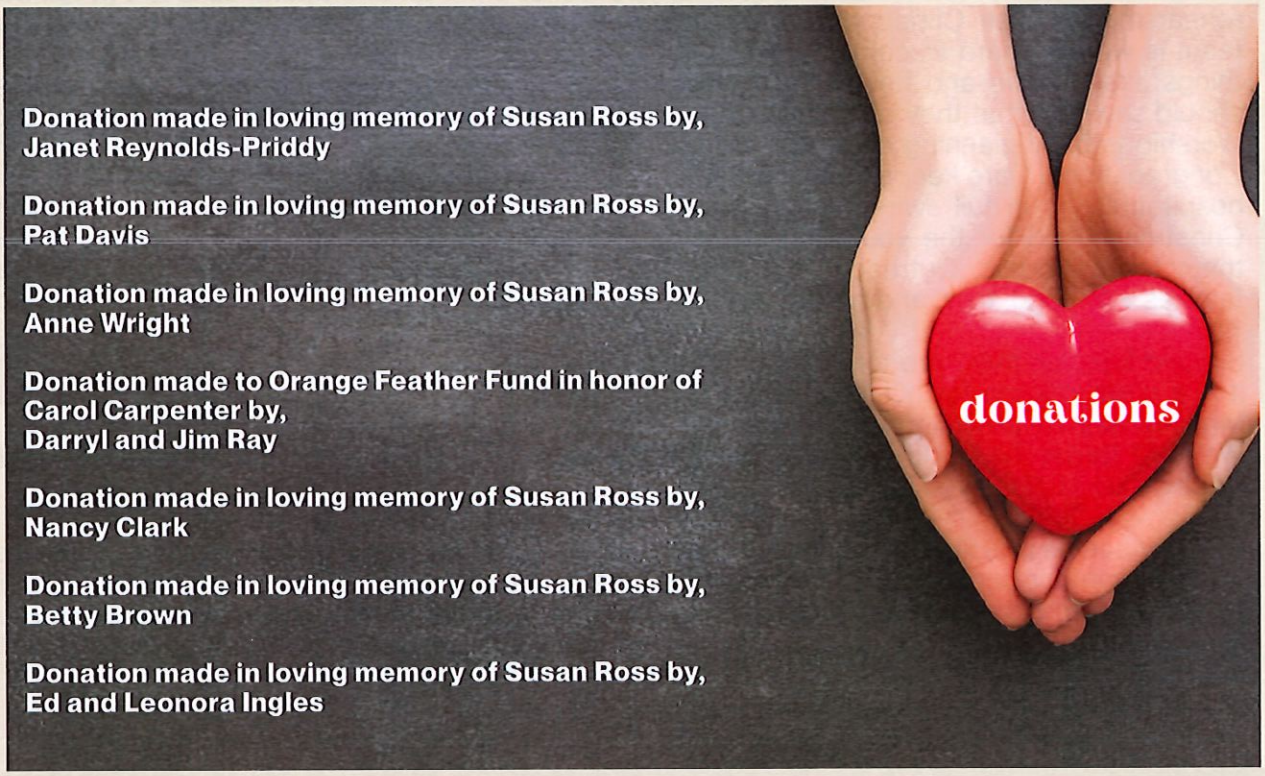
Christmas Cantata
Sunday, December 6th 9:00 and 11:00 am (Sanctuary)

Children's Christmas Program
Sunday, December 13th 9:00 and 11:00 am (CLC and Samctuary)

Preschool Cookies and Carols
Thursday, December 17th 10:30 am (CLC)

Christmas Eve Candlight Service
Thursday, December 24th 5:00 pm (CLC)

Combined Service
Sunday, December 27th 10:00 am (Sanctuary)



Donation made in loving memory of Susan Ross by,
Janet Reynolds-Priddy

Donation made in loving memory of Susan Ross by,
Pat Davis

Donation made in loving memory of Susan Ross by,
Anne Wright

Donation made to Orange Feather Fund in honor of
Carol Carpenter by,
Darryl and Jim Ray

Donation made in loving memory of Susan Ross by,
Nancy Clark

Donation made in loving memory of Susan Ross by,
Betty Brown

Donation made in loving memory of Susan Ross by,
Ed and Leonora Ingles



ANNOUNCEMENTS

LEISURE FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, November 19th
Tanglewood Park Festival of Lights
Please meet at JPC at 5:45 pm as we plan to depart at 6:00 pm. We will take the van; others may drive if they desire. We should be back by 8:30. If you are interested in this outing or have questions, contact Anne Barts at 336.255.0809 or ahlbarts1973@gmail.com

YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Mrs. Pumpkins
Talk to a JPC Youth or Michael Henry about ordering your delicious Mrs. Pumpkins! Order through November 15. Delivery date is November 21. This is fundraiser is for summer youth camp, youth conference and mission trip.

EVENING CIRCLE

We will meet November 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The study will be Chapter 3. Dale Flotkoetter and Kathy Decker are our devotions and study leaders and will provide the evening's refreshments. We hope you will join us!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Sunday, November 15th
Shoeboxes are DUE at the church. PLEASE remember, this Sunday is the last day to accept your filled shoeboxes, so please DON'T FORGET!!

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Hanging of the Greens will take place on Sunday, November 22 immediately after the 11:00 am service. A light lunch will be served by Congregational Life. Please contact Katie Heineman or Jim Gonsiewski with any questions.

Why We Give: Dick and Lou Whitt

For Dick and Lou Whitt, giving to the church is about more than making a financial contribution. It is a response to the blessings they have received throughout their lives and a way to share those blessings with others. They believe giving is simply the right thing to do,a meaningful expression of gratitude, faith, a desire to help others, and its Biblical. Their connection to Jamestown Presbyterian Church (JPC) reflects a journey of finding a church home, becoming part of a community, and recognizing the importance of helping ensure its future.

Dick and Lou visited JPC around the time of the church's 50th anniversary in 2016 and joined in 2020 just before the Covid shutdown. Their experience of finding a church home reinforced the importance of welcoming people who want to become involved, build relationships, and participate in the life of the church. Being part of a congregation is about small acts of kindness can have a lasting impact.

Their commitment also reflects a concern for the future of JPC. As the church considers how to engage members and reach new people, financial support helps sustain its mission and ministry. Giving is one way the Whitts can help ensure that the church continues to serve others and remains a welcoming place for future generations, it's about becoming part of a church family.

For the Whitts, that sense of community is an important reason to give. They believe the church has an opportunity to make a difference in people's lives through personal connections, outreach, and service. They see the value of helping peo establishing relationships with new members, and encouraging everyone t d a place where y can contribute.

For Dick and Lou, caring for others xtends beyond the church c mmunity. They believe JPC can put its faith into action by reaching out to neighbors and serving peop throughout the wider community. Outreach offers pract cal ways to share the blessings t ey have received—whether by offering support, meeting a local need, or helping someone feel see n and valued. They see this service beyond the church as an important part of JPC's mission and a meaningful way to build connections with people who may not yet have found a church home.

They also recognize that churches must continually look for ways to strengthen those connections. Mentoring new members, following up with visitors, improving communication, and creating opportunities for one-on-one relationships can help people feel that they truly belong. Ultimately, Dick and Lou's philosophy is grounded in gratitude. They recognize the blessings they have received and believe those blessings come with an opportunity and a responsibility to bless others. Whether through financial gifts, personal involvement, or acts of service, they want their contributions to make a difference.

Their example reminds us that supporting the church is not simply about the amount given. It is about the heart behind the gift and the desire to share what we have been given.

For Dick and Lou Whitt, giving is a way to live out their faith, strengthen their church family, and help ensure that Jamestown Presbyterian Church can continue doing meaningful work in the community for years to come.

JPC COMMUNITY GARDEN

Our plan is be able to harvest all winter. We are growing a beautiful crop of fall veggies including some we have not tried before: Chinese Cabbage, Bok Choi, Romaine Lettuce, as well as our favorites: Spinach, Swiss Chard, Kale and Collard Greens! With all these leafy greens we will be able to add some to the Thanksgiving boxes. We will winterize the irrigation and do some cleanup and harvesting. Please join us in celebration on November 14th afternoon after the Holiday Market and enjoy a snack with us. Thank you to all of the JPC faithful who help in the garden and distribute our produce! We have just completed our 8th year of providing fresh vegetables and fruit to those who need it.

The Holiday Market Trail

Shop Local • Celebrate Community • Share the Joy of Christmas

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 & SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 | 4 PM – 8 PM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 | 9 AM - 12 PM



SEDGEFIELD PRESBYTERIAN

4216 WAYNE RD
GREENSBORO, NC 27407

Shop Christmas decorations, wreaths and arrangements, unique gifts, original artwork, and local vendors. Enjoy coffee and sweet treats while exploring festive finds and exciting raffle items.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 | 8 AM–2 PM



JAMESTOWN PRESBYTERIAN

1804 GUILFORD COLLEGE RD
JAMESTOWN, NC 27282

Join us for a pancake breakfast, & browse wonderful local vendors, discover special gifts, and treat yourself to homemade goodies from the bake sale. A festive morning of food, shopping, raffle items, and fellowship!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14 | 8 AM–2 PM



HICKORY GROVE METHODIST

5959 HICKORY GROVE ROAD
GREENSBORO, NC 27409

Enjoy breakfast, holiday shopping, a festive Santa Village, delicious lunch, and beautiful music in the sanctuary. Something special for the whole family!

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SESSION

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Nancy Seay	Kerry Miller	Pam Hjelmquist
Anne Wright	Jenny Rathjen	Randy Stroud
Cam Tally	Dick Whitt	Ellen Winnett