



May 2024

THE SOURCE

Monthly Newsletter from Jackson First Presbyterian Church

“The devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers” Acts 2:42

PASTORS CORNER

Was scrolling through Facebook recently and saw a post about summer sermon series, which started several discussions in the comment section. One comment said they asked for congregation feedback, which got me wondering how you all would respond. Now I am not promising a sermon series but I am curious so please let me know:

What topics of our faith would you like to study?

For example: Jesus and capitalism? Is war ever just? What’s happening at this year’s General Assembly? (What is General Assembly?) What are *The Great Ends of the Church*? What about Jesus and?

Cards will be available to write your thoughts on in church Sunday morning or email the church office. Thank you!

WORSHIP @ JFPC

**VOLUNTEER
CELEBRATION DAY**

**May
5**

**THANK YOU
SO MUCH**


Join us for a joyous celebration of service and community at our Volunteer Celebration day on May 5th! Let's come together to honor the dedication and generosity of our volunteers who selflessly give their time and talents to support our church family.

BE SURE TO BE IN CHURCH EARLY MAY 12!

One of Jackie Livesay's piano students, senior Aria McGinty, will be playing one movement of Mozart's piano concerto #21 for our Gathering music. Aria will play the piano solo and Jackie will play the condensed orchestra part. It ought to be great! The rest of the music of May 12 will be Jackie and Wendy on piano duets on the two beautiful Steinway pianos in our sanctuary.



Pentecost Sunday is the day we celebrate the birthday of the church and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Red symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit and the burning love of God. Therefore, it is the liturgical color of the day. Wear red May 19th and join in the celebration.



Is someone
graduating in
your family? Let
us know so we
can celebrate
them on
Graduation
Sunday!
June 2nd

Send photos of your graduate to jxnfpmedia@gmail.com

Do you have a student graduating this year? Please contact either the church office or Lori Tate with the details. We want to be able to celebrate their success on June 2nd during the worship service.



CHURCH IN THE PARK

JULY 14
10am
Cascades Park

On Sunday, July 14th, worship service will be held Church in the Park style! Join us on the north side of the hill in Cascades/Sparks Park, near the amphitheater. You are welcome to either bring a lawn chair or blanket and sit on the hill to worship, or stay in your car and tune your radio to AM 1700 to listen. More details to follow.

SAVE THE DATES:

August 11 - Church in the Parking Lot

August 18 - Blessing of the Backpacks

MISSION & SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



around the corner

AT JFPC

First Fruits Sunday

FIRST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH

**Bring canned goods and
non-perishable items to help stock
the local food pantry**

It's time once again for our monthly canned food collection. Help us support Immanuel Lutheran Church's food pantry by bringing in canned goods and non-perishable items on May 5th. We collect items throughout the week as well if you are not able to make Sunday's service.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED MAY 23rd

NorthEast Elementary & True Community Credit Union Reality Fair

Northeast Elementary Fifth Graders will be participating in the True Community Credit Union Reality Fair, which teaches real life financial awareness to kids. The school needs 12 volunteers to staff tables for the fair. It's very easy and fun, anyone can help. The date is May 23rd from 11-3:15. The Credit Union will provide lunch. Let Karen Meyers know if you are interested in volunteering at 517-581-1217 or 241meyers@gmail.com.



NORTHEAST ELEMENTARY

Community Closet

JFPC partners with Northeast to help stock their "closet" with items a student might need during a school day. Things from personal care products, clothing, shoes/boots, and coats.



Along with the library, JFPC is partnering with Northeast elementary to provide extra clothes, personal products, and backpacks for the students. Contact Karen Meyers with any questions!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP

**1st & 3rd Saturdays
8:30-9:30am**

1st Saturday at the church

**3rd Saturday at
Vista Grande Villa**



Contact:

Kurt Rudolph, John Vanderpool, Randy Herrick, or the church office

Please join us on May 4th and May 18th for Men's Breakfast and Bible Study! The 4th will be held at the church in the small dining room, while the 18th will be held at Vista Grande Villa, both from 8:30am - 9:30am. Contact Kurt Rudolph, John Vanderpool, or Randy Herrick with any questions!

SUMMER ART CAMP - June 18th - 20th, 2024



5th-12th grades

Summer Art Camp

"color my world"

June 18, 19 & 20
6-8:30 pm @ JFPC

save the dates

Do you have children in middle or high school looking for fun summer activities to do? Join us June 18th through June 20th for a summer art camp! We will be using Scripture to paint and eventually create a large mural for the church. See Lori for more details.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Thank you for your support at the close of last year and your continued support in 2024! Your giving continues to be on track with our projections! At the end of the first quarter of the year we have adjusted giving of \$50,805.56 compared to our budget of \$51,250. We have had 3 gifts from IRAs so far this year that provide a tax benefit to our givers. This is something that others may wish to consider. If you have questions, please contact your financial advisor, or Kurt Rudolph.

Scholarship Applications

deadline: June 30

jacksonfirstpres.com/scholarship



If you prefer a digital copy of the scholarship packet, please follow the link:
jacksonfirstpres.com/scholarship

The Presbyterian Mission Agency scholarship program.

PC(USA) church members seeking a first associate or bachelor's degree and attending an accredited college or university in the United States full-time in 2024–25 are eligible to apply for scholarships. Learn more: <https://hubs.ly/Q02rJSvmo> #PCUSA #Scholarship #FinancialAid

Walking the Path to Health

It's Back for May and June Register and pick up a free calendar in the Narthex before or after worship today or April 28 from Lisa Rudolph. Turn in your completed calendar to Lisa or the church office by Tuesday July 9th to be entered into a drawing for a gift card.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank You Northeast Library volunteers

The end of the school year is fast approaching and we wanted to take the time to thank you for the awesome job you have done this year. Your faithful dedication to the school is very much appreciated.

DEACONS

Your quiet presence, delivering flowers, sending cards, claiming and visiting our shut ins and those in need may seamlessly happen and outside of our view, but we know and appreciate the importance of all you do. Thank you so much for all you do.

THE PRESBY RINGERS

Last Sunday, April 28, 2024, we honored the Presby Ringers as they played for worship for the last time this season. This dedicated group of Christian musicians meets for

rehearsal weekly and plays in church about every 7 weeks. We thank ringers John Wilcox, Shelley Hirsch, Skye Hirsch, Chris Lake, Chris Prokos, Florence Guidinger, Katie Meyers, Karen Meyers, Tara Rule, Teri Jo Rule, Carole Loll and Jean Herrick.

There is a lot of equipment to ring bells and we thank our "roadies" who help lift and tote the tables, bells, pads, etc.; Doug Meyers and Randy Herrick.

If you would like to be a bell ringer, we will reconvene in the latter part of September. It's very helpful to be able to read music. Please talk to Wendy Treacher if you are interested in joining this wonderful group!

Prayers for this week

- For peace and justice throughout the world.
- Continued prayers for Brenda, as she will undergo another surgery.
- Prayers for Larry and Ed.
- Prayers for a fast recovery for Barb.
- Traveling mercies for Phil.
- Thanks for a good report for Stephen.
- Thanks for successful surgery for Steve.
- For my son, who is making life decisions for his uncle.
- For success in the work of the PNC.
- For my dad who is still struggling to find employment.
- Relaxation for teens and others facing anxiety issues.
- Ease for those buying, selling, and moving.
- Thanks be to God for finally getting a home!
- Prayers for those grieving the loss of someone special.
- Help for those dealing with tornado, flood, or fire damage.
- Prayers of thanksgiving for Jackie!
- For Judy, may her back surgery be successful and may she heal quickly.
- For the family of Agness, as she is fighting for her life after a serious fall.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - 8am - 2pm

Tuesday - 8am - 10:30am

Wednesday - 8am - 10am

Thursday - 2:30 - 5pm

Friday - 11am - 2:30pm

Reverend Ruthanne typically works remotely on Monday, Tuesday and is available via phone email or text. She is in Jackson on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Fridays are her Sabbath day.