

Jackson's First Presbyterian Church

Weekly Newsletter The Force November 7, 2022



During worship on November 13th we will honor Veterans.
Please submit Veteran photos to jxnfpmedia@gmail.com

“A Note from Our Pastor”:

During the month of October, the Session asked for your input regarding a *Welcoming Statement*. If you recall, they were considering adopting a statement for the church. At their October 26th meeting, they reviewed all the comments, suggestions and input they received. After much discussion the Session decided to form a small work group to look at the *welcoming statements* of other Presbyterian Churches and work with your suggestions to modify or re-write the statement. They will present their findings at the next session meeting. In good Presbyterian form, they formed a committee to ensure this work is done decently and in order. Stay tuned for future updates.

– Ruthanne

A Note from Zoe- Update on Saturday's Visioning

Over 60 people from Westminster and Jackson First came together for a work session focused on imagining the future we might have together. Hearing the history of our community and our churches, listing the things we are proud of and sorry about in our churches today, understanding the perspectives of community leaders about concerns which need to be addressed, we heard both data and stories. Then, after a lunch time fill up, we jumped on our carpet or started our engines and began dreaming of a future together. Flip chart sheets covered the windows in the Fellowship Hall as we voted on our prouds and sorries, and visions for future projects.

Several ideas focused on the various needs of young children and single moms: affordable housing, subsidized daycare, third shift childcare, a streamlined process for affordable housing financial support, extra volunteer support to help students achieve grade level reading proficiency. Best of all, we realized that we share interest in several of these areas of concern.

This week our pastors, Karen and Ruthanne, will be meeting with Lake Michigan Presbytery and Committee on Ministry representatives to learn about the next steps for moving forward. Our hope is that decisions will be made by both congregations by the end of the year. As we know more, we will share more. Thanks to all who helped make this a successful day!

– Zoe

Prayers of the People - 11/6/2022

Lord, listen to the prayers of your people...

- ◆ Continued prayers for Rick and Joy.
 - ◆ Prayers for Howard's 84 year old kidneys to make a good come back!
 - ◆ Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine as they continue to fight for the independence of their country. It is starting to get cold and many have no power because of damage to their power structure.
 - ◆ Please pray for everyone who is remembering the loss of someone they love this year.
 - ◆ Please pray for those facing changes in their lives. May they find that even though change can feel scary it can also bring new and exciting things into their lives.
 - ◆ Prayers for a man's appointment in Ann Arbor.
 - ◆ Prayers for a family who may be needing meals.
 - ◆ Prayers for a man with lung cancer.
 - ◆ Prayers for a man who appears to have given up.
 - ◆ A thank you for our lovely fall!
 - ◆ Prayers for a former neighbor's daughter who died a week ago. She was a classmate of our son. Comfort, peace and love surround their family as they mourn this loss.
 - ◆ Prayers for Violet's continued recovery with no complications.
 - ◆ Prayers for my niece in Ohio who is struggling with the effects of cancer treatment.
 - ◆ Prayers for John.
 - ◆ Pray for Myra as she continues treatment for cancer.
 - ◆ Prayers for a dear friend hustling to move to a new condo out of state before the snow flies. Calm her and be with her in this overwhelming task. May all go smoothly. God be with and bless her!
 - ◆ Prayers for safe travel for Chris.
 - ◆ Prayers for peace and justice throughout the world.
- ...Lord, hear our prayers

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!!!

- ◆ Thank you to Bill & Carole for getting the bulbs and Bill for planting them for us after Sunday's All Saints Day Service.
- ◆ Thank you to all who gave up their Saturday to spend the day thinking about and preparing for the future of JFPC.
- ◆ Thank you to Pat and Bill for handling much of the day's kitchen details, for the most part freeing participants to focus more fully on the visioning.
- ◆ Thank you to all those from JFPC and WPC who worked behind the scenes to make the day happen.

Helpers Needed on Sunday, November 20th - The season of Advent will be here before we know it, even though we still haven't had our Thanksgiving dinner! Getting the church ready for this beautiful season is a big job and takes many hands. If you would like to help, plan on meeting after church in the sanctuary, November 20th.

We will be hanging greens in the sanctuary and putting wreaths on doors. There may be some other small things to be done. Usually the whole process takes about an hour if we have enough helpers. November 27th is the first Sunday of Advent so we want to be ready! Come join in the fun!



Divine Artist Concert Series

Christmas Harps Concert

Deidreanna and Acacia Potter



Sunday, December 4, 2022 • 3:00 P.M.

No admission charge

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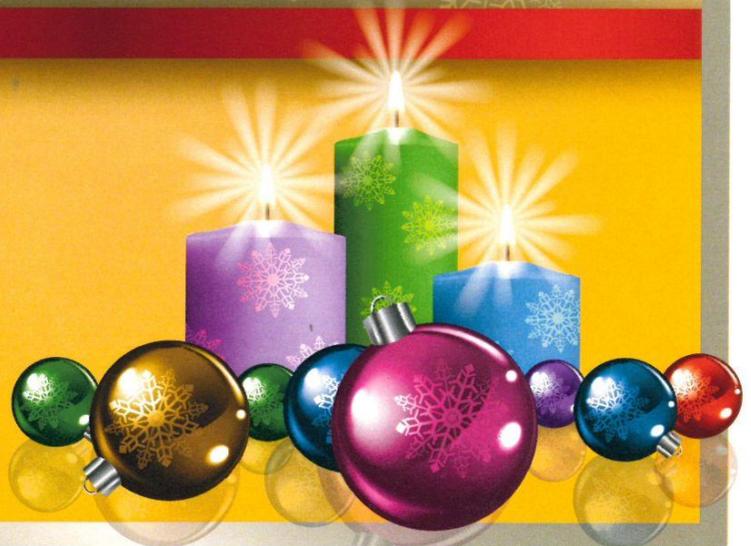
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How Can You Help?

We will be collecting new and gently used toys through December 10th for the Priceless Gift Toy Store! There are many other ways to help, too! Help Prepare: (at *Isaiah's Hub/Maker's Space*, located at 730 Tomlinson St., Jackson, MI 49203 from 11/2–12/14, Tues., Thur. & Sat. 10am-3pm.)

1. Collect and clean toys
2. Donate supplies: Zipper type bags (all sizes), blanket zipper bags, batteries, baby wipes, eraser type sponges, paper lawn & leaf bags.
4. Provide lunch for volunteers on Tuesdays.
5. Dress dolls and style their hair.
6. Wash stuffed animals.
7. Donate personal hygiene items: shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothbrushes, tooth paste, washcloths, dental floss, shavers, toilet paper, etc.

Participate: Join us from 11/25–12/15 at the Toy Store inside *Isaiah's Hub/Maker's Space*, located at 730 Tomlinson St., Jackson, MI 49203

1. Organize your church or group to staff one of the 11 open toy store days.
2. Provide lunch for the volunteers one day.
3. Drive shoppers home with their treasures (background check required).
4. Help parents shop.
5. Keep shelves full and organized.
6. Help maintain a loving, cheerful atmosphere that represents Jesus' love for our community.
7. Break down empty boxes & recycle.
8. Help take down and pack away the store until next year.

Any questions? Please call 517-740-8444

*****Revised Finance Committee Monthly Reporting*****

Monthly Reporting - September

Envelope Income	Monthly	YTD
Budget	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 180,000.00
Actual	\$15,811.62	\$142,113.54 * adjusted for 1x giving
Profit/Loss	Monthly	YTD
Income		\$252,899.80 * adjusted for 1x giving
Expenditures		<u>\$295,199.56</u> * adjusted for capital & 1x
expenses and obligations		
Net		(\$42, 299.77)

Volunteers Needed - Sign up on the Triad in the Narthex, or contact the church office for more information. ♦ Sunday Morning Office Volunteers ♦ Greeters ♦ Ushers ♦ Fellowship Hosts ♦

Music for Upcoming Services -

November 13 – The Presby Ringers

November 20 – Jackie Livesay and Wendy Treacher, duo pianos

November 27 – The Chancel Choir



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Need a Ride? – If you need help with transportation, please call Elder Linda Taylor (Care of Members Committee) and she will help you find one. Linda can be reached at 517.787.6957. Also, if you like to be a driver, please contact Linda.

The Mission Statement of Jackson's First Presbyterian Church: *The First Presbyterian Church of Jackson, Michigan has been called to God to worship, learn and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ; to minister to the needs of the congregation and community; and to support worldwide programs of the church.*

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