

November, 2019 Newsletter



Jonesville First Presbyterian Church

Letter from the Pastor

Each of you has been blessed with one of God's many wonderful gifts to be used in the service of others. So use your gift well. – 1 Peter 4:10 (CEV)

It's November! That means "Stewardship Month." Traditionally, that means it's time to talk about money. At Jonesville First Presbyterian Church, it means that it's time to talk about giving – of our time, talents, and yes, also money. It's a time to reflect upon priorities – in our lives, in our scheduling, in our church programming, and in our budgets.

In today's world it's easy to get so distracted by the busy-ness of living that we can overlook what our habits, spending, attitudes, and schedules say about what matters most to us. I once heard a pastor say, "Show me your checkbook and I'll tell you where your heart is." I don't think that's necessarily true anymore with today's costs of living and many of us not having a discretionary income, but his point is well taken. What do we prioritize with our resources? What difference does sharing what we have (whether time, or passions, or financial resources) make in our lives and in the lives of others?

This November we'll be hearing from different church members each week in worship who will share with us the ways and the reasons they give – of their time, of their gifts, of their resources, and of their finances. We'll be asking members to prayerfully consider how and what they would like to gift to the church in the upcoming year, and we'll craft our 2020 budget accordingly. We'll receive financial pledges on the first Sunday in Advent, December 1.

As we consider what "Stewardship" means to each of us, I invite you to reflect on the many ministries and programs JFPC offers, and which are important to you. Maybe you value the coffee house and the outreach that happens there. Or perhaps you enjoy the beautiful flowers and the memorial garden on JFPC's property. You might find you value our worship services with vibrant music and challenging messages. Your children might benefit from our Sunday School, VBS, and Youth programs. Or perhaps fellowship or educational opportunities are more your thing. All of these need resources, people, and funding to continue to grow.

As you ponder what gifts God has blessed you with, we invite you to prayerfully consider how those gifts may be used in the service of others here at JFPC.

Faithfully Yours,

Pastor Lynne

Phase 2 Update

By now, you may have seen the roofing work completed over the Fellowship Hall. You might be wondering where things stand with Phase 2 of our Capital Campaign to fund that project and others.

Jonesville First Presbyterian Church is a congregation that has been blessed with leadership that takes Stewardship very seriously. Out of concern for the financial health of our church, the Session of JFPC has decided to wait until the new year to launch Phase 2 of our capital campaign. However, some projects have been completed out of necessity prior to the official campaign start. The Fellowship roof is one of those projects. This essential work was completed at the cost of \$34,020.

Although Phase 2 won't formally be introduced until 2020, you are certainly welcome to contribute to the roofing expense in 2019. Our very generous Knit Wits group has already contributed a sizeable donation toward that project, and with continued generosity from the congregation, we trust that sufficient funds will be raised to cover this necessity.

More information on Phase 2 will come in January.

Children's Shoebox Project

We will be collecting items for shoeboxes, cash contributions, and completed boxes until November 19. A list of allowed items can be found on the Church's bulletin board. Boxes will be packed on November 23 and delivered on November 24. Thank you for supporting this outreach project.



Calling All Young Adults/Families

JFPC is forming a new group for our young adults and families! An informal planning meeting took place to learn the hopes for this group. The consensus shows a deep need for a safe space for our young adults and families to find fellowship, friendship, and fun! This group will seek to plan monthly get-togethers. This may include family game nights, trips to ballgames/amusement parks, date nights, and more. The first event will be: Date Night at Hillsdale Brewing Co. 7pm on Saturday, Nov. 2

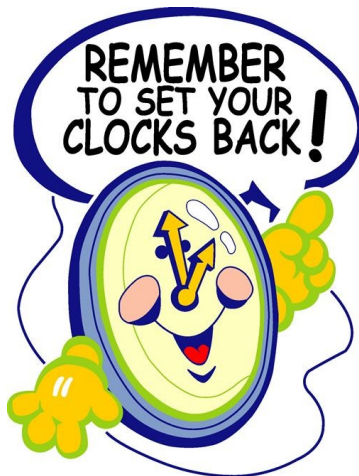
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!

The annual Christmas bazaar sponsored by the Knit Wits will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2019. World famous pickles, knitted items, baked goods, and gently used Christmas decorations will be for sale. Several vendors will also have their crafts for sale. Lunch will be available for a donation. If you would like to pre-order pickles, there is a sign-up sheet on the church bulletin board to place your order. See you at the bazaar!



November Birthdays and Anniversaries!

Saturday,
November 2,
2019 Daylight
Savings Time
ends! Set your
clocks back 1
hour!



- 3 Margaret Henthorne
- 5 Ron Baker
Larry Sheerer
- 7 Kim Suits
- 18 Tom & Laura Fiser
- 19 Kaelyn Breuklander
- 21 Melody Henthorne
Darin Young
Peyton Green
- 24 DeNell Nelson
- 25 LaVilla Gillespie
Drew Young

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Sun

Mon


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Sat

					1 <i>Urban Plunge-Youth</i>	2 <i>Urban Plunge-Youth</i> <i>7 pm Young Adult Group meets-Hillsdale Brewing Co.</i>
3 <i>10:30 Worship / Communion Noon-C E Mtg. 6 pm Holy Land Group Meets Urban Plunge-Youth CUT PICKLES</i>	4 <i>Holy Land Trip final payment is due!</i>	5	6 <i>5:30 Pack Pickles</i>	7	8	9
10	11 <i>5:15 GIG Mtg.</i>	12 <i>1:00 Take-A-Break; Spanglers 5:15 Worship</i>	13	14	15	16
17 <i>2-4 Youth Group Climb-Kalamazoo 6 pm Holy Land Trip Logistics Mtg. 6:30 Pub Theology-Saucy Dogs CUT PICKLES</i>	18	19 <i>6:30 Session</i>	20 <i>5:30 Pack Pickles</i>	21	22	23 <i>11:00 Pack shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child</i>
24	25	26	27	28 	29	30