

# The JPC Jubilee

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**Greetings** friends and members of Jacksonville Presbyterian Church! It's been about 20 years since we last had a church newsletter. I found four issues of that newsletter in an old file, and they're on a table in Fellowship Hall if anyone wants to check them out. Pastor Dana was a new minister then, and there are lots of photos you can look at. Carol Phillips wrote and published that newsletter, but when she moved to Arizona, no one took over the job.

A few months before Pastor Dana retired the session discussed the possibility of publishing a newsletter to share news, joys and concerns, the prayer list, and information. There just isn't enough time to share everything during the church service, and we hope this newsletter will help us stay connected as a congregation throughout our search for a new pastor.

Wendy Moluf and I volunteered to work on the project, but we'll be asking for your help. In addition to prayer concerns, we'd like to share joys and adventures – who's traveling where, who's celebrating anniversaries and birthdays and other events like births and reunions. We welcome your ideas. You can put your information and/or ideas in Wendy's or my mailboxes in the church office, speak to us in church, or send an email to [clerk@jacksonvillepc.org](mailto:clerk@jacksonvillepc.org). (We want to have a newsletter email, but it's not set up yet.)

A big thank you to Kathy Foran for creating our banner. Kathy also creates a lovely bulletin cover for us each week. We are so blessed to have her sharing her talents with our congregation.

We hope you enjoy our first issue. As we go along, we hope to add photos and new sections, but this is a start.

*~Judy Ross and Wendy Moluf*

## SEARCHING FOR A NEW PASTOR

What happens when a pastor retires? Just what is involved in the search for a new pastor, and how quickly can we get that done?

The church must follow the process established by the Presbyterian Church USA as administered by our presbytery, the Presbytery for Southern New Jersey. Before Pastor Dana retired, the presbytery appointed a representative to help us through this process. Our representative is the chair of the Committee on Ministry (COM), Wendy Frisby, who will guide us through the entire process. She attended a session meeting in the summer to speak to us and give us information.

Then our Worship and Pulpit Supply chairperson, Liz Braun, was permitted to secure pulpit supply preachers for at least the first two months after Pastor Dana's retirement. Liz had arranged the services of Jim Kraft for the first three Sundays and Paul Fenn for the fourth Sunday, not only for the first two months but for as long as we need them. We are blessed to have these two helping us through our time of transition. (cont. p. 2)

## 2024 SESSION MEMBERS

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Judy Ross     | Clerk of Session                            |
| JoAnn Banks   | Buildings & Grounds,<br>Christian Education |
| Bonnie Bauma  | Deacons Benevolence                         |
| Liz Braun     | Worship & Pulpit Supply                     |
| Warren George | Fellowship &<br>Visitation                  |
| Angela Hayes  | Mission                                     |
| Wendy Moluf   | Communications<br>& Technology              |
| Val Pagodin   | Elder                                       |
| Sandy Servan  | Elder                                       |



After Dana's retirement, the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry (COM) appoints a moderator for the session. At present, no moderator has been appointed for our session. We still held our September session meeting and shared committee and treasurers' reports; however, we will need a moderator to make and pass motions.

Once session has a moderator (who must be an ordained Presbyterian minister), we can begin the process of searching for a new pastor. **The first step is to conduct a mission study.** The session needs to appoint a Mission Study Committee (MSC) of 5-7 people, including one or two session members and the other members from the congregation. We will need 3-5 members of the congregation to serve on this committee. Not until the Mission Study is completed and the session and presbytery have reviewed and approved their report can we begin the actual search for a new pastor.

When the mission study is completed, the committee's report will be sent to session and to the COM for review and, ultimately, approval. Since we share a pastor with Oak Grove Presbyterian Church (OGPC), a mission study must also be completed by their MSC and approved by their session and the COM before we can move on to the next step.

**At this point, the COM will give permission for the congregations to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC).** For us, this will be a joint committee, having **representatives of both churches.** The members of the PNC need to be elected by the congregation at a congregational meeting.

Right now, the session can do little until we get a moderator. Doug Cramer, a member of the OGPC session, went to the presbytery offices last week. He talked to Kathy Dain, the new executive presbyter, about our situation, and she would like to meet with both sessions on October 28. We are hopeful that this meeting can help us speed this slow process along.

One thing we can do is line up the members of the Mission Study Committee so they can get started once everything else is in order. We cannot begin searching for a pastor until the mission studies are completed. We need volunteers from the congregation to be part of the Mission Study Committee. Please contact Liz Braun or Judy Ross if you are interested.

The search for a new pastor is not a quick process. We need prayer and patience and volunteers!

~Judy Ross,  
Clerk of Session

## 2024 CHURCH OFFICIALS

|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Tom Dickson      | Financial Secretary     |
| Jim Ross         | Treasurer               |
| Angela Hayes     | Treasurer in Training   |
| Sandy Servan     | Treasurer in Training   |
| Ellen Reside     | Deacons' Fund           |
|                  | Treasurer               |
| Maryanne Knutson | Organist/Choir Director |
| Carl Unkle       | Videographer            |
| Molly Kaldrovics | Custodian               |

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## OCTOBER CHURCH SERVICES

9:30 am Sunday

|            |  |
|------------|--|
| October 6  | Jim Kraft preaching<br><i>World Communion Sunday</i> |
| October 13 | Jim Kraft preaching                                  |
| October 20 | Jim Kraft preaching                                  |
| October 27 | Paul Fenn preaching                                  |

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

|            |                                 |
|------------|---------------------------------|
| October 6  | Peace & Global Witness Offering |
| October 21 | Session Meeting, 7:30 pm        |

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## HELP NEEDED!

We need several people to learn to operate our livestreaming equipment so that we can provide that service to our ill and shut-in members and those who now live far away. This is an important service that we provide.

Carl Unkle does a wonderful job, but he cannot be in church every Sunday. Karen Bennett is no longer available to substitute. Carl will be happy to train anyone who's interested in learning. Please contact him if you're interested.

[carlunkle@gmail.com](mailto:carlunkle@gmail.com)

## VBS 2024

### *Welcome to Breaker Rock Beach!*

Nine children and nine adult helpers took a week-long trip to Breaker Rock Beach this July to learn through games, songs, crafts and Bible lessons that God's truth never changes, and how to recognize God's truth in their everyday lives. Jacksonville Church was transformed through the hard work of JoAnn Banks and her volunteers to look like an island get-away. In this fun environment, the children learned that: Truth Comes from God, God's Plan is Best, Everyone Needs Jesus, Jesus is the Only Way, and how to Speak the Truth in Love. It was a wonderful time of learning and fun for all involved.



### **CHURCH CHOIR**

The church choir practices after the church services on Sundays. We are beginning to practice songs for the Christmas Cantata. The church choir is always happy to welcome new singers. If you are interested, contact Maryanne Knutson at [mycabeza2001@yahoo.com](mailto:mycabeza2001@yahoo.com) or just join us after church.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Every Sunday, children may go to Sunday School after the Young People's Message.

### **NOTICE!**

Mailboxes in the church office are being updated and relabeled. Make sure you are putting your notes and information in the right mailbox.

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### **SEPTEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING**

Our special offering to provide warm coats, boots, hats, gloves, etc for the **Native American children** on the reservation in SD netted \$1,840.00 for the Native American Heritage Association. Praise the Lord!!

## VIP

### OUR VISITORS FROM MALAWI

On Sunday, September 15, four gentlemen from Malawi who work with Villages in Partnership (VIP) joined us for our church service and shared their message about the many ways our continuing support and visits have helped them. VIP brought the team to the US for three weeks to visit the Specca's farm and to see first world life, church life, and technology. While here, Wellings Mwalabu (VIP Country Director) had eye surgery, which went well.

VIP funds and workers have dug wells and built schools and healthcare facilities as well as the demonstration farm. The Speccas, Dohertys, and Carl Unkle have visited Malawi to help and see what more is needed.

The photo to the right shows the team singing for us in thanks for our help. David Forpenz (VIP Demonstration Farm Manager) is front left; Wellings Mwalabu is mostly hidden behind him; Phillip Samuko (VIP Program Manager) is to the right of them; and Paul Bilayi (Irrigation Technician on the Demonstration Farm) is at the far right.



### ADULT BIBLE STUDY RESUMES

Adult Bible Study members recently met online to discuss continuation of the Wednesday evening study for the Fall. It was decided that we will begin a self-guided study of the Book of Hebrews on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:30 PM. Meetings are held online and anyone who wants to learn more about this less well-known chapter in the New Testament is welcome to join us. Please contact Wendy Moluf at 609-351-3668 (cell) or at [wmoluf@comcast.net](mailto:wmoluf@comcast.net) for more information or to sign up!



### PASTORAL SERVICES

Paul Fenn has kindly offered to provide pastoral services for anyone who needs them. Phone him at (609) 471-2273 or [pfenn03@verizon.net](mailto:pfenn03@verizon.net).



### THE FAIRY GOD SPINNER ACADEMY OF SPINNING & FIBER ARTS

Susan C. Makuka, "The Fairy God Spinner," holds classes in fiber arts twice a month, once in Fellowship Hall at our church and once at West Hill Manor (1114 Oxmead Road, Burlington, NJ). A master spinner, Susan is passionate about her art and craft and loves to talk about it. If you're interested, see her in church or email her at [begonia1953@hotmail.com](mailto:begonia1953@hotmail.com).

#### 2024 Meeting Schedule

|             |                 |        |
|-------------|-----------------|--------|
| October 6   | JPC             | 1-5 pm |
| October 20  | West Hill Manor | 1-4 pm |
| November 3  | JPC             | 1-5 pm |
| November 17 | West Hill Manor | 1-4 pm |
| December 8  | JPC             | 1-5 pm |
| December 15 | West Hill Manor | 1-4 pm |



## PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS

### OFFERING

The Prophet Zechariah had a vision for peace, for a world where each person — all ages, all genders and races, all nationalities — can live without hatred, enmity, fear, and destruction. In Zechariah's vision there is "a sowing of peace," where the world is restored, made whole, and abides in peace.

Peacemaking is central to the gospel and mission of the church. Peace is possible, and it starts with us sowing the seeds of peace in every interaction and decision we make.

The Peace and Global Witness Offering is one way we can begin to bring peace. This is the third of the four nationwide special offerings of the Presbyterian Church USA and is received on World Communion Sunday, October 6.

This offering is used for a wide variety of peacemaking efforts and is divided as follows: 50% to international peacemaking programs, 25% to peacemaking efforts within our region of the US, and 25% for a local peacemaking program chosen by the session. For the past few years, our session has given our portion to Providence House Domestic Violence Services.



### CHURCH FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Although income in July and August was less than expenses for those months, income for the year remains greater than expenses.

Treasurer Jim Ross, with session's approval, transferred funds from the TD Money Market fund to our CD, which pays 4.25% interest, much higher than the Money Market's .03% interest rate.

Building Fund Summary: As of September 30, a total of \$15,855.00 has been donated (JPC and Oak Grove) and \$12,478.04 has been spent.

## PRAYER LIST 9/14/24

*The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

**Philippians 4:6**

Beverly Baeder  
Tom and Nancy Dickson  
Bertha Kennedy  
Bob and Lora Ingling  
Charlie Swiernik  
Diane Haines  
Rose Lorenz  
Diana Curtis (Linda Hudson's aunt who had a serious fall)  
Emily McManus (Sandy Servan's niece who is fighting brain cancer)  
Steve Hancock (who has cancer)  
Heidi (having treatment for seizures)  
Albert Haines  
Mercedes (friend of Diane Haines, and her granddaughter, with a difficult family situation)  
Loretta, Bob, and Michael Atkinson (with ongoing health issues)  
Norman Horn (Roberta's son)  
Sean Lucas (a young man with a family, who is struggling with a brain tumor)  
Jessica  
Daniel  
Ann Gibbs and family

Please send prayer requests to Wendy Moluf at [wmoluf@comcast.net](mailto:wmoluf@comcast.net) or put your prayer requests in her church mailbox.



### SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP DAY

Springfield Township Day, scheduled for September 28, was canceled due to inclement weather. We'd still like to thank Angela Hayes for all the work she did preparing to take our display to the event. Let's hope for better weather next year!



### WANTED: NEWS & IDEAS FROM YOU!

Send your news — joys, birthdays and anniversaries, trips, surgeries, family events, etc. — and ideas for additions to our newsletter to

[clerk@jacksonvillepc.org](mailto:clerk@jacksonvillepc.org).

## **MORE MANSE REPAIRS NEEDED**

The replacement of the door and windows on the manse are only the beginning of the work that needs to be done.

After the rest of Dana and Karen's belongings are moved, the interior will need to be cleaned up and painted. Building & Grounds Chairperson JoAnn Banks is working on a complete list of work that will be needed.

One vital job will be working on the cellar/foundation. The manse does not have a sturdy cement or cinder block foundation. The brick work is old and leaky. A broken window into the cellar lets in additional water. Fixing these problems correctly will be expensive.

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## **DEACONS FUND**

The Board of Deacons was merged into the Session last year, but the Deacons Fund remains, now one of the church's funds (like the Building Fund). The Deacons Fund Offering is officially received the first Sunday of each month, but donations at any time are welcome.

Each month the Deacons Fund donates \$300.00 to the Christian Caring Center (CCC), \$100.00 to Bridge of Hope, and \$40.00 to World Vision to sponsor a child. The fund also provides Tom Dickson with \$85.00 most months to buy hoagies for the lunches we take once a month to the Christian Caring Center. When the CCC gives out food baskets at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas, a larger donation is made because of the increase in number of lunches needed.

The fund pays for various things for the church, such as flowers for Mother's Day and baptisms, food to fill the church emergency food pantry, and more.

In addition, the fund is available to help out church and community members and friends who need emergency help paying for such things as medication and utility bills.

Since Pastor Dana has retired, anyone needing such help should contact Ellen Reside at [reside-stout@comcast.net](mailto:reside-stout@comcast.net) or Judy Ross at [clerk@jacksonvillepc.org](mailto:clerk@jacksonvillepc.org).

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## **KITCHEN CLEANED!**

The next time you're in church, check out the kitchen. Building & Grounds Chairperson JoAnn Banks and Joyce Kowal did a spectacular job cleaning the kitchen. For two days they emptied cabinets, scrubbed from top to bottom, and reorganized the kitchen. It sparkles!

Note: There are some items on the table in Fellowship Hall which are available for anyone who wants them — a crockpot, electric roaster, canning jars, and more. Stop by and help yourself if you want anything there. Any remaining items will be donated.

A big thank you to JoAnn and Joyce for all their work!





**PASTOR DANA'S RETIREMENT  
LUNCHEON  
8/18/24**

On Sunday afternoon, August 18<sup>th</sup>, members of both Jacksonville and Oak Grove Presbyterian Churches gathered at Springfield Township Community Center to celebrate Pastor Dana Eglinton's 22 years of leadership.

Good food and fellowship were enjoyed by all, and Dana was presented with a sash and retirement gifts at the end of the celebration. The money contributed for his parting gift will help Dana and Karen get settled in their new home in Williamstown.



Thanks to all who organized and prepared food for the event and to all members and friends who generously contributed toward Dana's gift.

We will miss you Dana and Karen and send prayers for continued blessings in your retirement.

*I lift up my eyes to the hills —  
from where will come my help?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.*

**Psalm 121: 1-2**

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Some black & white printed copies of the newsletter will be available in church. We also hope to post it on our website.

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