



# The Joyful Noise

February 2021

Jackson Woods Presbyterian Church 10500 Stonewall Blvd Corpus Christi, 78410  
Sunday School – Adults 9:30 – 10:15 a.m. Fellowship Time 10:15 – 10:30 a.m.  
Morning Worship 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Nursery Provided

MISSION STATEMENT – Jackson Woods Presbyterian Church is an inviting Christ-centered fellowship. Bringing the message of God’s grace to this community through love, service and spiritual growth.

## **FROM THE PASTOR’S PEN**

### WORKING ON OUR TRADITIONS FOR A VIBRANT CHRISTIAN FAITH!

Does the above title roll off your tongue? Perhaps not, but then again this is not a sales pitch, but rather an exhortation to deeper Christian faith.

As we approach the one-year anniversary of the pandemic lockdown, most of us are keenly aware of how starkly things have changed in the past year.

Recently, I looked at some of my notes and files for the six months before the general COVID-19 lockdown. We had a lot going on for a small church during that time! But, alas, we were not well-positioned for the pandemic - perhaps to a greater extent than many other churches our size or larger.

You know, we hold the line on a lot of possible changes here at JWPC. Here’s a provocative question: Do we stand on tradition primarily because of historical and biblical Christian faith, or because of our personal and corporate comfort levels? Or, perhaps at times, for financial or political reasons?

Every church needs its treasured traditions. Our treasured traditions should reflect our living, breathing Christian faith. This faith should (of course) be based on the life, ministry, and teachings of Jesus. This type of tradition should take precedent over our traditions grounded more in our facilities, schedules, or worship formats (among other things).

So, with this in mind, are we praying daily for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us deeper into authentic Christian discipleship? Are we praying for Christ to guide us in every realm of life??

Hope so! Because we impact far more lives this way; and, as active, practicing Christian disciples, we are better positioned for unpredictable and chaotic times - like this past year!

Yours along the Journey,

Pastor Charles

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## -Prayers, Concerns and Statements of Faith-

Our prayers are with Ellen Young, recovering from recent surgery.

**Please keep Jerane McKinstry and her family in your prayers upon the passing of her son, Darren.**

Please pray for Kevin (Elayne's stepson). He is a nurse working with COVID patients in VA.

**Keep Audrey Burge in your prayers (health issues)**

Our prayers are with our previous nursery attendant Gracie Charles - open heart surgery recovery

**Continue to Pray for Paislie Rothlisberger; receiving treatment for Leukemia.**

Keep Scott Wilson, Elayne Robinson's son, in your prayers, he is undergoing treatment for prostate cancer.

**Pray for those affected by COVID-19! Remember to check on your neighbors!**

Keep Wendy Keach, David Mayo, and Ted Sanderfer in your prayers: Health concerns

**Pray for Warren Albrecht, and his continuing battle with ALS**

Our prayers are with Debbie & Ted's nephew, Seth Smith. Seth is back at work, but needs another kidney transplant soon.

**Pray for Dawn Flores, Vicki & Lee Brandon's daughter. She is receiving cancer treatment.**

Keep Paul & Ellen Young's granddaughter Amanda Surgent in your prayers

**Our prayers are with Dana Simpson, (return to kidney transplant list).**

Pray for Wendy Keach's Aunt Deborah Harmen: Lymphoma-cancer treatments

**Keep these students attending school in your prayers: Travis Ahrens & Michelle Hargrove; Tootsie's granddaughter, Crosby Anderson; Chase Dickson, Ray Hallgarth, Hadleigh Hight, Hollynn Hight, Nicholas Karagas (Kantalis), Casey Keach and Cori Steinagle (Dickson)**

Our prayers are with these members & friends: family and friends of Gwen's grandson Isdell Birnbaum; Ruth Einkauf, Beth & Jimmy Walker, Mickey Sikes, Suzi Baker; Raymond Tague, Marie Gray's son; Lucille Karagas (Mike's mother); Mark Frogge (Susann Whitmire); Jerane's grandchildren Harrison and Caitlyn; Marie Carter's son-in-law Billy Moore, and Nancy Burnett (Burwell & Ahrens).

**Pray for Those in Harm's Way - Military Service Personnel, First Responders, Healthcare Workers**

*Pray for the Coastal Bend Food Bank*

**Pray for our Session Elders**

*Pray for El Divino Salvador*



## MLFLC NEWS

### Valentine's Day Parties

The children will  
celebrate  
Valentine's Day  
with afternoon  
classroom parties on Friday,  
February 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm. Please  
check with your child's teacher for  
time and party goodies needed.



### HEALTHY HABITS



This month we will be  
learning about Healthy  
Habits. We are in the  
process of scheduling a  
visit from a special friend in Dr.  
Kennedy's office to talk to us about  
caring for our teeth.

**Current Enrollment: 55**



**Women's Morning Circle Bible Study February 16, Tuesday, 10–11:00.** All women are invited to join us the **third Tuesday of each month** as we spend this year with the study, Into the Light-Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament, by Lynn Miller. In January, we listened to what Bruce Springsteen had to say about lament in his song *My City of Ruins*. In February we will be at lesson #7 *Creation Laments*.

### January Outreach:

Outreach would like to thank all of you that helped with the Socks for Souls mission. The socks were donated to the local Good Samaritan who were very appreciative.

### February Outreach:

Session has approved outreach to look into a food pantry that the Boy Scouts are willing to build for the church. Outreach will be working on a plan to determine a way for all of us to take part. More info to come as we put the mission into motion.

### Souper Bowl:

We be collecting canned goods for our yearly Souper Bowl drive. The basket will be in the narthex for anyone that is wanting to participate.



The beauty of God's creation on display this month!

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Newsletter – The Joyful Noise

If you have any pictures or articles for the newsletter, please submit them to Jean Brown by the 26th of the month. [jbrown@calallen.org](mailto:jbrown@calallen.org)

JWPC Website [www.jwpc.org](http://www.jwpc.org)

If you have any pictures or suggestions for the website, please contact the church office

## Mission Presbytery Souper Bowl Smackdown is back for 2021!



The Smackdown aims to use the energy of the NFL's Super Bowl to mobilize our local churches in a united regional effort and a friendly competition to care for people in our local communities who are hungry and those in need.

Collecting ends:

Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

The champion will be the church that has the highest total number of food items and monetary donations per capita by Sunday, February 7, 2021. Last year's winner, First Presbyterian of El Campo, collected just over 48 cans per capita.

Last year, all together we collected an equivalent of over 64,000 cans total. So this year, we are also adding a Presbytery-wide goal. We want to collect an equivalent of over 100,000 cans all together.



Our Scout Troop was able to hold their year-end Court of Honor in the Scout Hut. There was lots of social distancing and masks. The real attraction was four fire rings set up outside to ward off the chilly 40+ degree weather.

**New Ruling Elders** We are pleased to welcome new Ruling Elders, Darrell Keach and Ellen Young. Darrell will be ordained in February. Ellen has been ordained and will be installed in February.



**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL**

We will begin a DVD series on the Miracles of Jesus. We meet in the Grace Room with masks and distancing. A good New Year's resolution...nurture your faith with a little help from your church community.

**JOHN KNOX RANCH** There are summer camp offerings for ages 3rd through 12th grade. Check the website [www.johnknoxranch.org](http://www.johnknoxranch.org) for details. Let's get some children and grandchildren to John Knox Ranch! This year we especially invite older siblings of our MLFLC children to experience JKR! ALL campers will receive camperships (\$100 Youth Special Fund + \$100 Presbyterian Women). Talk to Pastor Charles if you need a full scholarship.



Due to safety concerns, we will not have an imposition of ashes service this year. You will receive a Lenten Prayer card on February 14 to carry with you this Lent.



**Henry Owen, Director of JKR, is pleased to announce that the 2020 Light the Match campaign exceeded the \$400,000 goal. They actually received \$438,708! Thanks to all who donated.**

Mission Presbytery meets Saturday, March 6, via ZOOM videoconferencing.



MISSION PRESBYTERY  
BETTER TOGETHER

**BRUNCH CHURCH January 31**

Join us with masks in the Grace Room & Grace Room Hallway for individually wrapped muffins and pastries, juice, coffee and social distancing. 10:15-10:40 Brunch in Grace Room. 10:45-11:30 Worship in Sanctuary with Pastor Charles and Wendy



**From the Rainbow Room –**

Thank you so much for the wonderful donation of diapers, baby wipes, blankets, socks and underwear. The Girl Scouts and JWPC always come through for the less fortunate children that we serve at Child Protective Services. May God continue to bless everyone at Jackson Woods.



The new Clubhouse Climber being professionally assembled by Kristi and her faithful sidekick, Ray.

To the Congregation of Jackson Woods Presbyterian Church

From the McKinley's - Gwen, Roy, Jamie (Baglio), Robbyn (Birnbaum), Chris (Baglio),  
and the Birnbaum's - JR, Robbyn (McKinley), Gabe, Garrett, & Lauren (McKendell)

Dearest JWPC family,

We want to thank you for the cards, letters, phone calls, and words of condolence following the sudden passing last November of our precious Iz (“Izzy”) Birnbaum - beloved son, grandson, brother, nephew, cousin, brother-in-law, and friend.

Izzy was our gentle giant. Any who knew him found Izzy to be kind, generous, sincere, dedicated, and hard-working. Gregarious, Izzy always enjoyed time with friends and family. He especially cherished his “Mammaw” (Gwen McKinley – maternal grandmother) and “Poppu” (Dell Birnbaum – paternal grandfather).

We know by our faith that upon his last earthly breath, Iz was immediately in the arms of our Savior, at peace and overjoyed to reunite with loved ones gone before – finally free to run and play with his beloved pups and to hit up his maternal granddad (Bob McKinley) for a game of Uno or Farkel.

With our message of gratitude, we ask you all to stay healthy, take care of each other, and cherish your loved ones. At every opportunity, show your love and care, as we never know when God will call us home.

His abundant blessings,

The McKinley and Birnbaum families <><

Romans 15:13

Num. 6:24-26