



The Joyful Noise

July/August 2020

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

PANDEMIC-ED

If you are playing Scrabble (or planning to), I should say right away that the verb in this title does not exist. :) However, as we are all painfully aware by now, the noun very much exists, and has become one of the most common words in our lexicon. As one of my favorite humor writers, Lewis Grizzard, was fond of saying: *“Who would have thunk it?”* (He was famous for his word play and imagery).

Well, at the start of this year, we would not have “thunk” it. The pandemic has certainly wrecked chaos and tragedy upon so much of the world. And yet, for over half the world’s population, the virus is not among their chief concerns. That does not diminish the enormity of the pain and suffering caused by the virus, but rather it points to the suffering and tragedy of various types that is experienced by so many people in so many countries.

Most people who are able to take the time to study in-depth some of the major problems that produce suffering, say that many of these problems are preventable. Not ALL of them are preventable! (a key take-home message from our July 5th worship), and, the key level of prevention varies from the individual to the global level - and everywhere in-between.

This blog is not to point out how terrible a shape the world is in, but how we, as God’s people, are Called and empowered to make a difference on some level to help our neighbor (Remember *Luke 10*, and the parable of the Good Samaritan!). An overall look at global suffering can overwhelm us; a peek at individual suffering can (if we let the Holy Spirit move us) stir us to action.

Do you know of someone who has lost their job during this pandemic? Share some food and drink with them; or, if you’re able, a job or project.

Do you know someone whose mobility or cognition has significantly declined in the past year? Share a conversation, or an offer of a ride; or, whatever is most appropriate!

I talk a lot about Hope from the pulpit (and elsewhere); true Hope is something that Jesus provides in many different ways. How can we be the hands and feet of Christ today, and thus provide glimmers of godly Hope? May we pray for this direction, so that there might be at least slightly less suffering in the world tomorrow.

Yours along the Journey,
Pastor Charles

Sew N Social



We will meet on Saturday, Aug 1 at 9:30. We will practice social distancing and you can wear your mask. Our group is as much social as it is sewing and I think we all need the connection. If you have a project that you would like to share with our group, please bring it. We will discuss any upcoming projects for the group to work on.

-Prayers, Concerns and Statements of Faith-

Our prayers are for those affected by COVID-19! Remember to check on your neighbors! Mary Lois Fields Learning Center, Debbie Little's son Vance, Kirsten Schwirtlich's boyfriend Brett Baker

Keep Elayne Robinson, David Mayo and Ted Sanderfer in your prayers: Health concerns

Pray for Warren Albrecht, and his continuing battle with ALS

Keep Barbara and Warren's daughter, Brandie Nuckolls in your prayers. She has been diagnosed with stage 4 cervical cancer and is under treatment

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

Keep Rian Pope, Misty Sanderfer's brother in your prayers – Cancer.

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).

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

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

Our prayers are with these members & friends: Laurel Ross, an MLF student; 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 Search for Truth Mission

Pray for the Mary Lois Fields Learning Center

Pray for Community Presbyterian Church, Port Aransas

MLFLC- JULY NEWS



July 24th we will watch Epic and enjoy some popcorn.



Congratulations to all of our Graduates this year. We will not be able to host a graduation ceremony but would like to wish them the best and hope to hear back from all of them.

Thank you to church members who helped us quickly recover after the flooding in the gym. We feel blessed that we were able to have the Center open on time Monday morning.

Current enrollment: 50 +5 starting July 6th

August 2020



The theme for this month is I Am Wonderfully Made. The children will be learning the letter A and X numbers 1 and 2 and following instructions.

Chapel will be on Tuesdays and Thursday for classes 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14. The children will listen to stories from the bible and learn new songs.



Last movie for the summer will be Ratatouille on August 14th.

Children will enjoy a snowcone on August 14th by Kona Ice at 2:30p.m.



Women's Morning Circle Bible Study

On August 18, Tuesday, 10:00-11:00 AM we begin the 2020-2021 study, Into the Light-Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament, by P. Lynn Miller. From the study description, *one of the foundational points of the study is that, in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. After crying out to God, the one who laments remembers God. And while that doesn't fix things in the moment—the injustice, the loss still exists—the lamenter is strengthened to face the world and to hope.* We will meet in the Sanctuary with plenty of social distancing and Sandy will use the microphone so all can hear. Books are available at the Info Table. **This will be an appropriate study for such a time as this.**



Cub Scout Pack 52 Rank-up Ceremony at the Hut with Social Distancing!

In June, 35 Cubs ranked up in an outdoor ceremony at the Hut. We are proud of our Cubs and families.

Troop 52 Canoe Trip-Maybe?

Troop 52 had to cancel the March maiden voyage of the six new canoes and Scout-built (with help from a welder/dad) trailer. Plans are to christen the canoes and trailer soon.

ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE POSTPONED TO FALL

You are encouraged to continue to keep a Rummage Sale box in a closet for your castoffs.



JWPC Scout Scholarship

Scouts BSA raised the annual fee for each Scout from \$33 to \$66. Our Troop and Pack re-charter in December 2020. We have about 50 Scouts. Session approved offering partial scholarships of \$30 to Scouts needing assistance. This is being funded from the JWPC Youth Special Account. The plan is to provide \$30 each to 15 Scouts. For more information, contact the church office.

The Commission consists of the following:

Ministers

Conway T. Wharton, Jr. - Chairman
George W. Alexander - First, Taft
Malcolm E. Purcell - Ex. Secretary
C. I. Kelly - Central Park
A. Arnott Ward - Jackson Woods

Ruling Elders

L. C. Carter - Parkway
Franklin Flato - First
Arthur Marston - Woodlawn
William Dominy - Woodlawn
A. G. Patton - First

Harold Marston is invited to sit with the commission and take part as the commission directs.

"The Church ... is a sphere of faith, experience, social intercourse, and loyalty that has unquestioning primacy in the lives of those who are a part of it. This primacy does not arise from a sense of duty or responsibility, but rather from the experience of the reality of God's presence in the midst of the congregation. Unless a people be gathered by God, unless they be convinced that they are gathered by Him in a special way, unless there is a sense that the Holy Spirit is continually at work in their midst, then they are not a church. What tie is deeper than the common experience of knowing the same Lord as Redeemer?"

Robert W. Spike in "In but Not of the World"

Can you guess in what year this Jackson Woods bulletin was printed and used in worship? *Answer in the September Joyful Noise.*



Red and yellow, black and white they are precious in God's sight. Caleb's "Rainbow Kids" picture!



Come join us Sunday, July 5, in worship as we celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Special COVID precautions make this both a safe and meaningful Eucharist celebration.

WHEN IS A LITTLE WATER LEAK NOT SO LITTLE? When a 50-year old water fountain in the gym springs a leak sometime after 6:00 PM on a Friday in June. Kristi got the call Saturday night at 8:00 PM from the fire alarm company about a fire in the building. Seems the water fountain had sprung a leak and the water made a path to the MLFLC Director's office. The inch of water caused the fire to start at the power strip under the desk. Our quick-thinking volunteers went to work. They shut off the power to the office, shut off the water to the fountain, and moved furniture away from the standing water. The JWPC crew then called ServPro. They came within 30 minutes to pull up nearly 100 gallons of water. Fans were brought in to dry the flooring and kept running until Monday morning. Monday morning brought an electrician to repair the damaged outlet, a plumber to remove the bad fountain, and the fire extinguisher company to recharge the extinguisher. We are pleased that we were able to keep our Learning Center open on Monday. Our thanks to Kristi and volunteers and Nora and staff!



Other helpers included the Hight family.



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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

JWPC Website www.jwpc.org

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

HEARING IMPAIRED HEADSETS



We have headsets and headphones for those with impaired hearing. You may also use your own ear pods. Our thanks to Darrel Keach for doing maintenance on these devices.