



The Joyful Noise

June 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

PLUGGED-IN?

In the previous newsletter, I wrote about the need to plug in. So, how is that coming along? There is great need all around us, even if it may be primarily outside the circumference of our comfort zone.

Sometimes, that means doing something different, or asking different questions.

Sometimes the needed starting point is our imaginations. Have you ever asked God to spark your imagination?

In our resource room at church, we have several books by Dr. Walter Brueggemann. He is relatively famous for saying that, in order to understand the plain sense meaning of the Scriptures, we need to use our imaginations, which are themselves a gift from God.

The Bible is a special and sacred gift, and often we do not bring enough of ourselves to our reading and hearing of it. That is, we often are:

- 1) Too tired to engage it, OR
- 2) Expect too little of the Scriptures, OR alternatively,
- 3) We expect a great deal from them, and thus are fearful of its effect on us. Yes, we want our lives improved; but, too often we don't want our long-term plans altered significantly. We want to be in charge!

Which brings me back to plugging-in. Getting plugged-in to the work of God to be done in our midst often requires changes. These changes benefit us and others in the long-run, but the transition can be difficult or painful in the short-run, and who wants that??

As it turns out, we yearn for this - not the pain, but the beneficial transformation. As seasoned disciples, we know God will help us walk through the pain, yet we often suppress our yearning. Don't do that! :)

Throughout the Old and New Testament Testaments, I see a great deal of yearning. Giving expression to our yearning, and especially allowing younger people to express their deep, divine yearnings is a great way to get further along the path of God's ways, and the Holy Spirit's path of plugging us in to the ways of God. Why get stuck in our own personal paths??

Yours along the Journey,
Pastor Charles



A large full moon over the church last month; the beauty of creation is evident even at night.

Sew N Social



We will meet on Saturday, June 6 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 to our friends that we have missed the last few weeks. 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.

Sandy and Roxy scared up a tarantula (on the brick wall) while working in the flower beds.



-Prayers, Concerns and Statements of Faith-
Keep Elayne Robinson in your prayers, health concerns

Pray for the family and friends of Cathy Vaughn at her passing last Monday. Cathy was 99 years old and one of our Cottage residents for 26 years. Pray for the family as they grieve the loss of this delightful lady.

Congratulations to Hollyn! We are so proud of our T-M graduate, Hollyn Hight. Hollyn has been very active in the life of this church.

Pray for those affected by COVID-19! Don't forget to check on your neighbors!

Keep Warren Albrecht in your prayers. The ongoing prayers of concern are for his treatment at the hospital in Round Rock.

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).

Our prayers are with Ted Sanderfer, health concerns

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

Our prayers are with these members & friends: the friends and family of Billie Sanderfer: the family and friends of Sam Keach; 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 The Miracle League of Corpus Christi

Pray for our Building & Grounds Committee

Pray for Sinton Presbyterian Church

EYE GLASS DONATIONS

Ruth Einkauf, a long-time member of the Lion's Club has placed a box on the table to put your old and used eyeglasses in. These go to the Lion's Club where they process them to give to individuals in need.





MLFLC – JUNE NEWS



On behalf of the staff of MLFLC: Thank you for the out pouring of love during Teacher Appreciation week. We greatly appreciate you!

The children are preparing special surprises for their Dad's in June. Special to go breakfast bags will be distributed on Friday, June 19th for Father's Day.



June 12th we will have picnics in the gym please talk to your child's teacher about what goodies you will need to bring for that day. Children 18 months and older will participate.

Room 8 and 9 are going camping on Friday June 28th at the MLFLC camping grounds between 2:15 to 2:45.



SUMMER SPECIAL EVENTS:

1 day each month in June, July and August all children 2 years and older will enjoy a movie and popcorn in the gym. Please be sure to sign the form in your child's classroom giving permission for your child to have popcorn as a special snack! June's movie: "A Bug's Life" on Friday, June 26th.

The Annual Mother's Day Program was cancelled due to COVID-19.

Current Enrollment: 54

Women's Morning Circle Bible Study - Due to social distancing we will not meet until August. Please continue to study the final chapters of Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments.



In August 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. This will be an appropriate study for such a time as this.*

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL will resume as soon as Session gives the OK. In the meantime, find an online daily devotion or ask the office for a *These Days* pamphlet. And continue to check in with and give encouragement to each other.



ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE POSTPONED TO FALL
You are encouraged to continue to keep a Rummage Sale box in a closet for your castoffs.



We extend our sympathy to the family of Cathy Vaughn at her passing on May 25.



Children enjoy Sandy telling them about Pentecost during Children's Time on May 31.



We will have communion during worship on June 7. Elders will hand the elements to each person by going down every other pew (empty pew). All safety precautions will be taken.



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Newsletter – The Joyful Noise

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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.

Congratulations to all our graduates!



It has been a strange year to be a senior, but we wish you the best with your future plans.

Thank you!

Thank you for the prayers, calls and cards sent to us during this difficult time. It is always comforting to know that you have people who care, lift your spirits and are there for you when you need them.

Ted and Debbie Sanderfer