



The Joyful Noise

May 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

HOW DOES IT END?

Most of us by now are quite tired of the restrictions and limitations of the partial societal shutdown of the past month and a half, and are itching to be able to go where we need and want to go on a daily basis. We are probably asking the question “*How does it end?*”, or at the very least: “*When does it end?*”

Some are asking questions like “*How does something like this happen?*” Or “*Why does something like this happen?*”

These are all good questions; but I hope that in asking these (and other) questions, we will keep in mind that, just like in biblical times, often we only get partial answers to these kinds of questions. And even the partial answers sometimes take far longer to be revealed to us than we expect.

The best questions at such a time as this (echoes of *Esther!*) are remarkably similar to the best questions in eras without a pandemic. These are the WHERE and the WHAT questions: *Where is the presence of God most discernible at this time?*, and *What can Christians do to cooperate with God's Spirit to spread Godly Hope?*

Just the other day, I changed our McKinzie Road marquee sign to read **Nurture Hope & Pray!** I certainly had in mind the continuing pandemic as I posted this particular message; but, just as in the questions above, this is a good message for us in any era.

So, are you asking God to nurture your hope? And are you reading Scripture and praying?? Don't forget to check a biblical concordance for HOPE (mentioned hundreds of times in the Bible) and other important biblical themes to aid in your discernment. If your Concordance is quite old or abridged, I suggest you order a new one, and keep it next to your Bible. It's an invaluable tool!

So, with our discipleship activated, one final question that we might be better able to give our own partial answer is: *Where do we plug-in with God's work/activity?* Plugging-in is sometimes hard work or initially uncomfortable, but plugging-in reduces our anxiety, and renews our hope. For such a time as this, this may be what we need most!

Yours along the Journey,
Pastor Charles

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Worship in the Sanctuary on May 10 following all social distancing and safety guidelines. More

information will follow the week before.

We miss YOU!

Sew N Social

Happy to hear that many of you are sewing masks for friends and family. We will meet again as soon as we can do so safely. If you would like to suggest a project, please contact Jean. Stay home and stay healthy!



Finance Committee - In March 2020, Jackson Woods took in \$15,073.39 in income and spent \$15,495.47. Receipts (income) were well under budget, but a big thanks goes out to members and friends as we were nearly able to meet all necessary expenditures despite the onset of the COVID-19 crisis. April finances are still finalizing, but the picture is not as rosy as March. In light of this, please continue to give to JWPC as you are moved to do so. Your giving allows us to continue to do God's work as your Church home.

JWPC Prayers, Concerns & Joys

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This week we ask that you pray for these friends and family of JWPC

PRAY FOR ALL THOSE MOST AFFECTED BY COVID-19! Don't forget to check on your neighbors!

Please pray for the family and friends of Sam Keach, Darrell's father, at his passing last weekend after his recent illness.

What a Joy, Nicholas Karagas (Alex & Kiki's grandson) has successfully defended his PhD dissertation. Congratulations to the Karagas and Kantralis families!

Our prayers are with all our MLFLC Employees who are here on the job caring for the children of other essential employees.

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

Keep Laurel Ross, an MLFLC student in your prayers. Her surgery scheduled last month was postponed due to the pandemic. Pray for surgery by this summer!

Our prayers are with Ted Sanderfer, health concerns

Keep Ruth Einkauf in your prayers, rehab at Windsor Calallen. Also pray for Trudie Borden, Betty Bridges, and Cathy Vaughn at Windsor.

Please pray for Ted's mother, Billie Sanderfer. Billie has cancer and has been placed in hospice care. Pray for the family

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 (health concerns)

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

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

Diana Houston asks prayers for her friend Susan Jackson, who is having lung surgery soon at M.D. Anderson. Pray for successful surgery, spiritual comfort, and a good post-op recovery.

Keep these students attending school in your prayers: Tootsie's granddaughter, Crosby Anderson; Chase Dickson, Ray Hallgarth, Michelle Hargrove, Hadleigh Hight and her boyfriend Connor Hethcoat; Nicholas Karagas (Kantralis), Casey Keach, Cori Steinagle (Dickson) and Rianna Turner (Carolyn Turner).

Our prayers are with these members & friends: Beth & Jimmy Walker, Mickey Sikes, Suzi Baker; Raymond Tague, Marie Gray's son; Lucille Karagas, Mike's mother; Jim & Pam Immitt, Alex & Kiki's daughter & son-in-law; 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 JACKSON WOODS CHURCH



Thanks to Sharon and Kathy for adding flowers to beautify the church grounds.



MLFLC MAY NEWS

The children are practicing their Chapel songs in preparation for our annual Mother's Day Program. We are not sure when this will be held but we are hopeful that a program will still take place in the future. Teachers are working on Mother's Day cards and a craft to be send home.

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JWPC Website www.jwpc.org

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



Join us for Chapel time every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 on Facebook Live. Miss Jessica plays the guitar and the children sing their hearts out. They are such a joy to hear!



May 4th - 8th is Teacher Appreciation week here at MLFLC. We love our staff and greatly appreciate all they do!



SCOUT HUT RENOVATION We are discovering that a quarantine is a good time to work on that "TO DO" List. The Hut bathroom was high on that list. We

thank Ron and Sandy Pinaire for the new cedar fence wainscoting in our Hut bathroom. Not only does it look better but it smells better too!

Month Theme Down by the Sea

Letters: R, S, U

Number: 15

Color: Blue

Shape: Crescent/Horseshoe

Sea life

Weather

MLFLC will be closed on Monday, May 25th for Memorial Day.

Current enrollment: 54 + 2 infants scheduled to start May 11.

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.

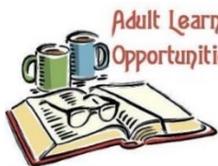


In August we begin the 2020-2021 study, Into the Light-Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament, by P. Lynn Miller. From the study description, *One of the foundational points of the study is that, in scripture, lament usually leads to hope. After crying out to God, the one who laments remembers God. And 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.*



Roxy has been busy beautifying her cottage yard with the lovely flower bed. Thanks! We are all enjoying it.

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 Sam Fore Keach, a beloved leader in our community.

BETTER TOGETHER IN ACTION

Some of you may know that our presbytery's mantra is that *We are Better Together!* This is true for our church, the presbytery, and our community at large.

A concrete example of our being blessed with this mantra in action is our synod's gift of a one year *Zoom hosting* membership so that we can hold video conference meetings, when we can not meet in person due to the pandemic. The *Synod of the Sun* is a grouping of five presbyteries (including our *Mission Presbytery*) that collectively acts for the betterment of our churches and presbyteries. Thank you Valerie and our synod team!

Another example of a *Better Together* blessing is the gift of \$ from our presbytery to help us in these uncharted waters of the pandemic. Mission Presbytery is giving us a generous one-time gift of \$1,000 in May, to help us through our current "frontier time." If you're like me, this has inspired us to step up a bit with our own giving, and seek to honor the financial sacrifices of those who care for us (both here and elsewhere). I encourage everyone to remember their JWPC and presbytery families in their offerings this season, especially when we have not been able to worship in person lately.

A hearty thanks to Mission Presbytery for their special gift!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Charles

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.



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.