



# The Joyful Noise

July 2019

Jackson Woods Presbyterian Church 10500 Stonewall Blvd Corpus Christi, 78410  
Sunday School – Adults and Youth 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

### ***Trust, but verify***

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Sound familiar? The title above is the famous phrase from the President Reagan administration of the 1980s. The italicized preceding paragraph is our church's mission statement. It is probably even more familiar to you. It implies quite a bit of daily action on our part. So, the implication is that we are to frequently practice hospitality, reflect God's grace, and serve our community in God's name – among many other things!

We all need inspiration and information to do these things, and I hope that y'all are daily (or near daily) reading Scripture, and also reading a Christian devotional, such as those available in our narthex. It also greatly helps to read or view reliable news sources, such as journals, newspapers, blogs, etc. This reminds me of an excellent reflective editorial regarding *Facebook*, written by the editors of *Christian Century* earlier this month.

In sharing this with you, I am not seeking to dismiss Facebook, but I do believe that it is important to highlight a particular problem: There are some Christians who trust a huge entity like Facebook more than they trust the Bible, or their Christian community. This problem of trust is not (of course) limited to Facebook, but it has such a dominant presence in our society today, that the misuse of their platform often has a strong ripple effect in our society.

Here it is:

### Bad for democracy, good for business

June 4, 2019

During the 2016 election, political disinformation proliferated on Facebook. Since then the social media giant has been on the defensive about its harmful effects on democracy. Recently it has been publicizing its efforts to go after individuals who routinely create fake accounts, engage in hate speech, or otherwise violate the company's community standards. Facebook often refers to such repeat offenders as "bad actors."

While the suggestion that a few people are bad actors and the rest of us are good ones is overly simple, it does help Facebook frame its democracy problems as bugs in an otherwise beneficent system. In fact, these problems are part and parcel of the company's core business of attracting people's attention, collecting their personal information, and selling both to advertisers. Disinformation aimed at the credulous, political ads that precisely target bias and fear, the "filter bubble" that erases dissent from your news feed—these are indications that Facebook works as designed. It's keeping its users engaged,

its advertisers happy, and its stock profitable. The damage Facebook has done to democracy is rooted in the very things that make it successful.

What's more, much of this success has come at the direct expense of one pillar of democracy: news journalism. This was true even before it became the case that news publishers' web traffic lived or died at Facebook's algorithmic whim. Traditional news sources have long trafficked in verifiable information, professionally vetted; many of them serve broad audiences across cultural divides. This is in sharp contrast to what Facebook provides—yet Facebook has taken over vast swaths of the consumer attention and advertiser business that news journalism once enjoyed. Facebook, where it's hard to know what to believe or which voices are missing, is now many people's primary source of news. If Facebook cares about democracy, it should invest in it. Brooke Binkowski, a journalist who participated in Facebook's 2016 fact-checking effort, has some proposals on this front. Writing in *USA Today*, she calls on Facebook to give users tools to choose whether and how its algorithms determine what we see. It should establish well-defined rules against disinformation and then empower moderators to take certain false posts down—rather than appealing to free speech as a reason to tolerate disinformation and profit from it, as with the recent fake video of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi slurring her words. And it should set up a fund to help local newsrooms do their job. "To support a free press is to support free speech," writes Binkowski.

Facebook could make a big difference for democracy if it took ideas like these seriously. The rest of us could make a smaller difference by getting off Facebook and subscribing to a newspaper. The company wants us to believe that it's dealing with the "bad actors," the people who can't be trusted to use the network as intended. But given that its intended purpose is to get our attention and, using an opaque algorithm, turn it into ever more clicks and ad dollars, there's no reason to trust Facebook until it makes deeper changes.

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## RUMMAGE SALE THANKS!



We cleared \$1800 from the Rummage Sale on June 8! Thank you to all who donated, worked and shopped. The proceeds help

send our kids to camp, provide Bible study materials, reception supplies and funeral meals. This year we were able to enlist help from the MLFLC staff. We joyfully gave them \$1500 of the proceeds to compensate MLFLC staff and purchase new toys for the Center. The left-over clothes were given to El Divino Salvador Presbyterian Church for their monthly neighborhood clothing give-away. All other left-overs were taken to Goodwill.

## These Days

Nurture your faith with a daily scripture reading, prayer and reflection. *These Days* quarterly devotional booklets are available in the Narthex.



## PILL BOTTLE DONATIONS



The Adult Sunday School Class will be collecting pill bottles with and without secure caps. The pill bottles will be shipped to medical missions worldwide.

# MLFLC- JULY NEWS



On July 3<sup>rd</sup> we will have a parade around the gym and the kids will sing fourth of July songs.



We will be closed for July 4<sup>th</sup> have a safe holiday.

July 26 we will watch Epic and enjoy some popcorn.



Upcoming Graduation Ceremony is Wednesday, July 10 at 5:30 pm in the

Sanctuary! All children 18 months and older will participate in this special event, as we honor those children heading on to Kindergarten! Cookies and lemonade will be served in the gym following the ceremony.

## Annual JWPC Rummage Sale

*Thanks*

Thank you to JWPC especially Presbyterian Women for supporting the Learning Center through the annual Rummage Sale. This was a great opportunity for staff, parents and church members to work together for the school.

We are Blessed!!!!

Enrollment: 61

## Sew N Social



We met Sat, June 1 and made casserole carriers.



We enjoy members who bring items to show. Debbie had a quilt top and a crocheted bedspread. Gwyn brought a quilt her mother had made. We appreciate all the work that went into these beautiful projects.



On June 22, Sharon and Sue brought their die cut machines and we cut out applique pieces to iron on to the string bags we are making. Also cut out shapes for other projects. We will meet on the second and fourth Saturday of each month at 9:30. If you have a project you are working on, please bring it or just come to visit. On July 13 we will make the string bags to be donated. If you have fabric you want to use up, you can cut it into half yard pieces and bring it for the bags. We will meet again on July 27. Hope you will join us.

## 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.



**BRICK PATIO BRICK** In 2013 we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We installed the Brick Patio at the east side of the Sanctuary. Six years later we have had requests to add more



personalized bricks. We ordered 20 more bricks. When the bricks arrive, we will schedule a Sunday to dedicate the new bricks added to the patio.

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JWPC Website [www.jwpc.org](http://www.jwpc.org)  
 If you have any pictures or suggestions for the website, please contact the church office

#### JWPC Session

Clerk of Session Michael Hallgarth  
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<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Andy Phillips	Barbara Albrecht	Sandy Pinaire
Marie Gray	Warren Albrecht	
	Luke Hight	



**JULY POOL PARTY All Ages, Saturday, July 13, 7-10:00 pm**  
 Pool Party at Wood River Pool (4410 Wood River Drive). We have invited our Scout families. Bring your friends and family, a snack to share, towel, and chair. Lemonade provided. **There is no cost!**



Blessing of the students and educators is July 14 at Worship. We want to pray for our students and educators as they look to a new school year. We also have a compass for students and educators in case they get lost!

**Would you like to join a Dinner Group?** We have several church members who get together once a month to eat and visit. It is organized by a list of names, emails and phone numbers and re-arranged every quarter. One person in the group is in charge of reminding everyone the time and location of the dinner. It is a great way to get to know members you may not have time to visit during the church service. We all have a great time and enjoy eating together. Email Jean [ejbrown412@twc.com](mailto:ejbrown412@twc.com) if you are interested in joining.

On behalf of Prayers and Squares, Marie Gray



presented a quilt to newborn, Alden Everett Braun and his father. Our members tied knots in the quilt and said prayers for this family and their young son.

**Women's Morning Circle Bible Study has taken a summer break. We will meet again on Tuesday, August 20, 10:00 AM.**



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

Our Bible Study for 2019-2020 is *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*, by Eugenia Gamble. Books will be

available at the Info Table in July. ALL women are invited!



May Court of Honor for Scout Troop 52

## May Outreach

Breakfast for MLFLC Parents: This initiative was very successful. Approximately 40 parents received breakfast during drop off. Thanks to Mike, Sandy and Luke.

Paper Goods Drive: The Paper Goods Drive was very well received. The Outreach Committee would like to thank all of those who participated in the giving of paper goods to the Search for Truth Mission.

## June Outreach

Ice Cream Social: The ice cream social was a success again this year with over 30 people coming out for some fellowship and dessert. We had all the toppings we wanted and more. Thanks to all that participated and helped.



## July Outreach

Date Night Parents - need a night out? JWPC will be hosting a Date Night for our young parents on July 27 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm in the Fellowship Center. Call Luke Hight to set it up. If you would like to help the Outreach Committee with this project, please contact Luke Hight for details.

## Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group (CBDRG)

Following Hurricane Harvey in 2017, long-term recovery groups continue to rebuild, repair, and replace housing. One group working in collaboration with the many groups is Coastal Bend Disaster Recovery Group-CBDRG, a 501©3 corporation. Check out CBDRG on the web and Facebook. Two years later and recovery is still happening.



## **MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A YOUNG PERSON'S LIFE!!**

I (Susan Hicks) am looking for volunteer host families for foreign exchange students wanting to come to America in August. We have over 30 kids needing homes ranging in age from 15-18 upon arrival. These kids are wanting to see what it is like to live in America. They attend your local high school, most ride the school bus, come with their own spending money for all activities, have their own health insurance, can communicate in English, follow your rules, and become a member of your family. You treat them as your own son or daughter. Most of the students are full year kids that leave the end of May. Students can share a room with a host sibling of the same sex within 4 -6 years age difference, they just need their own bed. You don't need teenagers in the home to host. Young couples without kids, people with young kids, single women over the age of 25, older couples, etc. can all host. This is a great way to learn firsthand about another culture. We have personally been hosting for over 16 years and had wonderful experiences with kids from many different countries. Not only are you a blessing to these kids, but you, too, will be greatly blessed!

I would love to give you more information about this incredible opportunity to help make a student's dreams come true. These kids are the cream of the crop and want to have a great year. You can also go to Facebook at Exchange Students are Fun. It is best to sign up now so we can get school acceptance forms and you can begin having contact with your new son or daughter. After you have completed the application process and are approved, you get to look at complete applications of the students and pick the one that best fits your family.

Thanks so much for your interest. Susan Hicks  
361-876-1539, or [susan@facetheworld.org](mailto:susan@facetheworld.org)

## **-Prayers, Concerns and Statements of Faith-**

Our prayers are with the family and friends of George Sutton who passed away Friday night. Services are pending.

**Pastor Charles will officiate at Daniel Williams' funeral service at Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, Monday at 1 pm. Keep the Williams and Stanley families in your prayers**

Keep Ruth Einkauf in your prayers, admitted to Bay Area Hospital last Wednesday for health concerns. Ruth came home on Saturday and doing much better.

**Please pray for Marie Gray's son, Raymond Tague. Raymond is recovering from major back surgery on Thursday, June 27.**

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

**Pray for Debbie Sanderfer's nephew, Seth Smith, awaiting a transplant at Mayo Clinic.**

Our prayers are with Dawn Flores, Vicki & Lee Brandon's daughter, cancer has returned – being treated at MD Anderson.

**Keep Paul & Ellen Young's granddaughter Amanda Surgent in your prayers (health concerns)**

Pray for Amanda Davis (Roxy's granddaughter) health concerns

**Our prayers for our Country – post Mueller/Barr report**

Keep Dana Simpson in your prayers (return to kidney transplant list).

**Our prayers are with Lora Boyer, lung transplant: Pray for healing**

Keep Diana Deaton in your prayers, cardiac rehab

**Please pray for our service people: SGT David Kanars, Army Airborne, in Alaska; Major Ivo Roaelina; CWO-4 Jessica & SFC Kyle Jasper, Ft Leonard Wood, MO.**

Our prayers are with these members & friends: Oliver Prather, Allen Rothlisberger, Amy Walker Headley, George Sutton, Mickey Sikes, Suzi Baker; Lucille Karagas, Mike's mother; Jim & Pam Immitt, Alex & Kiki's daughter & son-in-law; Bill Burwell's sister Cathy; Mark Frogge (Susann Whitmire); Jerane McKinstry & her great-nephew, Grant; Marie Carter's son-in-law Billy Moore, Wendy Keach's sister Kim Wilson; and Nancy Burnett (Burwell & Ahrens).

**Pray for the Good Samaritan Rescue Mission**

Pray for our Cottage Ministry

**Pray for John Knox Ranch**