



# The JPC Monthly

## July 2024

### THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR JAY



#### Summer Means Fun

When I think of summer I think of the pool and swim meets, the beach and finding shark's teeth, and I think of fun times with family and friends. Summer is a time when people chose the lake over church and relaxation over study. I hope you have had the chance to check out the adult summer Sunday School class. If you haven't it is still happening in July and August. They would love to have you.

Starting July 7<sup>th</sup> I will be teaching an eight-week sermon series called, True Spirituality. It is based on a book of the same name by Pastor Chip Ingram. I went to a conference a year ago at the Billy Graham Retreat Center. This series will be an in depth look at Romans chapter 12. The idea behind the series and the book is to help an individual become a Romans 12 Christian.

You might be wondering, "What does it mean to be a Romans 12 Christian?" Here is what Ingram says to answer what is true spirituality? He writes, "Christians today live in a world that is activity heavy and relationship light. The result is spiritual emptiness. We struggle to know what God wants from us and for us and we're unsure what a real relationship with God really looks like. But that was never God's idea. HIS idea of faith is not about rules or religion – its about relationship. That's where God tells us to start. In Romans 12, God gives us a clear picture of what Christians should look like at the root level. If you're ready to move from 'in' to 'all in,' then you're ready to become a Romans 12 Christian. The next steps of your journey toward true spirituality start here."

Over the next eight weeks we will journey through Romans 12 to discover just what that means. We will answer questions like, "What does God want from you?" and "Why is the Christian life so difficult?" We will use God's word to discover who we are really called to be in Christ. We will also discover what it means to be an authentic Christian community.

I am excited about the chance for us to grow as a community of faith as we dive deep into God's word in Romans. To prepare yourself consider reading Romans 12, you might even read it a few times! That way you will be ready to discover true spirituality this summer.

The CNC is hard at work with Admin to fill an Elder class to serve this congregation. Please prayerfully consider, if you are called upon, serving your church and the Lord. In a couple of weeks VBS will be happening here at JPC and we would love to see you there!

Summer means fun and relaxation but the work of the church never stops. Fortunately, the love of God never stops either. Rest up this summer BUT remember your faith. Summer is a time of growth in your relationship with the Lord too. See you in church!



## Did You Know.....JPC Community Garden

### Do you know what asparagus and blueberries have in common?

*They are both permanent residents at the Jamestown Presbyterian Church's Community Garden!*

We also have a lot of annual vegetables growing in the garden. This summer we will be harvesting tomatoes, cucumbers, okra, beans, zucchini, peppers, and potatoes.

*One part of our mission* is to encourage healthy eating and help alleviate hunger by donating food to people in our community. You may have seen the sharing basket on Sunday morning at church. Yes, we are happy to share with members of our congregation. And, yes, we distribute fresh fruit and vegetables to the families that our church is resettling through Church World Services as well as to Family Services Women's Shelter in Jamestown.



*Another part of our mission* is to stay healthy, develop friendships and share gardening knowledge as we tend our garden. We have some who have been gardening all their lives and some who are learning more than they currently know about raising veggies. We have had a dedicated group volunteering since 2018.

*Here's where you come in.* We would love to see you the garden. We are currently harvesting and tending on Wednesdays at 9:00 am and Saturdays at 9:00 am.

Well, now you're in the know! We would love to see your beautiful face and hands in your garden. I guarantee you will get lots out of it (including some vegetables!) or your money back!



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## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

### School Supplies and Backpacks

School is still 1 ½ months away, but we are gearing up to fill backpacks. JPC Outreach hopes to fill 100 backpacks this year for the children in the Family Service Program and Church World Services. We will be collecting backpacks (new and gently used) and school supplies until August 8th. Donations can be dropped off in the outside collection box next to the office or in the donation box in the CLC. Below are ways you can help:

- Donate a backpack and fill it with supplies (see list below)
- Donate a backpack and let a friend fill it with school supplies
- Donate either a backpack or school supplies
- Donate money and outreach will purchase – checks made to JPC with a note for Outreach\backpacks



#### Suggested School Supplies:

Pencils	Glue Sticks	Erasers	Tissues
Dry Eraser Markers	Colored Pencils	Pencil Box\pencil holder	
Pencil Sharpeners	Wide Ruled Paper	Kids Scissors	Crayons
College-Ruled Paper			

Blessings,

JPC Outreach Team

## DONATIONS

Donation to JPC Congregational Care Fund  
In memory of Scott Howington, Carol McConnell's husband, by  
Jeff & Mary Brooke Guernier

Donation to JPC Music Fund  
In memory of Barbara Bayle by  
Loyce Lesley

Donation to Lane Pleasants Scholarship Fund  
In memory of Don Feagans by  
Evangeline Freeman

Christian Education would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our 2023/2024 Sunday School teachers and Study Group Leaders for your time and commitment during this past year. Many hours go into planning for lessons, and we so appreciate each of these folks and their dedication to our classes and groups here at JPC. Please join us in applauding the following folks:

**Sunday School Teachers:**

Jenny Rathjen  
Ricki Hall  
Katie Wilson  
Carlos Frontera  
Ben Robinson  
Kelly Thomas  
Rob Thomas  
Doug MacColl  
Chris Mills  
Scott King  
Verona Graham  
Evy Hazenberg



**Bible Study/Study Group Leaders:**

Jim Gonsiewski  
Anne Barts  
Susan Shaw  
Clara Jo Pleasants  
Vivien Carson  
Jay Smith



Thank you for all of your support following my father's passing. The many cards and prayers were truly appreciated!

-Chris Mills

**JPCYTH News!**

Middle school Massanetta trip is coming up FAST! July 11-14!

High school Montreat trip July 21-28!

We are doing a devotion every week at Cedarwood and they have been great!

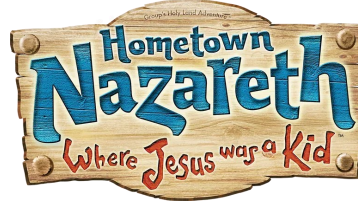
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DAY!!! August 10!! More info to come.



**2024 ORANGE FEATHER  
DONATIONS**

**\$2,840.90**



## REGISTRATION FOR VBS JULY 15-18

### Child Registration

[2024 JPC VBS Registration - Hometown Nazareth Where Jesus was a KID! \(google.com\)](#)

### Volunteer Registration

[2024 JPC VBS VOLUNTEER SIGNUP Hometown Nazareth - Where Jesus was a KID! \(google.com\)](#)

### Item Donations

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4DACAF2BAA8-50212909-jpcvacation>

### **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

Calling all Youth 8th grades and up! Confirmation 2024 is coming this Fall. We will offer 3 one-hour Sunday classes along with a weekend Retreat November 8-10th, followed by a meeting with Session and Confirmation on December 1st. If your child is interested in joining this class/retreat next Fall please contact Kelly Thomas [jamestownprezyouth@gmail.com](mailto:jamestownprezyouth@gmail.com) by August 31st.



### **LEISURE FELLOWSHIP**

Leisure Fellowship will be going to Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theater in Wytheville, VA to see "If I Could Turn Back Now," on Thursday, July 18. We will leave JPC at 9:30 AM. Cost will be \$74.00 per person to cover cost of tickets, lunch, and use of the JPC van. We will return to JPC about 6:30 PM.



The Theater description says "An original revue of the best songs and genres of the 1980's. Filled with high energy dancing and singing, you'll be sure to jump out of your seat and join in."

NOTE: We still have several seats available and they now say we do not have to pay until the week before we go. Please call or text Charlotte at 336 402-5001 and let her know if you want to join us. She'll put you on the list and then you can make your check payable to JPC, mark it for the Wytheville trip and give it to Tara Daniel or Charlotte Griner by Friday, July 12.

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### **JPC SESSION**

#### **Class of 2024**

Vivien Carson  
Carlos Frontera  
John Martin  
Clayton Robinson  
Brian Stroud  
Joanne Vitelli

#### **Class of 2025**

Mike Bryant  
Bill Carter  
Charles Graham  
Angelin Ham  
Linda Honeycutt  
Becky Robinson

#### **Class of 2026**

David Bean  
Becky Brown  
Nancy Seay  
George Wissmiller  
Anne Wright