



# JKPC NEWS

MONTHLY UPDATE OF EVENTS  
JOHN KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## **Daylight Saving Time ENDS Sunday, November 4** **Set your Clocks Back One Hour Saturday, November 3**

Turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday. You'll get an extra hour of sleep and be refreshed for worship in the morning!

## **All Church Flea Market, Craft Fair and Clothing Donation Drive** **Saturday, November 10**



## **Heifer Living Gift Market** **Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due** **Sunday, November 18**



## **CANA Marriage Ministry at JKPC** **Gathering & Potluck Dinner** **Saturday, November 17**

## **ROCK & Youth Group Thanksgiving Gatherings** **Sunday, November 18**



## **Upcoming Sermons**

## **Coming To A Pulpit Near You in November!**

**You may want to read the scripture  
passages in advance.**

Until November 18, we will be partnering with the study  
"God's Messy Family."

This study looks at characters in Genesis - Abraham (two sessions), Sarah, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph.

**November 4 - "Give and Take Away" Genesis 23:1-2; 24:62-67**

**November 11 - "Son of Laughter" Genesis 28: 20-21**

**November 18 - "Second to One" Genesis 41:41-43**

**November 25 - "The Best Day Ever" Philippians 4:4-9**

# Pastor Randy's Reflections



## Count Your Blessings!!!

We are in the midst of fall. School is in full swing. Most of the trees have turned colors. We are starting to move from Halloween parties to making plans for Thanksgiving. Some of us are trying to reorganize our lives as it seems that Fall has blown our plans awry. We are hoping that we can reestablish those things we had planned to make our priority before we encounter the hectic weeks before Christmas.

Those who have family around are realizing that while our families are wonderful most of the time, they are truly messy. The role we play in that messy family seems to be shifting as unexpected events arise or relationships change. Some of us forgot that important birthday, others mourn the friends who have left us even while we celebrate new friends who have come into our lives.

Yet even in the midst of all that chaos, there are moments that we can celebrate. The first tooth is gone. The surgery is behind us, and the recovery is progressing well. The new job is working out, and the car seems to be running smoothly, be it older or newer (except for some of those apps they put on the dashboard). Still, things are looking up and we believe that Thanksgiving will be great.

This is all part of life. There are ups and downs, there are joys and sorrows, there are unexpected blessings and disappointing losses. Yet the thing I like about the month of Thanksgiving, is that it calls me to count my blessings.

Some of us are "the glass is half empty" people and some of us are "the glass is half full" people. Yet, even if your glass is half empty, blessings inevitably come along. So often, when I get a bit overwhelmed and pray for God to send some relief, there is a moment or a person or an event that cheers me up. Perhaps this is a bit simple, but I find that when I take off my blinders and enlarge my vision, things don't seem so bad. When I can open my eyes and ears to the world around me instead of focusing strictly on myself, I gain a new perspective.

So, let us not discount the struggles we have in life, but let's not be shackled by them either. Here is a quote I heard recently from former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor who was recently diagnosed with dementia at age 88:

***While the final chapter of my life with dementia may be trying, nothing has diminished my gratitude and deep appreciation for the countless blessings in my life.***

Praying that you will take time to count your blessings and find some way you can bless someone who needs to hear from you,

Pastor Randy



## Per Capita 2018

### Per Capita - What it is and how I can participate?

Per Capita is a fundamental way in which all of the nearly 10,000 congregations and mid councils of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) connect, participate and share in the work of the wider church. Per capita is the primary source of funding for the Office of the General Assembly, and is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of coming together to

discern the Spirit's leading for the future.

It is how Presbyterians are trained to become better ruling elders, teaching elders and deacons, and ministers.

It is how Presbyterians are helped to discern God's call in their lives.

It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the wider church by serving on General Assembly committees and commissions, regardless of distance or financial resources.

It is how Presbyterians participate in the life of the Church universal as we commit ourselves to work and live in fellowship with "all persons in every nation."

All Presbyterians are called to take part in the worship, service and administrative work shared by the whole church through per capita giving. The annual rate for 2019 is \$36.25. This is a per-member apportionment that includes monies for the Presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly. All congregations — large and small — are encouraged to participate, either through an annual budget item or through a special direct appeal to their congregations, which is why we do both.

If you haven't already given for 2018 you can do that as well, at \$36 per member. Thank you for your support and for helping us be connected throughout the U.S. to the wider church.

Blessings, Pastor Randy

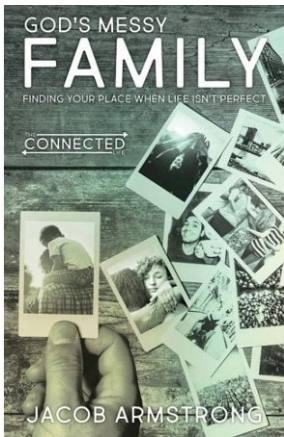
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### JKPC "Proposed" 2019 Budget

Session met on October 16 to review the budget for 2019. The budget was then presented to the congregation on October 28. To see the presentation on the proposed budget, you can visit the church website, [www.jkpcdublin.org](http://www.jkpcdublin.org)

Pledge cards which were not picked up at church on October 28 have been mailed. Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to JKPC and return your pledge card to the church office, or place in the offering plate **no later than Sunday, December 2.**





## *Adult Education ~* *You Can Still Join the Family!* **"God's Messy Family" by Jacob Armstrong** **Now thru November 18 ~ after Worship**

Laura Bolin is leading this study of the book, "God's Messy Family" by Jacob Armstrong. This book takes an in-depth look at our faith lineage, focusing specifically on the family dynamics found in the book of Genesis. As we begin to understand the life stories of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Rebekah, Jacob and Esau, we find that their pattern looks a lot like ours - we are called, we mess up, and God continues to redeem us.

If you are not able to attend the Adult Education class after Worship, you can participate in an existing Bible Study Group (new members welcome), or form a group. Group leader training will be provided. If you are interested in attending the class or a group, or have any suggestions or questions, please contact Terry Han or the church office.

***Books are still available through the office for \$10.***

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### **CANA Marriage Ministry at JKPC continues... Gatherings & Potluck Dinners**

**Saturdays, November 17 & December 15 from 5-8 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall**

Work. Eat. Sleep. Take kids to soccer/baseball/scouts/whatever. Church. Back to work... Is life so hectic that you have forgotten how to connect with your husband or wife? Then, the Cana couples ministry might be for you (and we have childcare!)



After a great first meeting, Janet and Euan Ramsay would like to invite you to our next Cana meetings; Saturdays, November 17 and December 15, at John Knox at 5 p.m. Don't worry if you missed the last one - all couples are welcome. As before, dinner will be potluck style; if you would like to come, please RSVP to Janet Ramsay. Please indicate what type of food you will bring to the potluck; please also tell us if you need childcare and list ages of children.

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### **Fall Clean-Up Day Sunday, November 4 after Worship**

It's time to trim the trees and bushes, wash some windows, rake some leaves and weed the gardens! All hands are needed to help get the JKPC campus cleaned up for the holiday season! Please bring your tree trimmers, clippers, rakes, gloves, brooms, etc. with you on Sunday. Be sure to write your name on your tools so that we can return any that are left behind.

Come dressed to work - lunch will be provided!







## **Bill Haynes is turning 90!** **Celebrate after Worship** **On November 4**

Bill Haynes is turning 90 years old on November 3. Please celebrate with Bill and Ellie by joining them for a cake reception on Sunday, November 4.



## **Veteran's Day Video** **Sunday, November 11**

During the November 11 Worship service, we would like to honor ALL of our JKPC men and women veterans with a special video. Check out the current video on the JKPC website. To be included in the presentation, please contact Lyall Barrett

[http://www.jkpcdublin.org/jkpc\\_military\\_veterans](http://www.jkpcdublin.org/jkpc_military_veterans)



## **Following is a list of JKPC Veterans:**

Albrecht, Ted (D) USA  
 Barrett, Lyall USN (Ret)  
 Beebe, Robert USAF  
 Biddle, Don (D) USA  
 Compton, Bob (D) USN  
 Eason, Chandler USA  
 Edwards, Ray (D) USAAC  
 Floth, Ed (D) USA  
 Harper, John USN  
 Haynes, Bill USAF (Ret)  
 Holstrom, Tom USN  
 Husted, Stan USN (Ret)  
 Irwin, Hank USN  
 Jamison, Mavis USN  
 Kennedy, Russ USAF  
 Lim, Howard USAF  
 McIntyre, Peter CAFI (Ret)

Miller, Jerry USN (Ret)  
 Morrow, David (D) USN (Ret)  
 Ogden, Don (D) USAAC  
 Peterson, Pete USA  
 Prestegard, Peter USCG  
 Rauch, David USA  
 Ruedi, Paul USA  
 Saupe, Owen (D) USAF  
 Sites, Ed (D) USA  
 Snowden, Rick USAF  
 Smith, Bob USA  
 Spruit, Bill USA  
 Van Brunt, Murray (D) USNG  
 Warner, Cal (D) USA  
 Wills, Sam USN  
 Wilson, Eric USA, USCG  
 Woods, Larry USAF



## Women's & Community Life Ministries - Fall 2018

Please contact JoAnn Parker or Chet Wehe with any suggestions or questions!

**Murder Mystery Potluck Dinner**  
**JKPC All Church Event!**  
**Saturday, November 3**  
**Arrival 5:30 p.m. for the 6 p.m. dinner**  
**Fellowship Hall**

Thank you for singing up to enjoy dinner together, as we hear the clues and figure out whodunit? This will be a POTLUCK dinner. Please bring a main dish, side dish, or salad. Anyone wishing to dress up for the evening in 1920's fashion is encouraged! Color scheme is Red, Black and White.

Tables will be pre-set when you arrive so table Host/Hostess will need to do little except facilitate conversation.



# CHURCH FLEA Market

**All Church Flea Market, Craft Fair &  
Clothes Donation Drive at JKPC!**  
**Saturday, November 10 from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Start bringing in your donations this Sunday!**

### Five Great Ways You Can Participate!

1. **Donate items for JKPC to sell at the church booth.** We'll take those dishes, knick-knacks, working electrical items, linens, records, etc. You can bring items into Fellowship Hall this Sunday, or during the week beginning, Wednesday, 11/7, at noon. If the hall is not open, there will be a drop-off table outside the glass door. Large items like furniture? Call Kim to arrange drop off time.
2. Want to sell your own stuff? **Rent a double-parking space in the parking lot for \$25.** Sell your own items and keep the funds. Please plan to be at your booth from 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Set-up must be completed by 7:45 a.m., as you will need to move your vehicle to the street. Bring your own table please.
3. **Craft Fair Vendors can rent a space in Fellowship Hall for \$20 each** - you are invited to sell homemade items or your products. Some great vendors will be here - come get prepared for the holidays!
4. **Donate bagged clothing for our Clothing Drive.** Please place the bags in Room C beginning this Sunday. If Room C is locked, please place bagged clothing outside Room C on the donation table. Donated clothing will be sent to a local donation facility and JKPC will receive fund based on the weight of clothing we collect.
5. **Volunteer to help at this event** by organizing inventory, setting up tables the day of the event, help sell items and collect funds at the JKPC table, labeling items, providing information, etc.

**Please go to the church website [www.jkpcdublin.org](http://www.jkpcdublin.org) to find out more information or to rent a parking space or craft booth space.** Please return the rental space form by Wednesday, 11/7, if possible.

Questions? Contact Kim Kraft at [the4krafts@gmail.com](mailto:the4krafts@gmail.com)



Litwits

**LITWITS (in our 18<sup>th</sup> year!!)**  
**PLEASE JOIN US FOR**  
**A WONDERFUL "IT'S FALL AGAIN" POTLUCK DINNER and**  
**an equally tasty BOOK DISCUSSION**  
**CURL UP AND READ—**  
**AND THEN COME HAVE FUN AT LITWITS!**  
**Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**at the home of Ann Harper**

**WHAT TO BRING:** Bring to our always gala meeting some favorite, yummy dish: a nutritious fall casserole, a fresh fruit or green salad, a flavorful side dish, a generous appetizer or dessert. In addition to one of these, beverages may also be helpful. Try something new and bring the recipe, but please let your hostess know what you will be contributing to this joyous and spirited evening. Respond to the Evite or phone the hostess.

**THIS MONTH'S BOOK:** Enjoy the crisp air and the possibility of rain! Pick up a good book and relax for a few hours. The book selected for November is Lisa Wingate's *Before We Were Yours*. It is about the historical fact that many poor children were seized by unscrupulous individuals and sold to orphanages before being sold for adoptions. Tragic but true, not so very long ago in our country.

**OUTREACH:** Be part of the solution for educational equity with [firstbook.org](http://firstbook.org). First Book, a nonprofit, provides books and other learning materials to underserved children and schools. Your easy-to-do online donation will help greatly. See <https://www.firstbook.org>. A Litwits goal is to help increase literacy at home and around the world which you can also do by ordering your books at Better World Books, when possible.

**DECEMBER'S BOOK & CHRISTMAS PARTY:** *The Deal of a Lifetime* by Fredrik Backus. Litwits and the annual Christmas party will be held on December 11 at Sue Fox's home.



**Women's Ministries Soup Supper**  
**Saturday, December 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**  
**In the Fellowship Hall**

A wonderful potluck for women to connect, share, be thankful for the many blessings we have! Beautiful live music will be provided. Women will bring a soup, a side or salad, or a dessert. Women Ministries will provide beverages and paper goods. Signup will begin in early November, but get this fun luncheon on your calendar - you won't want to miss it!

**SWELL (Single Women Enjoying Living Life)**  
**Lunch at Bridge's Restaurant in Danville**  
**Saturday, December 8, at 12 noon**

Join us at Bridges Restaurant in Danville for good food, good drinks and good friends. Please RSVP to Lynn Getty so she can include you in the reservation.

**Bridges Restaurant is located at 44 Church Street in Danville**







## JKPC FAMILY MINISTRIES

### Sunday School

Please join our Sunday School children's and youth ministries. Our theme is **Built for a Purpose!** Kids and youth start out with their parents at our 9:30 a.m. Worship service, and then are excused for Sunday School.



Sunday School Classes are divided this year:

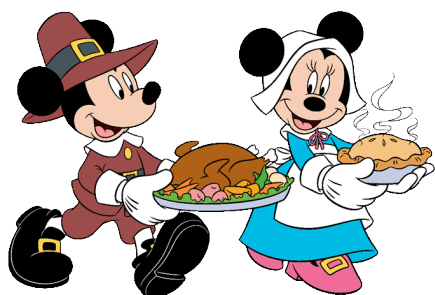
Cry Room - Room E

Toddler/Preschool - Room A

Kindergarten-2nd Grades - Room F

3rd - 4th Grades - Room C or Library

5th Grade, Middle School & High School - Room D



**ROCK - Sunday Afternoon Fun for Kids K-4th Grade  
Every Sunday from 4 - 5:30 p.m.**

**Special Thanksgiving gathering on November 18,  
complete with pumpkin pie and apple cider.**

**ROCK will be on break beginning November 25, and will  
return January 6, 2019!**

**"Welcome to Christmas" Advent Celebration  
Sunday, December 2 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

Let's kick off Christmas and welcome this very special season! We'll make colorful handmade ornaments, enjoy snacks & cider, decorate the church and trim the Christmas tree! There will be time for singing Christmas carols and to hear a special story, too.  
It's a fun time for the whole family and for folks of all ages!

**JKPC Children's Christmas Pageant!  
Sunday, December 9 at 9:30 a.m.  
Tis' the Season to Get Ready!**



Practice Music CDs for the Christmas Pageant and Preschool Sunday are now available to families. If you haven't received a CD, please contact Nancy Polcyn. On Sunday, December 9, during the 9:30 a.m. Worship service, the kids will share in story and song the telling of the very first Christmas!! There will be a special Pageant rehearsal on Saturday, December 8 @ 9 a.m.  
Please share this information - all children are welcome to participate!



### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019 ~ Save the Dates

Carnival with bounce house: Sunday, July 14

VBS Week: Monday-Friday, July 15-19

VBS Musical with BBQ: Sunday, July 21



**"We're Thankful for Youth Group!"**



Youth Group is Every Sunday at JKPC  
Wacky Games, Fun with Friends,  
A Place to Build your Faith!

**Middle School 4-6:10 p.m.**  
**Middle School is now: 5th - 7th Grade**

**High School 5:50-8 p.m.**  
**High School is now: 8th - 12th Grade**

**JKPC College Group Every Wednesday from 6:30-8 p.m.**

**Special Thanksgiving Gathering**  
**Sunday, November 18 from 5:50-6:10 p.m.**

Both middle and high school groups will celebrate together with pumpkin pie and apple cider. Middle school will still meet at 4:00 p.m. and high school will end at 8:00 p.m.



**HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE DISNEYLAND TRIP!**

Thanksgiving Week, **Monday-Wednesday, November 19-21.** Join the "Goofy" group that will go with Bruce "Mad Hatter" Byrne on this wild ride through Disneyland! Please let Bruce Byrne know ASAP if you are planning to attend!



**Girls Cookie Baking & Decorating at Sue Wilburn's Home**  
**Saturday, December 15 from 4-6 p.m.**

Middle & High School, and College Girls join the fun!

We'll bake and decorate cookies - and have lots of fun! Please bring an apron! More info to come!



**Youth & College Christmas Party**  
**Sunday, December 16 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.**

We'll start out in Fellowship Hall for a group meal, and then dessert and gift times will be at a soon to be determined home. More info to come.

**Save These Dates for Future Family Ministries and Youth Events**

- November 18 - Special Thanksgiving Gatherings**
- November 19-21- High School & College Disneyland Trip**
- Nov. 25-Jan. 6 - ROCK Vacation**
- December 2 - Advent Celebration 2-4:30 p.m.**
- December 9 - Children's Christmas Pageant**
- December 15 - Youth Girls Cookie Baking**
- December 16 - Youth Group & College Progressive Christmas Party**
- December 19 - Neighborhood Christmas Caroling**
- January 25-27 - Silver Spur Winter Youth Camp (grades 7-12)**
- March 3 - Preschool Sunday**
- July 7-12 - Silver Spur Summer Youth Camp (grades 7-12)**

## I Care and Want to Share, but How???



### Operation Christmas Child

Three Great Ways to help children around the world with  
**Operation Christmas Child:**

1. Pack one of our Shoeboxes with toys, school supplies and necessities.
2. Build a Shoebox Online for approximately \$25.
3. Donate to the Hope Box and Teresa DeHope will use the items to help fill her boxes!



Filled Boxes are due back to JKPC on November 18. There is a \$9 shipping donation requested for each box – you can even pay this fee online and track your box as it travels around the world.

### Heifer Living Gift Market - Sunday, November 18

The JKPC kids will moooooove into action again this fall when they participate in our annual Heifer Mission Project. Ark banks and activity calendars will be distributed, allowing the children to learn how a little "spare change" can add up to a "big change" in the lives of many!



On Sunday, November 18, we will collect the banks and the kids will host our Living Gift Market! Animals and trees can be "purchased" on behalf of a family in need, allowing the family to create income and a future for their community. We will have pretty honor cards to give out if you would like to buy a llama for your mama or goose for Uncle Bruce!

Please contact Nancy Polcyn for more information.

### Love-a-Child Mission Coat Drive

From November 4 - December 16 we will be collecting gently used coats for all ages. These coats will be donated to Love-a-Child Mission, who for over 30 years have been serving needy women and children in Contra Costa County. A coat bin will be placed outside the church office.



### See's Candies Sale John Knox Co-op Preschool

See's Candies sale - order forms are available in the church office. Please submit orders by November 27 and candy will be delivered December 6 and 7.



Thank you for supporting the Co-op!



## FOOD BASKETS

### Children's Emergency Food Bank Christmas Basket Distribution

The annual Christmas Basket Distribution is one of the original functions of the Children's Emergency Food Bank. It began in 1966 and by 1969 the Food Bank was operating much the same as it does today. The distribution consists of two apple boxes of food plus a \$20 gift card for a turkey or chickens and perishable items.

This year, the date for the Christmas Basket Distribution is Saturday, December 15 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Applications are made available to our clients beginning Monday, October 15, 2018.

Many members and friends of John Knox Presbyterian Church serve as volunteers leading up to this event. Many outside volunteers come to help on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, as well as for the distribution on Saturday. This participation has become tradition for the Dublin/San Ramon Women's Club and several Boy and Girl Troops.

Each year, we conduct a food drive within the congregation, Joy Preschool, and John Knox CO-OP Preschool to help supply the Christmas Distribution. **Shopping bags will be distributed Sunday and Monday, December 2 and 3, and should be returned no later than Sunday, December 9.**

The following timeline should be helpful as you plan your time during the holidays:

**Monday, December 10 - 9:00 a.m.**

Delivery of the large order from Raley's to Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, December 11 - 9:00 a.m.**

Table set up for food sorting

**Wednesday, December 12 - 5:00-7:30 p.m.**

Food sorting and preparation

**Thursday, December 13 - 5:00 p.m. until completion**

Completion of food sorting and preparation

**Saturday, December 15 - 8:30-11:30 a.m.**

Basket Distribution

If you would like to become involved in this project, please contact Rick Snowden at [rick.snowden@att.net](mailto:rick.snowden@att.net)



# THANKS



### Thank You From the Worship Committee

The worship committee would like to thank everyone who helped with the World Communion Sunday potluck set-up/clean-up, also including Jim Adler, Hank Irwin, Sue King Irwin, Bob Kraft, Nancy Maxwell, JoAnn Parker, and Sherry Sheets. Many thanks also to all the wonderful cooks. And a special thank you to

Heavenly Grace Church for clean-up and the delicious dishes that were prepared.

**Let's Get Ready for Christmas! Save These Dates!**  
**Watch for more information to come...**

**"Welcome Christmas" Advent Celebration**  
**Sunday, December 2 from 2-4 p.m.**

All are welcome to join us as we kick-off the Christmas season! Create homemade Christmas ornaments for the church tree and your own tree! Help set up the church nativity scene! Enjoy finger food and cider! Sing Christmas carols! Hear a special story with friends! It's a fun time for the whole family. Invite your friends too!



*Welcome Christmas*



**Christmas Pageant ~ Sunday, December 9 during worship**

The children of JKPC will share the joy of the first Christmas in story and song. All children are invited to join the pageant - they'll just need to be at the Saturday morning 9 a.m. rehearsal on December 8.

**Annual Caroling Party at the McIntyre's home**  
**Sunday, December 9 at 6 p.m.**

Bring a finger food to share and your singing voice! You won't want to miss this festive JKPC tradition! RSVP to the McIntyres.

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**Come Sing for Christmas!**

**Rehearsals: Thursdays, 6:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

Our choir is gearing up for a great Christmas Music Sunday. We would love to have additional singers join us this time of year. No need to stay the entire time, we'll practice this music in the first part of the rehearsal. Please contact Dean Christman for more information.

**Music Sunday, December 16 during Worship**

The Choir, Praise Band and Bell Choir will present inspiring music of the Christmas season.

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**Let's Go Caroling!**



**Family Christmas Caroling around the JKPC Neighborhood**  
**Wednesday, December 19 from 6-7:30 p.m.**

All are invited to sing door to door with us, then return to JKPC for refreshments. Please contact Tracy Hong if you are interested to carol.

**Poinsettias for Christmas**  
**November 25 - December 9**

Each year we offer the congregation the opportunity to purchase poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. We then print a special page of memorials and commemorations in the Christmas Eve worship service bulletins. Forms to order poinsettias will be on the church website and in the office.

Please turn forms into the office by December 9.



**Christmas Eve Worship Services**

We will hold two Christmas Eve Services this year:

5:30 p.m. Family Friendly Candlelight Service

8:00 p.m. Communion & Candlelight Service





## **Mexican Medical Ministries Update on Erin and Wayne Hilliker**

Erin Hilliker was the Program Director at Silver Spur for many years before going to Mexico with her husband, Wayne.  
Here is an update from them.

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October 2018

### **Que Wow!**

We have already been attending language school for 6 weeks! As a fellow student would say, "Que wow!" Each week has been filled with new experiences and much learning. One question we get asked often is "*Why are you here in Guanajuato studying Spanish?*" This doesn't seem like a difficult question to answer, and it's not — when you can answer in English!

Erin has learned how to explain the hope of Mexican Medical Ministries and our potential roles very simply. Mainly because she only knows certain words! With time, we both look forward to explaining and representing the work God has for us with clarity and simplicity. What has been encouraging and a blessing to us are the responses after answering the question. The people around us, believers and nonbelievers alike, have been very positive and supportive.

Everyday we have four 1-hour classes, each one with a different instructor. Two hours of grammar, one hour of conversation, and another one of practical grammar. On Wednesdays the school also offers a cooking class and we get to eat what we made. Much of our time, however, is spent either in classes or studying and working on homework. The time thinking, speaking, and hearing the Spanish language continues to be incredibly valuable. We are both eager to connect and converse at more than a surface level.

As we've been encouraged, time and again, "poco a poco". Erin gets excited as each week she begins to understand more and more of what is being said at church, in Bible studies we attend, and as we spend time with friends. Indeed, it truly is "little by little."

This month we are also looking forward to a very special day - **Erin's 40th birthday!** The teachers at school surprised her with a cake. To celebrate, this weekend we are going to San Miguel de Allende, a nearby town, for its Chocolate and Coffee Festival.

Please continue to pray for us as we study the language and seek ways to apply what we are learning. Thank you!!

Wayne and Erin Hilliker

eghilliker@gmail.com



**On-Line Directory**

## **JKPC's Online Directory ~ Up and Running**

Have you had a chance to look at the new JKPC's Online Directory? We now have pictures of 80 families!

Please go to the church's website to view it in the Member Section. It is password protected, and the password has been emailed to the JKPC Family.

The main goal is to have an online photo directory that can be kept up-to-date each month. It will help people connect faces with names and it will keep your contact information current.

If you haven't had a chance to get your picture taken, please contact Meg Currier. For those who do not have access to the internet, the church will provide a printed copy.



Do you shop on Amazon.com, then you should shop on [AmazonSMILE.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile). It's the same shopping website, but amazonsmile.com donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to JKPC.

SET-UP (one-time) - Amazonsmile.com, log-in (your usual Amazon username/password), chose JKPC (DUBLIN) as your charity.

To earn the 0.5%, all purchases must be made from **amazonsmile.com**

**AmazonSmile must be used on a computer rather than on a Smartphone**



### **Tithe.ly Digital Giving is Here!**

**Simple and secure. Give a single gift, or schedule ongoing donations using your checking account, debit, or credit card.**

Please go to the church website, [www.jkpcdublin.org](http://www.jkpcdublin.org), and click on the Donate Online button from the home page. There is a video on our website that shows an overview of the app.

Tithe.ly APP: If you want to make a donation from your Smartphone, you can download the Tithe.ly app to your Apple or Android. Just search for the name Tithe.ly in the app store. Once you've installed the app and created your Tithe.ly account, simply search for John Knox Presbyterian Church to make your donation. There is even an option for the person making the donation to cover the processing fees which will keep church expenses down.

*No matter how you give, we thank you for you supporting JKPC.*





## Scheduled Meetings and Rehearsals

**Chancel Choir** - Thursday - 6:45 p.m.  
**Deacons' Meeting** - 4th Tuesday - 7 p.m.  
**Finance Committee** - Meets the Thursday  
before Session. Contact Jared Shaffer  
**Litwits** - 2nd Tuesday - 6:30 p.m.  
**Praise Band** - Thursdays - 7:45 p.m.  
**Rock! for Kids** - Sunday afternoon 4-5:30 p.m.  
**Youth Groups** - Sunday afternoons  
Middle School - 4 p.m.  
High School - 5:50 p.m.  
**Session Meeting** - 3rd Tuesday - 7:30 p.m.

## Study Groups



### Current Bible Study Groups

Please contact them for more information.

#### Women's Bible Study:

Tuesday- 1st & 3rd @10 a.m. - members homes  
Contact: Paula Miller  
Friday @10 a.m. - LIFT Women's Study in  
church Library. Contact: Joan McGrady-Beach.

#### Men's Bible Study:

Friday @7 a.m. - Copper Skillet Restaurant,  
Dublin. Contact: Pastor Randy.



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925-828-1846,  
[jkpcdublin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jkpcdublin@sbcglobal.net)

### Preschools on Site -

Joy Preschool & Day Care  
925-829-3233,  
[www.joypreschooldublin.com](http://www.joypreschooldublin.com)

John Knox Co-op Preschool -  
925-828-2887,  
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If you have a prayer request or know  
someone who is need, please call the  
office or email Stan Husted,  
at [jkpccares@gmail.com](mailto:jkpccares@gmail.com)

# November



## *November Calendar*

|                     |                                                                                                |
|---------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| November 3          | All Church Murder Mystery Potluck Dinner                                                       |
| November 4          | Daylight Saving Time Ends (2 a.m.) - clocks <i>fall</i> back<br>Communion<br>Fall Clean Up Day |
| November 4 - Dec 16 | Love-a-Child Mission Coat Drive                                                                |
| November 10         | All Church Flea Market, Craft Fair & Clothing Drive                                            |
| November 11         | Veteran's Day Video During Worship                                                             |
| November 12         | JKPC Office Closed - Veteran's Day Observed                                                    |
| November 13         | LITWITS                                                                                        |
| November 17         | CANA Marriage Ministry Gathering & Potluck                                                     |
| November 18         | Heifer Living Gift Banks Due & Heifer Market<br>Filled Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due     |
| November 19-21      | High School/College Disneyland Trip                                                            |
| November 22-23      | JKPC Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving                                                        |

## *Coming Events - Save the Dates!*

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|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| December 1    | Women's Ministries Soup Supper                                                                                                         |
| December 2    | Communion<br>"Welcome Christmas" Advent Celebration<br>Stewardship Pledges Due                                                         |
| December 2-9  | Children's Emergency Food Bank Drive                                                                                                   |
| December 8    | SWELL Luncheon                                                                                                                         |
| December 9    | Children's Christmas Pageant<br>McIntyre's Annual Christmas Carol Party                                                                |
| December 11   | LITWITS                                                                                                                                |
| December 15   | Youth Girls Cookie Baking<br>CANA Marriage Ministry Gathering & Potluck                                                                |
| December 16   | Christmas Music Sunday<br>Youth Progressive Christmas Parties                                                                          |
| December 19   | Family Christmas Caroling                                                                                                              |
| December 24   | Christmas Eve Services:<br>Family Friendly Candlelight Service is at 5:30 p.m.<br>Evening Communion & Candlelight Service is at 8 p.m. |
| January 25-27 | Silver Spur Winter Youth Camp (grades 7-12)                                                                                            |

Details on these events may be found on our website: [www.jkpcdublin.org](http://www.jkpcdublin.org)



## A Thanksgiving Garden

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace in our hearts  
Peace in our school  
Peace in our world

Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip  
Squash indifference  
Squash grumbling  
Squash selfishness

Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful  
Lettuce be kind  
Lettuce be obedient  
Lettuce really love one another

No garden should be without turnips:

Turnip for lessons  
Turnip on time  
Turnip to help one another

Water freely with patience; cultivate with love.

There is abundance in your garden  
Because you reap what you sow.

To conclude our garden, we must have thyme:

Thyme for study  
Thyme for friends  
Thyme for family!



### Church Staff

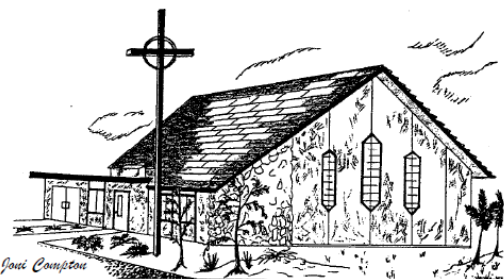
**Randy McGrady-Beach**, Pastor  
**Nancy Polcyn**, Family Ministries Director  
**Dean Christman**, Music Director  
**Bruce Byrne**, Youth Director  
**Mary Chervet**, Administrative Assistant  
**Rene Phillips**, Administrative Assistant  
**Elise O'Connell**, Office Assistant, Newsletter  
**Teresa Karlson**, Benevolence Treasurer  
**Eric Loofbourrow**, Organist  
**Steve Kritzer**, Music Ministry  
**Nanette Wehe**, Music Ministry

### Volunteer Staff

**Marion Rogers**, Chief Sound Technician  
**Jerry Miller**, Chief Video Technician  
**Sue King-Irwin & Peter McIntyre**,  
Head Ushers  
**Paula Miller**, Office Assistant  
**Sue Wilburn & Sandi Coll**, Music  
**Lisa Locus & Rene Phillips**,  
Wedding Coordinators  
**Lyall Barrett**, Veterans Coordinator

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**9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning**

Blended Worship Service

Sunday School for Preschool through High School & Nursery Care