



JKPC News

Monthly update of events
John Knox Presbyterian Church

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SEPTEMBER 2019



JKPC Fall Kick-off Sunday, September 8

Sunday School ~ Choir ~ Potluck Refreshments
ROCK Returns ~ Youth BBQ & Swim Party
Portraits for JKPC Photo Directory!



"Get in the Spirit" Christmas Tea Planning Meeting September 8 after Worship

September 7 ~ Women's Ministries Progressive Dinner



September 15 ~ 3rd Grade Bible Presentation

Sermons



Coming To A Pulpit Near You!

Here's an idea of what you can expect for sermon subjects in September. Pastor Randy will begin his Sermon Series on the Kings of Israel. You may want to read the scripture passages in advance.

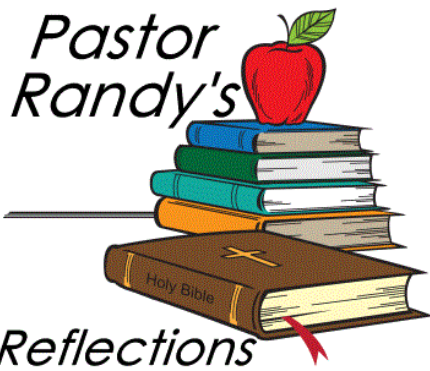
September 1 - "Jesus Calms the Storm" Psalm 30, Mark 4:35-41, Guest Pastor Terry Dwyer

September 8 - "Walk With Me" Luke 7:36-50

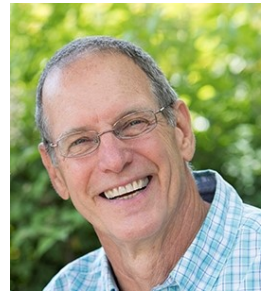
September 15 - King Saul "The One For Whom They Were Looking" 1 Samuel 10:17-22

September 22 - King David Part 1 "Lions, Bears, and Kings, Oh My" 1 Samuel 16:11-13

September 29 - King David Part 2 "Turn Around" 2 Samuel 12:1-6



"The gospel is less about how to get into the Kingdom of Heaven after you die, and more about how to live in the Kingdom of Heaven before you die." Dallas Willard



Reflections

So how has your walk been this summer? I wrote in the June Newsletter about the **WALKS** in our life. Those include: taking up the challenge of **W**alking the neighborhood,

Acknowledging others, **L**istening to the Spirit, **K**eeping hope alive, and **S**haring our blessings as we witness God's calling for each of us.

This practice is one way you can make a positive impact in the world. We all know that our world certainly needs people making a positive impact, but we also have our own salvation to be concerned about.

Wait, did you say we need to be concerned about our salvation? Don't we believe that once we accept Jesus as Lord we are saved? Well, yes, we do, but Paul also says in Philippians 2:12-13, **"12 Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, 13 for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose."**

Early Christians did not focus much on what happens when people die. They were more concerned about the "Kingdom of God." Those early believers considered God's kingdom to be a present reality, but that the final fulfillment of this Kingdom was still in the future. It won't be completed until the day when there is a restoration of the whole of creation, when Jesus comes again.

They believed God's kingdom had been launched through the events of Jesus' life and was infiltrating the world right then. Salvation was not a "one and done" thing, but a continual process in their lives.

This is why it so important that once you begin the Christian walk you continue in it. This is why we seek God's guidance on a daily basis. This is why we can take confidence, like the Philippians in chapter 1 when Paul says, **"he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."** The work is happening right now if you are committed. We are on the road to complete salvation, but have not yet arrived.

These may be new ideas for some of us, but that is why I want us to explore Paul's "take" on faith this fall. We will be studying Paul and looking at his journey throughout the Mediterranean as he reflects on his faith, and explore what it means to be a Jesus follower, one who seeks the Kingdom of God.

Come and explore with us. Everyone is welcome. Each and every participant will add to our understanding. We will be richer for everyone who attends. If you can't come, you can still get a copy of the book. If you email me questions, we can discuss them in class as well. Of course, those who are there will have first crack, but remember, some questions are to drive us deeper and may not be answered on this side of the grave.

I look forward to our **Walks** together.

Blessings, Pastor Randy



New Adult Education

Learning Life Together

This fall we will have two special opportunities for you to learn more about your faith as we explore scripture. First we will offer a study on Paul for six weeks. This will include a DVD series and book by Adam Hamilton. This is to be used partly as a resource for new information, but also as a catalyst for growth in our ongoing work of salvation, see front article.

We will start that class on September 22, and books are already available. We were able to get a deal on them, normally they cost \$19, but even with shipping we will be able to offer you books at \$5 each. Sign up in the office or after church on the Adult Education clip board.

Secondly, we will be exploring the lives of some of the Old Testament kings and learning what they can teach us from their faithfulness and from their mistakes. They, like us, are human and subject to character flaws and temptations which draw them away from God. Hopefully we can learn from them and emulate those things which they did well, see scriptures listed for the September series in this newsletter.

This winter we will explore some of the questions Jesus asks of those who follow him, he asked over 300 questions in the gospels. We will also look at some of the questions Jesus himself was asked, over 180. He wants us to explore these questions knowing that some answers are not clearly apparent. He himself only answered less than ten of the questions he was asked.

Exploring these questions may seem a daunting task at best, but the point is he gave us a mind to use, a community to walk with us, and a Spirit to speak to us through scripture, prayer, those who have gone before us and sometimes a still small voice.

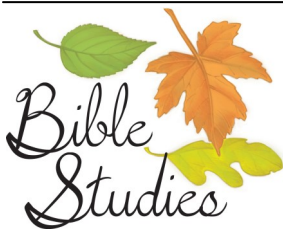
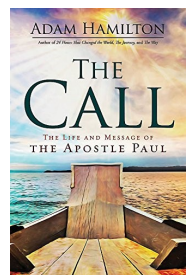
Join us as we explore these subjects while we work out our salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2:12).

Blessings, Pastor Randy

"The Call" Class Schedule:

This class will meet on Sunday after Worship on the following dates:

- ♦ September 22 & 29
- ♦ October 20 & 27
- ♦ November 3 & 10



On-going Bible Study Groups:

LIFT (Ladies in Fellowship Together) - meets Friday mornings at 10 a.m. in the library. Contact Joan McGrady-Beach

Tuesday Women's Bible Study— meets 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in members homes. Contact Paula Miller

Men's Friday Morning Bible Study—Meets at Copper Skillet in Dublin at 7 a.m. Contact Pastor Randy McGrady-Beach



JKPC Fall Kick-off Sunday, September 8

We're excited to begin a new season with our church family! We have some special events happening- please plan to be there!

- **The Chancel Choir** will return this day!
 - **Sunday School** classes for children resume!
 - **Potluck Refreshments** - Following worship, everyone is invited to enjoy refreshments and fellowship. Please bring something to share.
 - **Cake Celebration** for the 25th Anniversary of Pastor Randy's ordination.
 - **Portraits for JKPC Directory**—Meg Currier is available before and after worship to take your portrait!
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ROCK Kids Program Returns
4:00-5:30 p.m. at JKPC. For more information and to sign up, go to www.jkpcdublin.org



Youth Group BBQ & Swim Party -
Middle & High Schoolers are invited to join us from 4:30-7p.m. at Bollinger Hills Cabana in San Ramon. More info & the permission slip is available on the website.



Sign up for September 8 Photo Shoot ~ JKPC Online Photo Directory Wants YOU!

Have you had a chance to look at the JKPC Online Photo Directory? You can view it on our church website, www.jkpcdublin.org, in the "Member" area. It is password protected, so if you need the password, please contact the church office. We would love to have all of our JKPC family included in the directory. Meg Currier will be available to take portraits before and after the church service on September 8. Meg takes beautiful portraits! To sign up for a time slot, please go to the JKPC website.

There is a link on the "Welcome" page. Or, you can sign up after worship on Sunday.



JKPC Member In Remembrance

In loving memory of

Eva Lim

November 21, 1938 — August 7, 2019



**Celebration of Life Service
Saturday, September 7, at 11 a.m.**

Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall



WELCOME **NEW MEMBERS**

Rene Phillips

~and~

Lina (Na Li)

We're so pleased that both Rene and Lina officially
joined JKPC as members over the summer!

If you would like to learn about JKPC membership, please contact Pastor Randy.

Baptism



Please join us in celebrating the baptism of

Amelia Rae Oh

Daughter of Carla Arica and Seung Kun Oh

and little sister to Marissa!

On Sunday, September 1, during Worship

25th Anniversary of Pastor Randy's Ordination!

Randy earned his Masters of Divinity degree from

University of Dubuque Theological Seminary in May 1994.

On July 31, 1994 he was ordained as a Minister of Word and
Sacrament. July 31, 2019 marked 25 years of ordained ministry for Randy.

On September 8, we will celebrate this important milestone with a
cake reception after worship.

Congratulations!



**JKPC FAMILY MINISTRIES
with Nancy Polcyn!**



We are very excited about the start of a new Sunday School year in children's and youth ministries. We welcome our new Family Ministries Elders **Soeun & PJ Peterson**! They have been active in children's & youth ministries for MANY years and we are excited to have them lead us.



Our Theme for the 2019-2020 Sunday School year is Connected in Christ! We want your children to know how much God loves them and how He wants them to love others, too!

Kids and youth start out with their parents at our 9:30 a.m. worship service, and then are excused for Sunday School. Classes are available for Preschool - 12th grade, with nursery care for little ones if needed. If you prefer to keep little ones with you during worship and they get fussy, you can use the "Cry Room" behind the sanctuary, which has a viewing monitor to see and hear the service.

Sunday School Classes are divided as follows:

Toddler/Preschool - Room A
3rd - 4th Grades - Library

Kindergarten-2nd Grades - Room F
5th Grade-12th - Room D



**ROCK - Sunday Afternoon Fun for Kids K-4th Grade
Returns Sunday, September 8 from 4 - 5:30 p.m.**

There will be hands-on lessons, crazy games, cool crafts, and snacks too! Parents: sign your child up today on the JKPC website. ROCK is held every Sunday afternoon until early May (with a break during the holidays). For more information and to register, go to www.jkpcdublin.org.

3rd Grade Bible Presentation Sunday, September 15

Getting into God's Word! Our 3rd graders will be presented with NIV Adventure Bibles during this service!



COMMUNION



CLASSES

Communion Classes for 3rd & 4th Graders

Third and Fourth Graders will have special communion classes for four weeks during Sunday School, September 8 - October 6, and will participate in World Communion Sunday on October 13.

Blessings on a new school year to Joy Preschool & Daycare and to John Knox Co-op Preschool



**John Knox Co-op Preschool Fall Festival - all welcome
Thursday, October 10, from 4:30 - 8 p.m.**

Food and ticket orders will be available on the website: www.jkcp.org

We will also be selling tickets at the information booth that night. You won't want to miss out on the food, games, and our wonderful silent auction!

Middle School & High Schoolers—contact Leslie James if you want to help out with the games booths!



**Youth Group
with Bruce Byrne
and
Bailey Kraft!**



**Youth Group on Sunday afternoons is filled with
Games, Fun with Friends & A Place to Build Your
Faith**

**Middle School 4-6:10 p.m.
(5th - 7th Grade)**

**High School 5:50-8 p.m.
(8th - 12th Grade)**

Note: No Youth Group September 1 due to Labor Day Weekend!

**Youth Group Swim Party & BBQ!
Sunday, September 8 from 4:30-7 p.m.**

Middle & High Schoolers are invited to join us at Bollinger Hills Cabana in San Ramon. More information and the permission slip are on the church website. www.jkpcdublin.org



Please officially welcome... Bailey Kraft

Those who are regulars to the life of JKPC know that Bailey has been serving in our youth ministry for some time. We're pleased to announce that as of August 1st, Bailey is now officially our Assistant Youth Director. In addition to our regular youth ministry and events, Bailey is now available to attend our youth's musicals, sporting events, plays, etc, and she'll be generating new and fun activities as well.

You can help Bailey "launch" by providing her with the schedule for your child's extra curricular activities! Welcome aboard, Bailey!

Bruce will still be very active with our youth, especially the special events and trips. But please note that Bruce will be attending JKPC one out of the four Sunday mornings, and three out of the four Sunday afternoons per month.

Save These Dates for Family Ministries Future Events

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

- October 27 - Trunk or Treat from 4-6 p.m. (BBQ & FUN!)
Youth Group Halloween Party on campus from 6-8 p.m.**
- November 16 - Christmas Tea (Food Bank Fundraiser)**
- November 24 - Heifer Living Gift Market and
Operation Christmas Child Boxes due**
- November 25-27 - High School Disneyland Trip**
- December 1 - Advent Celebration 2-4:30 p.m.**
- December 8 - Christmas Pageant (Pageant Rehearsal December 7)**
- December 15 - Youth Progressive Christmas Parties**

*** Fall Talent Show - Dates to be decided still! Stay tuned!**



Worship Committee



JOIN US FOR "FAITH ALIVE," a special Laity Sunday Service.

Hear how members of the JKPC Congregation have allowed their faith to spur them to action. Sunday, October 6th at the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Laity will lead all aspects of the service. You won't want to miss this!

Children's Emergency Food Bank 50th Anniversary Celebration

Thank you and congratulations to all of our past and current volunteers and supporters. 2019 marks fifty years of continuous service to Dublin, Pleasanton, San Ramon and Danville. Regular five day a week service began in 1969. Our Christmas Distribution began a few years earlier and will have its fifty third birthday this December. The Children's Emergency Food Bank was started by members of John Knox Presbyterian Church, the Dublin/San Ramon Junior Women's Club and teachers at Neilsen Elementary School.

To celebrate this important occasion we will gather Sunday October 6th following the Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall of John Knox Presbyterian Church in Dublin. The time will be approximately 10:45am. There will be cake and refreshments and we would like to get some pictures of past and current volunteers. If you know someone who you think would like to attend please share this information with them.

During September the City of Dublin will recognize our long service to the community at the annual Volunteer Recognition Event by presenting a plaque commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of our Dublin Business License, one of the City's oldest. The plaque and other pictures and information will be on display.

We look forward to seeing you at the celebration.



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**



World Communion Sunday, October 13 with Heavenly Grace Church

Instead of October 6, we will celebrate on Sunday, October 13
with Heavenly Grace at the special time of 10 a.m.
There will be a Potluck following



“Get in the Spirit” Christmas Tea is coming!

~benefitting ~

The Children’s Emergency Food Bank

***November 16 - Save the Date**

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**Menu Planning Meeting - September 8 after Worship
in the church library**

Bring your ideas!

Anyone interested in helping with food for the tea is encouraged to attend.

We are looking for donations for the silent auction

Can you help? Do you have a favorite store, restaurant or service that you could ask for a donation? We’re also looking for tickets to attractions and sporting events. Any connections or introductions would be most helpful and appreciated! Contact Kim Kraft if you’d like to help or share ideas.

Help will also be needed with:

~ Table Hostess ~ Food Preparation ~ Food Servers ~ Set Up ~ Clean Up ~
....and more!

For more information or to get involved, please contact:

Kim Kraft, Sandi Coll

....or the JKPC office (925)828-1846





Women's Ministries at JKPC

Please contact JoAnn Parker with any questions or for information!

Women's Progressive Dinner Saturday, September 7 from 4:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Ladies ... A fun food fellowship potluck! We'll have appetizers at one home, salad at another, main course at another, and end the evening at home #4 for dessert. Yes, we can sit around and chat with no prompting, but we will have a couple of small program features along the way.



SWELL (Single Women Enjoying Living Life) Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 19

Join the SWELL Ladies at the home of Sherry Sheets for a traditional Oktoberfest meal and planning meeting. Contact Sherry to attend

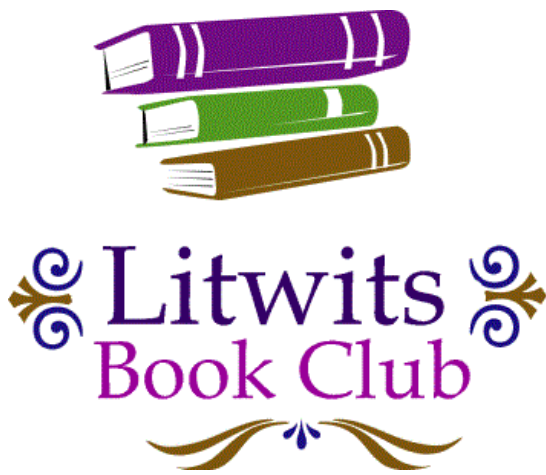


Gift Wrap Fundraiser ~ Saturday, December 7

More details will be available later this year, but put this on your calendar and do LOTS of holiday shopping before this date! We will take walk-ins but would like to have as many signups ahead as possible ...And signups for those who can be wrappers. Watch the Women's Ministries/Community Life board (to the right of Fellowship Hall) for more information.



"Yes, but they want me to go back tomorrow anyway."



LITWITS (in our 19th year!!)

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR SEPTEMBER
POTLUCK DINNER AND BOOK DISCUSSION**

**Enrich your reading life by talking books
with this inspiring group of readers**

September Meeting:

**Tuesday, September 10, at 6:30 p.m.
at the home of Diana McIntyre**

WHAT TO BRING: Bring to our September meeting a casserole, side dish, fresh salad, dessert, hors d'oeuvre. Main dishes are always needed so do check the Evite to see what others are bringing. Avoid too many desserts! J In addition to one of above offerings, beverages may also be helpful. Try something new and bring your recipe, but **please** let your hostess know what you will be contributing to our always inviting feast. Respond to an Evite or phone the hostess if you are not on the Evite list.

SEPTEMBER BOOK: Our September book is *A River of Stars*, by Vanessa Hua. Hua tackles a controversial and quite current subject in her debut novel. A young Chinese woman named Scarlett Chen falls in love with the owner of the factory where she works. Soon she discovers that she will bear this man's child, which has been determined to be a boy. The boss is already married, the father of three daughters, but he deeply desires to have a son. So, he ships Scarlett off to America so that his son can be born with all the benefits of an American citizen. Once in the United States, however, Scarlett encounters the unexpected. How will she survive?

Vanessa Hua had planned to be with us via Skype but regrets (as do we) that her schedule prevents.

WANT TO READ AHEAD?: If you are feeling ambitious, you might want to tackle October's book, *The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers*, by Maxwell King.



SYLVIA BEACH HOTEL, OCTOBER 24-27: We are full steam ahead for another amazing reading weekend. We have one opening left for anyone who may be interested. Call Sue Fox.



Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

Operation Christmas Child - It's not too early to start planning!

Operation Christmas Child Boxes - start collecting items for your box! Each year JKPC helps fill a box for children around the world who are in need. A reminder to start looking for good deals on school supplies, necessities and toys that you may want to place in your box. More details can be found at www.jkpcdublin.org. OCC Boxes are even available today if you want to start collecting!



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.

Go to: www.jkpcdublin.org, and click on the Donate Online button from the home page.

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

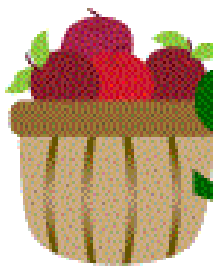


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Note: Amazon Smile must have purchases transacted on a computer rather than a Smartphone in order for JKPC to receive the credit. Thank you!



September



September Calendar

September 1	Communion
September 2	Labor Day - Church Office Closed
September 6	Eva Lim's Celebration of Life Service
September 7	Women's Progressive Dinner
September 8	JKPC Fall Kick Off - Fall Sunday School Begins
	ROCK Returns
	Youth Pool Party & BBQ
September 10	Litwits
September 15	3rd Grade Bibles Presented
September 30	Operation Christmas Child Boxes Available

Coming Events - Save the Dates!

October 6	Laity Sunday and CEFB 50th Anniversary Celebration
October 8	LITWITS
October 10	John Knox Co-op Preschool Fall Festival
October 13	World Communion Sunday Service with Heavenly Grace and Potluck
October 19	SWELL Oktoberfest Luncheon
October 24-27	LITWITS Trip to Sylvia Beach
October 27	Trunk or Treat 4-6 p.m. and Youth Halloween Party 6-8 p.m.
November 16	"Get in the Spirit" Christmas Tea
November 24	Heifer Living Gift Market & Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due
November 25-27	High School Disneyland Trip
December 1	Advent Celebration
December 8	Christmas Pageant
December 1-8	Children's Emergency Food Bank Drive
December 14	CEFB Christmas Basket Distribution
December 15	Youth Progressive Christmas Parties
December 24	Christmas Eve Services 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.



Scheduled Meetings and Rehearsals

Chancel Choir - Thursdays @ 6:45 p.m.

Deacons' Meeting - 3rd Sunday of the month
after Worship

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! Sundays @ 4 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.



Current Bible Study Groups

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.



If you have a prayer
request or know
someone who is need,
please call the office
Or Stan Husted,
(925)997-4161,
or email us at
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Church Staff

Randy McGrady-Beach, Pastor

Nancy Polcyn, Family Ministries Director

Dean Christman, Music Director

Bruce Byrne, Youth Director

Bailey Kraft, Assistant Youth Director

Mary Chervet, Administrative Assistant

Rene Phillips, Administrative Assistant

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

Sue Wilburn & Sandi Coll, Music

Lisa Locus & Rene Phillips,

Wedding Coordinators

Lyll Barrett,

Veterans Coordinator

Preschools

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Lisa Locus, Director

John Knox Co-op Preschool

Leslie James, Director



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9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning

Blended Worship Service

Sunday School for Preschool through High
School & Nursery Care