



The CALENDAR

of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church

FALL 2019

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Fall Worship & Office Hours

*I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."*

— Psalm 122:1

On Sunday, September 1, at 10:30 a.m., we return to one worship service. Concurrent with the service is Church School for children (Crib - 6th Grade).

Office hours continue: Monday–Thursday, 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

In many ways, these changes mark the beginning of another year of church activity. Hopefully, as all of us resume our normal routine of work, school and activities, we will find the time and energy to participate in the many opportunities for worship, study, fellowship and service at JAPC.

Truly, there is something for everyone.

Farewell to Summer, Welcome Fall

All are invited Sunday, September 8 following worship in Dodge Hall to celebrate the beginning of a new season with food and fellowship. **Parish Life** Committee will provide meat and beverages. You are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share. All are welcome! The reservation sheet can be found in the main hallway.

The Chancel Choir Resumes on Sunday, September 15

The Chancel Choir will begin its choral season with a rehearsal on Sunday, September 15, at 8:30 a.m., in the Choir Room. Regular rehearsal time for the choir is Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. with an occasional rehearsal starting at 8:30 a.m. during busy seasons. If you like to sing and are interested in being a part of an active and vibrant ensemble which sings a wide variety of music, please contact Stephen Warner at (248)912-7566 or stephen@japc.org. Other than occasional special events, our choir does not have weekday rehearsals.

Downtown Disciples Bible Study Thursday, September 12

Pastor Matt has joined the teaching team for the **Downtown Disciples Bible Study**. Matt will teach on Thursday, September 12. The bible study meets on Second Tuesdays from 12:15 to 1:15pm at Fort Street Presbyterian Church (631 W. Fort Street) and is facilitated by pastors of Detroit area churches. This year we will be using the Seasons of Peace bible study. You can download a copy online at <http://bit.ly/make4peace>. In September we will discuss *Session 2: Finding Peace*.

Fall Sunday Forum Series Sunday, September 15

The **Sunday Forum** kicks off on Sunday, September 15 following worship. We will welcome Ann Arbor film maker, Barton Bund. Mr. Bund will present a documentary film on the Line 5 Oil Pipeline controversy in the Straits of Mackinaw. Upcoming **Sunday Forums** will include a Stewardship Forum on October 13 and Rev. Kate Thorensen from the Faith Community Coalition for Foster Care on November 1.

Men's BBQ Monday, September 30

The men of the church are invited to the **Men's BBQ** for food, fun, and church friends. Pastor Matt will host us at the manse beginning at 6:30 p.m. Burgers and brats will be provided. Please bring a side dish and/or beverage to share. Let us know you are coming and what you plan to bring on the clipboard on the Parish Life tables in the main hallway or by calling the church.

Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" The man said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

— Luke 10:36-37

PASTOR'S CORNER

by Matthew Nickel, Pastor

After telling the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus asks a man *Who was the neighbor to the man who was hurt by robbers?* And the man replied *The one who showed him mercy.* Then Jesus says *Go and do likewise.* Jesus teaches disciples ancient and modern to put faith into action, to go and do. Disciples are to be merciful, generous, hospitable, growing community and friendship. We could name the many ways that disciples are called to live their faith.

The sermon series this Fall in September and October will be call ***Go and Do***. In worship will explore how faith calls people of faith toward action. We'll look at what disciples do and what God does. What disciples do is more than just doing for doing sake. It is more than just doing something because it helps someone or makes us feel good. Going and doing is a matter of faith that listens to God and faith that embraces a sense of purpose. It looks for what God is doing and seeks to join God.

In a variety of corners of Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church there are disciples going and doing. The church is reaching out in new ways and renewed ways.

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The ***Mission Committee*** is launching a new literacy partnership with SOAR Literacy and Nichols School to help students achieve in reading. It builds and supports our

already strong Tutoring Tree ministry. Summer Camps welcomed new partners for drumming and bringing a bit of wilderness and outdoors to the Bible Camp experience.

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Last spring Session adopted a new ***Building Use Policy*** that enables church to better accommodate community groups and organizations as we seek to invite people to use our great facility.

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Deacons have begun a ***Home Communion Ministry*** on Communion Sundays to meet members who do not get to church as often as they would like.

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So far in 2019 we had overnight ***Mission Groups*** from Wayne State University and Duquesne University, as well as youth mission groups.

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As a church and as a faith community, JAPC is going and doing. So many meaningful ministries are experiencing nourishment and support as well a new ministries that are blooming. So let us listen for the ways God is enriching us that we might share mercy with the neighbors we meet.

Peace,
Matt

SOAR Literacy Partnership is Looking for Tutors

SOAR and Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church are starting a partnership to provide literacy support for second graders at Nichols School in the Indian Village neighborhood of Detroit. JAPC is looking for 15 tutors from JAPC to work with students on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Other area churches will be joining in the partnership with JAPC's leadership as well for this significant project. If you enjoy reading you are qualified and **SOAR** will provide tutor training. If you want to be a part of students succeeding in reading, contact Pastor Matt Nickel at matt@japc.org or (313)822-3456.



Michigan Black Presbyterian Caucus 50th Anniversary Event

On Saturday, October 12, the **MBPC** will host a celebration luncheon from Noon to 2:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Detroit. The keynote speaker is the Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the Rev. Dr. J Herbert Nelson. Tickets cost \$30 and are available in the church office.



New Staff Emails

Starting September 1, the church staff will be using new email addresses that will be firstname@japc.org — please be patient with our communication as we move to our new emails. New emails will published at the bottom of Sunday bulletins.

*Scenes from
this summer's
Bible Camp with
Camp Westminster*



Facilities Update from the Building Manager

by Larry Gannan

Great changes have been taking place around the building and the grounds. Although some of these changes are more noticeable than others, we are making headway and nearing completion of many deferred maintenance issues. Here is a list of accomplishments in 2019:

- 1) First and second floor offices near the rear entrance were effected by a burst pipe have been reconstructed.
- 2) Decades of accumulated and unused items in storage has been removed so that building space is user friendly. This allowed for a dedicated janitorial and custodial supplies room in a central location. A groundskeeping tool and staging area was also created. The maintenance room is now its own same for ease of accessibility for tools.
- 3) Tables and chairs on the lower level are now centrally located for ease of assembly to accommodate church events and outside groups.
- 4) The badly damaged sidewalk has been resurfaced to minimize any potential fall issues.
- 5) Timers and WIFI controls have been installed for garden lights and parking lot lights, as well as interior mechanical operations (circulation fans and HVAC blowers). The sanctuary A/C system is now controlled via WIFI.
- 6) The gym floor material was specially made to keep JAPC historically accurate and then transported by Howard and Sharon Riley. The custom milled wood will preserve the original character of the gym.
- 7) Attic exhaust motors that were non-operational for the last ten or more years are now operational. We have fresh air flowing throughout the building through this system. Bathroom exhaust fans were repaired to exchange air and eliminate odor as they were designed to do. Kitchen exhaust fan is operational and prepared to host large events that require food preparation in our kitchen using our ranges.
- 8) Parking Lot has been resealed and re-stripped, thereby minimizing the odds for major repairs.
- 9) The men's bathroom leaks were repaired and urinals lowered for usability for almost all ages.
- 10) Inoperable portions of the boiler have been repaired to put us on the road for a balanced heat distribution and added comfort in the winter months.
- 11) The alley outside the sanctuary where the air conditioning condenser has been landscaped to minimize interference with its operation.
- 12) The window wells around the building have been cleaned so water drainage can run smoothly and prevent leaks.
- 13) Shower partitions have been installed in the open shower room. They were tested by a summer mission group and we now know we can accommodate up to 90 people overnight and every one can have a shower.

The progress will continue to ensure the long life of our history, worship and community space. With the **Facilities Committee**, I will work to preserve and highlight its unique features.

NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES

Summer at JAPC

Summer was a busy time at JAPC as over 30 children came each day for three weeks for a variety of camp experiences. Our partnership with Westminster of Higgins Lake brought some outdoor activities, like setting up a tent, building a campfire, water games, and even a visit from some of God's creatures: snakes, spiders, a toad, and a baby alligator! During the second week, College for Creative Studies led workshops in making a backpack or waistbag, as the campers learned how to use a pattern, design, cut and sew. Drummer Juan Hawkins taught the group some basic music and drumming skills, and he wowed us with his talent. He and the students treated us to a performance on the last day of camp.

The camps could not have been a success without so much support. We had eight volunteer teens (most former campers), adults preparing lunches and providing supervision, and financial support from JAPC camp fund and Wilson grant. Thank you all for a great summer.

Tutoring T.R.E.E. & Literacy

Tutoring T.R.E.E. kicks off on Tuesday, September 24 from 4-6pm. We are in need of a few new tutors. It is a two hour commitment one day a week. A meeting for tutors will be held on Tuesday, September 10 from 3:30 – 5pm. There are others ways you can support the program too — office help and food service. Contact Kathy Chateau for information, kathy@japc.org.

JAPC is deepening our commitment to literacy by partnering with *SOAR Detroit*. This program is held during the school day at Nichols. The plan is for every 2nd grader (about 30 students) to have a tutor/mentor who meets for 45 minutes twice a week. Volunteers are needed to work with two students, one session each, one day a week in the morning. A training session is provided by *SOAR* and each tutor is given easy to use lessons each week. Please contact me if you are interested in this venture, and I will provide more information.

What an important and meaningful mission it is in doing our part to support literacy in our community. Thank you for being part of this ministry.

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School and Family Faith

In Traci Smith's book *Faithful Families, Creating Sacred Moments at Home*, she begins by stating, "Faith is learned as it is woven seamlessly into the fabric of daily life." She reminds us that we are not called to be perfect, but faithful, and that the "job" of teaching faith is one that we all share by our words, actions, and relationships with families and children. Our Sunday morning *Church School* offers a vital ministry to our children. It is one way we share our beliefs, traditions, and Biblical stories. But *Church School* is not the only way we participate in ministry for and with our families and children. We teach in our worship; we teach in how we prioritize our time and money; we teach by our welcome and hospitality; we teach by our service and outreach; and we teach most importantly in our homes. In this spirit of community, I invite you to participate in our journey of family faith this year in whatever ways you feel called as a grandparent, a parent, a church member or friend of the church.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Farewell to Summer – Welcome Fall event

Church School Begins for K – 6

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Blessing of Backpacks and Educators

Blessing of Tutors and SOAR volunteers

Farewell to Summer — Welcome Fall Sunday, September 8

- Worship Together at 10:30
- Church School kick-off for K – 6th grades
- **Fall Pot Luck Lunch: We will provide meat and drinks. You are invited to bring a side dish or a dessert.**
- Wear your nametag.
- Invite a friend.
- Family and faith activities will be available in Dodge Hall during the lunch.

Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

—1 John 4:11-12

OUR MINISTRY IN MUSIC

A Return to Missoula

by Stephen Warner, Music Director

This summer Rose and I had the privilege to return to Missoula, Montana for the International Choral Festival. The Festival occurs every three years and invites choirs from all over the world to participate. My predecessor, Phil Michéal, made it his personal goal to take our choir there and thanks to the generosity of our membership, we were the first church choir to participate in the festival in 2009. The event was so wonderful and memorable that Rose and I made it our goal to return as spectators! Ten years later, we and former choir member Jeff Davis finally made the trip and enjoyed yet another remarkable time in Missoula!

The Festival functions as an exhibition rather than a competition for the choirs, so there is no pressure to shape one's performance to any adjudicator's perceived ideas. All the performances instead are given in a spirit of ambassadorship. The participants this year came from Spain, Lithuania, Hungary, Finland, Germany, Indonesia, China, Estonia and three choirs from the USA. Beyond the novelty of the cultural exchange, the performances from nearly all the choirs was of astoundingly high quality. The Spanish, Lithuanian and Chinese choirs were youth ensembles, but their singers exhibited incredible musicianship. One of the most astounding moments was when the director of the Chinese choir, whose members were all between the ages of seven and twelve, would have the children find their own pitches out of thin air. Clearly they must have spent hours on ear training and developing relative pitch! Regardless of however regimented their rehearsal process must have been, the children performed with incredible joy and flair and great energy!

This time out, since we weren't working to rehearse and perform, we were able to take in the fun atmosphere of Missoula and its surroundings. We stayed in an Air-BnB on the "hip strip" right above a bakery and two blocks from the "Big Dipper," an ice cream shop ranked one of the top-ten ice cream shops in the country according to "Good Morning America." We also had a chance to go on a repeat of the white water rafting adventure we took the first time out and made a visit to the National Bison Range. Prior to the festival, we spent a day on the "Going to the Sun Road" in Glacier National Park.

The beauty of all the vocal sounds and language through the whole festival proved to be both inspiring and healing. This year happened to be an anniversary of diplomatic relations between Indonesia and the United States. This led to a collaboration on a pair of pieces between the Indonesian

choir and the University of Montana Chamber Choir. This event showed the Festival clearly living up to its purpose in its "dedication to promoting artistic excellence, global understanding, friendship, and goodwill through choral music." Rose and I are eternally grateful to Phil for giving our choir the opportunity to experience this event. We hope our return trip honored his memory. The whole adventure was a great blessing and, in the spirit of this summer's worship theme, a time taken to rebuild and recharge spiritually, personally and professionally.

Jazz and Concert Series Starts September 29th!

Our *Jazz Series* kicks off this year with Kerry Price soloing on voice and piano on September 29 at 4:30 p.m. On October 27, we will feature a Sinatra Tribute performed by Steve Wood and Kevin Granier. Later in the winter, we will be inviting a return performance of the dueling trombone pair Ron Kischuck and Ed Gouch.

Our *Concert Series* will feature the silent film *Phantom of the Opera* featuring Lon Chaney and accompanied by me on our Skinner Organ. We will also be featuring a group of Oakland University students in an all-Beethoven piano recital as a part of a University series honoring the 250th anniversary of his birth. We will continue the keyboard trend with a concert featuring dueling organ and piano with Nicholas Schmelter and Tyler Kivel. We will also continue the tradition of presenting the Community Chorus of Detroit's Holiday Concert on our series in December. Please look for the dates of these performances as they are announced in September!

Welcome New Member

Mary D'Angelo joined the church in July. We are so glad you joined!



SEPTEMBER 2019

JEFFERSON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 FALL SCHEDULE BEGINS 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School - Crib-6th Grade	2 Labor Day Church Closed	3 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	4 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	5 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	6 Church Office Closed	7 Indian Village Community Yard Sale 9 a.m. - 6p.m.
8 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School Crib - 6th Grade "FaREWELL to Summer - Welcome Fall" CCD 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. Indian Village Community Yard Sale 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	9 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	10 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Tutoring TREE Tutor Training 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.	11 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Deacons 7:00 p.m.	12 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Facilities 7:00 p.m.	13 Church Open 9:00 - 3:30 p.m.	14
15 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School - Crib-6th Grade Sunday Forum following worship CCD 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.	16 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Parish Life 7:00 p.m.	17 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	18 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Session 7:00 p.m.	19 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Administration 7:00 p.m.	20 Church Open 9:00 - 3:30 p.m.	21
22 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School - Crib-6th Grade Blessing of the Backpacks Blessing for tutors and SOAR CCD 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.	23 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Finance 4:30 p.m. Mission 7:00 p.m.	24 Church Open 9:00 - 5:30 p.m. SOAR Training 9:30 a.m. (at Nichols School) Tutoring TREE Begins 4 - 6 p.m.	25 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	26 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. SOAR Training 9:30 a.m. (at Nichols School)	27 Church Open 9:00 - 3:30 p.m.	28
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6 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School - Crib-6th Grade CCD 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.	7 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	8 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. SOAR 9:30 - 11:05 a.m. (at Nichols School) Tutoring TREE 4 - 6 p.m.	9 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Deacons 7:00 p.m.	10 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. SOAR 9:30 - 11:05 a.m. (at Nichols School) Wedding Rehearsal (non-member) 5:00 p.m.	11 Church Open 9:00 - 3:30 p.m. Wedding (non-member) 2:00 p.m.	12

OCTOBER 2019

JEFFERSON AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School - Crib-6th Grade CCD 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. JAZZ at JAPC 4:30 p.m.	30 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Men's BBQ (at the Manse)	1 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Tutoring TREE 4 - 6 p.m.	2 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	3 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	4 Church Open 9:00 - 3:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (non-member) 5:00 p.m.	5 Wedding (non-member) 4:30 p.m.
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20 Marathon Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School - Crib-6th Grade CCD 1:30 - 4:00 p.m.	21 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. Mission 7:00 p.m.	22 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. SOAR 9:30 - 11:05 a.m. (at Nichols School) Tutoring TREE 4 - 6 p.m.	23 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	24 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. SOAR 9:30 - 11:05 a.m. (at Nichols School) Administration 7:00 p.m.	25 Church Open 9:00 - 3:30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (non-member) 5:00 p.m.	26 Wedding (non-member) 4:00 p.m.
27 Dedication Sunday 10:30 a.m. Worship & Church School - Crib-6th Grade CCD 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. JAZZ at JAPC 4:30 p.m.	28 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	29 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. SOAR 9:30 - 11:05 a.m. (at Nichols School) Tutoring TREE 4 - 6 p.m.	30 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m.	31 Church Open 9:00 - 4:30 p.m. SOAR 9:30 - 11:05 a.m. (at Nichols School)	November 1 Church Open 9:00 - 3:30 p.m.	2 Daylight saving time ends. Don't forget to push your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

NOVEMBER

Sunday, Nov. 1, 10:30 a.m. — *All Saints' Sunday*
Sunday, Nov. 10, 10:30 a.m. — *Harvest Sunday*
Sunday, Nov. 17, 10:30 a.m. — *Scottish Sunday*
Thursday, Nov. 28 — *Thanksgiving*
Friday, Nov. 29 — *Church Closed*

DECEMBER

Monday, Dec. 2 - Friday, Dec. 6 — *Hanging of the Greens*
Friday, Dec. 13, 7:00 p.m. — *Community Chorus of Detroit*
Winter Concert
Saturday, Dec. 14, 4:00 p.m. — *Community Chorus of*
Detroit Winter Concert

Church Register

NEW MEMBER

Mary D'Angelo

DEATHS

Charlotte Benjamin on June 13

***The One-Sided Approach
of the Good Samaritan****

by Martin Luther King, Jr.

...Now, without a doubt Christian social responsibility includes the sort of thing the good Samaritan did. So we give to the United Appeals, the Red Cross, to all types of unfortunate conditions. In the midst of such staggering and appalling conditions we cannot afford to "pass by on the other side." Like the good Samaritan we must always stand ready to descend to the depth of human need. The person who fails to look with compassion upon the thousands of individuals left wounded by life's many roadsides is not only unethical, but ungodly. Every Christian must play the good Samaritan

But there is another aspect of Christian social responsibility which is just as compelling. It seeks to tear down unjust conditions and build anew instead of patching things up. It seeks to clear the Jerico road of its robbers as well as caring for the victims of robbery.

*<https://kinginstitute.stanford.edu/king-papers/documents/one-sided-approach-good-samaritan>