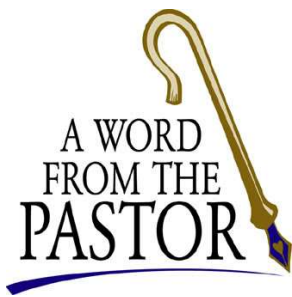


# The Messenger

## July 2022



The Presbyterian Church  
Of Johnstown



I love to listen to rock music. I always have. I like other genres as well, but if you were to flip through the preset channels on the radio in my truck, almost all of them would be set to a channel that plays some type of rock music.

When I was young (in the 70s) my father mostly listened to country music, and my mother would listen to gospel music, but every once in a while my mom would put in an 8 track (yes that's how long ago it was) and various rock tunes from the 50s, like Elvis or Jerry Lee Lewis or the Everly Brothers would be playing. I think this is where my interest in rock music started and as I grew up in the 70s and 80s, it just expanded from there.

I am not skilled at singing or playing any particular instrument of any kind, but I do love music. I can't tell you why I love music in general or why I like rock music in particular, but I do know that I do. I can't fully explain why music impacts me the way it does, and I certainly can't prove to anyone that I enjoy it and that it enriches my life, but I still know it to be true. And when I think about music in this way, I realize that our faith can have some similarities. We can't always totally explain how we know God is present in our lives or even how we know He exists, but we know it to be true all the same.

In the book of Hebrews we read the following definition of faith...

*"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." – Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)*

Faith, by definition, is something that brings confidence and assurance, even when it isn't always easy to prove or understand. In fact, faith in God, is strengthened by our lack of understanding Him fully, because we inevitably need God to be beyond our understanding. If we could understand and comprehend everything about God then he would not be worth worshipping. At best he would be just like us.

Now... the reason I'm bringing all of this up is because in some roundabout way... I was thinking about the concert that our church will be hosting on July 9, 2022 from 6:00-8:00pm in our parking lot. The band "Exit" will be performing rock hits from the 70s, 80s, and 90s, and I am really looking forward to that event with the music and food trucks and friends. And all of the things we enjoy in life that are redemptive eventually point to something bigger than we are, and it is a good reminder of all that God has blessed us with in our lives.

I would invite you all to come out on July 9 and hear some great music, eat some great food from local food trucks, and invite friends to join in on the fun. It would be great to see everyone!



In Christ,

Pastor Kevin



## Clerk's Corner Notes:

Your Session met on June 14, 2022 and will next meet on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

Here are excerpts from the various committee reports:

### **Clerk's Report:** Linda Lockwood

- Our minutes of the Special Congregational Meeting to elect Carolyn Friedberg as Treasurer held on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> were approved. The regular Session Minutes of May 17<sup>th</sup> were also approved.
- The Sacrament of Communion was celebrated on Sunday June 5, 2022.
- New members were received by the congregation on June 5<sup>th</sup> and we welcome Allison and Jonathan Johnson, Ken Ellinger, Kyle Greewald and Zane Maize.

### **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Kevin W. Heckathorn

- Pastor Heckathorn reported he had multiple visits with both Ed Reeves and with Karen Dreisbach before their deaths. Asked for prayers for the families.
- He is hoping the communicant's class will start mid-August right after the Hartford Fair. Please check in with Pastor if you have a child who will be in the class.
- He is taking some much-needed vacation with his family and study leave this summer.

### **Christian Education:** - Marianne Derenberger

- Vacation Bible School, Rocky Railway will be July 18-22, 2022 from 6-8 p.m. VBS is well on its way of being organized and most positions have been filled for VBS teachers and such, but there are always places to add more.

### **Congregational Care:** Linda Lockwood

- Marianne Derenberger had abdominal surgery June 21 and is now home for recuperation. Meals are being brought in. Pray for a speedy healing.
- Funeral was held for James Edward Reeves, husband of Linda on 6/14/2022 in the church. Meals are being taken to Linda and family. A funeral dinner was provided the family after the service with volunteers providing the food. Continue prayers for the family.
- Karen Dreisbach passed away Sunday 6/12/2022. Her funeral was held at the church on June 21st. A funeral dinner was provided her family after the service. Continue prayers for Shelly and for her brother William and the entire family.
- Zane and Madison Maize welcomed Garth Holden Maize into the world the morning of June 7th at 6:24 am. He was 8 lbs. 14 oz. Congratulations to them and new grandparents, Brad and Tami and Aunt Maci. Some food and gift cards have been provided.

### **Fellowship:** Kevin Heckathorn and Marianne Derenberger.

- The Concert in the Parking Lot is scheduled Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. The music is rock from the 70s, 80s & 90s and that there will be food trucks there as well. Try to park in the lot across from the

church (Businessman's lot) to save room for your lawn chairs or for blankets for those in attendance. Two food trucks have been arranged, Dashing Diner truck and Ox-Be's (chicken). Brad Ashbrook is hoping to secure another truck.

**Mission:** Jennifer Cartwright. No report.

**Property:** Chris Blair and Brad Ashbrook

- Flower beds have been resized and grass planted. Tree and replacement plants have been planted as recommended by Session.
- A First Aid kit has been purchased and a Toolbox has been donated. Tools will be purchased for the church.
- The electronic sign is now operational from the church computer. It has been hard-wired as the wi-fi reception between the sign and the church computer was unable to be repaired.

**Stewardship:** Bill Mitchell.

- Church had approximately \$361,000.00 the first of January. As of May 2022, approximately \$374,000.00.
- \$104,000.00 received and \$91,000.00 expended leaving us \$12,000.00 to the good.
- Monthly average down now with summer but average is \$4700 in income and \$4100.00 in expenses.
- All deposits are confirmed but the allocations are tedious. He had a long meeting with the financial secretary Lewie and the treasurer, Carolyn. A big problem is the electronic giving which comes in via different ways and is complicated to reconcile.
- Current vs Benevolence funds. Trying to reconcile the old way that current giving not designated to a particular fund for each person giving each week is dreadfully difficult. (90% current-10% benevolence) Bill Mitchell made the Motion that the Benevolence vs Current giving ratio of 90% current and 10% benevolence be calculated at the end of each year. **Motion Carried 8-0.**
- Laptop computer for the treasurer was purchased in 2017. While it seems somewhat slow, is acceptable. The financial secretary has been keeping his records on his home computer. Bill Mitchell made the Motion that a laptop computer with software programs be purchased not to exceed \$1,000.00. **Motion Carried 8-0.**

**Worship:** Kris Almendinger and Randy Hilderman.

- Dale Dickson will fill the pulpit in Pastor Kevin's absence on 7/3/22.
- The outdoor worship service on June 19 was fantastic!
- There are special music openings left for the summer are 7/3/22, 8/7/22, and 8/14/22. Please let Kris or Randy know if you are able to share or have anyone in mind who might like to share their gifts.

It takes many hands to run this church and we thank each and every one for their time and talents to keep this loving church going smoothly. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Linda Lockwood, Clerk of Session





*Join us for a  
Farewell Celebration*

Honoring  
*Dale L. Dickson*

and his service to the  
Johnstown-Monroe Local School District

Sunday, July 17, 2022 2-5 PM

Johnstown High School Stadium Community Room

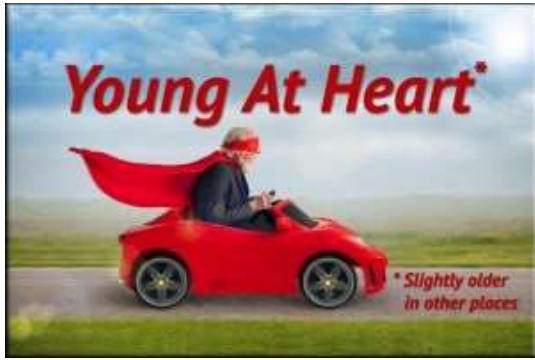
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Johnstown, OH 43031

*"Don't shine so that others can see you. Shine so that  
through you, others can see Him."*



## YOUNG-AT-HEART VISITS NEW FIRE STATION



Johnstown is home to a new fire station for Monroe Township on East Coshocton Street. We will tour this wonderful facility on Thursday, July 21, 10:45 am. You can drive directly to the station and park on the west side of the building. There is a walk to the front door where we will enter. This will be an opportunity for us to thank the public servants who protect and help us. Following our visit we will enjoy lunch at the Old Horseshoe Restaurant on Main Street. Please let Ann or Mona know if you plan to attend by Sunday, July 17.

Pictures of the Young at Heart group visiting Granville







Follow the link to sign up:

<https://form.jotform.com/221704322725145>



**The Johnstown Northridge Food Pantry Needs:**

Tuna, Big Cans of Soup, and Pancake Mix  
Thank you for your continued support!

**Prayer Request Insert for Newsletter**  
**June 27, 2022 (July Newsletter)**  
[JPCPrayerRequest@gmail.com](mailto:JPCPrayerRequest@gmail.com)

**Prayers for Peace in Ukraine:** Today when you are eating-PRAY that they will be fed. Today when you sleep in a warm bed-PRAY that they will be provided with shelter. Today when the furnace warms your house-PRAY for those who have no home. Today when you drive your car-PRAY for those who walk miles to find freedom. Today when you kiss your father, husband, brother, goodbye-PRAY for the women and children who may never see their loved one again. PRAY FOR PEACE!

**Deaths:**

- Karen M. Dreisbach passed on 6/11/2022 and the Memorial Service was held June 21st at the church. Memorials can be made to Johnstown Presbyterian Church, 81 S. Main St, Johnstown, OH 43031. Be in prayer for the family.
- David Sayer, Mike's father, passed away 6/12. Funeral service was 6/17 in Columbus. Prayers for the Sayer family in their loss.
- Continue prayers for Linda Reeves in the death of her beloved husband James Edward Reeves on June 9, 2022.

**Joys:**

- Zane and Madison Maize welcomed Garth Holden Maize into the world 6/7/2022. He was 8 lbs. 14 oz. Congratulations to them and new grandparents, Brad and Tami and Aunt Macy.
- Megan Atwood (daughter of Steve and Julie Atwood/cousin of Daniel Almendinger) suffered a brain bleed on 3/4/22 and has just returned home. This is quite a blessing!

**Healing:**                    **\*means updated.**

- Marianne Derenberger came through surgery well for diverticulitis on 6/21 and is now home recuperating. She may have several weeks of recovery. Continue prayers for Marianne, Jeremy and their family.
- Amy Treciak's mother, Doreen, is improving after a fall that broke her pelvis & is now at a rehabilitation facility.
- Ray Speck is doing great after his kidney surgery! Thanks for prayers.
- Charlie Weeks continues to make progress after the stroke. He is in therapy multiple times each week. It will be a long road to recovery, but he is determined to keep improving. We appreciate all of the cards, prayers and overall support the community has provided.
- Stephen Detrick has colon problems. Hazel Almendinger has asked for prayer for him.
- Brenda Schaille is doing well since her heart episode. Stress (and worry) is a big factor and it would be good to reduce those things. Continue prayers.
- \*Ron Graves had surgery 4/26 for right knee replacement & is now recuperating. Ron is doing much better now and is walking with a cane. Thanks for your prayers.

**Cancer**                    **\* means updated.**

- Steve Reither, Brenda Schaille's brother-in-law, has been living with terminal stomach cancer for the past 4 years. Treatment shrank the tumor enough to have surgery June 7<sup>th</sup>. Brenda advised the surgery went well and he is doing well. Continue prayers.
- Byron Wilhelm, friend of Darren Richards, is 52 and has bladder cancer and receiving chemotherapy. Prayers for Byron, wife Erin & children Barrett and Addison.



- \*Catherine Downing has leukemia & continues to handle chemotherapy balanced with Afib. Chemo takes a toll, but she is recovering well enough after an extended off period between treatments to then proceed with her treatments. Continued prayers.
- Judi Rosenbeck fell out of bed & broke her hip. In a bone scan, they found her bladder cancer has returned. Please pray for Judi.
- Nancy Dawn Clark, friend of Julie Heckathorn, has Stage 3 Glioblastoma. We are asking for continued prayers for her and her family as she continues chemotherapy treatment.
- Peg Peyton has completed 3 rounds of chemotherapy and expects more. She appreciates prayers which are working because her numbers are dropping. Please continue prayers.
- Cindi Graves had a scan for her cancer shows further stability. She continues cancer treatments in Colorado. As always, the Graves thank you for your thoughts, calls, cards, and prayers and would ask that you continue praying for us. Cards: 3383 Beeler Street, Denver, CO 80238.
- Tom Spragg, Katie Shaffer's grandpa resides with Katie's parents in the St. Clairsville area. He is 93 years old and is very weak. Continue prayers.
- Tim Meadows, Scott Kisner's brother-in-law, has stage 4 cancer. His colon was removed, and the cancer has spread. He is fighting hard, but it is taking a toll on him. Continued prayers for Tim and his family.
- Linda Mattes, mother of Rhonda Deeds, has stage 4 cancer. Please keep her and the family in your prayers.
- Michael Paino, father of a friend of Patty Eichensehr's daughter Roseann, has rare form of cancer and needs continued prayer.
- Pam Bay, Scott Lockwood's sister, seems to be holding her own. She has inoperable cancer on & around her small intestine which causes pain. Continue prayers.

### **Long Term Illnesses or Disabilities**

- Rev. Edward Carlson, Bob Pardee's brother-in-law, is recovering from the lingering effects of a bout of COVID and hoping to recover enough strength to be able to go see his great grandson who was born recently. He really appreciates the prayers.
- Ron & Karen Lokhorst; Ron, retired pastor, friend & mentor of Kevin needs prayer for coping with life changes as Karen's health has declined.
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### **Those Shut in or Confined to their Homes:**

- Donna Hines, 1818 Northwoods Lane, Salem, VA 24153
- Dolly Orr, 54 N. Oregon St., Johnstown, OH 43031
- Pat Speck, 65 S. Williams Street, Apt. 129, Johnstown, OH 43031. She is wheelchair bound & doing PT.
- Kenneth & Jean Weaver, 9876 Woodhaven Road, Johnstown, OH 43031. (Birthdays 5/7 Ken will be 95! and 5/1.
- Carolyn Whitesel, 2558 Lakewood Dr., Columbus, OH 43231
- \*Rev. Tom Jackman (former pastor of the JPC), Green House, Londonderry Village, 1200 Grubb Rd., Palmyra, PA 17078. 93 years of age.

When requesting prayer for someone, please include the following information: **First and last name** and relationship to the requestor. Be as specific as possible regarding the request; also offer updates.

# July

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>3</b> 9:30am Sunday School 10:30 am worship service and communion 11:30 Congregational Meeting	4	5 6:00 TOPS 6:30 pm Session Meeting	6	7 8 am men's coffee Hour	8	9 6-8 pm Concert in the Parking Lot
<b>10</b> 9:30am Sunday School 10:30 am outdoor service	11	12 6:00 TOPS	13	14 8 am men's coffee hour	15	16
<b>17</b> 9:30am Sunday School 10:30 am worship service Praise in the Parking Lot	18 VBS 6-8	19 VBS 6-8	20 VBS 6-8	21 8 am men's coffee hour VBS 6-8	22 VBS 6-8	23
<b>24/30</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 am worship service	25	26 6:00 TOPS	27	28 8 am men's coffee hour	29	30

## **Volunteer Ministries for July**

### **WORSHIP LEADER**

*\*to volunteer, contact Marie Richards*

3 Randy Hilderman  
10 Bill Mitchell  
17 Kris Almendinger  
24 Linda Lockwood  
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### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*\*to volunteer, contact Kris Almendinger*

3 Katie Miller  
10 Pastor Kevin  
17 Stacey Butler  
24 Andrea Beverly  
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### **GREETERS**

*\*to volunteer, contact Marie Richards*

3 The Ruckers  
10 The Mitchells  
17 The Pardees  
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31 Jason Hurst

### **ACOLYTE**

*\*to volunteer, contact Marie Richards*

The kids have agreed to fill in where needed through the summer

### **JUNIOR CHURCH**

*\*to volunteer, contact Marie Richards*

We really need your help! To continue serving our youth, we need volunteers for our Children's Messages and Junior Church. Please contact Kris Almendinger or Marie Richards if you are willing to help in these volunteer positions.





## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

1	Mia Beavers	12	Lewie & Alice Main
2	Ryan Trimble Allen Weaver Amy Treciak Valerie Whalen	13	Pamela McDaniels
4	Richard Johnson Steve & Marci Parpart	17	Daniel Mark Almendinger
5	Jacey Weaver	19	Bob Pardee Orion Irwin
6	Annabelle Parpart	21	Joe Almendinger Brooklyn Priest
7	Susan Cullen	22	Jason & Andrea Beverly
8	Katie Miller Kevin & Rhonda Piper	23	Jeff McMillan
9	Crissy Willeke	26	Kris Almendinger
10	David Mansell Nadia Wentzel	29	Spencer Treciak
11	Erich Almendinger Andrew Speck	30	Chloe Dyce Andra Kisner
		31	Kate Carson Sophia Walser