

The Joyful Noise

February 2012



Pastors Ponderings

The Body of Christ

If you spend enough time around me in prayer and conversation you will hear me talk about how you cannot separate “Body, Mind & Spirit”. One truly does affect the other and they do not act autonomously from one another.

I don’t want to carry the metaphor too far, but it is an analogy that Paul used in the first letter to the Corinthian Church in the 12th chapter. It was a church that was divided and he was talking to them about the importance of every believer as a part of Christ’s Body on Earth. When one part of the body suffers, the whole body suffers. “The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you.’”

Having lost a part of my body last week (the end of my left middle finger) I have some fresh, RAW thoughts on this topic. In the past, when looking at this passage it has always been my thought that IF I had to lose a part of my body, the easiest part to do without would be a finger of my left hand. And, I suppose that if I were not an active, vibrant individual, then, other than the pain and inconvenience, this would probably still hold true. However, I am an active person and I do miss the end of my finger.

I’ve tried to have fun with it and laugh it off, but still, -- part of me is gone forever and I’ll never be the same again. Sure, I’ll get along; I’ll compensate, but I’ll always be incomplete.

The Church of Jesus Christ, as Paul so eloquently said, is like the body. When one part is missing, the whole body suffers. You may not be the heart or the lungs of the congregation. You may even be an arthritic finger or toe on the body -- but, you are still a vital part of the Body of Christ. Come.... Be who you are.... You are needed.... You are loved.

Blessings & Peace,
Pastor Wendy Nave

Session Notes-January Stated Meeting

JWPC received and the Session is evaluating a request from Boy Scout Troop 52 to allow them to hold an Earth Day event on Sunday, April 22 on the Church grounds. This would include:

- #1-a BBQ take out plate (from Scout Hut) fundraiser,
- #2-Earth Day Awareness with vehicle emission person, and "Wetlands on Wheels" trailer,
- #3-Earth Day games and activities that involve selling tickets (to benefit Troop 52).

The Session approved the transfer of membership of Debra (Parr) Hawthorne from JWPC to Grace United Methodist Church, Corpus Christi, TX.

The Session approved the 2012 Communion dates – in 2012, Communion will be held on the 1st Sunday of each month, on Maundy Thursday, and at the Christmas Eve services.

The Membership and Worship Committee and Pastor Wendy Nave are working on revisions to the church rolls.

The Session approved a Christian Education Committee motion to take the Souper Bowl Sunday offering on Feb 5th.

The Session approved a Fellowship Committee motion to hold a Pot Luck dinner at 6:00 PM on a Sunday in February to be determined by the Fellowship Committee.

The Session approved an Outreach Committee motion to hold the rummage sale on June 2nd.

The Session documented formally the passing of long-time member Clarice Almond.

The Session documented its thanks for outgoing Deacons, Debbie Sanderfer, Marian Salge, Danny Hodgkins and Andy Phillips and incoming Deacons, Bob Dickson, Tony Dickson, Kristi Hallgarth and Sally McCombs.

The Session approved a Building and Grounds Committee motion to spend up to \$600 to re-stripe the parking lot.

The Building and Grounds Committee intends to develop plans for a manse renovation.

The ECDC approved an end-of-year donation to JWPC of \$5,000.00.

The Mission and Stewardship Committee provided the Session a spread sheet showing trends for pledge cards, actual intake, etc.

The Session received the financial statement for December 2011 as presented by the Mission and Stewardship Committee.

Lee Brandon chair and Elwyn Brown were elected to serve as the Session representatives on the 2012 Nominating Committee.

The Session documented its acceptance of the resignation of Margaret Wheeler as the Stated Clerk of Session and the election of Michael Hallgarth as her replacement.

The Session agreed that JWPC should adopt the former Book of Order (2009-2011) as the continuing manual of administrative operations until such time as a permanent pastor is installed and able to lead the development of a manual specific to this Congregation.

Prayer List:

Health Concerns:

Ellen Young
Joseph & Irene Koditek
Kenneth Harris
Ann Moxley
Helen Ward
Kimberly Baker
Randy Finch
Barb Van Howe
Lynn Britting
Pastor Wendy Nave
Nettie Cleveland
Jan Bokamper
Patrice Burwell
Don Deaton
Mickey Sikes
Lucy Sparks
Terry Whitmire
Lee Kuntz
V. T. Alison
Norris & Betty Bridges

Bereaved:

Family of Clarice Almond
Jean Albers

Thanksgiving For:

Baby Adelynn Irene Ramsey (1/14/12)
Arnold Benavides & Sandra Baxter
(Bell) Davison family
(Schulz) Brougal family

Others:

College Graduates
Youth attending Mo Ranch
New elders and deacons
Pastor Nominating Committee



Annual Rummage Sale

Date: June 2, 2012

Please save your good Rummage for our Sale!

The proceeds help our youth go to summer camps and conferences, Sea City Work Camp, purchase reception supplies and provide funeral meals, VBS refreshments, new paraments, secretary appreciation gift, Mission 911, HEB gift cards for families at Thanksgiving and Christmas and new folding tables.



Jackson Woods Presbyterian Church
Your Stephen Ministry Team continues to serve
(since 2005).



Caregiving is not just a two-person relationship, but a three-person one. There's the one you care for, there's you, and there's Jesus.

Ken Haugk, in

[Don't Sing Songs to a Heavy Heart:
How to Relate to Those Who Are Suffering](#)



We are the care-givers.
God is the cure-giver.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Morning Circle is studying the Horizons Bible Study, Confessing the Beatitudes. We generally meet the second Tuesday morning of each month. ALL women are invited to join us, Tuesday, February 14, 9:30, in the Grace Room. We will be at lessons #4, *Greatly Honored Are Those Who Are Famished and Parched for Justice!* As a group we will decide which of the remaining Beatitudes we wish to study:

- Greatly Honored Are Those Who Show Mercy!*
- Greatly Honored Are The Pure In Heart!*
- Greatly Honored Are the Peacemakers!*
- Greatly Honored Are Those Who Have Been Persecuted For The Sake Of Justice!*

Committees

Monday, February 13th

SESSION

Monday, February 20th

MLFLC NEWS

February is a sweet month at MLFLC! We are learning about God's great love for us shown to us through His Son, Jesus! The ECDC is working on getting bids to refurbish cabinets and countertops to spiff up the classrooms. MLFLC was once again pleased to donate to JWPC \$5000.00 as an end of year love offering. Current enrollment is 62.

PNC UPDATE

The work of the PNC (Pastor Nominating Committee) has (finally) officially begun. We are conducting regularly scheduled meetings with our COM (Committee on Ministry) liaison and are making good progress.

We are now in what could be considered the research phase. As part of this phase we will soon be asking the congregation to respond to just a few questions. Please prayerfully consider your answers to these questions as your most honest and thoughtful responses will be of the utmost assistance to the PNC.

The PNC thanks you in advance for helping us with this early step in the process of finding that one individual that God is already preparing to be our congregation's future Teaching Elder (Pastor).

Margaret Wheeler, Chair;
Debra Bruce, Secretary;
Diana Turner; Andy Phillips; and Randy Finch

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS NEED YOU!

Confirmation classes will begin on Wednesday, February 29th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. This year JWPC would like to offer the congregation a very special mentoring opportunity! We would like for each confirmation student to have an adult sponsor. What would this adult sponsor be expected to do, you may ask. Simply contact your student once a week thru a phone call, personal visit or a card sent in the mail. Send them a card on their birthday and check with them to see if they need any help with their confirmation homework. We would like the boys to have a male sponsor and the girls to have a female. If you are interested in encouraging our young people during this wonderful growth experience please contact Ruth Finch @ 688-9643.

DISCIPLESHIP U

Wednesday Night meals and activities are underway! The adults are finishing up a study of the book "Just Walk Across the Room" by Bill Hybels led by Pastor Wendy Nave.

*On **February 15th** Pastor Wendy will lead us through Worship Assistant Training. All who currently serve and those interested in serving in the future as ushers, communion servers, lay leader etc. are invited to attend as we sharpen up our skills.

*Wednesday, **February 22nd** we will participate in an **Ash Wednesday Service.**

***February 29th** we will study the book "24 Hours that Changed the World" by Adam Hamilton. This is a Lent series with a DVD. A leader is needed.

***Carpenter's Kids** (1st gr. Thru 5th) are learning about "The Fruits of the Spirit" led by Ruth Finch.

***Jr. and Sr. High** led by Sandy Pinaire.

VBS

Summer is around the corner and it is time to start planning for Vacation Bible School! Please prayerfully consider serving as the Director for VBS this year.



SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY IS FEBRUARY 5TH!

A special offering of cash and food items will be accepted with all proceeds going to the Food Bank of Corpus Christi. Please plan to share with those less fortunate.

DON'T FORGET!
SUNDAY SCHOOL IS @ 10:00AM!
WE'VE BEEN MISSING YOU!

NURSERY

Don't forget, the Nursery is open every Sunday morning from 8:50 to 12:00 and Wednesday evenings from 6:15 to 8:30! Lauren and Monzie are ready and waiting for you to bring your little ones in for fun and games.

SNACKS FOR SOLDIERS

Please don't forget we are still sending snacks to our soldiers stationed far from home in Afghanistan. They appreciate receiving a taste of home!

"For though we have never yet seen God, when we love each other God lives in us and His love within us grows ever stronger." 1 John 4:12

Youth Update

Mo-Ranch Midwinter for Sr. High is 1/27 to 1/29, Will and Diana Deaton are sponsors.

Mo-Ranch Midwinter for Jr. High is 2/3 to 2/5, Wendy Keach and Andy Phillips are sponsors. Thank you sponsors, your gift of time with our young people is greatly appreciated!

No Sunday night youth group on January 29th or February 5th.

FIELDTRIP! – Sunday, February 12th we will travel to Kingsville to tour the Nave's Sawmill! Let's all meet at the church at 4:30pm to carpool to Kingsville. We will fellowship with the youth from 1st Presbyterian Church Kingsville. We will depart from Kingsville at 7:00pm. Adult drivers are needed, if interested contact Ruth Finch @ 688-9643.

YOUTH SUNDAY! Sunday, April 29th is Youth Sunday! Please make plans now to attend and support our youth.



Boy Scout Troop 52 held their Court of Honor in December and had to hold it in the Fellowship Hall since the Troop has grown in size. Currently there are 27 scouts, 17 registered adult leaders and 2 Scouts awaiting their Eagle Board of Review. That adds up to a lot of parents, family members and friends that attended the lasagna pot luck supper.

Merit badges, rank advancements, and parent's pins were awarded that evening, along with Christmas caroling and a gift exchange.

Former Scoutmaster, Dennis Havrda, was the guest speaker and encouraged the Scouts to stick with Scouting and move ahead in the ranks and acquire their Eagle. The Troop is grateful for the support it receives from Jackson Woods Presbyterian Church and its members.

Jackson Woods Presbyterian Church

10500 Stonewall Boulevard Corpus Christi, Texas 78410

Praise Worship – 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School – 10:00a.m.

Worship – 11:00 a.m.

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Rachel Reyes – Praise Team Leader
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Ruby Brason - Wednesday Cook
Christina Schwirtlich – Secretary
Rosie Hinojosa – Custodian

Mary Lois Fields Learning Center – 361/241-8408
Corina Rios – Director



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sunday, February 19th

5:30 pm

Food, Fun & Fellowship!

Bring your favorite dish for a potluck supper in the fellowship center.