

JOIN US FOR OUR Children's Christmas Pageant THIS SUNDAY!

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December 17 - 22

- Sun 8:55/10:30am Come and worship!
4:00pm Prayer for our church
- Mon 1:00pm Prayer for the church
- Tues 12:00pm Men's Bible Study
3:30pm Staff meeting
5:15pm Praise Team practice
5:30pm Holy Yoga
7:00pm Middle School Christmas Party at Lewis home
- Wed 8:00am Dance Fitness
7:00pm High School Christmas Party at Moir home
- Thur 7:30am Prayer time in MPR
- Fri 8:00am Dance Fitness
- Mon 5:00pm **Family Christmas Candlelight Worship**
7:00pm **Traditional Candlelight Worship**

PRAYER MINISTRY at JPC

JPC Prayer Chain always available! If you have an urgent prayer request, call Nell Mathern 541-941-2463 or the church 541-899-1287, or email prayers@jvillepres.org for immediate, confidential prayer.

This week we pray for Eastwood Baptist Church, Medford...unity of Spirit, wisdom, protection from the Evil One, strength, humility, and pray the same for our church as kingdom builders in our community.

Missionary for December: Jon Wilson, Missionary Pastor in Japan. It was good to have Jon here with his family over the Thanksgiving weekend! Please keep this family in prayer as they continue their many ministries in Japan and around the world..

Healing prayers for: Cal Pipal, Bruce Logan, Megan Holmes, Ron Toombs, Bob Hilton, Ed Stockdill, Karen Parker, Jim Wolfe, Julie Grainger, Stacey Christian. We pray for the caregivers asking strength, patience and peace; comfort for those who have recently lost loved ones. **Special prayers for Pastor Richard, whose mom, Margaret, walked into Jesus' arms on December 5. Please keep him in your prayers as he travels to Wales for peace and comfort.**

Pray for our country: President Trump, Congress, the courts, state and local government officials with controversial issues during election year. Pray for our military in harm's way: Nick Ryan, Charles Long, Kyler Beck, Jesse Chambers, Conner Lawlor, Jeremy Mak, Jim Hicks, Joshua Langfield, Jesse Hawk, Michael Mahoney. Please pray for first responders: police, firemen, border guards.

Pray for the Persecuted Church: Pray for our brothers and sisters on the front lines for their belief in Jesus Christ. We pray for persecuted Christians, asking God's protection, stand steadfast for Jesus, miracles of rescue to His glory! We ask the Lord for His provision, presence, peace and power in all ways.

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CAROLS OF CHRISTMAS HYMN SING

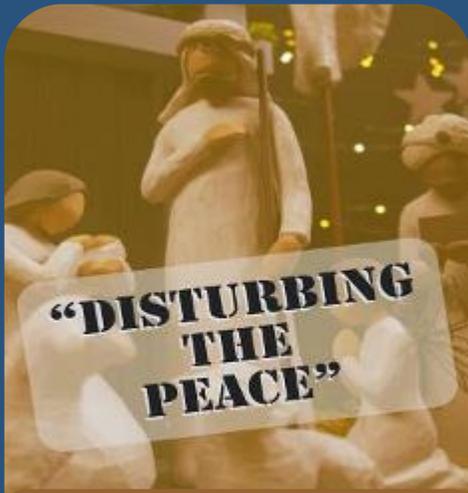
This Sunday, December 16

2:00pm Historic Church

This is a special service of Christmas Carols. Invite your friends and family and add joy to your Christmas Season!

THEME VERSE 2018

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM...THIS SUNDAY!

December 16
8:55 and 10:30am

SAVE THE DATE!

We are resurrecting the JPC Talent Show to welcome Pastor Dustin Jernigan and family. Friday night, February 1 is the date. Plan to participate and bring your best talent! More information to follow.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sunday School: Children 2 years through 6th grade at both worship services every Sunday!

Nursery: Cami Powell can be contacted if you want to help in pre-school or the nursery.

Shining Stars: 3rd-6th grade girls gather monthly for study, craft, games and lunch. Look for the next meeting.

Club 456: Be looking for information about 4th-6th grade boys. Katie Urton is planning to revive this group for activities and study

JPC YOUTH ACTIVITIES

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Middle School meets every Tuesday at New Church Campus at 7:00pm with snacks, Bible study, games and worship!

LOOKING AHEAD: Christmas Party on December 18

THE 'LIVING ROOM' GATHERING...

Middle and High school students...every Sunday at 10:30am!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

High School meets at 7:00pm every Wednesday at New Church Campus with dinner, games, Bible study. Worship!

LOOKING AHEAD: Christmas Party on December 19

And plan to sign up and help at the City Life

Christmas Party on Friday, December 21

NO Senior High December 26

LADIES OF BOTH YOUTH GROUPS

Emily Striley is organizing regular opportunities to gather together and connect!

Next opportunity is Monday

December 17th

Dinner - Hot Cocoa

Christmas Lights



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Advent Series December 2 - 23

PLAN AHEAD

- Dec 16 Children's Pageant
- Dec 16 Carols of Christmas Hymn Sing ~ Historic Church
- Dec 18 Middle School Christmas Party at Lewis home
- Dec 19 Senior High Christmas Party at Moir home
- Dec 24 Christmas Eve Worship
5:00pm and 7:00pm
- Dec 25 Church Office Closed
- Dec 31 Church Office Closed

BELL RINGER ARTICLES DUE TODAY



We plan to shine the LIGHT OF JESUS in and through JPC this Christmas Season. If you would like to contribute to 'lighting up' our church again this year, you may donate \$20 to replace and add to the lights we had last year. Thanks for praying ahead for JESUS to be the reason for the season!

Mark your check: lights for Christmas, then indicate if you want to donate in honor or memory of a love one!

INFORMATION REGARDING HELP FOR PARADISE FIRE RELIEF



A number of you have asked how you can donate to the relief effort for Paradise. We have researched two opportunities to give through churches located in the Paradise area. You can give directly at one of the two links

below. 100% goes to help those affected

<https://www.ridgepresbyterian.org/camp-fire/>

<https://paradisecma.org/>



MISSIONARY FOR DECEMBER: Jon Wilson Location: Tokyo, Japan

Ministries: Grace Christian Fellowship, Grace Christian International School, Operation Safe:

Our ministry at Grace Christian Fellowship is now in its 17th year and we are seeing the fruit of a mature ministry as children grow up in the Lord and long-standing relationships are used to bring glory to God. The church continues to reach out with the school providing Christian education in English. This year we will have our first high school graduate who received her entire education from first grade at Grace! It has been a big year for OpSAFE

International Over 8,500 children have received psychological first-aid through an Operation SAFE Camp. Our mission is to train local churches to give children the support they need in the aftermath of traumatic events.

In family news, my wife Rie is in the last year of her Masters in Clinical Psychology. She spends most of her days working with children with special needs and then most nights working on her thesis on helping children with trauma. Our daughter, Gracie is also in studies at the International Christian University in Japan. Her studies are focused on communication across cultures and translation, but she also is getting licensed as a pre-school teacher. Our son Keita is working for a Japanese company in the heart of the city where he lives. It has been a rough first year with many demands and not much opportunity for fellowship or spiritual growth. Jon's work keeps him busy but he tries to make time each day to pursue my hobby of photography.

Blessings and thanks for your prayers and support! The Wilson Family...Jon, Rie, Keita, and Gracie

We were delighted to see Jon Wilson and his family Thanksgiving week when he was here and preached at church on Nov. 25.

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Advent Theme 2018

- December 2 **"The Promise of PEACE"**
Isaiah 9:6-7
Family Communion
- December 9 **"Practicing the Presence of PEACE"**
Philippians 4:4-7
- December 16 **Children's Program**
"Disturbing the PEACE"
- December 23 **"The Price of PEACE"**
Isaiah 53:4-6
- December 24 **"The Proclamation of PEACE"**
Luke 2:8-20
Christmas Eve 5:00 & 7:00 pm
- December 30 **"The Permanence of Peace"**
John 14:27



The Deacons are asking for cookie makers for the Christmas Eve worship services. If you would like to make some Christmas cookies, please sign up on the tear-off sheet or contact Mark Kirms at 541-772-4964

This year the Deacons have been able to help many people and could use a boost in their fund as the year ends. If you so desire to contribute to the Deacon Fund as a Christmas gift, they would welcome the income.



'DISTURBING THE PEACE'

Children's Christmas Pageant

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!'" (Luke 2:13-14)

Christ comes not only to bring us peace, but also to disturb our false sense of peace and security in other things. The season of Advent reminds us that God came down to pull us away from our sin and to invite us into lives of worship. Today, let us join with the angels as we worship the coming King.

Pray this prayer with your family: O God, Praise, itself, waits anxiously to be given to You. Worship is fitting for You alone and it is our joy and delight to render it to You. If we did not praise You, the rocks themselves would cry out in worship. But we do praise You! King of Kings! Lord of Lords! We praise You now, saying with the angels, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men." We pray this in the Name of our Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. Amen. Sing praise to His Name. (adapted from Psalm 9:1-2)

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Class Schedule

January 14 –
February 21, 2019

Every Mon & Thurs
6:00-8:00pm

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