

# JCC 4 ME

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Ephesians 4:4



Greetings JCC!

For those that know me, it is no surprise that I LOVE music! I love listening to all kinds of music, learning new songs, writing, and performing. I will be honest however and say it hasn't always been this way for me. In fact, I completely BOMBED while sightreading a piano score during my first recital and thought that I would never be confident enough to play on a baby grand again. What occurred to me shortly after the recital was that I spent *little time* preparing and practicing, which had hindered my confidence during the performance. Since that moment in my life, the lesson was learned that daily practice, training, and rehearsal when implemented, will provide me with more confidence because I am more prepared, equipped, and ready to, pun intended... *face the music*.

I think about this in my faith walk and more recently have the question now that Holy Week is over, "so what's next?" Perhaps this is also a question in your mind. What could possibly follow the death and resurrection of Christ?! I'm glad you asked,. Acts 2:42 says, "And they *devoted themselves* to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the *prayers*." Scripture instructs us to *proceed* to be loyal to Scripture, meeting together (not just on Sundays), sharing meals together, and most importantly, to *PRAYER*. As your Pastor, encourager, brother, and friend, I want to encourage you to PRESS ON and be FILLED with the Holy Spirit, practicing daily in works of piety and works of mercy, ALL for Jesus!

Together, let's press on!

Pastor Patrick & Leanne



We have some upcoming events for you join in on! Friday, May 23rd from 6 to 8 pm for our Summer Bash! This will be a great kick off to Summer. We will have a family game night and ice cream night! Bring your friends and bring a game to share!

On Friday, June 13th at 7 pm we will have a Praise & Worship Night! Join us as we praise our Lord and Savior! We are looking forward to kicking off the Summer with you!



## Upcoming Events

- 5/10: Ladies Breakfast served by the Men's Group 10 am
- 5/11: Happy Mother's Day!
- 5/23: SUMMER BASH! Game Night & Ice Cream Bar 6-8 pm
- 5/26: Trustees Meeting 6 pm

## Ladies Breakfast

Be sure to sign-up today at the Greeters' Table for our Annual Ladies Breakfast! The Men's Group will be serving breakfast on Saturday, May 10th at 10 am. You won't want to miss this time of fellowship and our guest speakers.



## Glow Event & Easter Food Baskets

THANK YOU ALL so much for your help this Easter! Your donations of non perishables and Easter eggs and candy went to good use in our Community!

We served 50 Easter Basket Meals to those in need this Easter! It was a great experience and much needed in our Community.

The Easter Glow Event had over 120 kids! It was great to see their smiling faces and get to spread the word of our Lord and Savior!

## JCC Financial Update

Greetings, church family! With the first quarter of 2025 firmly planted in the rearview mirror ... now is a good time to pause, look back, and review the financial health of our church through the first three months.

You may recall that during the Financial Health Presentation in early February, the 2025 budget was ready to be finalized in the next few days. The budget was finalized and approved in the amount of \$229,656.33 ... which requires average weekly undesignated giving of \$4,416.47. So ... let's look at how we've been doing.

YTD March Budget (13 weeks)	\$57,414.08
YTD March Undesignated Giving	\$52,567.45
YTD March Budget Shortfall	(\$4,846.63)

For the first quarter of the year, we have been experiencing an average weekly shortfall of **\$373**, or roughly **8% short** of what we need each week to fully fund our budget. Setting aside the budget for just a moment ... because we know that actual expenses rarely track perfectly with budgeted expenses ... Let's look at how we've been doing in relation to our actual expenses through March.

YTD March Expenses (13 weeks)	\$56,781.17
YTD March Undesignated Giving	\$52,567.45
YTD March Expense Shortfall	(\$4,213.72)

Our first quarter expenses are slightly less than the budgeted expenses, however, we remained **\$324** short each week to cover our actual YTD expenses. The year is still young, and we have time to get back on track and change from:



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We will keep you updated over the next several months on our progress toward closing the gap, and we continually trust in our church family's faithfulness in providing what is needed.

Blessings from the Finance Committee!

## May Birthdays!

- 2: Jayne Ginter
- 8: Jan Smith
- 9: Carletta Yourich
- 13: Jackie Rietscha
- 16: David Onstead, Kaylin Thomas
- 19: Jeremy Hay
- 20: Nathan Pelesky
- 24: Jackie Miller
- 26: David Knorr, Sydney Lasure
- 29: Joe Kush



## April Anniversaries!

- 4: Clint & Heidi Fleegle
- 15: Walter & Joyce Gilbert



## Jennerstown Family News

- ♦ Ready to take that next step and commit your life to Christ? Be sure to reach out to Pastor Patrick to help guide you through next steps and Baptism!



## Save the Date!

Picnic  
in the  
Park

Quemahoning Family Recreation Area

Sunday,  
August 24th  
10 am

Full immersion Baptisms!

