

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

Building Together on a Firm Foundation

Celebrating 70 years is a remarkable achievement for a Christian school located in an area where the economy has not been strong for at least half of those years. Our unifying school theme this year comes from Luke 6:47-48. "I will show you what it is like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and follows it. It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built." In 1944 a group of local church members had a vision for what Christian education could mean to their community and those leaders laid the foundation for an institution that has weathered many storms, yet remains a strong force in the Greater Johnstown community.

As we consider our foundations, we know what is most pivotal is that Jesus Christ and faith in Him who is the cornerstone, remain the basis of all that we do. Isaiah 28:16 reminds us that He is a "precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes need never be shaken." JCS has an extraordinary story of how God has provided over the many years of its history and rehearsing that story helps us to know that He will carry us through many more. Even greater are stories coming from families about how God has made it possible for their children to attend this school and see them be daily impacted by who Christ is and how that integrates in our learning together. Our staff is committed to continuing the legacy of keeping Christ central in all that we teach and share with our students.

Another of the foundations is the shoulders on which we stand. The rich heritage of those families and teachers who have been committed to the vision of Christian education has kept the school intact through even difficult years. In her book, *Living in Community; Cultivating Practices that Sustain Us*, Christine Pohl says:

Communities in which we grow and flourish, however, last over time and are built by people who are faithful to one another and committed to a shared purpose. Community life certainly has moments of incredible beauty and intense personal connection, but much of it is daily and ordinary. Our lives are knit together not so much by intense feeling as by shared history, tasks, commitments, stories, and sacrifices.

This describes JCS perfectly. It is a community built on strong foundations and held together by our common faith in Jesus and the belief that we must share that faith in profound ways with each generation that ensues. Those who have gone



before us provided this foundation with incredible personal sacrifice and commitment and families and staff who carry on the work are generating their own stories of promise and trust in God's provision.

And yes, much of what we do is "daily and ordinary." Our students are learning to read, do math, understand science, appreciate history, and create their own stories. They are growing in their abilities to work together, discuss their differences, and produce classroom communities where what is learned is authentic and shared together between teacher and students. But when you base all of that on the chief cornerstone, Jesus Christ, the potential exists to prepare students who will impact a world where foundations need to be made more sure. What a privilege we have to be part of God's ongoing provision and creative process as seen in our students at Johnstown Christian School.

Dr. Kathy Keafer, Administrator



STEM Addition Update

Hello Friends of JCS,

I still find it hard to believe how fast the school year has advanced and how quickly the STEM Addition is progressing. Yoder Construction has made a great deal of progress to date. The structure is enclosed with windows installed on both floors. Radiant heat and concrete are complete on the first floor. Insulation and drywall has begun on the second floor. Although there is more to be done, the progress is on schedule.

A team is working on grant proposals as the committee will be pursuing foundations and corporations for donations as well. We still need over \$500,000 to be able to finish and furnish the great space that should be complete by the end of January.

I want to say a sincere THANK YOU to everyone who has already made a financial gift. Please continue to lift workers safety and efforts as well as the funds development work up in prayer. May God be praised!

—John Huston, BOD President

Recognizing Mrs. Spory

Representative Frank Burns visited JCS on Friday, August 29, 2014, to present Mrs. Spory a citation for PA-CAPE “Elementary Administrator of the Year”. The Pennsylvania Affiliate of the Council on American Private Education (PA-CAPE) presented its inaugural recognition awards to teachers and administrators from across the Commonwealth at the state Capitol on May 7, 2014. The celebration was part of a special day in Harrisburg that included a rally in support of the successful Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) and Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit (OSTC) programs.



International Students

This is the second year to welcome International students to JCS. Vicki Deng, a senior and returning international student



stays with the Antesberger family. Vicki is from Ri Zhao, Shandong. She chose JCS out of four schools because there were no other Chinese students. Her love for Penn State also made choosing a school in PA more desirable. She loves music and enjoys teaching Mr. Carr how to play the Xiao, a Chinese flute. She plans to attend UPJ in the Fall and major in Engineering.



Aimee

Peter

Vicki

We welcome Peter Su, a junior, who is staying with the Chaves family. Peter is from Beijing and talks about the smog in the city. Peter also chose our school because fewer international students enrolled gives him more op-

portunity to study his English. Peter said that people here are friendly. He enjoys music and loves basketball.

Our third international student, Aimee Hong, is from Fushun. Also a junior, Aimee is staying with the Hunsberger (Jeri & Reuben) family. She chose JCS because of the Christian aspect and was told our school was “safe and strict.” Aimee appreciates new friendships and enjoys watching movies.

Back to School

It’s like returning home for the construction crew on the STEM addition. All five members of Dean Yoder Construction are alumni. Two fellows graduated from JMS and three from JCS. Meet the guys:

Sports was a favorite for **Lucas Yoder** (’94). Lucas held the school record for scoring the most points in an individual game (basketball).

Known for 3-point shooting in basketball, **Aaron Yoder** (’93), held the school record for making the most 3-point shots in a game.

Playing hockey everyday at lunch in the gym (which is the current cafeteria) was the favorite memory of **Ron Yoder** (’79).

Rich Yoder (’69) always enjoyed music and remembers how much fun choir tour was.

Dean Yoder (’65), owner of Yoder Construction, states shop class was the highlight of his day.

We thank the men on the construction crew for their work on the STEM addition!

A Visit to the Holocaust Museum

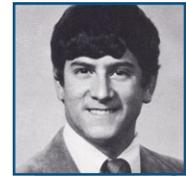
Juniors and seniors traveled to the Holocaust museum in Washing D.C. on Monday, November 3 as part of a grant through the Allegheny Community Foundation. “Because of the horror of Holocaust, this is a very sobering trip for the students,” shared Mrs. Seth, history teacher. “I



Lucas



Aaron



Ron



Rich



Dean



was surprised how involved students were as they took the time to fully immerse themselves in the history. A highlight for all was spending time with a couple who are survivors. The gentleman was a cousin of Anne Frank.” Upon return, students are required to write a paper. Here are excerpts from two students:

“This trip was very impactful. It taught me that as the Holocaust slowly begins to drift farther and farther into the past, it can’t fade from our memories. We don’t just need to know what happened; we need to act on it so we don’t repeat the same mistakes our ancestors did.” —junior

“If there’s ever another student who doesn’t want to go to the Holocaust Museum, tell them this: They don’t have to read every sign or watch every video. They don’t need to remember every detail or know every horror. They just need to go and see what sticks out to them because whatever it is, it will help them remember to do whatever is in their power to prevent such a huge injustice from ever happening again.” —junior



Middle School Travels to Pittsburgh

The entire Middle School went to the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium on Friday, October 31. They marveled at the variety of life that God created seeing many rare and exotic animals



including snow leopards, penguins, red pandas, and komodo dragons! As part of the trip, they participated in a class on animal observations. They learned how scientists studied animals and were able to practice these scientific techniques by observing an armadillo and various primates.

From the Mouth of Students:

Do we have a future journalist? Excellent writing skills and attention to detail demonstrate that it may be a real possibility for this 5th grader.

Apiary Field Trip by Mary

On October 2, 2014, fourth and fifth grade students from Johnstown Christian School went to Summer Smiles Honey Apiary. Darci, the bee-keeper, gave us a speech about how to treat the honeybees. She told us about all the things she used for keeping bees and showed them to us. Grace Kabbler got to go up front and try on the bee veil. We got to touch and smell whatever we found interesting inside the building. I picked up a frame used for honey and smelled the propolis. When we went out to the hives, I noticed bees on flowers. I stooped down and took pictures of them. We got to see the hives from a good distance away. Darci told us all about supers and the reason some stacks are higher than others. Then we headed back to her barn and saw her goat and sheep. I thought it was really neat to actually see beehives and to learn a lot more about the bees living in them.

Clubs Return to Middle School

Middle school clubs are back again! Clubs give students opportunities to grow relationships through similar areas of interest. This year, MS students were able to choose from the following clubs:

- Baking for a Purpose with Mrs. Miller
- Fitness & Nutrition with Coach Becker
- Chess Club with Mr. Yacko
- Bowling Club with Mr. Sprinkle
- Drama Club with Mrs. Yoder
- Lacrosse Club with Mrs. Dunagan



The NEW Preschool Room

It's roomy and bright and full of smiles! Can you guess what it is? Our new preschool room. If you haven't had a chance to see it in person, we invite you to stop in and visit the next time you're at the school. Students will grow, learn, and play in this spacious and beautiful room. Mrs. Marks brings 12 years of experience to the classroom and always wears a big, beautiful smile. Students are fully immersed in academics, but Mrs. Marks' focus is to create a confident learner.



Archery at JCS

Archery has been taught at JCS in the past (see photo from 1977), and Dave Sprankle is working hard to bring archery back. Thanks to support from the archery industry, the \$6,000 NASP (National Archery in Schools Program) equipment kits can be purchased by our school for approximately \$3,100. The Pennsylvania Game commission has offered a \$1,500 grant to our school to offset the purchase of the NASP kits. If enough funds are raised to purchase the equipment, archery will be taught this year to MS and HS students during fourth quarter Physical Education classes. Next year Mr. Sprankle desires to start a competitive team. If you would like to help bring archery back to JCS, please send a financial gift to the school and mark "Archery" on the memo line.



Melinda Hodges

We welcome Melinda Hodges as the new second grade teacher. Melinda is a recent graduate from the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown. She graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and holds a Pennsylvania Teaching Certificate. She has substituted for many school districts throughout the Johnstown area and at JCS. For a number of years, she also homeschooled her own children.



She is a familiar face around JCS since she has been a patron of the school for 14 years. Besides a patron and a teacher, she is a wife and a mother of four: Matthew ('10), Christian ('12), Zachary (10th grade) and Megan (7th grade).

She is a member of the Greater Johnstown Christian Fellowship in Johnstown where she directs Vacation Bible School and is active in children's ministry. When she is not at school or church, Melinda loves to spend time with her family. She also enjoys bird watching, baking, and taking evening walks. Mrs. Hodges is excited to be a part of JCS in a new way. "I could not have landed in a better place. JCS is near and dear to my heart." Just as she is grateful for the education that JCS has given her own children, she is grateful to be a part of your child's education.

Rich Holsopple

Rich is a 1996 graduate of Conemaugh Township. He is the husband of Shelby (Moyer) a 1996 JCS graduate. They make their home near Friedens on a dairy farm and have three children: Sydney (7th grade), Abby (5th grade), and Carter (3rd grade). The Holsopples attend The Gathering. Rich is a 1998 graduate from Pennsylvania College of Technology and comes on staff at JCS as IT Manager, responsible for hardware and software administration.



Katie Inman

Mrs. Katie Inman joins us part time this year as an educational therapist in the Discovery Center. Katie has been a part of the JCS family for the last 17 years both as a patron and substitute teacher. She attended a Christian high school and is a strong supporter of Christian education. Mrs. Inman



is a graduate of the University of Maryland. She trained in Search and Teach while attending the 2009 NILD conference and is “very excited to be a part of the Discovery Center.”

Katie is from southern Maryland near the Chesapeake Bay. The Inmans moved to Johnstown in 1993. They have two sons, Daniel (‘10) and Chase (11th grade).

Katie enjoys working with children, and when she is not at JCS, she enjoys volunteering her time working with the children’s ministry at Life Church. She is also a court-appointed special advocate for children in both Somerset and Cambria Counties. In 2013, she was able to travel to China to work with therapists and parents of autistic children.



Kristen Mack

We welcome Kristen as the Marketing and Public Relations Assistant at the school. Kristen is no stranger to the school setting. She graduated from IUP in 1995 with a BS in Business Education. After working numerous long-term substitute positions and for a technology center, Kristen obtained a full-

time teaching position with the Richland SD (1999). During her employment with Richland, she obtained a Masters in Business Education with an emphasis on Workforce Development. With the arrival of their first child (2003), she resigned her position and became a full-time mom. Kristen is married to Scott, and they are the parents of Kasmira (5th grade), Solenna (3rd grade) and Sybella (2nd grade). The Macks attend Oakland United Methodist Church.

Amy McDowell



Amy (Woods) is a 1993 graduate of JCS. She and her husband, John, make their home near Armagh and have three children: Caleb (9th grade), Alexi (6th grade), and Ethan (5th grade). The McDowells attend Emmanuel Baptist Church. A 1996 graduate of Cedarville University with a Bachelors Degree in Accounting, Amy currently manages the financial records of several small companies

in addition to her Business Manager position at JCS.

Robin Mitchell

Robin and her husband, Steve, who works at CTC have been married for 29 years and have four children. Seth, a graduate of Baptist Bible College works as a Chinese Linguist in the Air Force in Hawaii. He and his wife, Sarah, have a little

girl named Audrey and are expecting a boy in December. Luke graduated from UPJ and currently works for Bittner Vending. Olivia is married to Joe Porter and is a full-time student at Geneva College. Savanna is a musician and is living and working in Beaver Falls.

Robin enjoys playing and teaching piano, jogging, music, the outdoors, cooking, making jewelry, the beach, and being involved at their church, St. Paul’s Presbyterian in Somerset. For the past three summers, Robin worked in the kitchen at Summers Best Two Weeks on the Que. We welcome Robin as the Kitchen Supervisor.



Joey Miller

We are pleased to welcome back Joey Miller, who was here through Service Adventure Johnstown in 2009-2010 and trained under Steve Grasser. Joey comes on staff as Facilities Supervisor. Joey is originally from Goshen, Indiana, and was a 2008 graduate of The Crossing Educational Center. After Service Adventure, Joey stayed in Johnstown, working for Spory’s Locksmith. Joey says that the people of JCS are what he enjoys most about the school. Joey’s mom is a cook at Greencroft Retirement Home and his father is head of maintenance at Bethany Christian School. Joey enjoys Johnstown being more “country” than Goshen. In his free time, Joey enjoys video games and hanging out with friends.



Christy Pearce

Christy is from Smithville, Ohio, and joins the JCS staff through Service Adventure Johnstown. While in town for the year, she is enjoying time with two host families. A 2014 graduate from Green Local School District, Christy was named Prom Queen and was active in Drama Club, Chamber Choir, FFA, Consumer & Home Economics Club, and Spirit Club. Her service this year is as an Elementary Aide assisting Mrs. Marks and the preschool students. Christy grew up in a 1913 farm house with her parents, brother Caleb, and twin sisters April and Beth. She also has two miniature schnauzers, Oreo and Ginger. In her free time, Christy enjoys photography, reading, and is a collector of rocks and beanie babies.



Achievement AND Accolades

Miss Teen of America Scholarship and Recognition Pageant



Lindsey Horner took part in the Miss Teen of America Scholarship and Recognition Pageant (state level) this summer from July 25-27 at Shippensburg University. She took first place (out of 68) in the School and Community category and received the **Out-**

standing Achievement and Service Towards School and Community Award. Way to go, Lindsey!

Light the Night Walk

The Johnstown Christian School Varsity Girls' Soccer Team would like to thank all those that helped the team raise money for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Light the Night walk on Saturday, October 4. With the help of donations from friends and families of the soccer team, the Euen Family, the Kaufman Mennonite Church Youth Group, and Mrs. Sprankle's "Orange Night," the team raised over \$1,800. What a blessing!!!!



PMEA District Chorus Festival

Congratulations to Kaitlyn Seth, Levi Peruso, Travis Najjar, and Gwen Price who auditioned and qualified for the PMEA District Chorus Festival to be held at the Windber High School auditorium on January 21-23, 2015!



Local Bee News

On Friday, October 10, the local spelling bee was held in the gym. We congratulate the following students who completed five rounds and placed as the top spellers in their class or homeroom:

8th Grade: Eden Hartnett and Quinn Vizzini

7th Grade: Daniel Hostetter

6th Grade: Shiloh Eagelson and Drew Taylor

5th Grade: Mary Hostetter, Sarah Huston and Noah Baker

These students will represent Johnstown Christian School at the ACSI District Bee.

Other participants were Aubrey Cook, Anna Eshleman, Laken Horner, Dixie Ferchalk, Christopher Burkey, Dionte Coleman, Jacob Hartnett, Jacob Huston, Eli Kirk, Kasmira Mack, Grace Ressler, David Struble, and Tyler Williams. We are proud of all the students for exploring their gifts and taking on a big challenge!



Somerset County All-County Band

Congratulations to the thirteen JCS students who have been selected to participate in the Somerset County All-County Band this year! The students participated in a public concert held on December 4, 2014 in the Meyersdale HS auditorium. All of us at JCS are very proud of all of our musicians selected to represent our school.

Senior High All-County Band (grades 10-11-12) Emma Miller-Clarinet, Kristie Lynch-Flute and Levi Peruso-Percussion

Junior High All-County Band (grades 7-8-9): Adrianna Thomas-Flute, Kara Lynch-Flute, Alaina Miller-Saxophone, Casey Ott-Saxophone, Shiloh Peruso-Trumpet, Lorna Speigle-Trumpet, Daniel Hostetter-Trombone, Hunter Livingston-Percussion, Jacob Custer-Percussion and John Roub-Baritone

Events

Athletics

Congratulations to David Felix and Maddie Sprankle who advanced to the state meet in Hershey, PA, for Cross Country on Saturday, November 1. Both placed well among District 5 runners. JCS was well represented in the elite field of runners.



Congratulations to Teddy Dunagan, David Felix and the Shade Panthers who advanced to the play-offs against Berlin Brothersvalley. It was an excellent season—way to go guys!!



Fall Banquet 2014

The Fall Banquet was an exciting time for the family of JCS as the Lord once again powerfully revealed to us that He is our provider and sustainer. We loved gathering with our friends who are committed to this ministry and are willing to share from the provision that God has supplied.

Celebrating our 70th year, the focus for the evening was firm foundations (Luke 6:48) that undergird ministry. Of course, Jesus is the cornerstone of that foundation laid many years ago and we seek each day to be sure our students are grounded in God's Truth and His ways. We also want to remember the faithful men and women who founded the school and worked to sustain its mission over these many years because the foundations they have laid remain firmly planted within many of our graduates.



That foundation was certainly evident in the lives and testimonies of two graduates who shared how their years at JCS began to shape their future careers. Craig Saylor, representing the JMS years and now CEO of

Somerset Hospital, shared the legacy that was firm through his family. Steve Kriss, representing the JCS years and now Director of Leadership Cultivation at the Franconia Mennonite Conference shared how he came to JCS from a life not typical of JCS culture and found a home and family among the students and staff here.



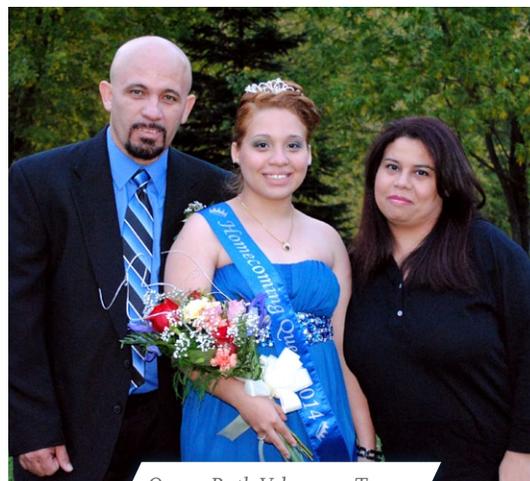
Our first Homecoming Queen, Ruth Velazquez-Torres, also shared how staff and friends at JCS have helped her understand God's redemptive power which has now found its way deeply into the foundations of her life. We are grateful that we can count among us many graduates who are serving Christ faithfully and, as Steve so aptly shared, have indeed surpassed the founders' vision of what good could "come out of Soap Hollow."



Events

Homecoming

Our first Homecoming celebration was held on Saturday, October 11, 2014. Leading up to Homecoming, students participated in Spirit Week, which allowed students to dress according to a daily theme. The weekend kicked off with a barn dance on Friday evening for high school students. Saturday festivities included a 5K fun run, an alumni soccer game, an alumni reception, and a chicken BBQ dinner before the coronation of the Homecoming Queen at 6:00 p.m. The JCS Homecoming Court was comprised of six class representatives (underclassmen) and four seniors. Senior girls had to submit an application, be interviewed by a committee (consisting of one teacher, one board member and one administrator) and give their testimony of faith in front of the secondary student body to have their name on the ballot. Coronation took place on the soccer field and each girl was escorted by her father. After the coronation, middle school and high school students enjoyed a movie and bonfire.



Queen Ruth Velazquez-Torres with parents, Jorge & Jazmin



Senior Court



Homecoming Court: Freshman Sophie Sprankle, Sophomore Kelsie Shook, Junior Maddie Sprankle, Senior Heather Chaderwick, Senior Ruth Velazquez-Torres (Queen), Senior Megan Spory, Senior Kara Wagner, Junior Lindsey Horner, Junior Kyrstin Jeffreys, and Sophomore Savannah Kestermont.



Ukrainian English Camp

Laura Courtney returned to Ukraine this summer with alumni Sadie Sprankle and Lindsey Najjar. This is Miss Courtney's eighth mission trip to serve at an English Camp. Despite the turmoil and having only one camp this summer, they had even more Ukrainians than in previous years. "We even had a student from the east (Luhansk Region), whose family had recently lost everything as a result of separatist violence. Despite everything, she, like all the Ukrainians I interacted with, is very hopeful about the future. In fact, I have never encountered more patriotism in Ukraine than I did this year."



As in previous years, Miss Courtney was the team leader. "It's always exciting to minister alongside my students, and this year was no exception. Sadie and Lindsey were especially helpful in prepping for camp and in lifting me up during some of the harder moments of the trip."

One of the main goals of camp is for the Ukrainians to see what it means to be in relationship with Christ. The camp always involve Ukrainians who have already experienced that relationship for themselves. Dima (shown in picture) became a Christian after coming to camp in 2010. He has grown to be a very strong leader in the home church there.

Here are some vital statistics from the English Camp (out of 26 students):

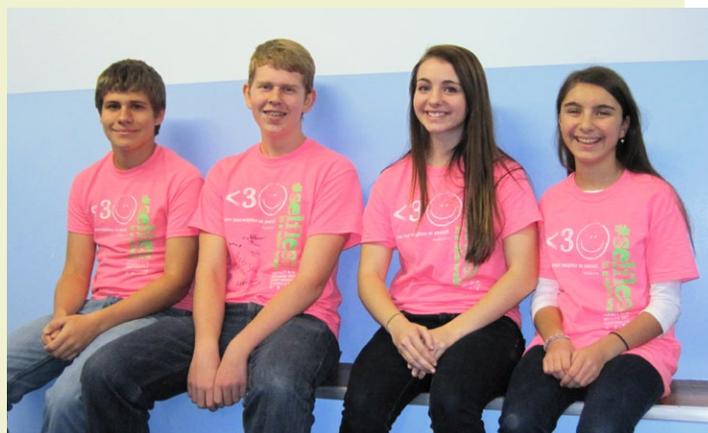
- All students want to stay in contact with Randy, Shelley, Brent, and Kevin (local mission team)
- 23 want to be involved with English Clubs
- 19 want to read the Bible
- 14 students want to join Life Group (the Marshall's home church)
- 9 want to talk more about what it means to have a relationship with Christ
- 8 indicated that they prayed to receive Christ
- 5 want to participate in one-on-one discipleship

- 5 understand the Gospel, but were not ready to make a commitment

One of Miss Courtney's partners this year, Sasha, is very sensitive to spiritual things. She was very moved by the praise music, asked questions right away, and made a decision to follow Christ before the end of camp. Please keep Sasha in your prayers as she and the other new converts will be facing obstacles to their new-found faith.

Chattanooga, Tennessee

Tyler Seth, Patrick Dunagan, Aubrey Cook, and Trinity Romesberg traveled with Emmanuel Baptist junior high youth group to Chattanooga, TN for a mission trip this summer. Students worked with inner city kids at a day camp, visited a nursing home, and did physical work at a local recreation park. Physical labor is a necessity on most mission trips. Tyler (9th grade) enjoyed "going outside and getting sweaty doing hard work and getting to see God's creation while working." Aubrey (8th grade) appreciated her time at the boys and girls club. "It was hard to see how less fortunate their kids are," but she shared "they were happy." Building relationship with those kids was a favorite part of the trip for Aubrey. Serving others, spending time with friends, and making new friends was a highlight of the trip for Patrick (9th grade). The trip concluded with a communion service that included other youths (and their leaders) in the area. This service was most memorable for Trinity (8th grade). All four planned to be a blessing and came home blessed as well.



Remembering Jackie

She loved the color pink... ate her veggies before her sandwich "because my mommy said I should eat these first"... went across the monkey bars, ran to get into the line and crossed once more and then once more again... enjoyed finger painting, pulling globs of yellow, orange, and red paint to create her fall leaf... laughingly ran and twisted trying to step onto the shadows of her classmates while trying to escape their footsteps... twinkly blue eyes just visible above the mass of milk

bubbles allowed on this day after investigating the make-up of bubbles.

Jackie Grace Schrock joined the JCS family in August, 2014; however she joined Wes and Heidi Schrock's family when she was born to them on July 12, 2009. In spite of valiant efforts, Jackie died of pneumonia about 1:00 a.m. on Friday, November 14, 2014.

With blue eyes intact, a giggle easily shared, and curiosity ensuring academic discoveries, Jackie was an engaged learner in

the Kindergarten classroom. Jackie, your chair is empty, your giggle is silent, the hole in our heart is huge. We will see you again, our little friend. —Cathy Spory

"Now the Lord of peace Himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with you all." —2 Thessalonians 3:16

It is a joy to receive gifts that are sent to acknowledge a loved one. We are very grateful for the gifts received from the following:

In Memory of **MILLARD & MARY SPORY** — Ernest J. Spory

In Memory of **JACQUELINE SCHROCK** —

Margaret Adkins • William & Kathy Carney • Jim & Marsha Carr • Clark & Jennifer Hostetter • David Joyner • David & Barbra Krause • Owen & Mable Lehman • Leanne Leiataua • John & Amy McDowell • Lindsay Shepherd • Thomas Mennonite Church

ESTABLISH A MEMORIAL OR LIVING LEGACY FUND

If you would be interested in pursuing either a Memorial Fund or a Living Legacy Fund in order to honor a loved one, contact Kathy Keafer, Administrator, at kkeafer@jcsfamily.org.



Jackie and her grandfather at Grandparents' Day 2014

BIRTHS

Brett ('95) and Jen Beatty —
daughter, *Gweneth Marie*, born on April 7, 2014.

Nevin ('95) and Sarah Yoder —
son, *Marc Andre*, born on December 10, 2013,
received for adoption on September 11, 2014.

Stacy (Pomroy) ('96) and Bart Vickroy —
son, *Boden Lewis*, born on October 19, 2014.

Jason ('96) and Vikki Crissman —
son, *Parks Cunningham*, born on October 29, 2014.

Ben Karlberg ('01) and **Carly (Meredith) ('02)** —
son, *Henrik David*, born on October 20, 2014.

Jason ('03) and Megan Miller —
son, *Nolan Robert*, born on April 4, 2014.

Sarah (Dobson) ('05) and David Luprek, —
daughter, *Novalee Scarlet*, born on September 9, 2014.

Ryan ('05) and Khan Stenberg —
daughter, *Harper Thy*, born on August 28, 2014.

Jeffrey ('05) and Karaleigh Tuck —
daughter, *Lydia Virginia*, born on August 10, 2014

Beniah Tucci ('06) and **Jenna (Meredith) ('06)** —
son, *William Allen*, born on October 21, 2014.

Jon Donwing ('09) and **Amanda (Godin) ('13)** —
son, *David Avery*, born on July 25, 2014.

MARRIAGES

Kristi Tuck ('00) married Jeremy Sayer October 4, 2014.

Jonathan Kemp ('03) married Ewelina Kurnatowska on October 18, 2014.

Billy Blough ('06) married Michelle Greenwood on October 11, 2014.

Russell Grasser ('06) married Sydney Webb on May 24, 2014.

David Reynolds ('06) married Brittany Kastelein on May 3, 2014.

Shane Graham ('07) married **Samantha Hienlein ('06)** on August 8, 2014.

Mitchell Ott ('07) married Danielle Lose on October 18, 2014.

Caleb Louder ('08) married Kelly Zeglin on October 18, 2014.

Kristen Minnick ('08) married Shane Shaffer on May 17, 2014.

Anthony Saylor ('08) married Nichole Smith on June 6, 2014.

Kara Shook ('08) married Aaron Dovey on October 25, 2014.

Michael Vuckovich ('08) married Corissa Fisher on August 16, 2014.

Jon Downing ('09) married **Amanda (Godin) ('13)**
on August 25, 2014.

Emily Spory ('09) married Adam Rudderow on June 28, 2014.

Amber Stenberg ('09) married John Snedeker on July 12, 2014.

Mallory Ott ('10) married Ryan Romano on July 5, 2014.

Keith Grasser ('11) married Taylor McKool on June 21, 2014.

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with alumni news.

Alumni in the Spotlight

Carol (Shetler) Lazer is a 1961 graduate of JMS. After graduating, Carol entered the nursing field where she worked as a nurse until retiring from the field in 2007. Carol and her husband John have three birth children and one daughter adopted through Carol's service in Prison Ministry. Two years after her retirement in 2009, Carol served in Tanzania as a nurse at City of Hopes orphanage for one month. "It was a challenging time as I treated patients at night and most procedures were done by flashlight." Carol's husband John and adopted daughter Sarah also joined her on this trip, and together they did manual labor to get a hospital and guest house ready. All three enjoyed the opportunity to bond with the children. This was Carol's first international mission trip, and she was sad to leave and return to the States. In 2010, she served two weeks on a medical team for Mennonite Central Committee under Virginia Mission Board in Haiti. Her team set up clinics, helping those affected after the earthquake, and equipped moms with knowledge to keep their babies healthy.

Carol's favorite memories of JMS include socials, hayrides, making forts in the woods during recess and Choir Tour.

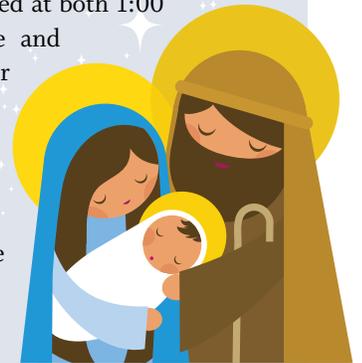
Carol and John make their home in Winchester, VA. She enjoys quilting, traveling, spending time with her four grandchildren and assisting on the Hostess Committee at their church, Stephens City Mennonite.



Annual Christmas Concert

We are always pleased to have so many JCS friends and family come to worship with us as we present our annual Christmas concert. **Due to limited seating and parking, this year's concert will be performed at Emmanuel Baptist Church.** Please join us on Friday, December 12. The concert, presented by PK4 through 12th grade, will be performed at both 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Come and worship Christ the Savior with us!

*If concert is postponed because of inclement weather, it will be moved to Monday, December 15. The performances will remain the same at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm.



Looking for Band Instruments

Our band program continues to grow, and this year we are looking for some used instruments that could be played by our JCS students. If you have a band instrument that is not being used and would be willing to donate it to JCS, please let Mr. Carr know through email at jcarr@jcsfamily.org or by calling the school at (814) 288-2588.

Double Mailings?

Parents: Each JCS alum receives a personal copy of The Messenger. If this is addressed to a son or daughter who as established a separate residence, please forward their new address to us. Contact Kristen Mack at kmack@jcsfamily.org or (814) 288-2588, ext. 236. Thank you.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Please be in prayer for these events:

- **Winter Fund Letter Writing Campaign** starts in January
- **Patrons' Meeting**—Tuesday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m.
- **Patrons' Work Day**—Saturday, March 14
- **Open House**—Thursday, March 19
- **Reenrollment Week**—Monday, March 16, through Friday, March 20
- **High School Drama Club presents "Peter Pan"**—Thursday, April 9, through Saturday, April 11
- **Middle School and High School Spring Concert**—Tuesday, April 28
- **Choir Tour & Mission Week** —Wednesday, April 29, through Sunday, May 3
- **Middle School Retreat**—Thursday, April 30, through Friday, May 1
- **Choir Tour Homecoming Concert**—Sunday, May 3
- **35th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival**—Saturday, May 9
- **Elementary Spring Concert**—Tuesday, May 12
- **Graduation at Emmanuel Baptist Church**—Friday, June 5