



Jerusalem Presbyterian Church Newsletter

A Letter From Pastor Andy

Dear JPC family,

Throughout January and into February we have the great administrative reshuffling. Important (though also possibly mundane) activities take place such as compiling the annual report and holding the annual congregational meeting. Thank you to all who submitted reports or gave reports at the meeting. Thank you especially to Karen Potratz, Linda Coakley, Dave Kilpatrick, and Sally Christiansen for agreeing to serve as elders and deacons, and to Rebecca Schultz and Nettie Sadler for coming back for a second term.

The February session meeting is another logistical and administrative hurdle as we onboard the new people and have a huge list of motions that cover us for the whole year, like electing the clerk of session, appointing the treasurer, and documenting in the minutes all who have access to church credit cards, all who can sign checks, etc. A big thank you to clerk Dave Carr who is hard at work putting together that packet of administrative motions.

The final administrative reshuffling at this time of year is the various committees. I want to tell you about each of the committees and the work they will be doing. Rebecca Schultz is the chair of the **worship committee** that has meetings once a month following worship on Sunday mornings. The worship committee plans various services throughout the year, and I use the group to give feedback as to how the worship experience is going in the congregation. The **mission committee** meets once every few months and is made up of a diverse group of people from around the congregation. (continues on page 2)

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Weekly Happenings

Mondays

9:00 am Women's Coffee @
Black Canyon

Wednesdays

8:00am Men's Breakfast @
Sunnyside Restaurant in
Dousman

6:30 pm Online Bible Study

Thursdays

7:00 pm Choir Practice

Sundays

9:30 am Worship Service

10:45 am Children's Sunday

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The **mission committee** meets once every few months and is made up of a diverse group of people from around the congregation. New elder Linda Coakley and John McEwing will lead the committee. The mission committee focuses on various ways we as a congregation can serve the community around us.

Miranda Zywicki is leading the **fellowship and evangelism committee** as they plan various fellowship activities. This committee will also be putting together the new church directory this winter/spring. Larry Bartz and Dave Kilpatrick are teaming up to lead the **finance committee**, which is supported by treasurer Mary Anne Spencer. The **property committee** is once again being led by *Dave C. x 2*, Dave Christiansen and Dave Carr. They did such a great job last year; I am excited to see what projects they have in-store for the coming year.

The **Christian education committee** (sometimes called *faith development*, or *Christian nurture*) is being led by Rebecca Schultz, with a heavy assist from our two Sunday school teachers: Jane Bauer and Marge Bartz. This committee will also be leading a confirmation class come fall. There are two committees that meet infrequently (only when called upon): **nominating**, led by Miranda Zywicki and Dave Christiansen, and **personnel**, led by Larry Bartz and Pat Bjorgaard. Finally, the session is in the process of forming a new committee, the **technology and marketing committee**, led by Karen Potratz. This committee will be redesigning our website, doing all social media efforts, and other tasks.

Each committee is looking for new voices to help carry out its mandate. We could especially use a volunteer or two to step forward for finance, property, and/or technology and marketing. (But all the committees could use new participants, save for nominating and personnel.) If you have any questions about the work of any committee, you can talk with me or with the appropriate committee chair.

May the peace of Christ be with you,

Pastor Andy

Session Notes From January 2023

The following is an abbreviated recap of some of the items that were discussed at the last session meeting (hybrid Zoom/in person) on January 11.

General communications.

Approved a building use request for a wedding in May.

The passing of Jim Chermak.

Treasurer. Expenses exceeded income by approximately \$7,000 for the year. It was suggested that quarterly or semiannual statements be sent to the members.

Building & Grounds

Replacement of the addition roof membrane will be scheduled for this spring.

Due to issues with subcontractors, the exact date for the completion of the window project is uncertain, but will definitely be as soon as possible this year.

Education. A substitute teacher is still needed for the younger children.

Evangelism and Fellowship. The membership directory project is underway and several people who have not responded will need to be contacted.

Mission.

Hygiene kits will be assembled in February.

Christmas Joy offering was \$1,373.

KM Food Pantry donations for 2022 was \$11,833.

Worship.

The purchase of a five octave set of handbells has been completed and is being funded by donations.

A storage closet for music and the handbells (and related equipment) is being donated and built by the Zywicki family.

Next session meeting is scheduled for February when the new members will join the group. Thanks to those individuals who have completed their term of service.



News About The Windows From Norbert's

Happy New Year everyone! I have in hand the big window and it's ready to be installed. I want to plan two consecutive days for the install. My plan is to encapsulate the scaffolding with plastic to help shelter us and the interior of the church from the cold as much as possible while we remove the plywood and everything that is exposed. I should be able to make it this upcoming Thursday and Friday but if not then sometime the following week. My schedule is pretty flexible over the next few weeks so I know it will go in shortly. Thank you everyone for being patient. I'll give you guys a head up the day before we plan on coming. (received January 22)



Happy Birthday!

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Josh Lecher | 13 Jackson Copeland | 23 Sue Jack |
| 2 Dr. Henry Ravelo | 14 Tallulah Kalix | 24 Hal Bolk |
| 5 Jenna Schulz | 15 Kelly Parsons | 26 Karen Csavoy |
| 8 Chase Parsons | 18 Sandy Clapper | 27 Mike Bohren |
| 8 Reece Parsons | 19 Hannah Muzzey | 29 Joanne Bernhardt |
| 9 Hannah Agathen | 19 Steven Muzzey | |

Please let us know if you or someone else is not on the birthday list. We would like it to be as

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