



# Jerusalem Presbyterian Church Newsletter

## A Letter From Pastor Andy

Dear JPC family and friends,

Over the past few weeks, the session, personnel committee, worship committee, and I have been putting together a plan for after Easter. Many of you know that I am having surgery to correct a foot condition on April 10, the day after Easter. I want to fill everyone in on what the plan is, understanding that it might be adjusted as we go.

My surgery is an outpatient procedure at Oconomowoc hospital. For the two weeks following, I will be on short term disability/sick leave. Bruce Parker has agreed to preach on Sunday, April 16, and Walt Sadler has volunteered to bring the message on April 23. Matt Lee, pastor of Kettle Moraine Presbyterian Church in Stone Bank, will cover any pastoral emergencies over those two weeks. The elders will each be given Pastor Matt's contact information.

The session also recognizes that two weeks of leave may not be enough. If needed, a third (and possibly fourth) week of leave will be added. I am to have no weight on my foot after the surgery for 6-8 weeks. After my leave I will be working from home as much as necessary. My mother is coming into town to help me through my recovery (she was coming to visit for Easter, so she already had the front end of the train ticket).

I want to thank everyone for your well wishes, your counsel, and your prayers; I covet your prayers for a successful surgery and a healthy recovery. (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

#### Thursdays

7:00 pm Choir Practice

#### Sundays

9:30 am Worship Service  
10:45 am Children's Sunday  
School

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I especially want to thank the elders for their compassionate leadership, for those who have lovingly dropped off medical supplies and meals, for the deacons who are coordinating a meal train following the surgery, and to Jane Bauer and the ladies of the Monday morning coffee who rented a chair lift for my second floor condo.

I am excited for Easter and am nervous about my surgery. I love Maundy Thursday, and the Holy Week plans will hopefully be as beautiful as ever (even with slight adjustments due to my limited mobility). If you have any questions about any of this, feel free to contact me, personnel chair Larry Bartz, or worship chair Rebecca Schultz.

May the Peace of Christ be with you this Holiest of seasons,

Pastor Andy



## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

### SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering will be received on Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. This offering is divided into three areas. First each gift will support the efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Secondly, this offering restores hope in areas of natural disasters through the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program. Thirdly, it empowers the oppressed through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self Development of People. Last year we collected \$4,917 for this offering. The needs of many throughout the world are great. Let's do some sharing to show our caring!



## Happy Birthday!

3	Jeff Madden	17	Ethan Stingle	26	Megan Roberts
5	Nancy Prellwitz	20	Paul Muzzey	26	Walt Sadler
6	Jack McEwing	21	Marlene Williams	27	Paul Beil
8	Laurelei Schueller	23	Candy Cullen	30	Sue Bolk
13	Zack Bennett	24	Steve Chandler		
		25	Austin Weber		

Please let us know if you or someone else is not on the birthday list. Please contact Laura. Thanks!



## **In The Bag Sundays**

Although outside it doesn't feel like Spring yet, some of us get the urge to clean house including clearing out clothing we no longer need.

Wouldn't it be nice if there were people nearby who could use these items? The HOPE Center, serving people in Waukesha, distributes used clothing including shoes and outer wear to families and individuals in need.

The Deacons have contacted the HOPE Center to determine which items their clients need most. We are inviting you to participate in a drive called In the Bag Sundays starting April 16th and concluding May 7th. We'll supply you with collection bags and a list describing the needed items. We're asking you to fill the bags with any of the following:

- Men's new or used blue jeans
- Men's new or used socks
- Men's new boxer shorts or briefs
- All of the above in mostly large or extra large sizes
- Spring and Summer clothing for men, women and children of all ages and sizes that are used but without stains or tears
- Hygiene items such as shaving product, soaps, body washes,
- Shampoos, deodorant and sanitary products
- Clean sleeping bags

Please wait to bring your bags to church until April 16th. But start rounding up whatever is taking up unwanted space in your home and enjoy the feeling of clearing out while helping others. Thank you! Any Questions about items you call Cindy (262)370-8787 or Marge (262)968-3003.

# Session Notes (continued from page 4)

The following is an abbreviated recap of some of the items that were discussed at the last session meeting (hybrid Zoom/in person) on March 8.

## Organizational items:

- Information concerning credit card holders and signature authority on the checking account were reviewed as part of the Financial Review procedure.
- Starting this year, the clerk will discontinue the practice of using heavy binders for the permanent storage of the session minutes. Instead, the documents will be printed on acid free paper, and stored in an archival box. The Presbytery encourages this practice.
- Pastor Andy and David Carr will investigate digitizing and storage of JPC historical records at the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia.
- Responsibility for technology-related items will be removed from the Building and Grounds committee description and included in the new Technology and Marketing committee list of responsibilities.

## Building and Grounds

- In addition to the yet to be announced spring cleanup, a landscaping committee will be formed to develop and implement a plan for beautifying the church grounds.
- A water leak from the east wall was noticed in the basement storage pantry. This will require further examination.

## Evangelism and Fellowship

- A script has been created to use during phone contacts for collection of directory information.
- Dinner group have been meeting.

Mission: There is a Habitat project scheduled for March 29. Contact Jerry Gapinski if interested.

Technology and Marketing: Here are the top priorities that were shared for this new committee.

- **Top Priority – Recruit committee members**
- Envision that committee members would be task-specific with involvement specific to those tasks (website, for example).
- Meetings based on specific tasks versus regular meeting.
- Suggestions/volunteers.

# Session Notes

- **Top Priority – Website**
- Short term (summer 2023) update photos and content on existing site
  - Confirm objectives and audience for website (external/internal or both?)
  - Contact current consultant.
- Gather information including log-in/password, hosting, platform (Word Press), page views and other user data.
- Cost estimate to do short term updates?
  - Make recommendations on updates including functionality, content, search engine optimization, etc.
  - Get additional training if needed to make updates.
  - Take new photos (Need notice in bulletin regarding privacy/photos for website?)
- Long term (2024-25) plan and budget for new website (if needed)

## Worship

- The focus for the second half of Lent will be communion.
- Communion will be served on April 12, 19 and 26.
- The music has been planned for Maundy Thursday and Easter, and the committee has a plan for Bright Sunday.
- There will be no Good Friday service this year.

**Next session meeting scheduled for April 12, 2023.**

Using the Phone:	Using the Post:	Using the Web:
<p>The church office hours varies so please call first.</p> <p>The church phone number is: <b>262-968-3408</b> or Rev. Andrew Holmes at <b>(414) 544-2188</b>.</p>	<p><u>Our Location Address is:</u>            Jerusalem Presbyterian Church            207 W. Main St.            Wales, WI 53183</p> <p><u>Our Mailing Address is:</u>            Jerusalem Presbyterian Church            P.O. Box 88            Wales, WI, 53183</p>	<p>To send an email to the pastor  <a href="mailto:revandrewholmes@gmail.com">revandrewholmes@gmail.com</a></p> <p>To send an email to the church secretary:  <a href="mailto:jpcsec@jerusalempresbyterian.org">jpcsec@jerusalempresbyterian.org</a></p> <p>Visit our website for more information:  <a href="http://jpcwales.org">jpcwales.org</a></p>

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