



Jerusalem Presbyterian Church Newsletter

A Letter From Pastor Andy

Dear JPC members and friends,

If you have ever flown out of Mitchell Airport, you may have recognized a word that you have never seen before: *recombobulation*. After going through security, the *recombobulation area* is where people grab their luggage and put back on their jackets, shoes, belts, and anything else security has asked them to remove. The *recombobulation area* was originally unique to Milwaukee's airport because a former airport director invented the word.

Recombobulation. It's fun to say. And one knows what it means, even if it is made up. *Recombobulation*. It also can be used to describe this time of year. You may notice that this newsletter is short. That is not a huge surprise: January and February are quiet, still months at JPC after coming out of Christmas and changing over officers and committee assignments. Many of our members are either snow birding currently, or have slipped away for a few weeks to warmer locales. The rest of us have put our heads down and soldiered on through dark, cold, snowy, and grey weeks.

The liturgical season of Lent always starts slowly. It is different from Advent in this way. Both are seasons of preparation, but Advent is a time of high energy; coming out of Thanksgiving we have (at most) four weeks before Christmas and it seems end to end packed with activity (sometimes too much so). Lent, conversely, is different. It starts in the dead of winter (Ash Wednesday is usually a sleepy, dark observance) and the season of Lent is six and a half weeks long. The season takes its time ramping up towards Holy Week and Easter. I have always felt that the first half of Lent has a decidedly different tone than the second half.

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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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But all of Lent is a time of recombobulation. As we, and the planet around us, gradually come out of the winter doldrums we will see a rise in energy and activity. The same can be true for our spirituality and our connection to God. The season of Lent calls us to put things back into order: to pick up the spiritual gifts of compassion, service, and empathy, and set down things such as anger, resentment, and pride. Spring will be here soon enough, and with it I hope each of us will bloom into better versions of ourselves in faith and wisdom.

May the peace of Christ be with you this Lenten season,

Pastor Andy



Happy Birthday!

March Birthdays

- 4 Nicholas Kalix**
- 4 Dint Sweitzer**
- 6 Robbie Brown**
- 10 Ron Dobrich**
- 13 Krystle Stingle**
- 14 Emily Dobrich**

- 14 Mary Bohren**
- 16 Judy Mueller**
- 17 Patty Bailey**
- 17 Kyle Roberts**
- 19 Margaret Towner**
- 25 Harris Wilke**
- 26 Abbie Kilpatrick**

- 26 Carol Pasbrig**
- 27 Chris Parsons**
- 29 Karen Bewer**
- 30 Kent Lorenz**
- 31 Makenzie Zywicki**

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

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Session Notes From January 2023

2023.02 Session notes and updates for the newsletter

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

Organizational items:

Training for new session members and deacons was held prior to the regular meeting.

Minutes from the Congregational meeting were approved.

The Annual Statistical Report was presented.

Dick Meloy was removed from the membership list with regret.

Mary Anne Spencer was elected to serve as Treasurer and David Carr was elected to serve as Clerk of Session. Jim Morris will be the financial secretary for deposits.

A new committee is being organized to oversee technology and marketing for JPC.

Committee assignments

Worship: Rebecca Schultz, Cate O'Connell

Property (B&G): Dave Christiansen, Dave Carr

Mission: Linda Coakley, John McEwing

Education: Rebecca Schultz

Fellowship & Evangelism: Miranda Zywicki, Pat Bjorgaard, Sue Woggon

Finance: Larry Bartz, Dave Kilpatrick

Technology & Marketing: Karen Potratz

Personnel: Larry Bartz, Pat Bjorgaard

Nominating: Miranda Zywicki, Dave Christiansen

Building & Grounds

Inquiry will be made about having both parking lots plowed.

The west window will be reinstalled, and the scaffolding removed as soon as the weather permits.

Evangelism and Fellowship

Two dinner groups have been organized.

Calls will be made to inquire about directory and membership updates.

Worship

Bell choir rehearsals will resume in February.

Communion will be served on Ash Wednesday.

Next meeting will be March 8, 2023.

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