



JERUSALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April Newsletter

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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

Sundays

9:30 am Worship Service

A Letter From Pastor Andy

Dear JPC family,

Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen, Indeed! Before I get into the topic of this month's article, a word of thanks: thank you to everyone who made worship so meaningful on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter. Many, many people were involved from the music to the worship logistics and decorations to the various participants. The celebration continues this Sunday, April 7, with Bright Sunday. Wear bright colors to worship this Sunday and come prepared to have fun.

Speaking of Bright Sunday, this Sunday will have a new logistical change. The last few months members of the Worship Committee and Technology & Marketing Committee have been exploring how to move our digital worship presence from recording to streaming. What does that mean? Since March 2020 we have been recording worship each Sunday and uploading it onto YouTube early in the following week. Streaming is uploading the service live, in the moment, and having a digital copy also able to be watched later.

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Why are we looking to make this change? Some people have mentioned that they would like to have the service available live because Sunday morning is when they want to worship; it is part of their weekly routine. Streaming will also allow people watching online to interact with the service by asking for prayer requests and other chat-based communication. This technology will hopefully allow people to be more connected to each other and to their church family.

There will be a learning curve to this transition. Bruce and I have worked out many of the kinks, but the next few weeks and months will involve getting volunteers trained in the basics. (It is not hard, but there are some things to get used to.) We are also trying a few things regarding camera and microphone placement, along with working out the chat function.

As for the people attending in person each week, there should be little to no change in how you experience Sunday morning worship. One thing to note, however, is that the time of sharing our joys and concerns will not be edited out of the service. Anything anyone shares into a microphone will be available to anyone watching. (So please do not share anything that you would not want to be public.)

If you have any questions about this, or any ideas and feedback you want to share with the JPC leadership, you can bring such things to me, to the elders for Technology and Marketing (Karen Potratz and Cate O'Connell), or the elders for Worship (Rebecca Schultz and Cate O'Connell).

Happy Easter,

Per Capita 2024

Per Capita connects Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations and mid councils with the work of the wider church. As the primary source of funding for the Office of the General Assembly (OGA), it is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of moving the church forward in the 21st century.

Just a reminder that \$40 is the individual JPC church member Per Capita for 2024.

Recycle Your Unused Tools

If you have some old tools that you no longer use and are collecting dust, consider recycling them to add to our new JPC Tool Tote. We are looking for an array of standard hand tools, utility knives, square, level and a power and impact drill with attachments , etc. Please see Dave Christiansen.



Habitat for Humanity Happenings

Come join in the fun, and meet the community!

- ReStore Center: Saturday April 13th from 10:00am-1:00pm



Habitat for Humanity has created a special site for JPC volunteer registration.

<https://habitatwaukesha.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/jpc>

Session Notes From March 2024

The following is an abbreviated recap of some of the business items discussed at the last session meeting (hybrid Zoom/in person) on March 13, 2024.

March 13 motions:

- To approve the minutes of the February 7, 2024, session meeting. **Approved.**

March 13 other business:

- The 2023 Financial Review report was received. The 2024 Financial Review committee is being formed.
- Backup and secure storage of church records and documents is being explored.
- The personnel committee will resume work on the pastor ministry description some time this spring.
- The Presbytery (per newest version of the Book of Order) has requested that JPC adopt 1) a harassment policy, 2) a child and youth protection policy, and 3) an antiracism policy. Templates for these policies are available and will be examined and discussed by session.
- More information was requested concerning Pastor Holmes proposed study leave in May.
- The inside cleanup continues and lighting in the sanctuary will be upgraded.
- An outdoor cleanup will be scheduled soon. Go GreenThumb team!
- Confirmation will be May 19, 2024.
- Directory is done!!
- The mission committee will continue to revisit opportunities for involvement when it meets on April 24.
- Recipients of donations from the Donna Lexa Art Fair will be speaking at Sunday services to describe how the donations are being used.
- Bill Leonard, Presbytery moderator, will be joining us for service on May 5.
- Jerry Gapinski and David Carr attended the Presbytery Gathering on February 24 in Lake Geneva, and Jerry provided a recap of the highlights.

Next session meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 10, 2024.

The Hope Center

“In The Bag” Sunday for The Hope Center

This special event was a huge success this year as we collected 23 bags of donations for the Hope Center.

A BIG THANK YOU to all of you who contributed this year.



1 Rebecca Schultz

3 Jeff Madden

4 Laurelei Schueller

5 Nancy Prellwitz

6 Jack McEwing

13 Zack Bennett

20 Paul Muzzey

20 Zachary Schultz

21 Marlene Williams

24 Steve Chandler

25 Austin Weber

26 Walt Sadler

27 Paul Beil

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