



# JERUSALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## October Newsletter

### *A Letter From Pastor Andy*

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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

Dear JPC family and friends,

A few weeks ago I was having a medical test done. As I walked with the assistant to where the test would be taken, she asked me what it was for. "My doctor is following something. It may turn out to be serious down the road, but maybe not. The doctor is just following it for now."

"Good," the assistant responded, "You are doing what you are supposed to be doing."

I hadn't thought of it that way; I had grumbled to myself that this was just one more test. One more bill. One more moment of time used on this instead of something else. But the words of the medical assistant have been rattling around in me the past few weeks. Every person is a mixture of assertiveness and avoidance. This is true not just for people but for any system: a society, a work environment, a congregation, a family. Some people are more assertive by nature, others more avoidant, most people are a mix of both. The older I get, the more assertive I am becoming about my own health. I need to remind myself that that is a good thing: I am doing what I am supposed to be doing: taking care of myself.

Where do you feel that JPC falls on the assertive/avoidant spectrum? There are some things our church family does avoid, but all-in-all I think we are probably a decent mix of assertiveness and avoidance. As we go through the fall, I am continually reminded that avoiding hard topics isn't helpful or healthy in the overall picture of a congregation's communication. Very few problems ever resolve themselves by avoiding them, especially in the church.

What conversations do we need to have as a church family this fall? Fall is when the most amount of action happens in the life of most churches: it usually is a time of high energy, good focus, and recommitment coming out of the summer. Is it possible for us to use this time to contemplate where there are conversations that are needed? I hope so.

May the peace of Christ be with you this season,

Pastor Andy



**3rd**  
**Sue Woggon**

**7th**  
**Bob Cullen**

**9th**  
**Sue Snyder**

**12th**  
**Paul McEwing**

**15th**  
**Shirley Conway**

**15h**  
**Cindy Freer**

**15th**  
**Dan Lancour**

**19th**  
**Mary Peterson**

**28th**  
**Kris Parker**

**31st**  
**Jane Bauer**

**31st**  
**Cindy Galloway**

# Session Notes

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

September 13: motions:

- To approve the minutes of the July 10, 2024, session meeting. **Approved.**
- To approve the baptism request for Nkenna Obiweluozor. **Approved.**
- To adopt the Safeguarding Children policy. **Approved.**
- To endorse the continuation of the Art Fair. **Approved.**
- To donate proceeds (75%) of the Book Sale to the Hope Center. **Approved.**
- To accept Margaret Wieland and Thea Ragatz into the membership. **Approved.**

September 13: other business:

- The JPC Green Thumb club will meet in Sept. on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 to tackle various projects.
- Bruce Tammi will present a three-part series on Personal Decision-Making in October.
- Twenty-six people signed up to participate in the small fellowship dining groups.
- The Personnel Committee will be completing the annual review of staff members.
- No one was available to represent JPC at the September Presbytery Gathering.

Next session meeting is scheduled for October 9, 2024.



# The Hope Center Breakfast



We are looking for a point person and JPC volunteers to help serve our community members who are less fortunate. Sign up with your spouse or bring a friend from church. The typical hours are from 8:30am to 9:45am.

If you work on that day, consider being a volunteer to provide the breakfast menu items that will be planned.

Please use the SignUp Genius, or see Bruce Parker.

The next opportunities will be on Nov. 7th and Dec 5th.

## Annual Christmas Cookie Sale

### Calling All Bakers...

### We need YOUR help!!

Last year we sold more than 200 dozen cookies by 10am!

Jerusalem Presbyterian Church's Annual Christmas Cookie Sale will be held on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup> in correlation with "Christmas in Wales."

Many homemade Christmas cookies are needed, so now is the time to get out your cookie recipes and choose your favorite to share. All bakers are asked to bake 6-7 dozen cookies of the same kind, not three dozen of one kind and two dozen of another. *WATCH for the clipboard sign up sheet!*

If anyone is interested in getting together to do a cookie baking/decorating day here at church I would be happy to help facilitate and participate.

**100% of the proceeds to the Kettle Moraine Food Pantry.**

Cookie drop off will be Thursday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> in the evening between 7-8pm and Friday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> in the morning between 9-11am at the church. (207 W. Main Street Wales, WI)

**If you have any suggestions or questions please contact Deb Bennett at 262-719-9425 or [tdzfam3@yahoo.com](mailto:tdzfam3@yahoo.com).**

**[Click Here](#) to find Holiday Cookie recipes.**



# Personal Decision Making Series

Starting Wednesday, October 16, 2024 from 6:30-7:30PM and continuing at the same time the following two Wednesdays, Bruce Tammi will be presenting an educational series for anyone 18 years or older on Wisconsin law as to who makes decisions for a temporarily or permanently incapacitated person, and basic estate planning. Each session will be in the sanctuary of Jerusalem Presbyterian Church, Wales, Wisconsin.



**October 16<sup>th</sup> First Session Topic-** In Wisconsin, who makes health and supportive care decisions for a person when the person cannot do so either temporarily or permanently, and the importance of advance planning.

- Who can make health and other care decisions for a person unable to do so?
- Powers of Attorney for health care decisions
- Advance Directives
- Assisted Decision Making
- Decision making for minor children when parents cannot do so
- What happens if there is no advance planning

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> Second Session-**In Wisconsin, who makes financial decisions for a person when the person cannot do so either temporarily or permanently, and the importance of advance planning.

- Who can make financial decisions for a person either temporarily or permanently unable to do so?
- Powers of attorney for finances, general and specific
- Trusts, account designations, other financial tools
- Safe practices when allowing someone to access and manage your finances.
- What happens if there is no advance planning?

**October 30<sup>th</sup> Third Session-**In Wisconsin, what happens to your property when you die, and the importance of advance planning.

- What happens to your property if there is no advance planning?
- Basic estate planning using beneficiary (TOD or POD) designation, joint accounts.
- The basics about Wills and Trusts

Bruce Tammi is a recently retired attorney with 40+ years' experience counseling persons in planning for unexpected events which may lead to the person being unable to make decisions, and efficient ways to pass on property after death.

### Using the Phone:

The church office hours are  
Tuesdays 8:30-10:30 and  
Thursdays 8:30 AM to 12PM

The church phone number is:  
**262-968-3408** or Rev. Andrew  
Holmes can be reached at  
**(414) 544-2188.**

### Using the Post:

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