



JERUSALEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

December Newsletter

*A Christmas Message
from Pastor Andy*

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Dear JPC friends and family,

We wish you a _____ Christmas!

Have yourself a _____ Christmas!

We all know what goes in the blank, right? Merry. Or merry little. That's how the songs go. Merry is the traditional adjective in American English. (In the UK Happy Christmas is the traditional greeting, I believe.) What is Christmas, if not merry? There is no other holiday that carries that word often in its lexicon. As we launch into the Advent and Christmas seasons, however, we need to remind ourselves that we have a choice. We have many choices, in fact, regarding how we approach the month of December. Good questions to ask at this time of year, are what do we want? What do we need? These questions are important all year round, of course, but they seem especially vital in a month that has so many demands: demands of time, attention, money, and other resources. December is packed unlike any other month full of beauty, blessings, and stressors. What Christmas do you need this year? What do you want your Christmas to be? Many other words are acceptable, if not needed, here. Do we need a peaceful Christmas? A joyous Christmas? A relaxing Christmas? A Christmas full of bringing joy or peace to others? Do we need to offer hope this Christmas? Do we need to embrace the quiet stillness and silence of winter this Christmas? Or have a Christmas that looks and feels like joy threw up everywhere?

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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 Christmas Message from Pastor Andy Cont.

The answer for each individual is probably different. At JPC we do a ton of things at Christmas. There are a dozen ways to help others, or find the joy of the season, or make it feel traditional, or like one big church family celebration. Nobody can do all the things, it's just too much. But that's the point. We hope to offer something that connects with everyone, no matter which Christmas people want or need. I hope the next four weeks are exactly what you want and/or need for Christmas, the new year, and beyond. Have yourself a wonderful Advent and Christmas.

Glad tidings this holiday season,
Pastor Andy

From The Treasurer

If you need to check on your donations for the current year, please contact me, Mary Anne Spencer at jpctreasurer@outlook.com or 414 322 9705.



4th Donna Mickle	6th Linda Ravelo	8th Carolyn Harms	9th Tom Smith
11th Cindy Barder	13th Jim Morris	15th Dave Carr	21st Jo Mayo
23rd Jim Schueller	27th Brent Williams	27th Nnamdi Williams- Obiwelouzor	

November 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 November 13, 2024.

November 13, 2024, motions:

- To approve the minutes of October 9, 2024, session meeting. **Approved.**
- To increase the office administrator salary by 2.5% for 2025. **Approved** unanimously.
- To increase the organist and choir accompanist salaries by 2.5% for 2025. **Approved** unanimously.
- To increase the director of music salary by 2.5% for 2025. **Approved** (two abstentions).
- To increase the pastor salary by 2.5% for 2025. **Approved** (nine in favor and two opposed).
- To include language for a financial deposit protocol in the manual of operation. **Approved.**

To distribute the proceeds of the Art Fair as recommended by the committee (see below). **Approved.**
November 13, 2024, other business:

- A draft of the 2025 budget was presented for discussion and will be considered for approval at the December meeting.
- Quaint Restoration has completed the work on the windows.
- The sound system in the sanctuary will be repaired and upgraded in the first part of December.
- The All-Church party is on December 7 at Margaret Wieland's home after 5:00.
- Other dates: Hanging of the Greens 11/29, Cookie Sale 12/14, Kids Program 12/8, Christmas Eve service 12/24 at 7:30

Art Fair Proceeds Distribution: Art Links - \$500, Hope Center - \$1000, Donna Lexa Community Art Center - \$1000, Lad Lake - \$500, Oasis Project - \$1500, Redeem & Restore - \$1000, Kettle Moraine Scholarship Foundation - \$1000, and Kettle Moraine Fine Arts Fund - \$500.

Next session meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2024.

The Hanging of The Greens



Join us for a fun evening to “deck our JPC halls!” We are excited to have our annual pizza and decorating party on Friday, November 29th at 5:00 pm. The children will help decorate the “Children’s Christmas Tree,” while others will hang wreaths and other holiday cheer. Please R.S.V.P. to Rebecca Schutlz (414.531.0351 or 4rschutlz7@gmail.com) so we are able to have plenty of food for all of our JPC elves. Thank you on behalf of the Worship & Music Committee. Please sign up on SignUp Genuis. A sheet is also provided for those who don’t use computers or cell phones.

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 14th 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. 12th in the evening between 7-8pm and Friday, Dec. 13th 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. [Click Here](#) to find Holiday Cookie recipes.

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 to serve will be on Dec 5th and January 2nd.

Habitat for Humanity Happenings

Come join in the fun! We have two opportunities for you to help build homes and relationships with others during the month of December.

- Build Day: Wednesday December 4th from 8:30am-3:30pm
- ReStore Center: Saturday December 14th from 10:00am-1:00pm



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

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



Ernie Glenn Toy Store

HO! HO! HO! Its that time of year again. In memory of Pastor Ernie Glenn, Christ United Church in Milwaukee organizes and runs a free “shopping” experience for needy families in Milwaukee. The families can come and choose gifts for their children aged birth to 12. Jerusalem Presbyterian always enjoyed when Pastor Ernie came to preach at our church. We honor the memory of Ernie Glenn, and help our Milwaukee community by supporting the Christ Church toy drive. In 2022, 600 children received gifts from the toy “store”. The families expressed much appreciation for the ability to provide gifts for their children.

Please bring **NEW UNWRAPPED** TOYS, GAMES, MITTENS OR HATS for ages birth to 12 years. These items can be placed into the green bin marked “Ernie Glenn Toy Store” located in the back of the narthex. If you’d prefer to contribute money and want others to do the shopping, that is an option also.

All donations are due by Sunday December 8th.

Thank you for your generous gifts.

Any questions can be directed to Sue Snyder (262)370-8144

Christmas Clearing House

Once again JPC will be sponsoring 10 children through the Christmas Clearing Council program of Waukesha County. This year we will sponsor 5 families with children ranging in age from 0 to 11 years of age. The Christmas gifting tree is in the rear of the church.

Ornaments on the tree will have requests for gifts for each sponsored child. The items will need to be purchased and returned to the church by Sunday December 8. We also purchase grocery gift cards for each family—this is in addition to the gifts listed on the ornaments. If you’d like to participate but don’t want to shop, the deacon’s can do the shopping for you.

Any questions can be referred to Cindy Freer 262-370-8787



Christmas Clearing Council
of Waukesha County

Christmas Joy Offering

December is the month when the Christmas Joy Special Offering is collected. The Christmas Joy Offering has been a cherished Presbyterian tradition since the 1930s. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. This has been a Presbyterian commitment for nearly 140 years.



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.

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