

A Message From Pastor Andy

Dear JPC family and friends,

As you have probably heard by now, I am having open-heart surgery on June 13 at Froedert to replace my aortic valve and a section of my aorta. This surgery is not an emergency—I have been followed by a cardiologist for this condition the past few years—but it is time-sensitive and must be done. The JPC session met on May 21 to discuss and approve a plan developed by the personnel committee for my absence. I want to fill the whole congregation in on a few of the plan details (specifically the coverages).

I will be on short-term disability leave following the surgery for eight weeks. The Rev. Joyce Rich has graciously agreed to lead worship and preach June 15-August 3. This includes leading communion on July 6 and August 3. I want to offer a big thank you to Joyce for being willing to serve the whole time. (If you are unfamiliar with Joyce, she has been singing in the choir the past year after retiring as a United Methodist pastor.)

In case of emergencies, pastoral care, etc., everyone is to contact one of three people: Bruce Parker at the church office, or one of the Deacon co-moderators, Thea Ragatz and Deb Bennett. Those three individuals have a list of four local pastors who are willing to make visits, lead funerals, etc. They will reach out to find pastoral care for whomever needs it. (We have four different pastors lined up as we are heading into summer and a common time for vacations.) Deb and Thea also now have access to the prayer chain text platform, so reach out to them with prayer requests.

As for my care, my sister Amy will be coming into town for the surgery and staying for four or five weeks. If all goes to plan, I will be in Froedert close to a week, then home for in-home care followed by cardiac rehab. Cards and prayers are appreciated during my recovery. Please note that under short-term disability regulations I am not able to return phone calls or check email.

I will miss not being at the Chicken BBQ, but I hope to be back healthy for the Art Fair and Book Sale. If you have any questions about the plan for my absence, you can ask me (before June 13) or either of the personnel committee co-chairs: Cindy Barder and Sue Snyder.

Peace be with you,
Pastor Andy



June 2025 Newsletter

A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God this summer
In whatever you do and wherever you go

Walking with God means...
Walking with honesty
And with courage,
Walking with love
And respect
And concern for the feelings of others

May you talk to God this summer
And every day and
In every situation

Talking with God means...
Praying words of praise
For the beauty of creation
Saying prayers of thanks
For friends and good times,
Asking God's help
In all your decisions
Expressing sorrow
When you have failed

May you talk with God
Every day. Amen.

- Author unknown



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Weekly Happenings

Mondays: 9am Women's Coffee
at Black Canyon in Wales

Wednesdays: 8am Men's Breakfast
at Sunnyside Up in Dousman



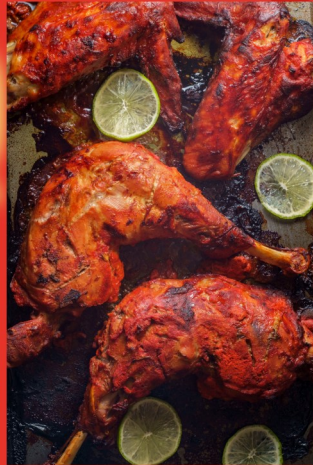
2025 Chicken BBQ Fundraiser Event

**JERUSALEM
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ANNUAL CHICKEN**

BBQ

**SATURDAY
JUNE 21**

Carryouts 11am to 5pm



207 W MAIN STREET IN WALES

**Half Chicken, Homemade Cole Slaw & Potato Salad
with Dinner Roll & Slice of Homemade Pie**

\$15 Dinner

jpcwales.org

WE NEED YOU!

The JPC Chicken BBQ is only three weeks away. The planning committee decided to adjust our event hours and to stop serving dinners downstairs this year. Sales will begin at 11am and end at 5pm. We will be mailing out ticket packets along with instructions this week for the sale of advance tickets.

A sign up board is located in the back of the narthex. Each position is vital to the success of this event so we hope to see everyone pitch in this year.

Donations are always welcome to help offset the purchase of supplies.

Baking Pies

Salad Prep

Cooking Potatoes

Chicken Grillers

Carryout's

Pie Cutters

Cashiers & Tickets

Set Up/Tear Down



Habitat for Humanity Happenings

Come join in the fun, and meet the community!

ReStore Center: Saturday June 14th from 10:00am-1:00pm



Jerusalem has signed up to work at the Habitat for Humanity Restore Center on the second Saturday of each month from 10am until 1pm. Our duties include stocking donated items out on the sales floor, unloading donated items as they are brought in, helping customers load purchased items into their vehicles and straightening out items on the sales floor. To sign up and volunteer, go to the site below or speak with Jerry Gapinski.

<https://vhub.at/jpc>



Thank You For The Music

We would like to thank our wonderful Chancel Choir for another amazing year under the directorship of Nathan Zywicki and talented pianist/organist Mary Peterson. We are so fortunate here at JPC to see music playing such a vital role in our ministry both inside and outside our walls.

We will miss your voices this summer but look forward to the next choral season with great anticipation.

The Chorister's Prayer

BLESS, O LORD, us Thy servants
who minister in Thy temple.

Grant that what we sing with our lips,
we may believe in our hearts,

and what we believe in our hearts
we may show forth in our lives.

Through **JESUS CHRIST** our **LORD,**

Amen. 



Mission

Reducing the risks of poverty by helping people in Waukesha County meet basic needs such as food, shelter and clothing through services, partnerships and community collaboration

Vision

Providing hope and resources to help people

The Hope Center Breakfast

Monthly we are looking for volunteers to help out with the Hope Center Breakfast. This also includes two evening events that we supply homemade desserts and beverages. These additional events are in February and June.

Everyone is encouraged to sign up on the clip board in the narthex if you would like to be a server, help prep the main entree, purchase the beverages listed, cut up some fruit or bake some luscious muffins or other baked goods. Deb Bennett (Deacon) has agreed to plan the entrée selections throughout 2025. Recipes will be on the back of the clip board.



Below is a calendar of all the 2025 events remaining at The Hope Center so you are able to coordinate with your own schedules. We hope to see you there.

The Hope Center 2025 Calendar

June 5th 9am Breakfast

June 11th 5pm Dinner

July 3rd 9am Breakfast

August 7th 9am Breakfast

September 5th 9am Breakfast

October 2nd 9am Breakfast

November 6th 9am Breakfast

December 4th 9am Breakfast

June Birthdays

6th Chris Schultz

11th Linda Coakley

16th Jerry Gapinski

20th Don Badgley

23rd George Conway

***What did the Calendar say to the Clock the
moment it became June 1st?***

I am dis-Mayed

The Journey Garden *Receives a Blessing*

The Journey Garden is a cooperative ministry that JPC shares with Delafield, Faith Springs and Kettle Moraine Unites Presbyterian churches from May through October. Members from each church are invited to a short program to bless those who work and those who are actually fed by “Food for the Journey”.

Southminster Presbyterian Church will host the 7PM on Wednesday June 25th. Please contact Linda Ravelo if you would like to car pool and to help water the raised garden beds during week four of each month.

June 22nd—28th

July 20th—26th

August 24th—30th

September 21st—27th



Session Notes

The following are some of the business items discussed at the May 14, 2025, session meeting (hybrid Zoom/in person).

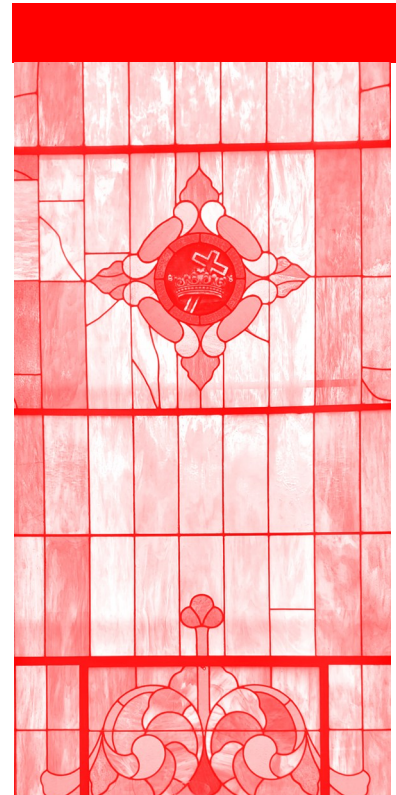
May 14 motions:

- To approve the minutes of April 9, 2025, session meeting. **Approved.**
- To approve the minutes of the Special Congregation meeting on May 11, 2025. **Approved.**
- To hire Ethan's Lawn Service to mow the church grounds. **Approved.**

May 14 other business:

- Jerry Gapinski resigned from the Session.
 - The Financial Review committee will proceed with three members this year rather than the usual group of four.
 - There was a major sewer backup in the building that required an extensive and expensive clean out.
 - Starting in June, John's Disposal will provide two dumpsters for trash and recycling disposal. This will be a less expensive option and has some additional benefits.
 - A new Sunday school teacher for the younger students will be needed next fall.
 - Art Fair Scholarship winners are Kaja Chow, Sadie Groskreutz and Ryan Keller.
 - Graduate and Teacher Appreciation will be June 8.
 - Plans for the Chicken BBQ (June 21) are in place.
 - JPC did not send a commissioner to the May 13th Presbytery Gathering. The nominating committee will reconvene to find a replacement for Session and Deacons.

Next session meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2025.



A Hope Center Update

Two deacons made a visit to the HOPE Center recently to hear first hand how well our efforts are matching with the program needs there. We began with the meal program and discovered how important clients find the coffee service throughout the day. JPC can help by providing 5lb cans of coffee, 2 lb. jars of dry creamer and sugar to supplement their supply. The breakfasts JPC provide on the first Thursday of every month are very popular because they offer a change from the usual fare. Another church may be partnering with us to aid in this mission. There are usually 50 - 60 portions needed of a hot dish, bakery and fruit as well as juice and milk so check the sign up sheets for opportunities to help out.

The deacons were also taken through the Clothes Closet where we found out there is an on-going need for men's clothing in larger sizes. Dress clothing for clients to prepare for job interviews is always needed. Socks and underwear for men and women are welcome also.

This new building is equipped with showers that clients can use as needed. Gently used or new bath towels to be used in the shower area would be appreciated. So we will be collecting them at the back of the church. Also provided is a chance to do laundry at the center. Clients bring in their laundry and have it cleaned and dried by the staff. We will be collecting laundry detergent to help out.

In conclusion, JPC will be now collecting coffee supplies, clothing needed, bath towels and laundry detergent on a regular basis. Your cooperation is most welcome and will be put to good use for people in need.



Deacon's Monthly Update

The following are expressions of love during April and May, reflecting on how Christ works through each of us calling to care and lift each other up.

- ♥ Sending out 37 cards
- ♥ Visting 11 members
- ♥ Collecting 17 pounds of food for the Food Pantry
- ♥ Carpooling 8 members to church
- ♥ Hosting Shirley Conway's funeral
- ♥ Encouraging prayer through the JPC Prayer Chain



Sneak Up On Spring Recap!

Our church is deeply committed to supporting the mission of Hope Center, standing alongside those in need within Waukesha County. For the "Sneak Up On Spring" drive, our church collected:

- 31 bars of Dove soap
- 4 women's deodorant sticks
- 6 men's deodorant sticks
- 20 pairs of men's jeans
- 5 pairs of men's shoes

Through the generosity and dedication of our church community, the "Sneak Up On Spring" drive has made a meaningful impact, providing essential items to those in need. Together, we continue to be a source of hope and compassion in Waukesha County.

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Church Office Hours

Pastor Andrew Holmes: Wednesday's 9am-12 noon and Thursdays 10am-1pm

Admin. Bruce Parker: Tuesdays 9am-11am and Thursdays 9am-12 noon.

JPC Website & YouTube

JPC Website: Visit us for more information on the web
at jpcwales.org.

YouTube Live Church Service Streaming: Every Sunday
starting at 9:30am and new posting every Tuesday.

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