



August 2025 Newsletter

Donna Lexa Memorial Art Fair

I'm thrilled to report that our art fair has been chosen by PCUSA in Kentucky, to be highlighted before the national General Assembly comes to Milwaukee in 2026. The marketing people received a list of all the activities done by churches in our Presbytery and they chose JPC to show what we are doing with the art fair and how we help non-profits in Waukesha County. Highlighting things going on in our Presbytery will be of interest to the people coming to Milwaukee for the GA. They are bringing a team of 3 people here to interview and film the art fair for the whole weekend. The film or promotional material will be given to us also, to put on our website to let people know more about JPC. It's quite an honor for us and I hope all of you can be there to help support our efforts for the 28th art fair. Our committee is very proud of what this church does in our community to help others.

We can use help in all areas of the art fair and the sign-up sheets are in the back of the sanctuary, and all help is greatly appreciated. We are especially grateful for all help at the end of the fair when we need to take down the tents and clean up our food service area. Lad Lake is bringing tables and chairs for us to use at the art fair and they will come back on Monday to pick them all up at the park. We are very grateful to them as this saves lots of hauling for us.

Please set aside time during the day to come and be a part of this gratifying event that helps so many people in our community.

If you have questions, please call me at 262-853-0808
-Pam MacArthur



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Weekly Happenings

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

Wednesdays: 8am Men's Breakfast at

A poster for the Donna Lexa Memorial Art Fair. It features a black and white illustration of a person's head and shoulders, looking upwards, with a large, stylized, sunburst-like halo around the head. The text on the poster includes: 'Donna Lexa MEMORIAL ART FAIR' in a large, bold, sans-serif font; 'Saturday, August 23rd' and '9 am - 4 pm' in a smaller font; 'Wales Community Park on Brandybrook Road'; a list of activities: '• Fine Arts & Crafts • Food • Children's Activities • Live Entertainment •'; 'Celebrating our 28th Anniversary! FREE ADMISSION!'; and 'from I-94 go south on Hwy 83 - 3 1/2 miles to Brandybrook Rd just east of Jerusalem Cemetery'. At the bottom, it says 'Sponsored by Jerusalem Presbyterian Church'.



Habitat for Humanity Happenings

Come join in the fun, and meet the community!

ReStore Center: Saturday August 9th 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. New JPC Volunteers need to register at www.habitatwjc.org, click **volunteer** and then click on apply to **volunteer** and follow the instructions. Previous volunteers need to click on <https://habitatwaukesha.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/jpc> go to the JPC Calendar and click on the event they want to register for.

Music does bring people together. It allows us to experience the same emotions. People everywhere are the same in heart and spirit. No matter what language we speak, what color we are, the form of our politics or the expression of our love and our faith, music proves: We are the same.

- John Denver



Ministry of Music

The JPC music season is right around the corner! Our season will begin with the Back Row (our men's choral group). Rehearsals for this group begin on Thursday, August 7th at 7:00pm. The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday, August 28th at 7:00pm. Both groups meet on the chancel in the JPC sanctuary.

NEW this year is the Women's Choir. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 18th at 6:15pm in the JPC sanctuary. The JPC Ding Dongs (our bell choir) will be performing on Sunday, August 17th. Fall rehearsals will resume on Sunday, September 7th. Rehearsals are in Fellowship Hall after worship services.

If you are interested in any of the musical groups, please contact Nathan Zywicki for more information! On behalf of all our musicians, we look forward to being a part of everyone's worship services.

Let's make a joyful noise unto the Lord! God bless.

July Session Notes

The July session meeting was cancelled since there were no urgent matters in need of attention and the fact that Pastor Holmes was unavailable to moderate the meeting. The August meeting will probably be cancelled as well for the same reasons.

The next session will be scheduled for September 10 (second Wednesday of the month). Anticipated agenda items will include the presentation of the report from the financial review committee and discussion about filling the open positions for both elder and deacon.

The next Presbytery Gathering will be held on Tuesday, August 26, 2025, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Grace Presbyterian Church, Beaver Dam.

July Deacons Report

In July, the Deacons continued to serve with compassion and care, supporting our community through meaningful acts of love:

- Sent 24 heartfelt cards to members in need of encouragement or congratulation
 - Provided support through visits, carpooling, grocery runs, and rides to church for one member
- Fostered spiritual connection by encouraging prayer through the JPC Prayer Chain

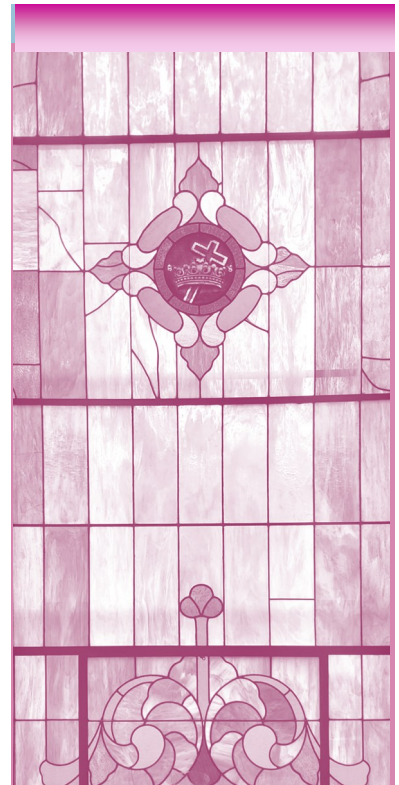
Thank you for your generous contributions to the Food Pantry—your support has already filled the barrel once this summer!

We're especially grateful for your ongoing commitment to the Hope Center Breakfast, where we served approximately 60 individuals this month. As we look to Thursday, August 7, we are seeking volunteers to donate bakery items, prepare hot dishes, and help serve.

These acts of service embody Christ's call to care for one another in love and humility. We remain deeply thankful for the kindness, generosity, and encouragement shown by our church family.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

With heartfelt gratitude, The Deacon Team





The Hope Center Breakfast

Monthly we are looking for volunteers to help out with the Hope Center Breakfast.

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, buy some fresh fruit, ground coffee, bake some luscious muffins or other baked goods. Deb Bennett (Deacon) has agreed to plan the entrée selections throughout 2025. Recipes are located 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.

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 survive.

The Hope Center 2025 Calendar

August 7th 9am Breakfast

September 5th 9am Breakfast

October 2nd 9am Breakfast

November 6th 9am Breakfast

December 4th 9am Breakfast

Food For The Journey Garden

JPC members and friends are invited to celebrate another successful summer of growing vegetables to share with Milwaukee residents. A fundraiser will begin at 7pm on Friday, September 12th at Kettle Moraine Presbyterian Church. There will be a light supper, garden tours, an open mic, music and entertainment.

The Presbytery newsletter "Fresh Impressions" will contain an invitation to other Milwaukee area churches for an evening of family fun.



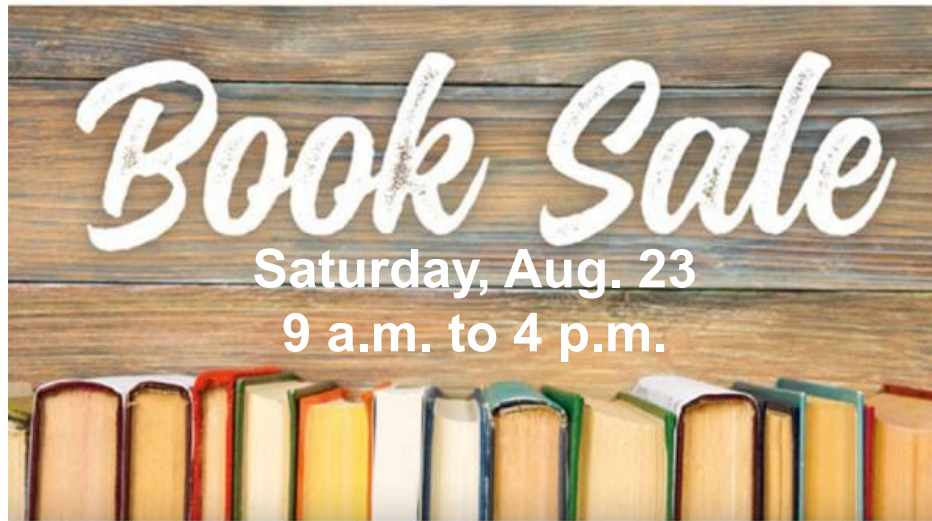
"Wrinkles should merely indicate where the smiles have been."

– Mark Twain

August Birthday's

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1 Pat McDowell | 12 Isabel Schueller |
| 2 Dale Samuels | 24 Marge Bartz |
| 3 Pam MacArthur | 25 Tim Whitmore |
| 5 Bruce Tammi | 27 Todd Bennett |
| 8 Mary Roberts | 31 Nathan Zywicki |





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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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