



October 2025 Newsletter

Message From Pastor Andy

Dear JPC Members and Friends,

A mentor of mine was fond of the saying, *“Fall is when the church gets things done.”* He wasn’t wrong; fall is the time of renewed energy and enthusiasm as people have come back into regular routines. The choir is back, and worship attendance is up from the dog days of August. Fall is the time also for church administration: of budgeting for the coming year, for personnel reviews, for the work of the nominating committee in lining up the next generation of church officers, and for the stewardship campaign assuring the church finances for the coming year. All these things need to be settled before the coming Advent and Christmas seasons. (Or, at least, transitioning to a new year is much smoother if they are done before the holiday rush.) Yes, indeed, fall is when the church gets things done.

Amidst all the business, however, I am reminded that the church does not exist to serve itself. Yes, budgets, nominations, and the like are important, but they are not the reason for existence. No one says, “I participate in the life of JPC because I love spreadsheets and meetings.” We participate because this is our church family, and we are called to be disciples of Christ Jesus. If we lose Christ at the center of what we do, then we have lost our identity. This fall, as we ramp into the busy times at JPC, let us not lose sight of the one we follow. Let us not forget the grace of God, the love of Jesus, or the call of the Holy Spirit. We often say that everything we do goes for the glory of God.

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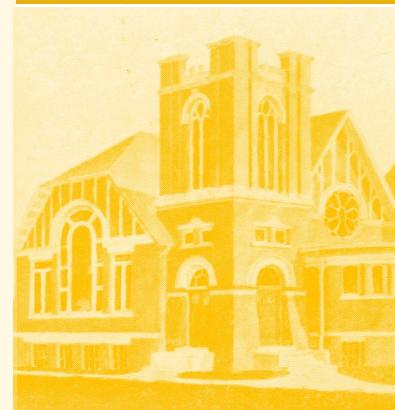
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Weekly Happenings

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

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

Sundays: 9:30am Worship Service





Message From Pastor Andy (continued)

I hope that's true. And even more importantly, I hope we each work to make it true, in busy times and in quiet stillness.

May this fall be a time of renewed energy and love in

Christ Jesus,

Pastor Andy

Habitat for Humanity Happenings

Come join in the fun, and meet the community!

ReStore Center: Saturday, October 11th from 10am-1pm



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.

<https://vhub.at/jpc>

Session Notes

Here is a brief summary of the business items discussed at the September 10, 2025, session meeting (hybrid Zoom/in person).

September 10 motions:

- ◆ To approve the minutes of the June 11, 2025, session meeting.
Approved.
- ◆ To approve two requests from church members to use the fellowship hall this fall.
- ◆ Approved.
- ◆ To donate the net proceeds of the book sale to the Spiritual Care team at Rogers
- ◆ Behavioral Health. Approved.
- ◆ To approve study leave for Pastor Holmes. Approved (6 yes / 3 no).

September 10 other business:

- ◆ Approximate Art Fair income was \$10,300 and estimated expenses were \$2,500.
- ◆ Book Sale receipts were about \$1,300.
- ◆ The financial review committee was asked to present their report at the October meeting.
- ◆ The nominating committee will begin to meet soon.
- ◆ The Village of Wales is implementing a fire protection fee that will be assessed on all properties including those that are currently tax-exempt. At this time, the details of this fee have not been given to JPC.
- ◆ A new gas meter was installed by WE Energies and the boiler service (heating system) has been scheduled to prepare for winter. Maintaining the building is an ongoing endeavor.
- ◆ There was discussion about the change in the Presbyterian Special Offering program. There will only be three offerings beginning in 2026.
- ◆ JPC will be one of the host churches on June 28 and should expect perhaps 55 visitors for Sunday service. JPC will also provide lunch for those assembly attendees that are visiting.

Next session meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2025.





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.

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The Hope Center Breakfast

Monthly we are looking for volunteers to help out with the Hope Center Breakfast to help prepare and serve meals to those less fortunate living in Waukesha.

This also includes two evening dinner events that we supply homemade desserts and beverages. We hope to see you there on Thursday November 6th at 9am.



The Hope Center 2025/26 Calendar

Thursday Nov. 6th 9:00am	Thursday Dec. 4th 9:00am
Thursday Jan. 1st 9:00am	Thursday Feb. 5th 9:00am Wednesday Feb. 11th 5:00pm
Thursday Mar. 5th 9:00am	Thursday Apr. 2nd 9:00am
Thursday May 7th 9:00am	Thursday Jun. 4th 9:00am Wednesday Jun. 10th 5:00pm
Thursday Jul. 2nd 9:00am	Thursday Aug. 6th 9:00am
Thursday Sep. 3rd 9:00am	Thursday Oct. 1st 9:00am
Thursday Nov. 5th 9:00am	Thursday Dec. 3rd 9:00am

Garden Gossip

Many people have a favorite flower that makes them smile when ever they see it. What plant makes you smile?

The gardens at JPC create a warm welcome to all who pass by or enter our sanctuary. A few plants donated by members include: Baptisia, Bee Balm, Black-eyed Susan, Bleeding Heart, Clematis, Coreopsis, Dianthus, Iris, Lady's Mantle, Magnolia, Mums, Peony, Rose, Russian Sage, Salvia, Sedum, Tulips and Yarrow.

Perennials come back every year. Annuals bloom for the whole season but must be planted again next spring. Other donations are less obvious but equally important to the overall beauty of a successful garden, such as compost, fertilizer, mulch and hardscape.

Creating a place of peace for our community is part of the mission at JPC. Volunteers to water the gardens are important as well. Will you be a co-creator with God?

Contact Linda Ravelo today. Thank you.



“Born in a season where change is beautiful — just like you.”

October Birthdays

Sue Woggon 3rd	Dan Lacour 15th
Bob Cullen 7th	Mary Peterson 19th
Sue Snyder 9th	Kris Parker 28th
Paul McEwing 12th	Jane Bauer 31st
Cindy Freer 15th	Cindy Galloway 31st



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Church Office Hours

Pastor Andrew Holmes: Wednesday's 9am-12 noon and Thursdays 10am-1pm
Admin. Bruce Parker: Mondays 10am-Noon and Thursdays 11am-2pm

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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search_query=jerusalem+presbyterian+church](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=jerusalem+presbyterian+church)



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