



November 2025 Newsletter

A Letter From Pastor Andy

Dear JPC family and friends,

A few weeks ago I was asked a question by a member regarding our congregation's sense of evangelism and who is responsible for recruiting new members.

"Everyone is," was my response and we had a brief conversation about how we welcome people on Sunday mornings. Following the conversation I was left pondering the question, *is that what evangelism truly is?* The end of the gospel of Matthew tells us to go and make disciples. That's evangelism. But what does that mean in the context of Waukesha County, Wisconsin, and Jerusalem Presbyterian Church?

A few days later I saw a reel on Facebook that fits with these questions. In the video an ELCA pastor, Paul Drees, is answering a question about bringing people to Jesus, and helping them, explaining that these two different tasks—bringing to Jesus and helping—are the same thing: "Jesus never made people come to him. He fed people and healed them. They came to him because he was doing good things. They trusted him first. And then he preached to them."

Last Sunday, elder Bruce Tammi spoke before worship about giving and how the mission committee wants to allocate the rest of its budget for 2025 to support outreach in our community and world. JPC is involved hands-on in a few important outreach activities as well, through both the work of the deacons and the mission committee. Along with Bruce's question of whom to give financial resources to, we are looking to rekindle hands-on mission and outreach and are looking for suggestions.

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Weekly Happenings

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

Wednesdays: 8am Men's Break-
fast at Sunnyside Up in Dousman

Sundays: 9:30am Worship Service



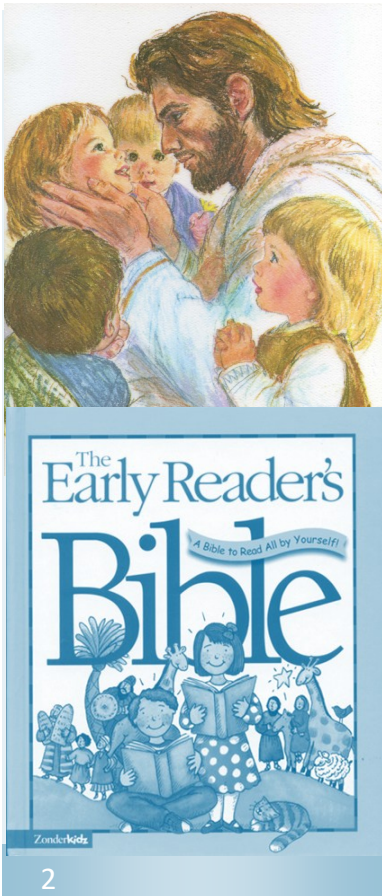


Pizza Party Supports Journey Garden

The Journey Garden pizza party fundraiser at Kettle Moraine Presbyterian Church on September 12th raised \$376 to help purchase supplies for the 2026 gardening season. The festive outdoor picnic was filled with music, stories and the aroma of pizza for over 50 guests. JPC was represented by Dave Carr, Cindy and Bill Barden and Linda Ravelo.

Thank you to the 18 church members who worked in the garden from June through October and also to those who donated vegetables from their own personal gardens. This local mission project is supported by four area churches with the primary goal of feeding people.

“Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they’re priceless.” – Sherry Anderson



Sunday School Volunteers Needed

The education committee is looking for volunteers willing to teach one or two weeks of Sunday school between now and the end of May.

If you are willing to assist, please speak to Pastor Andy, or either of the education elders, Rebecca Schultz and Cindy Barden.

“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.” Proverbs 22:6

Session Notes

This is a summary of the business items discussed during the October 8th Session meeting (hybrid Zoom/in person).

October 8 motions:

- To approve the minutes of the September 10 session meeting. **Approved.**
- To approve the baptism request for Ndukaku Louis Obiweluzor, son of Trisha and Nkemakonam Obiweluzor. **Approved.**
- To accept the Art Fair committee donation suggestions. **Approved.**
 - ◇ Restore \$1,000
 - ◇ Hope Center \$1,000
 - ◇ Oasis Project \$1,000
 - ◇ Scholarships \$1,000
 - ◇ Donna Lexa Community Art Center \$1,000
 - ◇ Lad Lake \$ 500
 - ◇ Art Links \$ 500
 - ◇ JPC (~25% net proceeds) \$2,036.34

October 8 other business

- David Kilpatrick resigned from the Session.
- Pastor Holmes will be on study leave October 22-26. Joyce Rich will provide pulpit supply on October 26.
- Fall cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, November 1.
- Snowplowing has been contracted for the 2025-26 season.
- Hanging of the greens will be done the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving.
- Staff reviews have been completed.
- The 2026 Presbytery per capital will be \$43.42 per member.
- Budget proposals for 2026 will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next session meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2025.

A Big Thank You

It is with a very appreciative heart that I thank all of you for the kind cards, bouquets of flowers and most of all, your prayers as Bruce and I try and navigate the difficult health decisions before us and lift them up to the Lord.

With love and appreciation,

Kris Parker





Christmas Clearing Council
of Waukesha County



Christmas Clearing Council

Spread Christmas Joy – Be a Blessing This Season!

This Christmas, our church has the opportunity to bring joy and warmth to **11 wonderful children** through the **Christmas Clearing House**. We've been matched with:

Girls: Ages **12, 6, 5, 3, and 1**

Boys: Ages **10, 10, 6, 4, and 1**

Let's come together as a church family to make their holiday season unforgettable! Whether you choose to shop solo, team up with a friend, or involve your small group, every gift makes a difference.

Here's how you can help:

- **Sign up** to sponsor a child or contribute gifts.
- **Purchase age-appropriate presents** (think toys, books, clothes, or fun accessories). If you'd like to participate but don't want to shop, the deacon's can do the shopping for you.
- **Wrap your gifts** with love and **label them clearly**.

The Christmas gifting tree will be set-up in the rear of the church during November. 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 7th.

Sign-up sheets are available in the Narthex.

Let's show these children the true spirit of Christmas — love, generosity, and hope. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ this season!

The Hanging of the Greens

Help us "Deck our Halls" on Sunday November 30th directly after the worship service. (*the Sunday after Thanksgiving*) We will pull the decorations for from out of the shed on Sunday November 23rd after the worship service.

More details to come.

Thank you on behalf of the Music and Worship Committee.



Annual Christmas Cookie Sale

Calling All Bakers... WE NEED YOU!!

Jerusalem Presbyterian Church's Annual Christmas Cookie Sale will be held on Saturday, December 13th 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. 11th in the evening between 7-8pm and Friday, Dec. 12th in the morning between 9-11am at the church to be arranged on serving trays. (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.

Ernie Glenn Toy Store Drive

HO! HO! HO! It is that time of year again. We honor the memory of Ernie Glenn and help our community by supporting Christ United Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee who receives donations from across southeastern Wisconsin. They have an incredibly special room with shelves that hold an array of Christmas gifts where needy families in the Milwaukee area enjoy a free "shopping" experience. The families can come and choose gifts for their children.

You can play Santa this year by providing NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS, GAMES, MITTENS, OR HATS for ages birth to 12 years with a heavy focus on 10-12-year old children. Throughout November these items can be placed into the bin marked "Ernie Glenn Toy Store" located in the back of the narthex.

All donations are due by Sunday November 30th. The Deacons will deliver the unwrapped gifts to the church the first week in December.

Thank you in advance for your generous gifts and supporting this local mission project. Any questions can be directed to Linda Ravelo at 262-269-2936.





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, to prepare and serve meals to those less fortunate living in the Waukesha area.

This also includes two evening dinner events in which we supply homemade desserts and beverage. We hope to see you join us for an upcoming event in 2025/26.



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

Deacon's Update

Throughout October, the Deacons faithfully served with heartfelt compassion, uplifting our community through thoughtful and impactful expressions of care & concern:

- Sent 15 heartfelt cards to members in need of encouragement or congratulation

Provided support through visits, phone calls, carpooling, grocery runs, and rides to church for two members.

Thank you for your generous contributions to our "Sock It To Me" effort for the Hope Center! With your support we collected:

- 157 pairs of socks
- 21 pairs of Women's underwear
- 7 pairs of Men's blue jeans

We're especially grateful for your ongoing commitment to the Hope Center Breakfast, where we served approximately 60 individuals this month. Please consider signing up to bring a dish, provide fruit or coffee.

In serving others, we embody Christ's call to love with grace and walk in humility. We are deeply thankful for the kindness, generosity, and joyful spirit that shines so brightly within our church family.

If you or someone you know could use a helping hand, please feel free to connect with us.

With heartfelt gratitude, The Deacon Team



"In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years.
Abraham Lincoln

November Birthdays

1st Andy Holmes

2nd Steve Cummings

2nd Dave Kilpatrick

3rd Dan Potratz

5th Doris Murphy

16th Dave Christiansen

20th Jim Coakley

25th Janet Madden

26th Trisha Williams-Obieluozor



A Letter From Pastor Andy Continued

Evangelism can be seen simply as doing good in the world in the name of Jesus. Recruiting and retaining members is step two, but step one is making a positive impact in our world. We can tell people about Jesus, of course, but often it is better to show: show the love of God. Show the peace of Christ. Show the mystery of the Holy Spirit. People often won't care about what we have to say if they don't first believe that we support them. That's evangelism. For they'll know we are Christians by our...

Love,
Pastor Andy

Habitat for Humanity Happenings

Come join in the fun, and meet the community!

ReStore Center: Saturday November 8th 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 link below or speak with Jerry Gapinski.

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



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