

# Jerusalem Presbyterian Church

## April 2026 Newsletter



### A Message from Pastor Andy

Dear JPC members and friends,

Many of you have noticed a text message or two lately from a number you do not recognize: (262) 746-4677. We are trying a new service for JPC to be able to send out text messages. This phone number is registered to JPC through the service MailChimp, which is an Intuit company that focuses on digital communication and marketing.

Currently, we are using this mass text service for two different purposes. The first intent is to have it be a prayer chain. If you would like a prayer request sent out over the prayer chain, please let me or one of the two co-moderators of the board of deacons, Deb Bennett and Thea Ragatz, know. Each of us, along with Bruce Parker in the church office, will have access to sending out the prayer chain. Please note that we want to make sure those involved feel okay with the request being shared, so we will be asking if we have consent to share before sending the text out. Also, if you receive the texts and do not wish to get them, all you need to do is reply stop to opt out. (That reminder will be on the bottom of each text.)

The other use of the text service will be for emergency notifications, such as if we need to cancel worship due to inclement weather. We have the possibility to text groups with this as well, for example texting all the members of the choir, the session, etc., but we will work to set that up in the future.

Three other things to note. First, the phone number is for outgoing texts only. You can reply to the text, but all replies will only go to that number, not to everyone. Reply texts will not be answered. Secondly, if you haven't received the texts yet and would like to, please let me or Bruce Parker know. We uploaded the entire roster Bruce keeps into our MailChimp database but phone numbers change and we might not have a current mobile phone number for you.

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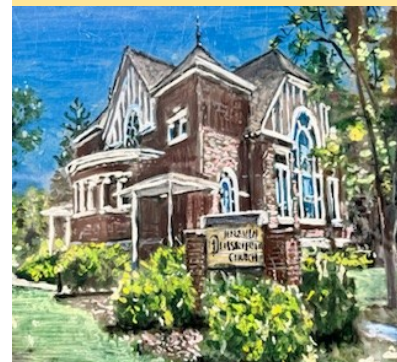
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### Weekly Happenings

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

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

Sundays: 9:30am Worship



## A Message from Pastor Andy continued

If you have any questions about the text messages, the prayer chain, the emergency notifications, or anything else, do not hesitate to contact me. You can also reach out to Deb, Thea, or Bruce with questions.

May the Peace of Christ be with you,

Pastor Andy

## Artist Applications Open for Art Fair

Applications are now open for artists who wish to exhibit at the 2026 Donna Lexa Memorial Art Fair on Saturday, Aug. 22 at Wales Community Park. If you know any artists in our local area and beyond, please encourage them to apply. The application form can be found at [www.donnalexamemorialartfair.org](http://www.donnalexamemorialartfair.org) or contact Pam MacArthur for more information. Deadline to apply is May 15.

The Donna Lexa Memorial Art Fair is a wonderful community event sponsored each year by Jerusalem Presbyterian Church. It is dedicated to the memory of Donna Lexa, a JPC member and art therapist who died in a car accident. The event is a joyful remembrance of Donna's spirit, built around fine arts and crafts, music, food and fun!

## Holy Week April 5th-12th



A graphic for Holy Week featuring a grid of four colored squares (green, orange, black, purple) with white icons: a palm frond, a stone, a crown of thorns, and a cross. The text "HOLY WEEK" is at the top, and service details are at the bottom.

**HOLY WEEK**

**2nd - Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00pm**  
**12th - Easter Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am**

## Session Motions from the March 11th Meeting

- To approve the minutes of the February 11 session meeting. Approved.
- To contract for lawn maintenance at the rate of \$85 per week. Approved.
- To contract for the annual deep cleaning of the building. Approved.

March 11 other business:

- Congregational meeting will be on March 22 to nominate additional officers.
- Reviewed a draft of the required anti-racism policy.
- Annual review of account signers and credit card holders.
- Annual review of member roll. Some members will be moved to the inactive list and will be contacted.
- Contract for the roof replacement is pending.
- A luncheon and listening session is being planned for Sunday, May 3, 2026.
- Next session meeting is scheduled for Wednesday April 8, 2026 at 7pm.

## The Clerk's Corner

The special congregational meeting was called to order on Sunday March 22, 2026 at 10:43am, and a quorum was confirmed.

The JPC nominating committee recommended that Ken Alderden be elected to fill a vacant seat as session elder and that Billie Alderden be elected to fill the vacant position on the Board of Deacons. There were no other nominations from the floor. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:49am.

Respectfully submitted,

David Carr, Clerk of Session

## JPC Roof Update

The session met on March 22 and approved the contract with 3 Sons Home Improvements, LLC to replace the shingled portion of the roof of the church. Our insurance provider, Church Mutual, had stated that this work needed to be done. The work will be done later this spring.



## Soup-Off Fellowship

The Fellowship and Evangelism Committee is hosting a Soup-Off on Saturday, April 11, at 5:00 PM in the fellowship hall. We will hold a blind soup tasting, and a "fabulous" prize will be awarded to the winner!



Please sign up on the clipboard located in the back of the church to bring a crockpot of soup. If you would like to attend but do not wish to bring a soup, you can sign up to bring bread/crackers, a side dish, or a dessert. We would love to see everyone there!

## Million Dollar Quartet at The Fireside



June 21, Sunday, Mid-day, dinner 3:00 PM, show 5:00 PM  
Come listen to the music of Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis, Carl Perkins and Elvis. Entrees include: Chicken Cordon Bleu, Grilled Red Snapper, Beef Short Ribs and Vegetarian Stuffed Bell Peppers.

If you are interested in attending this dinner/show at the Fireside, please fill out the following attachment sent with this newsletter and email it to Christi Kilpatrick at [cdkilpat@gmail.com](mailto:cdkilpat@gmail.com).  
A payment of \$82 per ticket is due to Christi no later than May 24th.

## H4H ReStore Happenings

Come join in the fun, and meet the community!  
ReStore Center: Saturday April 11th from 10:00am-1:00pm

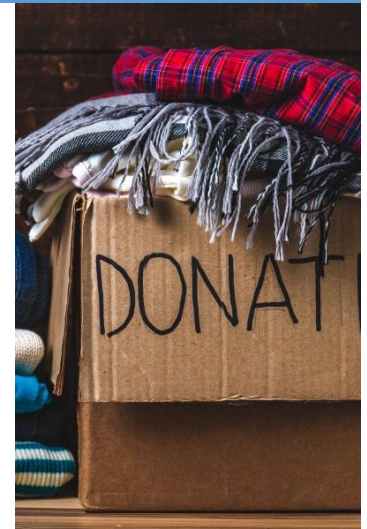
Jerusalem has signed up to work at the Habitat for Humanity Restore Center on the second Saturday of each month from 10am until 1pm. Our duties include stocking donated items out on the sales floor, unloading donated items as they are brought in, helping customers load purchased items into their vehicles 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>



# Spring Into Action for The Hope Center

As warmer weather arrives, our neighbors in Waukesha need the essentials that help them step confidently into the season. We're collecting men's and women's tennis shoes (gently used welcome), lightweight spring jackets, sunscreen, mosquito repellent, hygiene items (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, soap, deodorant), and umbrellas or rain ponchos. Every item you give helps someone move through spring with comfort, dignity, and hope. Drop your donations in the basket in the narthex area all month and let's make this our strongest spring drive yet.



## Save The Date

The 227th Presbyterian General Assembly will be in Milwaukee June 22 through July 2, 2026. The members of JPC will be hosting a luncheon for Presbyterian Church USA on Sunday June 28th. There will be more details about how you may assist in the months to come, so stay tuned.



## April Birthdays

Things to celebrate in  
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| <b>1st</b> Rebecca Schultz    | <b>20th</b> Zachary Schultz  |
| <b>3rd</b> Jeff Madden        | <b>20th</b> Paul Muzzey      |
| <b>4th</b> Joyce Rich         | <b>21st</b> Marlene Williams |
| <b>4th</b> Laurelei Schueller | <b>24th</b> Steve Chandler   |
| <b>5th</b> Nancy Prellwitz    | <b>25th</b> Austin Weber     |
| <b>6th</b> Jack McEwing       | <b>26th</b> Walt Sadler      |
| <b>13th</b> Zach Bennett      | <b>27th</b> Paul Beil        |

## Journey Garden Season Begins

The Journey Garden Mission Project begins its sixth growing season and is supported by four area Presbyterian churches that include Delafield, Faith Springs, Kettle Moraine United and Jerusalem.



The primary purpose is to grow fresh vegetables throughout the summer months providing produce for the Wednesday afternoon food distribution ministry that is run by Apostle Presbyterian Church on 76th street.

The modern raised beds that built years ago are located on the east side of Kettle Moraine United Presbyterian Church on Cty. Rd. K in Hartland.

Members from these surrounding churches will gather for a spring clean up on Monday, April, 13th and 20th from 10:30am to noon. Expert gardeners will lead each week's party but many hands are needed to prepare the soil.

We follow Matthew 25: 31-44 in which Christ separated the sheep from the goats as his second coming. *"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you? In a much as you did it to one of the least of these."* Come join the Journey Garden and help— feed the souls this year.

## JPC Garden Gossip

The "Blizzard of March 16th" is history, making way for the spring clean up on Saturday April 11th at 9am to 11:30am. There are many tasks to help prepare the church gardens for their spring-time beauty that are simple and easy, but necessary before the perennials erupt from their winter slumber.

Please bring your yard and garden tools, as the church has a limited supply.

Our church property has a new look that you may have noticed by the church sign and entrance. The Village of Wales removed the large tree that was on their easement near our parking lot entrance transforming a shady garden into a fully sunlit area showing casing of beautiful church in all its glory. Share any ideas you may have with the members of the Green Thumb Club about the now massive tree stump that remains at this time. We will see you this coming Saturday.



Our Location Address:

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Bruce Parker  
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## Church Office Hours

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

Admin. Bruce Parker: Monday's 10am-Noon and Thursdays 11am-2pm

## JPC Website & YouTube

JPC Website: Visit us for more information on the web at [jpcwales.org](http://jpcwales.org).

YouTube Steaming Live Church Services:

Every Sunday morning starting at 9:30am with a posting every Monday.

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