

Jerusalem Presbyterian Church

July 2026 Newsletter



A Message from Pastor Andy

Dear JPC members and friends,

What a joy it was to welcome 32 special visitors this past Sunday! They came from all corners of our country to attend the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assembly being held in Milwaukee this week. Delegates fanned out over SE Wisconsin to attend Sunday services and we were excited that this wonderful group chose to worship with us at Jerusalem Presbyterian Church .

Thanks to the Deacons, The Chancel Choir, The Back Row, all the dessert bakers and other volunteers who helped make the Sunday service and the luncheon afterwards such a wonderful event.

See you at worship,

Pastor Andy

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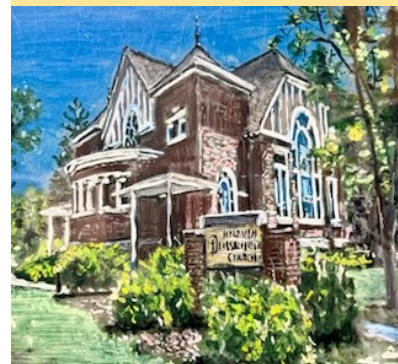
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Weekly Happenings

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



Deacon's Update

With grateful hearts, we share the ways our Deacon Ministry has been blessed to serve throughout this past month. Your generosity, prayers, and steady encouragement continue to strengthen the care we offer to our congregation and our neighbors.

- We sent 16 cards of support and encouragement to members of our congregation, reminding them that they are held in love, prayer, and community.
- We gave rides to church for one of our members
- We were honored to serve 55 guests at the Hope Center Breakfast, offering a warm breakfast and a warm welcome to each person who came through the door.
- We also served 66 guests dessert at the Hope Center! Dinner
- We welcomed 30+ representatives (including youth delegates) for lunch at our church.

Thanks to those who contributed cookies & bars and helped with setup and cleanup!

As always, we are profoundly grateful for the compassion, faithfulness, and joyful spirit that shine so brightly in our church family. If you or someone you know is in need of care, prayer, or support, please reach out—we are here to serve.

Session Update

Here is a summary of the business items discussed at the June 10, 2026, session meeting.

June 10 motions:

- To approve the minutes of May 13, 2026, session meeting. Approved.
- To approve the minutes of the special session meeting held on May 16, 2026. Approved.

June 10 other business:

- Second Mile pledge for the roof replacement is \$19,860 at the time of the meeting.
- Roof replacement cost \$53,700.
- Session agreed to create a new committee named Congregational Life and eliminate four of the existing session committees. The responsibilities of those committees will be distributed to the remaining committees – mostly to the new committee.

More details will be attached with the newsletter e-mail.

Next session meeting is scheduled for August 12 (no meeting in July)



Celebrating our 29th Anniversary!

FREE
ADMISSION!

Donna Lexa MEMORIAL ART & FAIR

Saturday, August 22nd
9 am - 4 pm

Wales Community Park
on Brandybrook Road

- Fine Arts & Crafts • Food •
- Children's Activities •
- Live Entertainment •

from I-94 go south on Hwy 83 - 3 ½ miles to
Brandybrook Rd just east of Jerusalem Cemetery

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Calling All Readers



We are now accepting donations for the 2026 JPC Used Book Sale. Books can be dropped off at the church, or contact Kelly Parsons (kkparsons13@gmail.com, 919-824-6624) for assistance. Thank you!

H4H ReStore Happenings

Come join in the fun, and meet the community!

ReStore Center: Saturday, July 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>



Summer Garden Party

You're Invited to our second Church Garden Party!

Wednesday, July 29, 2026 • 5–7pm at the home of Dave & Christi Kilpatrick

Come enjoy a summer evening surrounded by friends, flowers, and good times! Bring your own food, drinks and chairs and settle in for a couple of hours of easy conversation, laughter, and community.

It's a simple gathering with a simple goal: **To enjoy God's creation and one another.**

We'd love to see you there and hope you'll join us for this lovely night in the garden.



July Birthdays



3 Bill Barder

4 Gary Reichert

8 Gail Norwood

8 Henry Zywicki

9 Cate O'Connell

11 John McEwing

13 Rich Csavoy

19 Kaylee Zywicki

21 Goerge Morris

23 Kristen McEwing

24 Christi Kilpatrick

26 Deb Bennett

26 Dean Potratz

26 Ron Dobrick

27 Becky Gapinski

27 Dennis Ruis

JPC Annual Chicken BBQ– A Delicious Success

The annual Chicken Barbecue is a beloved JPC tradition—one that succeeds only because our entire congregation comes together to make it happen! This event is a true team effort, relying on the time, energy, and generosity of every member of our church family. Without the contributions of all, we simply could not engage our community in such a meaningful way.

This year, we prepared for 600 meals, increased our price to \$18 and proudly served 566, a testament to the dedication and collaboration that define this ministry. **A full report is attached to this newsletter e-mail.**



Hope Center Breakfast in August



Monthly we are looking for volunteers to help out with the Hope Center Breakfast that is the first Thursday of every month. This also includes two evening events that we supply homemade desserts and beverages.

We have an opportunity in August where you can help serve those less fortunate who live in our communities: The Hope Center Breakfast on Thursday, August 6th at 8:30am.

Please sign up on the sheets located in the narthex to help out. Thank you.

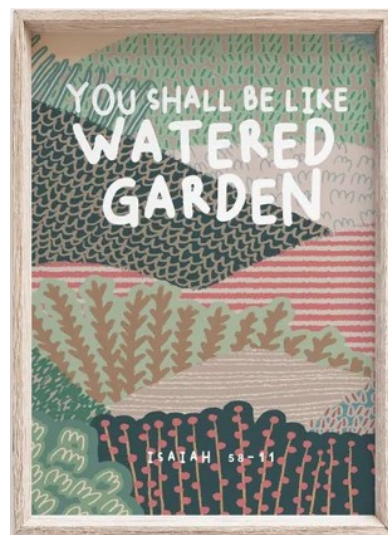
Journey Gardening Training

How do I know when to pick a tomato?

There will be a Journey garden Training Session held on Monday, July 13th at 11am that will focus on tips for harvesting garden vegetables. Every Monday during July and August will be heavy harvest days members from all four churches will work collectively during the peak season.

JPC will work the full week of July 27-31. Linda Ravelo will need some extra assistance that week as she is moving to Three Pillars that same week. Let Linda know what day you can help out to harvest and weed.

Thank you.



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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-Noon

JPC Website & YouTube

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

YouTube Steaming Live Church Services:

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

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