

Jerusalem Presbyterian Church

August 2026 Newsletter



A Message from Pastor Andy

Dear JPC members and friends,

This summer has had an informal pattern in worship. At the end of most of the sermons through June and July, I have invited people to share with the people around them, usually in discussing a question shaped by the sermon. We have taken time out of each service for these moments of participatory conversation, and I hope they have allowed people to worship in a slightly different way (and to think about what it means to worship in a different way). The intent behind these discussions is to get people comfortable articulating or expressing our faith.

Presbyterians have been traditionally more intellectual, logical, or rational about faith rather than emotive, emotional, or spontaneous. One of the impacts, however, of this ever-intellectualization of faith is that it can often be inward-focused. It can lead to *thoughts and prayers* more than *action and service*. But Jesus calls us not just to think about our faith, but to live it.

So, what's the next step? What can help us move our faith from being internally to externally focused? As summer starts to circle for a landing—fall will be on us soon enough—my thoughts are on how to further spurn us towards embodying our faith, and not just thinking about it. August itself contains one of the biggest examples we have of living our faith in action and service. I am, of course, referring to the art fair and the book sale.

The art fair and the book sale are exceptional because they allow for two different acts of faith and service. The first is the funds raised. The funds raised from the art fair and book sale are distributed amongst various non-profit organizations throughout the county, from Lad Lake to the Spiritual Care Department at Rogers Behavioral Health, to many other groups. The funds provide a scholarship for a student each year graduating from KMHS. JPC also benefits from the funds raised as we too are a Waukesha county non-profit.

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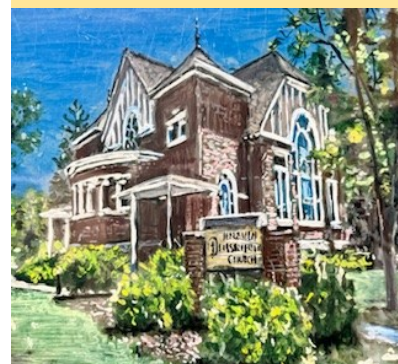
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Weekly Happenings

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



A Message From Pastor Andy continued

The second act of faith and service in the art fair and the book sale is to foster art and knowledge in our community. The village of Wales and the outlying communities are better for having the art fair and book sale. These events foster community in a world that is too often focused on individualism. I encourage everyone at JPC to volunteer for the art fair and/or the book sale as we help manifest the sense of community we want in our area of the world.

Once we get through the art fair and book sale, past Labor Day weekend, and settled into the fall, we will look at next steps in embodying and articulating our faith. In the meantime, let us each continue to examine our faith, and to express our Christian compassion through acts of community and service.

Have a good end to summer,

Pastor Andy

Food for the Journey

JPC is responsible for weeding/watering the week of August 24 -30 at the Journey Garden. All are welcome to visit the garden at any time.



August Birthdays

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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 |

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 •

Celebrating our 29th Anniversary!

FREE
ADMISSION!

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

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We are now a few weeks away from our 29th Donna Lexa Memorial Art Fair. Signup sheets will be in the back of the sanctuary and we hope everyone will take the time to sign up and help in part of the day. It's a fun meaningful day that adds so much to our community. Walk around and see the joy and love on people's faces as they interact with the artists and old friends that they meet at the art fair. Come and join in and help us celebrate the 29 years that we have given to our mission in our small part of the world. Our efforts help make caring for others easier for the non-profits we support in Waukesha County.

Please sign up as we need your help to make this event a joyous occasion. We will especially need help taking down the tents and the food area after the fair, so if you can help with this it will be greatly appreciated.

H4H ReStore Happenings

Come join in the fun, and meet the community!

ReStore Center: Saturday, August 8th from 10:00am-1:00pm

Jerusalem has signed up to work at the Habitat for Humanity Restore Center in Waukesha 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>



Session Update

Session did not meet in the month of June, so there are no meeting notes to share.

Future meeting topics will include;

- ♦ 2026 Financial Review report.
- ♦ Clarification of responsibilities for the Congregational Life committee.
- ♦ The lack of volunteers to serve on session, session committees and to help with worship responsibilities.

Second Mile fund raising as of July 20, 2026:

Pledged: \$28,360

Received \$19,750

Next session meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2026.



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!

Deacon's Report

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Fill the Barrel food collection. Because of your generosity, we have already filled one barrel, and we will continue this ministry through August. Your support is making a real difference for neighbors facing food insecurity this summer.

With grateful hearts, we share the ways our Deacon Ministry was blessed to serve throughout the past month. Your kindness, prayers, and steady encouragement strengthen the care we offer to our congregation and our community.

- We sent 20 cards of support and encouragement to members of our church family, reminding them that they are held in love, prayer, and community.

We were honored to serve 72 guests at the June Hope Center Breakfast, offering each person a warm meal and a warm welcome. 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.



Hope Center Breakfast in September



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 September where you can help serve those less fortunate who live in our communities: The Hope Center Breakfast on Thursday, September 3rd at 8:30am.

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

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Church Office Hours

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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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