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May 2022 Newsletter

Janesville United Methodist Church



Pastor Laurie will begin serving Janesville and Hudson effective July 1, 2022.



I know you have heard a little about me from the conference and I look forward to meeting all of you in a few short months.

Here is a little more of my background:

I was born in Iowa City and lived there until I was 3, then my family moved to Ames. When I was a freshman in High School, my family moved to Story City, where I graduated from Roland-Story High School. After High School I moved to Sioux City where I attend Morningside College. While there, I began the pre-med program and got my license to work as an EMT. My plan was to go into Emergency Medicine.

Obviously, God had other plans for me, and after a couple of years, I declared a Religious Studies major and Psychology minor, still planning to work in the hospital. When I graduated from Morningside, I moved to Evanston IL where I began my Masters Degree at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary on the campus of Northwestern University, with an emphasis in pastoral care and counseling with the plan of becoming a hospital chaplain.

Again, God had other plans for me, and even though I have completed all the extra work to be certified as a hospital chaplain, I have found a home in small town ministry and have served in the Iowa Annual Conference for 30 years - most of it in small town churches.

I have actually done kind of a circle around the state and will be returning to where I started ministry as my first appointment was associate pastor at Trinity UMC in Waverly, Iowa.

I look forward to learning your stories and will share more of my story when I become your pastor on July 1 of 2022. Until then - keep on being the people of God that God has called you to be and living out your faith.

See you in Worship,
Pastor Laurie

JUMC Office Hours - Mondays thru Thursdays from 8:00 to 11:00.

Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday



Volunteers for May

Liturgists in May

May 1

Kathy Whitney
Brad Ruth

May 8

Sharon Heiser

May 15

Barb Hamlyn

May 22

Gary Shaulis

May 29

Margaret Shepard

Guest Speakers in May

May 1

Lisa Congdon

May 8

Shawna Brimm

May 15

Rev. Jan Burnett

May 22

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May 29

Ethan Kober

Ushers in May

May 1

Brad Ruth

May 8

Dick & Karen Funk

May 15

Dave Beenblossom

May 22

Gary Shaulis

May 29

fifth Sunday volunteer

May Birthdays

Ally Eibey	5/1
Kiley Shepherd	5/2
Rachel Knapp	5/3
Jeff Baker	5/4
Jean Carlisle	5/5
Kendyl Sorge	5/6
Megan (Borglum) Hartwig	5/8
Joan Ackerson	5/9
Dick Funk	5/9
Barb Hamlyn	5/9
Jim Stensland	5/9
Alec Amosson	5/9
Teague Lafrentz	5/10
Mike Wienhold	5/11
Janeen Hubbell	5/12
Mildred Christensen	5/13
Sadie Baldwin	5/13
Ruth Hamilton	5/14
Robert James Baldwin	5/16
Callie (Angove) Kramer	5/17

Dennis Dilley	5/18
Cody Nielsen	5/18
Emily (Ruth) Hogle	5/18
Adam Conradi	5/19
Jack Fisher	5/21
Emma VerSteeg	5/21
Mary VerSteeg	5/21
Rita Ruth	5/22
McKayla Hinz	5/22
Katlyn Haan	5/22
Tawnya Cary	5/23
Marilyn Miller	5/24
Keith Reid	5/27
Nikki Shook	5/27
Ty Lafrentz	5/27
Dave Peters	5/28
Rachael Coffman	5/29
Helen Dettmer	5/30
Lolita Huber	5/31

May Anniversaries

Bryan & Gina Destival	5/8
Chris & Angela Robinson	5/11
Myron & Janet Destival	5/24
Jim & Emily Stensland	5/27
Todd & Elizabeth Foelske	5/28



Birthday/Anniversary Challenge

Many years ago, it was suggested that members of the congregation give thanks to God for being able to celebrate another year for birthdays and anniversaries. Since that time, members have chosen to make a donation, in addition to their regular giving. On the month of their birthday and anniversary, they donate \$1 for every year of their age and their time married.

This tradition has declined in the past years, and we are trying to start it up again as a special fund raiser and just another way to Praise God for all the blessings of another year!

Simply write your check to the church and put "Birthday/Anniversary Challenge" in the memo portion.

Upcoming May Events

May 1 - Sowing Sunday

(see details on page 5)

May 4 - May Breakfast

For **ALL** ladies of the church
at 9:00

May 8 - Mother's Day

May 8 - Blanket Sunday

(see details on page 6)

May 8 - Graduation Sunday

Please contact the church office with
the names of any High School or
College graduates to be honored.

May 10 - Shepherds Meeting

at 9:30

May 15 - Last Day of Sunday School

May 30 - Memorial Day



Many thanks to the people of the Methodist Church for the cards and well-wishes on my 90th birthday celebration. I am elated to have been a part of your church here in Janesville.

God bless you all,
Norman Fink



Prayers for our Shepherds and those
who are served by them:

Esther Lageschulte
Flo Shepard
Marlys Cook
Georgia Eibey
Marilyn Taylor
Harriet Schares
Lois Boeck
Lolita Huber
Lavonne Dorman
Char Brickman
Betty Betsinger

Please keep them in your prayers:

Wendy Brace
Johnny & Esther Folkerds
Velma Rice & her family
Nancy Osborn

**Do you have what it takes to be a
Shepherd? Of course you do!!**

The list of people to visit gets longer all the time, so any volunteers to help would be greatly appreciated. If you would like more information or lists and schedules, contact the church office or Janet Destival.

**The Shepherds will be meeting in
Court Chapel on May 10 at 9:30.
Please come join them!!!**



Again, this year, the Z-Team will be sponsoring our annual Sowing Sunday on **May 1**, during worship.

Volunteers will be given \$20 bills to use for any projects they are inspired to do. This year, we are encouraging volunteers to work together in groups to come up with various ideas for using your seed money in a special project. In the past, we had a team who sponsored painting classes, and a family that hosted a bake sale. Also, we had individuals sell hand-made items, garden harvests, asparagus, and Christmas ornaments - to name a few. We encourage you to use your imaginations and talents, invest your \$20 seed money, and see what you can harvest for the good of the church!

A date for Harvest Sunday will be announced in the fall.



FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Food Bank and Easter Lily fundraisers. We collected \$445 for the Food Bank. Donations for the Easter Lilies were \$220 more than needed for the new bouquets. That brings the total donations for the Food Bank to \$665 which all qualifies for their \$1 for \$1 matching fundraiser.

BLANKETS

Mother's Day (May 8th) is our annual Blanket Sunday fundraiser. Warm, sturdy blankets are purchased with our donations and delivered by UMCOR during disaster relief. Please make your check payable to the church and write "blankets" in the memo area. Also, fill out a form if you wish to donate in memory or in honor someone and include it with your check.

Karlee Boyle is Chuck and Cheryl Immerzeel's granddaughter.
Congratulations Karlee!!!

Janesville's Boyle completes Healthcare Business Leadership program



COURTESY PHOTO

University of Iowa College of Pharmacy students recently completed the college's Healthcare Business Leadership program (HBL), a program designed to teach students how to understand and make effective business decisions.

IOWA CITY — Karlee Boyle, of Janesville, is one of 35 University of Iowa College of Pharmacy students who recently completed the college's Healthcare Business Leadership program (HBL).

The leadership program teaches students how to understand and make effective business decisions regarding teamwork, finance, conflict management, entrepreneurship, and how to leverage healthcare data to improve outcomes and decision making.

The program requires students to attend five out of six Saturday modules over a 12-month period. Module topics for 2021 included, among others, strategic hiring, fi-

nance for clinicians, and high-performance leadership.

HBL is proving to be extremely valuable to pharmacy students. Third-year Doctor of Pharmacy candidate Kelsey Kiwala said she "learned strategies to navigate conflict — and how to approach that based on the relationships and management style that you have."

Since 1885 the University of Iowa College of Pharmacy has been advancing distinction in pharmacy education, discovery, and healthcare delivery, training the highest quality pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists. To learn more about Iowa's College of Pharmacy, go to <https://pharmacy.uiowa.edu/>.



Janesville United Methodist Women News

The April UMW meeting was held on Thursday, April 7th at 1:00 p.m. in Court Chapel with thirteen members present.

Mary Deborah Circle gave devotions on using nature to be closer to God by looking at Psalm 103. The Response Moment from the March/April magazine included fundraiser events from other units and maps of where UMW mission work is being done. The upcoming name change to United Women in Faith was discussed. UMW will still be the official legal name of the organization.

Prayer concerns were shared for church members and a mission and two missionaries from the Prayer Calendar.

The entire annual pledge to the church has been paid. The first quarter pledge and the Prayer and Self Denial Offering have been sent to the District.

Several cards were sent to members. Circle Reports were given.

The quilters have finished hand quilting the winter scene throw but it still needs to be bound. They are now teaching two new members how to hand quilt on a train throw. The Janesville Library picked up the remaining items donated by the Huber family. These will be displayed and sold at their upcoming fundraisers.

PEC grants were discussed. The Mission Committee was awarded \$300 for mission kit shipping costs. UMW received \$50 and \$150 in gift cards for Hy-Vee and Kwik Star to use for fundraiser dinners. UMW was also awarded \$398.69 for our year end giving.

Thank offerings should be brought to our May meeting or given to the Treasurer by June 1st.

It was decided to have a May Breakfast just for the ladies of our church on Wednesday, May 4th at 9:00 AM. We will do a program first and the brunch will follow after the program.

Two members shared a large number of handmade Easter and spring craft items made from simple household and craft items.

Naomi Circle provided delicious raspberry cheesecake with nuts and candies.



Congratulations to our
Confirmands!
Grady Barr
Cael Coffman
Kole Haan
Rylee Johnson

