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July 2023 Newsletter

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JUMC Office Hours - Tuesdays thru Thursdays from 7:30 to 11:30.

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This month's Newsletter is special.

It is a smaller version,
since we are mailing it out,
along with offering envelopes
for July, August, and September.
It's the same great information as
usual,
just fewer pictures (to save space)!
It will still be emailed out
for those of you who want an online
copy.

Liturgists in July

July 2
Kathy Whitney

July 9
Margaret Shepard

July 16
Barb Hamlyn

July 22
Gary Shaulis

July 30
Sharon Heiser

Ushers in July

July 2
Brad Ruth

July 9
Dick & Karen Funk

July 16
Bob Barr

July 22
Gary Shaulis

July 30
5th Sunday Volunteer



The church office will
be closed on
Tuesday, July 4
in celebration of
Independence Day.

A Note from the Pastor



I came across this story many years ago and every now and then I take it out and think about it so today I invite you to think about it with me.

A pastor asked a prominent insurance executive for the secret of his success in building a large clientele. The insurance executive told him that when he had graduated from college he had gone to work for a company but, he confessed, he had some trouble getting started.

One day the man that he worked for called him into his office and told him "We are going to give you a raise." Now the young agent was surprised for he knew what his sales recorded had been thus far.

So the young agent asked his boss when his raise would go into effect and the boss answered "as soon as you do". The young agent thought that was the end of the meeting so he started to leave but his boss stopped him.

Then his boss handed him ten marbles and a slip of paper which read "Put ten marbles in your right coat pocket. Go out and start calling on your prospective clients. Each time you complete a call move one marble from your right coat pocket to your left coat pocket. After you get all ten marbles into your left pocket you are finished for the day. Go back to the office write your reports and go home-even if you haven't sold anything."

Whenever I read this I have to wonder what this could do for a church. I confess that I don't have the answer, I just wonder.

I wonder what would happen if we in the church intentionally reached out 10 times a day 5 days a week to people we know and people we don't know who are living in our community.

I wonder what would happen and what our church would look like if we intentionally reached out in love and not in judgment to the people around us.

I wonder what would happen and what our church would look like if we intentionally reached out not expecting anything in return.

I wonder what would happen and what our church would look like if we intentionally left our comfort zone and accepted this challenge.

I wonder what would happen if we were to intentionally act like our church was the new church in town instead of one which had stood for years.

I read this and I wonder maybe together we can find the answers.

See you in worship,
Laurie



July Birthdays

Brad Conradi	7/1
Jan Guzman	7/1
Derek Johnson	7/1
Jim Whitney	7/6
Don Dorman	7/6
Karen Borglum	7/13
Scott Immerzeel	7/15
Kim Knapp	7/17
Rachel Moses	7/17
Larry Stapleton	7/18
Jenna Lafrentz	7/18
Larry Borglum	7/20
Isabel Foelske	7/21
Sharon Shaulis	7/22
Amelia Baldwin	7/23
Luke Dobbs	7/23
Carol Jennings	7/26
Robin Johnson	7/26
Callahan Levi	7/26
Nicole Destival	7/27
Colette Ruth	7/27
Callie Osborn	7/28
Emily Herbst	7/28
Betsy Knapp	7/28
Eli Barnes	7/28
Klaire Osborn	7/29
Emily Stensland	7/30
Annabella Hansen	7/31

In Our Prayers

Please pray for our Shepherds and those who are served by them:

Flo Shepard
Marlys Cook
Carol Dix
Georgia Eibey
Marilyn Taylor
Harriet Schares
Lorraine Hallberg
Lolita Huber
Lavonne Dorman
Char Brickman

Please keep them in your prayers:

Colette Ruth
Sandy Laube
Pam MacKay
Dave Beenblossom
Tom & Char Brickman
LaVonne Dorman
Esther Folkerds
Flo Shepard
Dan & Wendy Brace
Pastor Laurie

July Anniversaries

Daniel & Kim VerSteege	7/6
Dave & Nancy Beenblossom	7/14
Dan & Wendy Brace	7/16
Paul & Betty Jean Borgwardt	7/17
Mark & Shelley Herbst	7/18
Geary & Jean Eibey	7/19
Laurel & Vlasis Stratiou	7/26
Jim & Barb Hamlyn	7/30

Shepherd News

The Shepherds will be meeting on
Tuesday, July 11 at 9:30 am.



Sunday, May 21 was the last day of Sunday School for the season. The kids will be back in the fall, but you can still bring them to church in the summer!

Once again, we want to thank the dedicated Sunday School teachers and parents - they make this all possible for the kids!!!!



UMW News

The June UMW meeting was held Thursday, June at 6:00 PM in Court Chapel. with nine members present.

Prayer concerns were shared for church members and friends.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. A thank you for the May Breakfast was read.

The names of deceased church members that will be submitted for the District Candle Burning ceremony.

A motion carried to reduce our monthly pledge to the District to \$25.00 for 2024.

A motion carried to donate \$31.00 for the two missions and Mission U plus \$1.00 for the Magazine Fund.

There were no officer reports or card report.

Circle Reports were given. Mary Deborah Circle met in Court Chapel and planned the lunch for the September UMW meeting and will be eating out in June. Naomi Circle will be eating out next Thursday at the Wild Carrot.. Rebecca Circle met at Alley Cats in Denver and planned the June church shower.

The orca whale and dolphin throw the Piecemakers have been working on is completed and was displayed. They are currently making some baby quilts for the Waverly Hospital birthing center. There are still craft items and cookbooks for sale. The monthly newsletter is now featuring a "Craft Corner" with photos of different items for sale.

The new 100 cup coffee pot has been purchased with memorial money from the Lois Boeck family. The donated 30 cup coffeemaker has been received and is ready for use.

Members made individual cheesecakes for the Janesville Days Taco night last week. Next week the onions for the Rib Eye night will be cooked.

Our next meeting will be September 7th at 1:00 P.M. Circle chairs will meet at 12:30 P.M. to chose mission awards for the year. Rebecca Circle will have devotions and Mary Deborah will hostess.

The meeting adjourned to the Fellowship Hall for the shower for the church and Sunday School put on by Rebecca Circle. A program was presented about the history of purses and we played a game of "What's in My Purse". The circle served chocolate brownies with ice cream and toppings. 22 ladies attended. It was a fun evening of fellowship.

The Rebecca Circle would like to take this opportunity to “Thank” everyone who participated in the shower for the Janesville United Methodist Church for their wonderful donations! As always, we had a lot of fun, good fellowship, good food and we hope that those of you who attended the shower enjoyed it as much as we did.

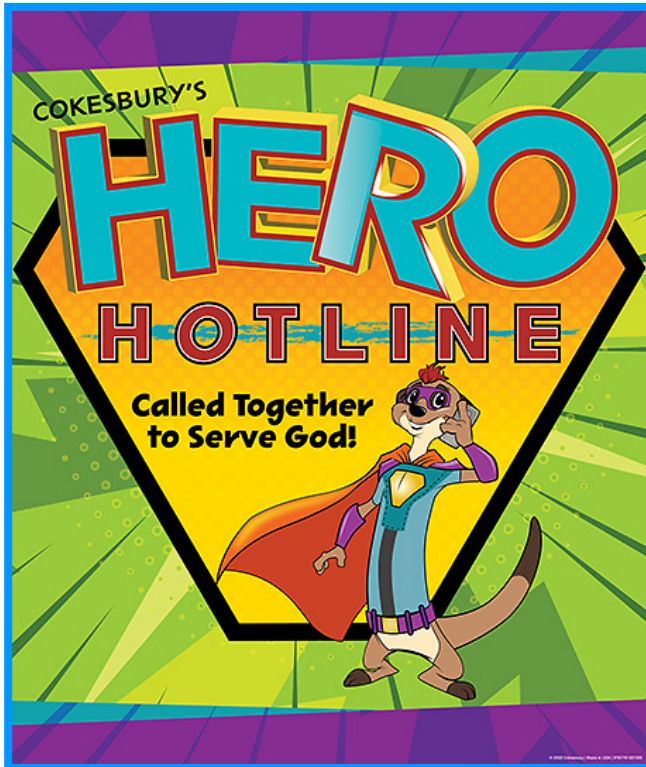
The purse game and story that Janet provided was awesome! Again, thank you so much for all that you do for our church and community!
The Rebecca Circle



IMAGINE NO MALARIA

The mosquitoes are here!! Luckily, the ones in our sanctuary are cute and harmless. Unfortunately over half of our world is at risk from malaria-carrying mosquitoes. Over 600,000 people died from malaria in 2021-most of these are children. Deaths are on the rise in the last couple years due to disruption in supply deliveries with Covid. **Malaria is 100% preventable.** A single insecticide-treated net can protect a whole family.

Let's help rid the world of malaria. Make your checks out to the church and put malaria in the memo part. Feel free to take one of our cute mosquitoes home as a reminder to pray for an end to this terrible disease.



Join us for VBS 2023!

Sunday July, 16 -
Wednesday July, 19
5:30-7:30 pm each night

You can register at:

[https://www.myvbs.org/
JanesvilleUMC/](https://www.myvbs.org/JanesvilleUMC/)

JANESVILLE Thurs-Sat DAYS July 20-22

JUMC will be serving pie and ice cream during the Community Dinner on **Friday, July 21** from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Please join us!

Pastor Laurie will be preaching at City Park on **Sunday, July 23** from 10:30 am to 11:30 am.

Bring your own chair and join us for worship!

See the entire Janesville Days schedule of events on page 10



Cancer Luminary display on Sunday evening, July 23.

Anyone wishing to purchase a luminary bag to display can contact Lisa Kiene at 319-231-6598 or Jean Eibey at 319-987-2423 or text 319-269-8260. Each bag is \$10, and you can purchase them In Memory or In Honor of friends or loved ones who have been touched by this terrible disease.

Last year, we donated \$1,000 to the American Cancer Society from this project. The luminaries will be on display at the Methodist church grounds starting at 5:00 pm until a little past dark. You can make your own or we will make them for you.

This is open to the whole community and is very impressive to see. We all know and love someone who is or has dealt with cancer, and we are praying these donations will help to find a cure!



Georgia Eibey will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on July 4th!!!

If you would like to send her a card, her address is: Georgia Eibey
920 N. Cherry Street
Shell Rock Senior Living
Shell Rock, Iowa 50670



Many Thanks to Janet Destival, Rita Ruth, and volunteers for planning, organizing, and hosting the joint Lions Meeting/Dinner on Monday, June 12.

A profit of \$950.25 will be donated to the General Fund of JUMC to help pay bills.

Startup funding for this event came from and was repaid to the Z-Team evangelism grant. If you have any ideas for a church fund raiser, please contact a member of the Z-Team or PEC Committee to talk about funding your ideas.

New Addresses

Sandy Laube
Northcrest Specialty Care
Room 115B
2001 Heath St.
Waterloo, Iowa 50703

Marilyn Taylor
Tripoli Nursing and Rehab
604 3rd St. SW
Tripoli, Iowa 50676

First and foremost, I want to say the accommodations were lovely !! I was so comfortable it was like being at home! Oh....that's right, I WAS at home !! Pastor Laurie got all the technical details worked out and we ZOOMED the conference.

The theme of the conference was: **Remembering Who We Are: Made in The Image of God**

There were so many meaningful messages from the Bishop, the conference Lay Leader, and others. I didn't fully appreciate it until I could go over the transcriptions afterwards. I will give you a brief picture here. I wish you could all see some of those transcripts!

The first impression of annual conference (my first ever) was how blessed we are to have Bishop Kennetha Bigam-Tsai as our conference leader. We are her **first** appointment as a Bishop, and she handled the business of the conference like she had done it many times before! She is outgoing, approachable, full of energy and joy, she's beautiful and smart, has a great sense of humor, admits when she doesn't have the answer and is not afraid to ask for help. She isn't easily "ruffled" and she certainly could have been, at times! She is a dynamic speaker, and she is passionate about being a United Methodist. She has already visited all five districts and has a great rapport with staff.

The business of the conference was fairly straight forward and went more smoothly than I had expected. Because the disaffiliation of churches was addressed and completed **prior** to the conference there was no need for those representatives to attend. No drama...No problem!!

There were a number of legislative items that were presented and approved. Most were standard items such as approving ministry plans for mission programming, clergy and congregational support committees, electing new members to boards and agencies, and approving the budget as well as hearing delegation reports. There was a resolution passed that called for the protection of the right to peacefully address injustice. The most interesting topic raised was to change the names of the districts **back** to geographical names. Currently they are named after past camping grounds, and they give no idea of location. It's been a confusing change for the past few years. The discussion leaned towards changing it, until it was noted that all the current printed materials would need to be updated. A committee will study the issue and present a report at conference 2024. The other item that was discussed at length was a motion from a retired clergy to add a million dollars to the mission committee. This was for good purposes of course, but not possible for the budget. A bright spot was learning that the Pastors insurance rate will remain the same as 2023!

I understand that this year's conference was a "relief" from many of those tension filled meetings in the past. It is a sad fact that the disaffiliation of churches is the reason for this. The following, I feel, are key excerpts from Bishop Kennetha's presentations: **"React to the challenges facing the church not with retribution and anger but with love and healing..**

"And when it comes to our call to be a grace filled church, amidst the divisions and disagreements of our time, this is what we must know. We must know that it doesn't matter who is right or thinks they're right. It only matters that we are welcoming; and it doesn't matter who is right or thinks they're right. It only matters that we see the image of God, the likeness of Christ in all people and Be Christ to All.

"Focus on the Wesley Theology of Grace. All persons are made in the image of God, no matter their race, gender, gender identity or sexuality."

And I say, **AMEN.**

Submitted by Margaret Shepard, JUMC

JANESVILLE DAYS

WALKIN' THE LINE SINCE 1849

Friday, July 21st

4:00PM - 2:00AM

Janesville Tap Beer Garden

5:00PM-8:00PM

Community Dinner Hosted by JVD Committee

Meal Includes pulled pork or ribeye sandwiches, beans, coleslaw & chips.

Free Will Donation

Pie & Ice Cream Hosted by JUMC

5:00PM-8:00PM

Face Painting by Loony Balloonies

Darrel the Balloon Man

5:00PM-8:00PM

MUSIC BY MITCH LAUE

7:00PM-8:00PM

Eric Michael's Magic & Illusions

at Janesville Fire Station

8:00PM

Little Miss/Mr. Announcement

Nominations Accepted July 10th - 20th

8:00PM-12:00AM

DANGER ZONE at Main Street Stage

Saturday, July 22nd

10:00AM

Parade

Line-up at JHS East Entrance at 9:00AM

No Registration Required

11:00AM - 2:00AM

Janesville Tap Beer Garden

11:00AM

Food Vendors Open on Main Street

11:00AM - 2:00PM

Pony Rides & Petting Zoo

Saturday, July 22nd(cont.)

11:00AM-3:00PM

Show and Shine Car Show on Main Street

Contact Mike Paul to Enter (319) 231-4459

12:00PM - 2:00PM

Kids' Carnival

12:00PM

Horseshoe Tournament at City Park

Contact Sherry or Dave Moehlis to Sign-Up

(319) 464-4627

12:00PM - 8:00PM

Inflatables and MORE

1:00PM

Kids' Tractor Pull

Sponsored by BW Contractors Inc.

2:30 PM

Sunflower Spitting Contest

4:00PM-7:00PM

DRY RUN CREEK at Main Street Stage

6:00PM

JHS All School Reunion at Riviera Roose

7:00PM

Stick Horse Races

Raffle Winner Announcement

8:00PM-12:00AM

WILDCARD on Main Street Stage

Sunday, July 23rd

10:30 AM

Sunday Services at City Park

Hosted by JUMC

Bring Your Own Chair

Find out more at www.janesvilledaysia.com and subscribe to our newsletter!

