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September 2022 Newsletter

Janesville United Methodist

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**NEW Office Hours
as of August 22**

Mondays thru Thursdays
7:30 am - 10:30 am

**The Office will be
closed on
Monday, September 5
for Labor Day.**



One cold evening during the holiday season a little boy, about 6 or 7, was standing out in front of a store window. The little child had no shoes and his clothes were mere rags. A young woman passing by saw the little boy and could read the longing in his pale blue eyes. She took the child by the hand and led him into the store. There, she brought him some new shoes and a complete suit of warm clothing

They came back outside and into the street, and the woman said to the child “Now you can go home and have a very happy holiday”

The little boy looked up at her and asked “Are you God Ma’am?”

She looked down at him and replied, “No son, I’m just one of his children”

The little boy then said, “I knew you had to be some relation.”

Dan Clark
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As I read this story the other day, it reminded me that sometimes our actions speak more loudly about our relationship with God than our words.

Now, I don't know about you, but sometimes that makes me uncomfortable, because sometimes it is easy to forget that people are watching us. When we are gathered with a group of friends sometimes, we act a different way than we do as we sit in the pews at church

"Are you God?" These words remind me that we are all called to carry the message of our faith beyond the doors of our church. Yes, what we hear on Sunday morning is to be carried out through the rest of the week.

So how do we reflect God to those who meet us? How do we share our faith with those who know us and those who do not know us?

Yes, I know those are tough questions to answer, and God does not expect us to be perfect all the time, but God does open doors for us and God does continue to help us grow each day in our witness to those we know and those we don't know.

I know this is a busy time of the year for all of us. I know it is easy to get wrapped up in all the busyness of school as it starts again, the sports practices that pick up again and the list could go on and on for all of us. We all seem to find ourselves now running at a faster pace than we have for most of the summer. But God still opens doors for us to share our faith.

So I hope and pray that we don't get so bogged down by the pace that we live that we forget to take time to share God with others. For it is through us that others experience God, and we just never know how your actions might change another's life forever.

See you in worship,

Pastor Laurie

SEPTEMBER

September Birthdays

Samantha Reid	9/1
Florence Shepherd	9/1
Renee Timion	9/1
Jillian Jones	9/2
Lance Woodyard	9/2
Mackenzie Whitney	9/3
Jerod Fisher	9/4
Amber Heiser	9/4
Robert Fisher	9/9
Robert Bertram	9/10
Neal Moses, Jr.	9/11
Terri Fisher	9/11
Landon Destival	9/12
Donovan Erbes	9/13
Karen Funk	9/14
Sharon Heiser	9/14
Season Buchholz	9/15
Tracy Graves	9/15
Jenifer Cooper	9/16
Kim VerSteege	9/17
Kathy Kessel	9/17
Alan Fisher	9/18
Melanie Fisher	9/20
Darlys Saunders	9/20
Chelsey Cooper	9/21
Walt Tarter	9/22
Lawrence Mau	9/23
Jaden McGhee	9/25
Michelle Osborn	9/25
Walt Ruth	9/26
Dave Beenblossom	9/29
Evelyn Turner	9/29
Elizabeth Foelske	9/30

Volunteers for September

Liturgists in September

September 4
Brad Ruth

September 11
Kathy Whitney

September 18
Gene Robinson

September 25
Gary Shaulis

Ushers in September

September 4
Brad Ruth

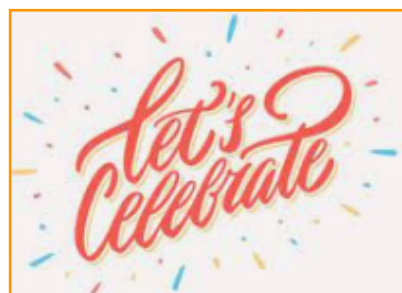
September 11
Dick & Karen Funk

September 18
Dave Beenblossom

September 25
Gary Shaulis

September Anniversaries

Jack & Delberta Fisher	9/2
Rich & Karen Borglum	9/3
Tom & Mary Harrold	9/3
Aaron & Sandra Johnson	9/12
Andrew & Lindsey Eibey	9/14
Chris & Rachael Coffman	9/16
Lance & Amie Woodyard	9/20
Lawrence & Cindy Mau	9/21
Walt & Gerry Tarter	9/21
Robert & Sharon Barr	9/22
Justin & Stephanie Manning	9/22



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.

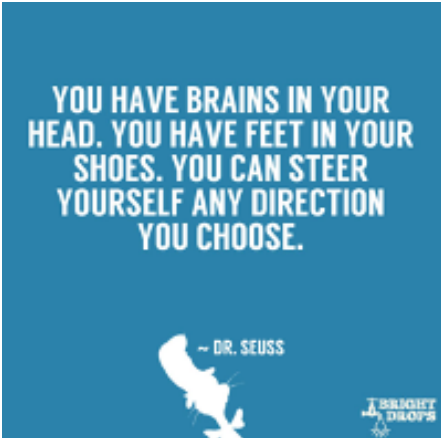
This tradition has declined in the past years, and we are trying to start it up again as a special fund raiser and just another way to Praise God for all the blessings of another year!

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



Sunday School
will begin on
September 18
at 9:15.

Come Join the
FUN!!!



<p>The 2022 Charge Conference will be on Tuesday, October 25. EVERYONE is WELCOME to attend!!!</p>			
<p>5:30 PM</p>	<p>Tuesday, October 25, 2022</p>	<p>Cedar Falls, First 718 Clay St Cedar Falls, IA 50613</p>	<p>Waterloo, First Waterloo, Jubilee Waterloo, Kimball Avenue Waterloo, Linden Waterloo, St. Paul's Evansdale, St. Mark's Cedar Falls, First Cedar Falls, St. Timothy's Cedar Falls, Washington Chapel Janesville-Hudson Threehouse Wesley Foundation Dike</p>



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

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



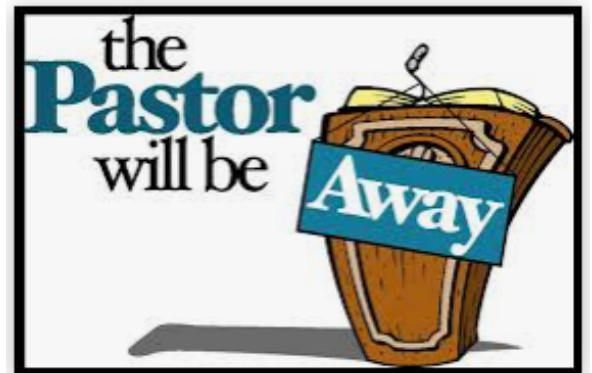
Please keep them in your prayers:

Tom & Char Brickman
Dan & Wendy Brace
Johnny & Esther Folkerds
Velma Rice & her family
Nancy Osborn
Kim Knapp
Nancy Bloker's friend of the family, Will

**The Shepherds will be meeting
September 6 at 9:30 am.**

If you would like more information or lists and schedules, please come to the meeting, contact the church office, or contact Janet Destival.

Remember - **anyone is welcome to be a Shepherd.** It is truly a very rewarding experience.



Pastor Laurie will be on vacation:
Sunday, September 11 and
Monday, September 26 thru
Saturday, October 8

Pulpit Fill:
for Sunday, September 11 -
Lisa Congdon
for Sunday, October 2 -
Rev. Jan Burnett



Thank you for all the
cards
and calls for my 95th
birthday.

~ LaVonne Dorman



Imagine No Malaria

\$245.00 was donated to the “Imagine No Malaria” campaign. Your generous gifts will be used to purchase mosquito nets to help fight Malaria.

American Cancer Society

\$1,505.00 was donated to purchase luminaries In Honor and In Memory of Loved Ones battling cancer. They were displayed on July 24, and the proceeds were donated to the American Cancer Society to help with the continuing battle against this terrible disease.

Thanks to everyone for your generous donations!

Backpack Program

During the month of September, we will be collecting donations for the Food Bank Backpack Program. Each week, they pack and deliver bags of easy-to-fix, kid-friendly meals and snacks to supplement the diets of children when they are not in school. They are pleased to be including larger amounts and more varieties of foods this year. Last year, they packed and delivered over 122,000 bags throughout their 16 county service area, serving 90 schools.

It costs approximately \$3.00 to pack each bag. If you would like to donate to this program, make your check out the church with “backpack” in the memo portion. Watch our recording station in the sanctuary for our donation total to grow!

Thank you for your support.
Mission Committee

Address Updates

Velma Rice (send correspondence to her daughter, Lynn’s, address)
1401 Pleasant Drive
West Des Moines, Iowa 50265

Betty Betsinger
201 15th Street #112
Waverly, Iowa 50677

John Folkerds
201 W. Ridgeway Ave. #307
Waterloo, Iowa 50701



BREMER CO. HEALTH DEPT.
**NOW OFFERING FOOT CLINICS AT
THE JANESVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY**
319 MAIN STREET, JANESVILLE, IA 50647
3RD TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

The Bremer County Health Department Foot Clinics are available to individuals 55 years of age or older and/or individuals who are significantly disabled and unable to manage their own foot care.

The foot clinics offer general foot care and diabetic foot care which includes:

- Foot assessment
- Warm foot soak
- Trimming of nails/calluses using clippers or dremel
- Lotion application/gentle massage
- Education on proper foot care

This service is \$30 per visit. Cash or check only.



**CONTACT THE BREMER CO. HEALTH DEPT. TO
SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT:
(319) 352-0082**



As you know, the Z-Team sponsored a “Sowing Sunday” on May 1. \$20 bills were handed out to anyone wanting to take one for an investment to use their talents, sow the money for a special project, and use the proceeds from those projects to donate to the church for an upcoming **“harvest”**.

It’s not too late! - the Z-Team still has some \$20 bills for you to “sow”. We are also hoping to have a table set up at the “Jingle on Main” this year if you would like to sell your craft or baked good items.

If you would like one or two \$20 bills for a project, please contact the church office.

This year, we are planning to do a **“Yuletide Harvest”** in conjunction with the Children’s Christmas Worship Service in December, which would give everyone more time to work on their projects before the final harvest.

Quilt of the Month

This 16 in. X 26 in. year-round holiday wall hanging is hand quilted and on display in Court Chapel, along with several others. Have a look and see if you are interested.

Prices are negotiable.

