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Janesville United Methodist Church

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## New Office Hours

**Mondays thru Thursdays**  
**8:00 am - 11:00 am**

**Office will be closed**  
**for Labor Day on**  
**Monday, September 4**

## A note from Nikki Haan about Youth Group.....

Hello! We will be getting started with the Youth group again in September.

We will meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month, so the first meeting will be **September 10 from 5:30-7:00.**



We will alternate this year between service projects and fun events every other month.

In September we will do a service project that I am still in the process of coordinating.

In October we will plan a Haunted house as our fun event.

In November we will do a service project.

In December we will have a pizza party and games at the church for our fun event.

We will also be doing a Dew on The Roses mum voucher fundraiser.



## A Note from the Pastor



Well, my Facebook page tells me it has happened! Maybe some of you have had your Facebook page telling you the same thing in the last few days. Of course, that would be all the first day of school pictures because school has started once again for many of the students in the state of Iowa. Now that also means that all the fall sports have started up once again.

For those of you who have visited with me in the last year you know that one of the fall sports that I really enjoy is football. Yes, that's right I enjoy a good football game and I have my favorite teams that I like to watch, the Wildcats, the Cyclones, the Panthers, that other black and yellow team as long as they are not playing my Cyclones. The Bears, Chiefs, Vikings, and that other green and yellow team as long as they are not playing the Vikings or Bears. Well maybe not all of you watch the game of football like I do but I have a story to share with you about a football game anyway.

There once was an important game between two football teams. One team was much larger than the other and seemed to be dominating the game. The smaller team was being beaten badly.

By half-time the coach of the smaller team knew that his team was not able to block or contain the other team any longer. So, he decided that his only option was to call the plays that went to Calhoun. Calhoun was the fastest back in the area, who could easily outrun the larger players once he got free.

The coach told his quarterback what plays to call and then sat back in confidence that his team would now have a chance. The problem was that Calhoun never received the ball on the following plays and the team lost the game.

The coach was angry and said to the quarterback I told you to give the ball to Calhoun why didn't you do what I wanted? The quarterback stood tall and told the coach "Each play I called what you wanted; the problem was Calhoun did not want the ball".

Well, I do not know how all my teams will do this season as I watch them play. What I do know is that when each game is over people will be either happy or sad. But as we either celebrate our win or morn our loss - remember that it is only a game that is played for a season and life will go on.

What is not a game played only for a season is the ministry that we are all called to be in, the ministry of our church. We are called year-round to be in ministry to each other, to our community, and sometimes even beyond where we ever though we would go.

So, I invite you to think about this, how is the ball offered to each of us here in the church? When that ball is offered to us what do we do with it? Are we willing to take the ball and work with the rest of our team to head for a goal? Or do we run away from the ball, the job or whatever Christ is calling us to do?

Join us on Sunday as we worship together, pray together, and play together in the name of Christ.

See you in worship,  
Pastor Laurie

## Volunteers for September

### Liturgists in Septemer

September 3  
Margaret Shepard

September 10  
Del Shepard

September 17  
Sharon Heiser

September 24  
Gary Shaulis

### Ushers in September

September 3  
Brad Ruth

September 10  
Dick & Karen Funk

September 17  
Dave Beenblossom

September 24  
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 |
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| Justin & Stephanie Manning | 9/22 |

## 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 |





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  
Sandy Laube  
Bev West  
Pam MacKay

Prayers for healing are requested for:

Colette Ruth  
Sandy Laube  
Pam MacKay  
Tom & Char Brickman  
LaVonne Dorman  
Esther Folkerds  
Flo Shepard  
Dan & Wendy Brace  
Evelyn Turner

The Shepherds will meet on  
**Tuesday, September 5 at 9:30 am.**

Remember - everyone is invited to join the Shepherds to visit shut-ins. It is a rewarding experience for those who visit AND those who are visited!



Bob and Sharon Barr will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary (September 22) with a vow renewal ceremony on **Sunday, September 24, immediately following worship.** Everyone is welcome to join them.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
BOB & SHARON!**





This month's special Craft Corner offering are these fun and functional catnip mice to keep your kitties entertained.

They are \$3.00 for the larger mice and \$2.00 for the smaller ones.

We have a large variety to choose from, but special orders are also welcome!



\$3.00 each



\$2.00 each



### **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 91,000 bags throughout their 16 county service area, serving 150 schools.

It costs approximately \$3.25 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

Missions and Outreach

Your participation and donations are appreciated.

**THANK YOU!**

**JANESVILLE  
DAYS**

Thurs-Sat

July 20-22



**AMERICAN  
CANCER  
SOCIETY**

JUMC served pie, ice cream, and fellowship for Janesville Days kick-off on Friday, July 21.

Attendance was amazing, and we ran out of pie (198 pieces were served)! A profit of **\$461** was donated to the church's general fund.

Luminary Display on Sunday, July 23

As a result of many generous donations In Memory and In Honor of families fighting the battle with cancer, **\$1,890** was donated to the American Cancer Society.



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Imagine No Malaria

Malaria is one of the leading causes of morbidity and mortality globally. More than 200 million people are infected and 400,000 die from the disease each year.

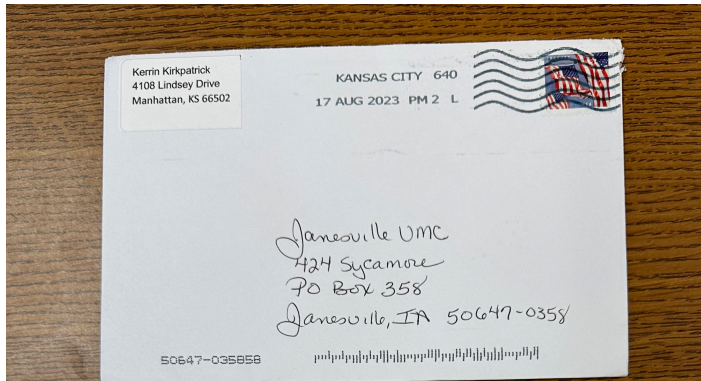
Thanks to your generosity during our June/July fundraiser, **\$125** was donated to help this cause.



Sunday School will start up again on  
**Sunday, September 10**  
**9:15 - 10:15 am.**

Mark your calendars.  
 More information will be coming soon.

Thank  
 You



The quilters donated several throws to Cedar Valley Hospice and baby quilts to Waverly Birthing Center. These donations were greatly appreciated, and the quilters enjoy having a purpose for their projects.



Words alone cannot express my appreciation for all the prayers, cards, flowers, phone calls and visits from my church family and many community members during recovery from both of my knee surgeries and the recent unexpected death of my brother-in-law. I will always treasure the outpouring of love and caring shown to both me and Gene.

Thank you, Virginia Robinson

Dear Janesville Friends,  
 Thank you so much for your prayers, your cards, and your memorial gifts. We felt your presence with us on this journey! Carl is now at rest - no more pain, no more doctor's appointments and infusions. All will be well!  
 May God continue to bless your ministry in the Janesville area!  
 In Christ's Love,  
 Keni & Family  
 P.S. - Go Wildcats!

To know you are with us in our time of *Sorrow*  
 Sharing our prayers,  
 Today & tomorrow  
*God* gives us comfort in the form of family & friends.  
 May His peace be with you,  
 His *love* never ends.

The family of  
 Carl Kirkpatrick



What better way for God to call us than to ring the church bell on Sunday mornings, saying to our community, “Come worship with us”?

Our church has been blessed with a beautiful, historic bell that we are able to ring on Sunday mornings before worship. Unfortunately, we are unable to get volunteers who are willing, available, and/or able to consistently ring our bell every Sunday morning.

Our Usher Committee and Tech Committee have researched and will be purchasing an electronic bell ringing device for the church. This device will be set to automatically ring the bell at any designated time, eliminating the need for someone to go out into the weather to manually ring the bell.

The company that sells these devices has assured us that the chances of this device being struck and destroyed by lightning are minimal. We will, however, choose to invest in a surge protector to protect this electronic system, in case the unexpected would happen.

The cost of this device is \$6,476. This price includes a control box, the exterior clapper, and a surge protector. Installation would be an additional \$2,500.

We are currently asking for donations to help cover the cost of the bell ringer and installation. If you wish to donate, it may be sent to the church or placed in the offering plate on Sundays. Be sure to label your check “bell ringer”.

Please pray on this and do whatever God leads you to do. We hope to be able to complete this project by the end of fall before the weather starts getting colder.





The Z-Team will be meeting on **Tuesday, September 12 at 1:00 pm** to organize upcoming events.  
-and-  
**Tuesday, September 26 at 1:00 pm** they will be meeting to set up for the Rummage Sale.  
**Please feel free to come help!!!!**

We will, once again, be participating in the  
Janesville Citywide Garage Sales

We will be having a **RUMMAGE SALE** and a **BAKE SALE**  
on **Friday, September 29 from 8am until 5pm**

and on **Saturday, September 30, from 8am until 2pm**

Adult clothing items WILL NOT be accepted (except for winter coats).

Children's clothing, coats, toys etc. **WILL BE ACCEPTED**

(but we will not be accepting baby cribs, play pens, high chairs, car seats or baby carriers)

**We ARE also asking for donations of BAKED GOODS.**

The sale will be held in the lower level in Fellowship Hall.

Please bring all items to Fellowship Hall in the lower level (do not leave them in Court Chapel or upstairs) beginning Monday, September 25 (do not bring anything prior to that date), and place articles on the tables in Fellowship Hall.

If you would like a specific price put on an item, it must be marked when you bring it in.  
Otherwise, all items will be sold as "good will offering".

All proceeds will go to the General Fund of the Church.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP** in organizing the sale and on the day of the sale.

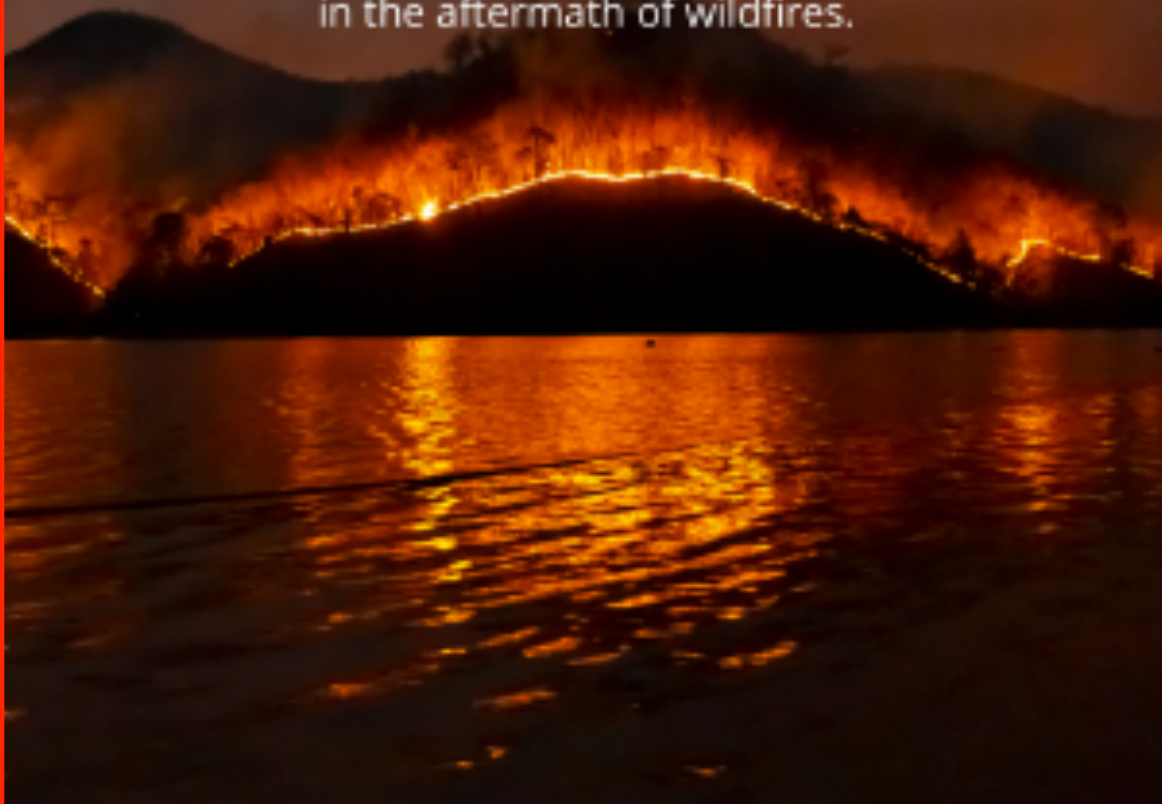


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## SUPPORT FOR MAUI

An UMCOR grant is providing food, water, hygiene items and tools to help survivors recover belongings. As first responders continue to provide initial aid, join us in prayer and support for the people of Maui in the aftermath of wildfires.



**Support relief and recovery efforts  
by donating to UMCOR.**

Please make your donation checks out  
to JUMC  
with "Maui" in the memo portion.