

The Janesville Bridge



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October 2020 Newsletter

Janesville United Methodist Church

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OCTOBER 4

It is the hope of the Worship Team to offer communion on the way out of the sanctuary for anyone who wants to attend on **WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY, October 4**, while Sue blesses us with her ministry of music through organ playing. **Come and go from 10:30-11:30 am with masks, distancing, and hand sanitizing.** Self-monitoring is the hope.

We may or may not offer Worship in the sanctuary on the following Sundays. This is a trial run that Sue especially wanted to gift to us. Thank you, Sue. (Online still available)

WORK TO DO BEFORE OCT 11 CHARGE CONFERENCE BY SUGGESTED OCT 4 MEETING

COVID has not stopped Charge Conferences from being scheduled. They are required by UMDiscipline. Suggestion is being made we have a short, outdoor, (weather permitting) **Ad Board meeting on Sunday, Oct 4 at 11:30 am** for approval of the work for 2021 of JUMC committees.

The Finance Team needs to work up a 2021 Budget. Apportionments have been reduced again this year. In the Iowa Conference alone over \$2,000,000 has been cut in the past few years. It's painful to see ministries and missions, as well as employees lost from Iowa UMC work.

SPRC needs to look at salaries and wages. Nominations needs to find a Lay Leader and a Lay member to Annual Conference as Mary and Lolita have both moved away from Janesville. Another **SPRC member is needed** to replace Cindy Dobbs who cannot serve as long as she is our church administrative assistant.

It would seem fitting that WE ALL are praying for persons to say “yes” to God through these opportunities to serve JUMC.

Another suggestion is to **continue our 2020 goals into the 2021 year.** Along with that idea, would the **leadership be willing to continue another year by extending terms and just not count 2020? If not, please let us know as soon as possible.**

It's Hudson UMCs turn to host, and we are hoping to offer attendance over ZOOM at the 2 pm Conference on Sunday, October 11. All officers are asked to “attend,” though everyone is welcome.

Watch for details as time grows near. And please volunteer or say, “yes” to a call from our Nominations Committee.

Charge Conference

2 pm Sunday, Oct 11

at HUMC and/or by ZOOM.

All officers are asked to “attend”

NO Sunday School at this time

Watch for more information at later date.

Dear JUMC Families from Pastor Audrey:)

Lincoln's now-famous "house divided" line was drawn from Matthew 12 in the **Bible**, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. It was actually part of a most important address in U.S. history, when he accepted the Illinois Senate Republican nomination. The speech marked his entrance into national politics at a time when the nation was profoundly at odds over slavery. We are still working on the issue of racism.

And every four years, because of our election system, we can pretty much count on the country becoming "divided" again. I heard my grandson say he thinks there will be another Civil War. I'm not sure if he was just making conversation or speaking from his fear or both. It's sad the U.S. does this to ourselves regularly. Yet, good things always come from the not-so-good events of our lives.

That's **Biblical** too. Check out: We know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28

To me the **Bible** is still of great authority on everything in life. I hope it is for you too, and you are relying on its words of life and love to get you through these difficult days.

Here are some **Bible** verses to be helpful:

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10 ESV

When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. Psalm 56:3 ESV

For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. 2 Timothy 1:7 ESV

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6 ESV

I sought the Lord and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Psalm 34:4 ESV

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5:6-7 ESV

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 ESV

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. John 14:27 ESV

Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." Isaiah 35:4

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23:4

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad. Proverbs 12:25

A GOOD WORD MAKES HIM GLAD can come from one's self, but usually comes from someone else. It can even come from social media with all its memes, etc. So I encourage you to be the answer to someone else's anxiety or fear.

Call or send a card to a friend you haven't visited with in awhile. Look them up on social media and "friend" one another. Since moving back to Bremer County and attending a class reunion last year, I have reconnected with classmates online and in-person-before COVID, and truly enjoy these re-established relationships. How about the church folk you worked alongside at fellowship and fund-raising events, UMW pals, or Men's Breakfast guys?

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Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7 ESV

That “**peace**” is a promise of God and God can’t break any of His promises. God has to speak only truth. We only need reach out to God and believe God can give us His peace. Let everything else go out of your mind. Instead of watching the news so frequently, watch worship online, read the Bible or a good Christian book. Do nothing but focus on God and God’s goodness for that amount of time and you **WILL** receive that “**peace which surpasses all understanding.**”

I’m available at contact information in page 1 header and Monday-Thursday mornings in the office.

God bless us all as we navigate the pandemic together with God’s help. Pastor Audrey:)

Ingathering Update Saturday, November 7, 2020

Due to the COVID virus many of the Ingathering activities will not be held this year. The event has been reorganized and **WILL ACCEPT mission kits with social distancing precautions.**

The Mission Committee WILL BE taking kits to the event. Please have your mission kits to the church by Sunday, October 25th for consecrating and packing.

A reminder-there are new packing guidelines this year for some of the kits. If you don’t have the current lists, contact Cindy Spencer.

Be sure to shop soon-there may still be some bargains out there for school supplies!

For details, go to “<http://www.midwestmission.org/kits-projects-patterns/midwest-mission>.” Donate there or grateful for checks to the church with *Ingathering* in memo line also.

October UMWomen Scripture

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.”

There can be space for YOUR article HERE next month. Email your news to Cindy at janesvilleumc@gmail.com about what’s happening at JUMC.

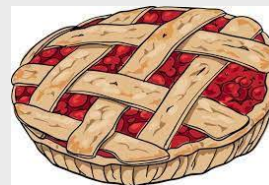
NO Turkey Dinner
because of COVID
HOWEVER

You and the public
will be able to order



Cranberry Relish and

Fruit Pies after
November 12.



(Do you have new or used flats & rings for relish jars to donate?)

Just in case you are wondering:

Black Hawk County COVID Statistics

4961 & 84 on 9/17/20. (21 & 1) **07%**
4940 & 83 on 9/16/20 (35)
4905 & 83 on 9/15/20 (17 & 1)
4888 & 82 on 9/14/20 (28 & 1)
4860 & 81 on 9/12/20. (34) **17%**
4826 & 81 on 9/11/20. (28)
4798 & 81 on 9/10 (31 & 2)
4767 & 79 on 9/9/20. (95)
4672 & 79 on 9/5/20. (62 & 3 deaths)
4610 & 76 on 9/4/20 (60)
4550 & 76 on 9/03/20. (14)
4536 & 76 on 9/02 (42 & 1)
4504 **cases & 75 deaths** on 9/01
(**Increase:40 & 1 death**)

Let us pray for these folk

Cindy, Wil & Crystal on loss of
husband & father Hap Spencer.

Tom & Char Brickman

Wendy Brace

Johnny & Esther Folkerds

Fred & Lorraine Hallberg

Ruth May Hamilton

Jan Guzman

Chester, Nikki Haan's dad

Dennis Osborn & family

Marge Grandon

Evelyn Johnson recovering

Flo Shephard

Evelyn Wubbena

Marlys Cook

De & Carol Dix

Georgia Eibey

Linda Stroud

Dave Peters had surgery

Others?

For persons to fill leadership
positions

Lolita Huber wrote to say
she'd love to have visitors
(call first to meet her on the
patio) or letters at Willow
Winds, Unit 15, 121 Bremer
Ave, Denver, 50622

Welcome!

SPRC is happy to announce
the hiring of our own

Cindy Dobbs

as our new Administrative
Assistant at JUMC beginning
week of Sept 21.

Her hours & days will vary as
needed due to COVID

October Anniversaries

Scott & Angie Destival	10/7
B. J. & Lynnley Barr	10/7
Chris & Jody Charley	10/10
Delos Jr. & Marilyn Cox	10/12
Dave & Mary Peters	10/14
James & Karla Whitney	10/15
Tom & Charlotte Brickman	10/29
Ryan & Katie Johnson	10/29

October Birthdays

Penny Busch	10/2
Kyle Hinz	10/3
Matt Shook	10/9
B. J. Barr	10/10
Amanda Busch	10/10
Darlene Glawe	10/11
Crystal Spencer	10/15
Lilly Habenicht	10/17
Bridget Widner	10/19
Catherine Dierks	10/20
Bret Wrage	10/20
Jacob Ruth	10/21
Talere Sorge	10/21
Robert Hubbell	10/21
Talan Lafrentz	10/22
Joe Kiene	10/26
Nancy Lockett	10/28
Caelan Coffman	10/29
Cassandra Piper	10/31

