



The Janesville Bridge

“To be a bridge of caring relationships connecting people to God and each other.”

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Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:00-noon

Sunday School - 9:15 a.m. (Sept. thru May)

Fellowship - 10:00 a.m.

Worship - 10:30 a.m.

August 2019 Newsletter

Janesville United Methodist Church

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 22 - 25



JANESVILLE DAYS

PARADE FLOAT

JULY 26





In case you missed Pastor Audrey's first Sunday with us - a re-recording of her sermon introducing herself can be found on the church web page. Simply go to this web address and select the "Meet Pastor Audrey" button.

<http://janesvilleunitedmethodistchurch.weebly.com>

In this month of "Getting to Know You," I have been privileged to hear some of your personal stories and I thank you. I have been invited to share meals and conversation and I thank you. I have ridden in parades and enjoyed your children at VBS and I thank you.

One of the most surprising and enjoyable moments of "Getting to Know You," was with Madaline during children's time at JUMC worship. She very innocently disclosed what her parents had been keeping a secret and we are all delighted for them.

"Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." Luke 18:15-18 NIV.

Those verses have been interpreted in many ways. I think it gives us permission to be open and honest, innocent and inviting, silly and humorous, sharing with and caring for one another no matter our age.

I hope our good activities and positive sharing of our personal lives and our church family life can continue as we are "Getting to Know" each other over the coming months and years, that God may continue to bless us abundantly.

I will always pray for you and ask for your prayers for me. Pastor Audrey 😊

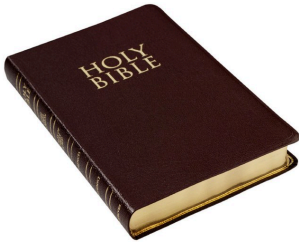
P.S. It seems we are enjoying the stories of what happened to the First Church of Raymond when they chose to take up the challenge to ask themselves the question, "What Would Jesus Do?" with every decision in their lives. So I plan to continue the sermon series into August.

Charles Sheldon's book, "In His Steps," originally published in 1897, is just as relevant today as it was back then. It changed my definition of Christian Discipleship some 30 years ago. I hope it will change yours too.

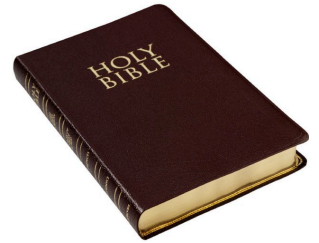
The Nominations Committee LIVES!

We are re-establishing the Nominations Committee, and they will be reviewing committee assignments and working on filling empty slots.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Audrey.



**“Yes, Virginia, There IS a Santa Claus”
and there IS a Bible Study group at JUMC**



The group was established by women of the church and is one of the oldest functioning committees/groups. They called it, “The Tuesday Morning Bible Study & Support Group”. The purpose was threefold:

1. To study the Bible
2. To promote the reading program of the UMW
3. To assist with miscellaneous church events

The group still meets every Tuesday morning from 10:00 to 11:00 am. Bible reading assignments (verses or chapters) are given to read at home and then discussed the following week. 2 or 3 different versions of “study” Bibles are used as references, as well as current books, authors (such as Max Lucado, Beth Moore, David Jeremiah, etc.). Church pastors have never led this study group. The group is a self-study, self-participation group. Attendees have numbered from 12 to 5. Currently, there are 5 members. The group meets year round. It is not to be confused with the Bible Study group conducted by the church pastor.

If you want to study the Bible, consider joining this group. There are no formal membership requirements - just show up on a Tuesday morning with your Bible.

Nothing pleases God more than His people wanting to grow in spirit and in wisdom by reading and studying the Bible.

Pastor Audrey's Sermon Series.

"What Would Jesus Do?" continues

August 4

10:00am Fellowship

10:30am Worship

with Communion & Baptism

August 6

9:00am Shepherds visit homebound

1:00pm Finance

August 10

8:00am Mens' Breakfast in Fellowship Hall

August 11

10:00am Fellowship

10:30am Worship

August 13

7:00pm Trustees

August 18

10:00am Fellowship

10:30am Worship

5:00pm Community Picnic

The men are cooking!

August 25

10:00am Fellowship

10:30am Worship



Study & Support Group

Tuesdays at 10:00 am.

August 6, 13, 20, 27

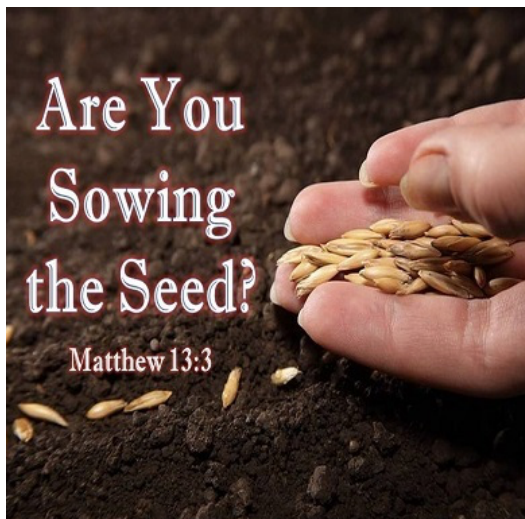
Quilters

Wednesdays at 9:30 am.

August 7, 14, 21, 28

Choir Practice

Choir is on Summer Break
until next month



Sowing Projects

If you have started on your sowing projects or have an idea that you want to start with your \$20 seed money - GOOD FOR YOU!!!

We have reserved a table at the Waverly Flea Market on November 1 - 2.

So, if you have more items to sell at that time, just bring them to the church and we will sell them and harvest them for you.

Thank you for your participation,

The Z-Team



Imagine No Malaria

The mosquitoes have arrived!! Luckily the ones in our sanctuary are cute and harmless. Unfortunately, over half of our world is at risk from malaria-carrying mosquitoes. The incidence of malaria has dropped 29% since 2010 but over 400,000 people die from malaria every year - most of these are children. **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.



We have a number of prayer shawls, on hand, to be given to those who need a loving touch. If you know of someone in need, please feel free to take a shawl and deliver it yourself. All we ask is that you record the shawls you take in the book that is with the shawls in the trunk in Court Chapel.

Thank you from Mary Burkes and the Shepherds

The Shepherds would also like to invite others to join them on their visits to the homebound church family.

Contact Mary Burkes for more information.

Community Picnic

Janesville City Park
811 Barrick Road

Sunday, August 18

5:00-8:00pm

(serving 5:30-7:00pm)

free-will offering



THE MEN ARE COOKING!

**Sponsored by the
Janesville United Methodist Church
Men's Club**

We are looking for ALL Janesville families
to spend an evening of
FOOD, FUN, and FELLOWSHIP!

Church members are
asked to supply
cookies and/or bars.

Thank you!

Menu

Hamburgers - Brats- Hot Dogs
Chips - Baked Beans - Mixed Fruit
Ice Cream and Cookies
Iced Tea - Lemonade - Water



For more information
call the church office:
Mon-Thur 8:00 - noon
319-987-2596



To: Janesville United Methodist Church,

Thank you very much for all of the supplies you gave to Waverly Pet Rescue. All of the animals in our care will use these items so we really appreciate this! Thank you also for the cash. We will use that to pay vet bills. And thank you for the gift cards to Walmart and Norby's! We will use those to buy more supplies.

So kind of all of you to help us.
Thanks again,
Sheri, Waverly Pet Rescue

Many thanks to the family of Cheryl Immerzeel, who donated a new range for our kitchen. What a touching tribute to Cheryl, and it will be put to good use!!!

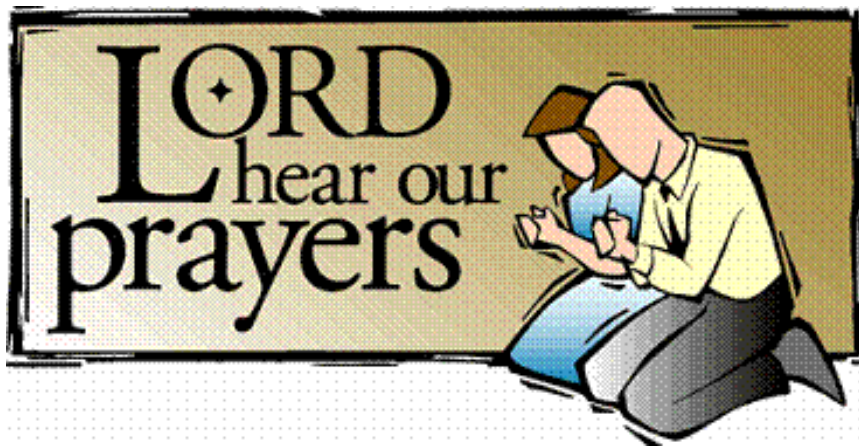


Thank you to ALL who helped with Vacation Bible School (over \$420 worth of school supplies were collected for the Janesville School). And thanks to everyone who helped with the Janesville Days Parade.

So many people did so much! Our church is alive and flourishing and making our presence known in the community!

Thank you - Thank you - Thank you!!!





Prayers for our homebound church family, who are visited by our Shepherds:

Roberta Rockwood
Dick Purdy
Jean Altenheim
Richard Wireman
Flo Shephard
Evelyn Wubbena
Marlys Cook
Milton Dobbs
De & Carol Dix
John & Sandy Brucher
Georgia Eibey

Prayers go out to
Sharon Barr
and her family
on the passing
of her step-father.

Please keep
Char Brickman
Jane Fauser
Wendy Brace
Chelsey Brace
Johnny & Esther
Folkerds
Ben Huber
Evelyn Turner
Nancy Millsap

in your prayers as they
deal with health
concerns.

Please pray for:

Nursing Home Residents
All Veterans
(past, present & future)
Fire Fighters
First Responders
Students and Teachers
Our Pastor
Fred Hallberg
Patti Baldwin
Scott Turner
Marilyn Taylor
Dennis Osborn & family

Greeters, Ushers, & Readers for August

August 4 - Communion:

Greeter - Christena Charley

Reader - Karen Borglum

Ushers - Tom & Christena Charley,
Brad Ruth

Communion Servers - Jean Eibey,
Melissa Eibey

August 11:

Greeters - Bob & Sharon Barr

Reader - Kathy Whitney

Ushers - Dick & Karen Funk

August 18:

Greeters - Dave & Nancy Beenblossom

Reader - Lolita Huber

Ushers - Scott & Kim Knapp

August 25:

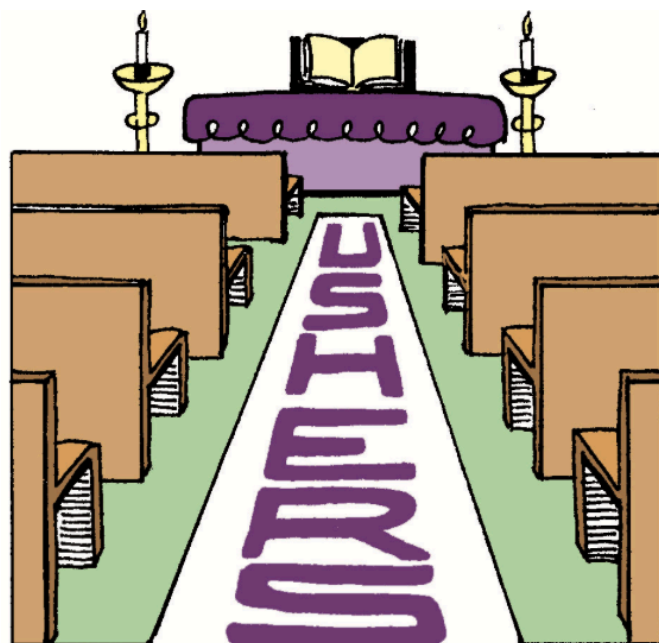
Greeter - Cindy Spencer

Reader - Lorraine Hallberg

Ushers - Gary Shaulis,
Dave Beenblossom



Greeters





August Anniversaries

| | |
|---------------------------|------|
| Alex & Melinda Westendorf | 8/3 |
| Shawn & Jenifer Cooper | 8/5 |
| Brad & Colette Ruth | 8/5 |
| Tim & Cindy Nisius | 8/8 |
| John & Sandra Brucher | 8/10 |
| Justin & Nikki Shook | 8/11 |
| Bret & Paula Wrage | 8/14 |
| Walt & Rita Ruth | 8/20 |
| Dick & Karen Funk | 8/23 |
| Lyle & Jennifer Piper | 8/24 |
| Marvin & DeAnn Bliss | 8/27 |
| Mike & Deb Wienhold | 8/30 |

August Birthdays

| | |
|--------------------|------|
| Amy Shook | 8/3 |
| Bailey Carlisle | 8/5 |
| Sandra Johnson | 8/5 |
| Cody Bertram | 8/5 |
| Cory Bertram | 8/5 |
| Dee Ann Hinders | 8/6 |
| Gloria Freiling | 8/6 |
| Joe Kessel | 8/6 |
| Dan Brace | 8/7 |
| LaVonne Dorman | 8/7 |
| Margaret Shepard | 8/7 |
| Davis Kidder | 8/9 |
| Nikki Haan | 8/10 |
| Kaitlyn Brocka | 8/11 |
| Maranda Mills | 8/11 |
| Andi Marie Shook | 8/11 |
| Colleen Liming | 8/12 |
| Fred Hallberg | 8/15 |
| Lois Boeck | 8/16 |
| Shannon Brocka | 8/16 |
| Hunter Destival | 8/16 |
| Steve Dobbs | 8/16 |
| Earl (Wil) Spencer | 8/16 |
| Jack Lockett | 8/17 |
| Markella Stratiou | 8/17 |
| Christian Heiser | 8/17 |
| Brandi Jans | 8/18 |
| Tyler Osborn | 8/18 |
| Betty Betsinger | 8/24 |
| Lexi West | 8/24 |
| Velma Rice | 8/25 |
| Tom Brickman | 8/26 |
| Kathleen Knapp | 8/26 |
| Barb Reid | 8/26 |
| Mickey Baker | 8/26 |
| Lee Ackerson | 8/27 |
| Tyler Robinson | 8/27 |
| Dalton Woodyard | 8/27 |
| Rylee Johnson | 8/27 |
| Angie Destival | 8/29 |
| Lynnley Barr | 8/29 |
| Michael Burkes | 8/30 |
| Vicki Fisher | 8/30 |
| Jacob Yochum | 8/30 |
| Andrew Heins | 8/31 |

It's not too late for you to make a donation for our new platform lift. Detailed information and blueprints can be found on the table between the church offices.

If you would like to donate to the Platform Lift Project, please mark your checks with "Platform" in the memo portion and we will be sure to apply your donation to this project.

As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated. This new platform lift is much needed and will be a great improvement for our church!!!



Congratulations to Larry & Sue Stapleton on the birth of their first grandchild.

It's a Girl!!!

We're pretty sure Sue can tell you all about her, WITH PICTURES, if you just ask!!!

The SPPRC is planning to have some small group get-togethers to give everyone a chance to meet and welcome Pastor Audrey. Please call Margaret Shepard or the church office if you would be willing to host a get-together. ****no cooking is required****

Free Stuff !!!

We have 5 tickets to the Old Creamery Theater (good through December 15, 2019).

We also would like to give someone the old washer and dryer from the parsonage.

If you know of anyone who needs or can use these items, please contact the church office.

We are not "selling" these items, but a free-will offering to the General Fund of the church would be accepted and appreciated.



As we wrap up the Vacation Bible School season and start to think about Back to School - here is another reminder for all you parents about the importance of bringing your children to church.



To Those Who Bring Small Children to Church:

There you are at church. Your baby or toddler is restless. Perhaps even a little boisterous. You try to silence them, and nothing. You try to pacify them with food or toys, and nothing. Eventually, you resort to the last thing you wanted to do: you pick them up, and before a watching audience, you make the march out of the church. All the while you're a little embarrassed, maybe a little frustrated too. You might even think to yourself, "There's no point in coming to church. I get nothing out of it because I have to constantly care for my kid."

I want you - mothers and/or fathers - to know just how encouraging you are to so many. The elderly woman who often feels alone beams with a smile at the sight of you wrestling with your little one. She's been there before. She knows how hard it can be, but she smiles because to hear that brings back precious memories. Seeing young parents and their small children brighten her day; she may have just received bad news about her health but seeing the vitality of young ones removes - if but for a moment - her fears. The older man who always seems to be grouchy notices you too. He's always talking about how children in this day have no respect or sense of goodness. But he sees you - a young family - in church every week. Like clockwork, he can depend on the sight of you and your young family. You give him hope that maybe the Church isn't doomed after all, because there are still young parents who love God enough to bring their restless children to church.

Bring your children to church! If we don't hear crying, the church is dying. As hard as it might be for you as a parent who's half-asleep, keep on doing what you're doing. You are an encouragement, and you're starting off your children's lives as you should.

- Author unknown

Financial Update - January 1, 2019 thru May 28, 2019

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In an effort to help the congregation understand our financial status throughout the year, we will be providing monthly updates in each Newsletter.

This report is based on weekly offerings (and additional fund raising) vs. our expenses from our annual budget, which include the amounts we would need to pay, monthly, to cover all of our projected expenses, including apportionments.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the Finance Committee.

| Page 1 | | 2019 Budget Amount \$120,370 - total for the year | Income vs. | |
|--------------------|---|--|-------------------|--------------------------|
| | Offerings | MONTHLY AMOUNT | Expense | Current |
| DATES | These totals do not include any special deposits (such as money from special year-end giving, Memorials, or Scrip Accounts) * unless noted * | The monthly budget amount includes salaries, payroll taxes, pastor's pension, health, & mileage, utilities, operating expenses, apportionments, etc. | Amount | Excess or Deficit |
| | | | for Month | |
| 1/6/19 | 2,878.00 | | | |
| 1/10-Hudson | 817.48 | | | |
| 1/13/19 | 1,351.00 | | | |
| 1/20/19 | 706.00 | | | |
| 1/27/19 | 1,639.00 | | | |
| direct deposits | 880.00 | | | |
| Jan total | 8,271.48 | 10,031.00 | -1,759.52 | -1,759.52 |
| 2/3/19 | 929.00 | | | |
| 2/10-Hudson | 817.48 | | | |
| 2/10/19 | 1,334.00 | | | |
| 2/17/19 | 705.00 | | | |
| 2/24/19 | 0.00 | | | |
| direct deposits | 880.00 | | | |
| Feb total | 4,665.48 | 10,031.00 | -5,365.52 | -7,125.04 |
| 3/3/19 | 2,881.00 | | | |
| 3/10-Hudson | 817.48 | | | |
| 3/10/19 | 1,964.00 | | | |
| 3/17/19 | 2,387.00 | | | |
| 3/24/19 | 1,512.10 | | | |
| direct deposits | 880.00 | | | |
| Mar total | 10,441.58 | 10,031.00 | 410.58 | -6,714.46 |
| 3/31/19 | 837.00 | | | |
| 4/7/19 | 2,086.00 | | | |
| 4/10-Hudson | 817.48 | | | |
| 4/14/19 | 1,888.00 | | | |
| 4/21/19 | 1,455.00 | | | |
| 4/21-Easter Bkfst. | 423.00 | | | |
| 4/27-Rummage Sale | 857.00 | | | |
| 4/27-Luncheon | 265.00 | | | |
| direct deposits | 880.00 | | | |
| Apr total | 9,508.48 | 10,031.00 | -522.52 | -7,236.98 |

| Page 2 | | 2019 Budget Amount | Income vs. | |
|-------------------|--|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| | | <u>\$120,370 - total for the year</u> | Expense | Current |
| | Offerings | MONTHLY AMOUNT | Amount | Excess |
| | These totals do not include any special deposits (such as money from special year-end giving, Memorials, or Scrip Accounts) * unless noted * | The monthly budget amount includes salaries, payroll taxes, pastor's pension, health, & mileage, utilities, operating expenses, apportionments, etc. | for Month | or Deficit |
| DATES | | | | |
| 4/28/19 | 591.00 | | | |
| 5/5/19 | 2,219.65 | | | |
| 5/10-Hudson | 817.48 | | | |
| 5/12/19 | 1,840.00 | | | |
| 5/19/19 | 1,291.25 | | | |
| direct deposits | 880.00 | | | |
| 5/26/19 | 662.00 | | | |
| May total | 8,301.38 | 10,031.00 | -1,729.62 | -8,966.60 |
| 6/2/19 | 2,118.50 | | | |
| 6/9/19 | 1,094.00 | | | |
| 6/10-Hudson | 1,076.48 | | | |
| 6/16/19 | 917.00 | | | |
| 6/23/19 | 686.00 | | | |
| direct deposits | 880.00 | | | |
| 6/30/19 | 832.00 | | | |
| June total | 7,603.98 | 10,031.00 | -2,427.02 | -11,393.62 |
| 7/7/19 | 1,936.00 | | | |
| 7/10-Hudson | 817.48 | | | |
| 7/14/19 | 832.00 | | | |
| 7/21/19 | 1,105.00 | | | |
| direct deposits | 880.00 | | | |
| 7/28/19 | pending | | | |
| July total | 5,570.48 | 10,031.00 | -4,460.52 | -15,854.14 |



Last, but not least, we would like to extend our Congratulations and Blessings to Betsy Knapp and Colton Marshall, who were married on July 20.

They will be returning to Doha, Qatar where they will continue teaching.