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**WESTMINSTER**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**St. John's**  
United Church of Christ

## *SEPTEMBER CALENDAR*

SEPT 1 - WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION

SEPT 5 – ROSE JOHNSON MEMORIAL VISITATION 10 AM,  
SERVICE 11 AM

SEPT 8 – WORSHIP, LUNCH, ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS  
WITH OUR CONSULTANTS

SEPT 15, 22, 29 - WORSHIP 10 AM; COFFEE HOUR FOLLOWS IN THE  
COMMUNITY ROOM

SEPT 19 – JACKSON PERSONAL CARE 4:30 – 6 PM

SEPT 20 – FOOD PANTRY, BABY SPRINKLES & KIDS' CLOSET  
10 AM -12 NOON

SEPT 24 – COMMUNITY DINNER 6 PM

SEPT 28 – COMMUNITY DANCE 7 - 9 PM



Our consultants will be here Sunday, September 8. Claire Bamberg (UCC) and Trace Haythorn (PCUSA) will lead worship, then we'll enjoy lunch together with round table discussion following. Let's invite those who have been missing from worship. See you there! We'll begin at 10 AM.

## September 2024

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## *Mission Updates*

Our **August Food Pantry** served 120 persons representing 278 family members. 3459 pounds of food were distributed. Fifty-six persons were served at our Community Dinner on August 20. - Contributed by Carl Robinson

Our August **Baby Sprinkle and Kids' Closet** was held on August 16 and served 45 families, representing 86 children. - Contributed by Donna Benedict

In August, 12 individuals received emergency food and 20 people used our church showers. The **Samaritan Fund** provided assistance for 2 evictions and 2 utility payments. - Contributed by Michele Wilson

For the first four weeks of August, the **Jackson Personal Care Ministry** served 258 guests. - Contributed by Margo and John Fenstermaker

## *Church Van Drivers*

Do you like to drive? We need drivers who will pick up those who need a ride to church on Sunday mornings. Please contact Evelyn in the church office if you can help.



## *Bible Delivery*



St. John's has two boxes of pew bibles to share with those in need. Christian Resources International in Fowlerville, Michigan, will ship bibles anywhere they are needed. If you are headed north toward Fowlerville and can deliver the bibles to CRI, please contact Judy or Evelyn in the church office.

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# From the Pastor's Screen



## COMPLEMENT

Keith and I celebrated 39 years of marriage on August 15. Like many marriages, there were days we thought we wouldn't last, and there were times we knew we'd stay together. It has been a good partnership for us both.

I can remember the first week we were married. I didn't sleep all week, and not for the reason you may be thinking. I couldn't sleep because Keith had a fan blasting on us all night. The only time I slept was when I was driving to work in the morning, and that wasn't exactly safe! I wasn't used to the noise and air, so Keith had to make a change for me. He still had his fan, but it was quieter and didn't blow on my side of the bed.

I thought about marriage when Jake asked me last week to define "partnership." As I reflected on my years with my husband, one word came to mind: complement. We complement one another; we make each other better. We bring our strengths to the marriage. We each receive help in our weaknesses. While shared values are the foundation of our partnership, we differ in how we navigate through life. Keith enjoys fishing, disc golf, and bowling. I prefer to stay home with my dog and a good book. He's no good with the checkbook, but he can cook. I can't cook, but I can handle the bookkeeping.

Being partners who complement one another does not mean all things are equal – in fact, very little is equal. Whoever makes more money pays more of the bills. The one who is hungry gets an extra serving of casserole, and the one who is ill receives more care. In a healthy partnership we share our gifts for the benefit of both.

Whenever I officiate at a wedding, I tell the couple, "Your love brought you here today, but your love will not support this marriage. From this day forward, your marriage will support your love for one another." That's how partnership works. Our love, joy, and excitement brought us together. Now our commitment to it will support us, whatever may come.

Do you take this partnership ... ? I do! - Pastor Judy

## Weekly Digest Announcements

The SJ church office sends out a weekly email of events, announcements, and meeting zoom links. To receive the Weekly Digest, please visit [stjohnsjx.com](http://stjohnsjx.com) and click "Get Emails" to subscribe.

Though one may be  
overpowered, two can  
defend themselves.  
A cord of three strands  
is not quickly broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 NIV



BE THE BLESSING

SOMETHING FOR  
EVERYONE!

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO  
TO BE A BLESSING:

INVITE FRIENDS TO CHURCH

BRING MISSION DONATIONS

VOLUNTEER TO BE AN USHER

SIGN UP FOR COFFEE HOUR

OFFER YOUR MUSICAL GIFTS

HELP WITH CLEANING

NOTICE WHO'S MISSING  
FROM WORSHIP

... AND REACH OUT WITH  
LOVE!





## Coffee Hour Location

Coffee Hour has been crowded! The Nurture Committee met on August 27 and decided to change the location of coffee hour to the Community Room. This change will be effective September 15.

- Information provided by Pat Baumgartner

## Neighborhood Watch Meeting

Eighteen church members and neighbors attended the Neighborhood Watch Meeting on August 7. Officer Warren Johnson answered questions and addressed concerns, stating that we should not hesitate to call 911 for help. All expressed concern about the homeless and agreed that a safe environment is essential for our congregations, neighbors, rental organizations, and especially the NHL Literacy and Head Start students. If you notice aggressive or inappropriate behavior by those who shelter on our porches, please call 911.



## Daniel Movie

Sight & Sound Theaters is broadcasting LIVE into movie theaters nationwide this weekend! The show is *Daniel*, and it will show at the Jackson 10 Theater:

Taken from his people, Daniel is exiled inside the perilous kingdom of Babylon. As he navigates this new life, will his trust in God remain steadfast through every test of faith? From the fiery furnace to the infamous lion's den, *Daniel* is a spectacular theatrical experience for the whole family. Gather your loved ones and witness one of the Bible's most powerful stories as it comes to life in movie theaters across the country! Live broadcast, Friday, August 30th, with additional show times through September 2nd.

Check the Jackson 10 website for days, times, and ticket prices. The showings are limited, just 1 or 2 each day. Tickets can be purchased in advance if you prefer.

- Shared by Bette Watkins

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

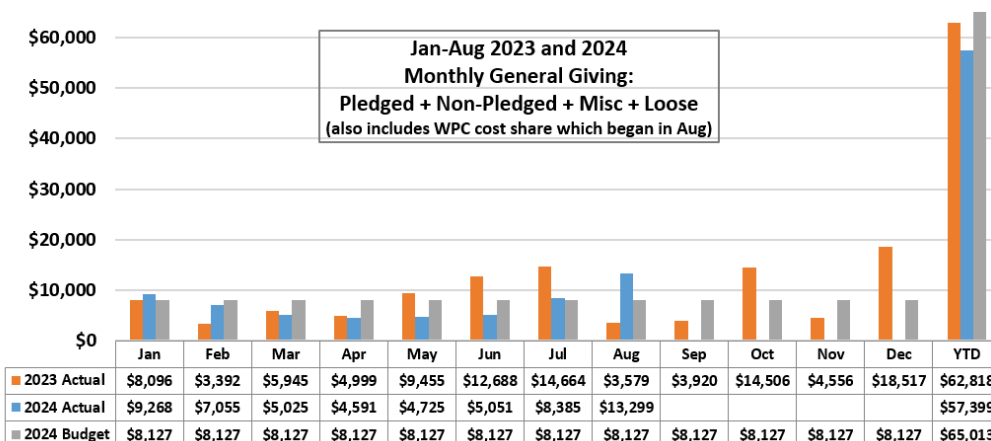
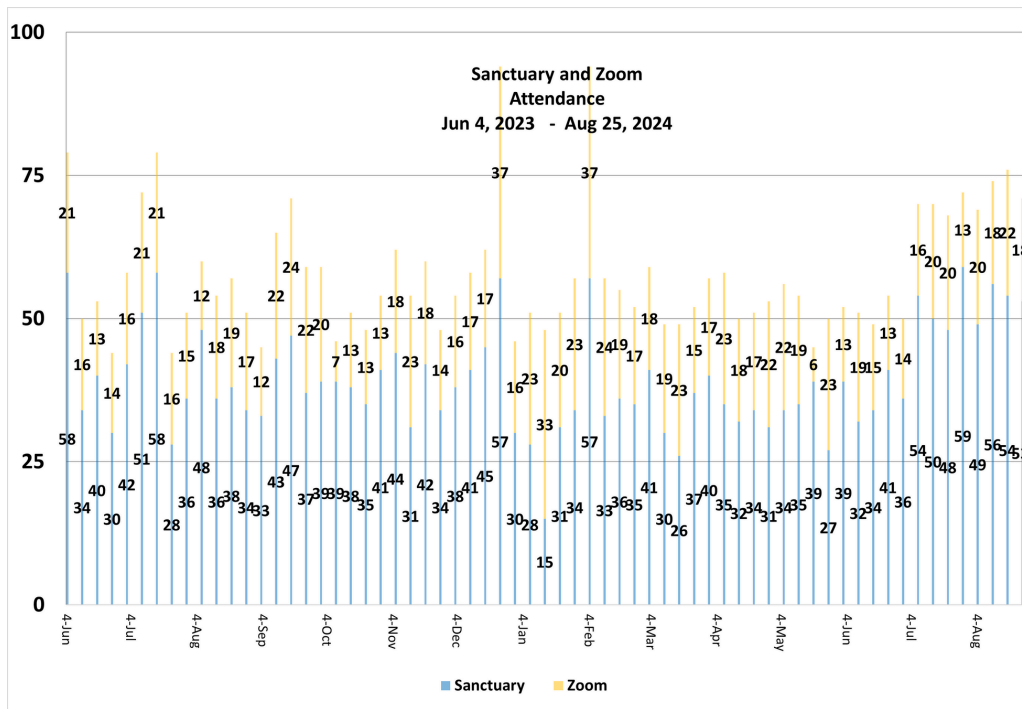
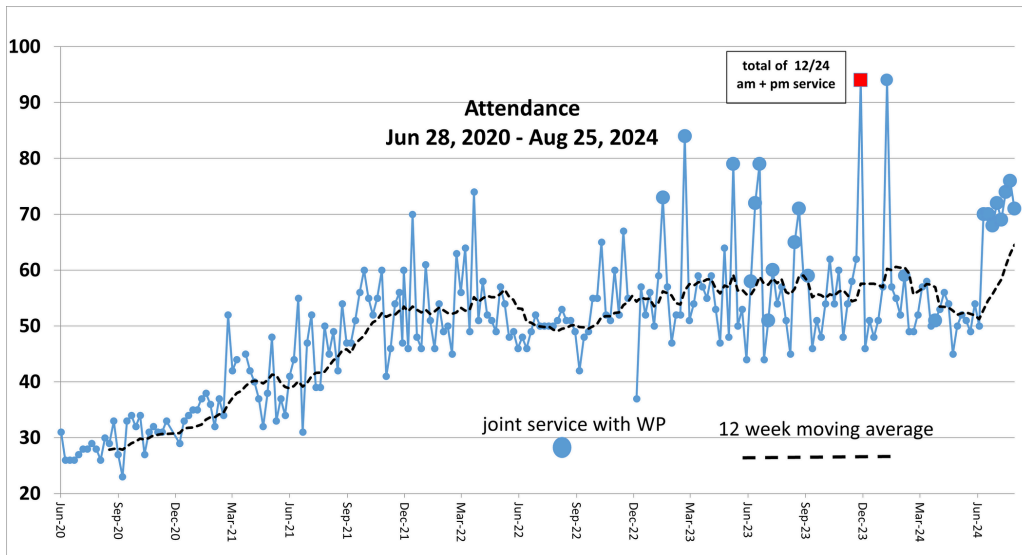


Picture submitted by Carl Robinson on August 28



New church members

# Financials & Attendance



# Jackson Pride

Michele and Harry Wilson together with Cindy Osborne and Fred Wessels represented Partnership Place at the Jackson Pride Fest on August 18. The rain didn't stop the fun -- rain or shine, everyone had a great time!



Cindy and Michele shared treats, tatoos, and cold water

# Scholarships

The SJUCC Finance Team is pleased to report that we have received six (6) scholarship applications. While the formal deadline for applications was August 16, 2024, we will still consider additional applications from interested candidates. The Finance Team will meet in the coming weeks to evaluate the applications and plan to disburse awards in September.

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