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JUNE CALENDAR

1—TOWN HALL MEETING 11:15 AM

3—CENTERING PRAYER AND YOGA 5:30 PM

4—INTERFAITH SHELTERS KIDS' ACTIVITIES 5:15 PM

7—JANINE OSBORNE CELEBRATION OF LIFE 1 PM, VISITATION 12 PM

8—PENTECOST (WEAR RED); POTLUCK WITH CLEAN UP DAY

FOLLOWING WORSHIP

11-18—PASTOR JUDY ON VACATION

15—WESTMINSTER ANNUAL MEETING WITH REV. BEST 11:15 AM

17—MISSION/OUTREACH/SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE 10:30 AM

17—PROVIDER RESOURCE FAIR AT AMERICAN 1 EVENT

CENTER 1-4 PM

18—INTERFAITH SHELTERS KIDS' ACTIVITIES 5:15 PM

19—PERSONAL CARE PANTRY 4:30 PM

20—FOOD PANTRY AND BABY SPRINKLES 10 AM – 12 NOON

22—FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WILL WORSHIP WITH US AT 10 AM

24—NURTURE MEETING 10 AM; COMMUNITY DINNER 6 PM

25--MEMORIAL GARDEN SERVICE AND MOVE 10 AM

28—COMMUNITY DANCE 7-9 PM

COMING UP ON JULY 27—PARTNERSHIP PLACE BLOCK PARTY!

EVERY WEDNESDAY—YARNS AND CRAFTS 10AM-12PM

June 2025

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Mission Updates

Our **May Food Pantry** served 105 people, representing 275 family members. 4000 pounds of food were distributed. The Community Dinner served 28 people on May 20.

- Contributed by Carl Robinson

Our **Baby Sprinkle** continues to serve young families with diapers, wipes, and clothing from newborn up to size 6. In May we served 34 families and 71 children. We are able to provide more diapers with the assistance of the TANF program through the state of Michigan. We are in need of toddler to size 6 clothing, especially girls size 3 and 4, and boys size 6. We are grateful to God to be able to work with these children and moms.

- Contributed by Donna Benedict

The **Samaritan Fund** provided assistance for 21 utility payments totaling \$1,950 and 3 rent payments totaling \$600 in April. Seven individuals received emergency food, and 21 unhoused people used our church showers.

- Contributed by Michele Wilson

At the **Jackson Interfaith Shelter**, we did crafts and provided snacks for 20 children on May 7 and 21. If you would like to help out, contact Michele Wilson or Cindy Osborne. Volunteers are always welcome.

- Submitted by Cindy Osborne

The **Jackson Personal Care Ministry** served 334 guests in May. If you would like to help with this worthwhile ministry, please let us know at jfense@icloud.com.

- Contributed by Margo and John Fenstermaker

The **Community Dance** was attended by more than 100 persons. The next dance will be Saturday, June, from 7 - 9 PM. Donations of food and funds are always welcome. Come join the fun! Contact Linda Miller.

Our **Clothesline Ministry** provides clothing items throughout the year. Many thanks to Bob Neustifter and Gloria Frederickson for this ministry!

The **Interfaith Shelter Dinner Church** ministered to residents of the Shelter on May 28. A crew of Partnership Place volunteers served the meal, Dawn Depner led the worship service, Polly Wild provided music while Jonathan Depner washed dishes. This ministry occurs on the last Wednesday of every other month. See Dawn Depner if you would like to help.

Contact Information

To receive the Zoom link for Sunday services, please visit partnership.place and click "Subscribe". You will receive the Partnership Place Weekly Digest with the Zoom link.



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From the Pastor's Screen



GOD'S MAILBOX

Last month I attended a clergy retreat at Tower Hill Camp and Retreat Center in Sawyer, Michigan. Tower Hill is within walking distance of Lake Michigan and is surrounded by 32 acres of forest walking trails. On the first evening I spent some time walking along the beach and wandering through the forest.

Deep in the woods I discovered a clearing with benches and a mailbox. It was "God's Mailbox," and inside were pencils and paper. The invitation was clear: Write a letter to God.

At first, I didn't want to write. I wanted to walk, do yoga, take classes, and rest. Each day as I walked the trails, I passed by the mailbox. On the last day, a group of us walked together, pausing at several places in the woods to just be present, to breathe, and to be still. We paused at the clearing, and as we all sat together on the benches, I felt words rising up in my chest that needed to be put on paper.

I was the only one who wrote a letter to God that day, and I must admit I didn't "mail" it in the mailbox. I wrote and I wrote, pouring all my hopes and dreams and pain onto a slightly crinkled, damp piece of notebook paper. Then I folded it up and brought it home with me. Somehow, I'm sure God received it.

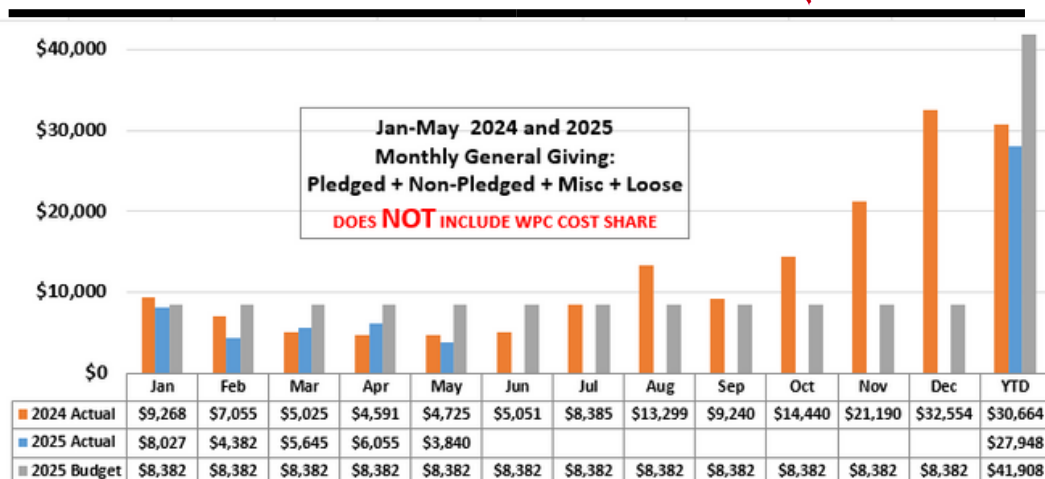
Here is what I learned: I walked by that mailbox every day, at least once, and I never felt like writing until someone invited me to just sit, breathe, and be present. That's when my soul spoke ... when my noisy world was quiet.

When have you paused long enough to listen to your soul? Like me, you might be surprised by what it has to say! During this first month of summer, pencil in a few minutes for silence and stillness, and let your soul speak to God. We don't need a mailbox to be heard, and our words will never be marked "return to sender."

What does your soul want to say?



Pastor Judy



SJUCC contribution chart provided by Bert Steck

O Lord, you have
searched me
and known me.

You know when I sit
down and when I rise
up; you discern my
thoughts from
far away.

Even before a word is
on my tongue, O Lord,
you know it completely.

Psalms 139 : 1,2,4

BE THE BLESSING
SOMETHING FOR
EVERYONE!

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

INVITE FRIENDS TO CHURCH

OFFER YOUR MUSICAL GIFTS

SIGN UP TO BE A GREETER,
USHER OR CANDLE LIGHTER

DONATE CHILDREN'S
CLOTHES & PULLUPS

PULL WEEDS

SIGN BIRTHDAY CARDS

VISIT THE LITTLE BOOKHOUSE

HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR

PRAY

NOTICE WHO'S MISSING,
AND REACH OUT WITH LOVE!

WPC Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting of Westminster Presbyterian Church will be held Sunday, June 15, 2025, immediately following the 10 AM worship. The purpose will be to elect and install elders, receive the reports of the pastor and session about the activities of the previous year, review the past year's activities and finances, and address any other business as may be properly presented.

—Nancy Connell

Picture Day

SMILE! Evelyn will be available to take pictures for our new Picture Directory after our worship service every Sunday in June. A picture directory will help us all put names and faces together. If you already have digital photographs you would like us to use, please email them to info@partnership.place. Please include full names.

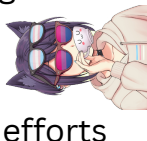


Evelyn News

Evelyn will be serving at the Giving Gardens at Yad Ezra as part of the Repair the World Service Corps. She will be in Berkley on Wednesdays for 10 weeks. Office hours will change to S, M, T, Th, 12-5 PM.

Yad Ezra is a kosher food pantry in Berkley, Michigan, which serves 1,500 impoverished families in Southeast Michigan with food, healthcare items, and household goods. <https://www.yadezra.org/>

Repair the World is a Jewish nonprofit which mobilizes Jews and their communities to take action to pursue a just world, igniting a lifelong commitment to service. The Service Corps provides the opportunity to serve with local nonprofit organizations while learning alongside a cohort. <https://werepair.org/>



The Jewish value of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world, involves efforts to take human responsibility for the broken state of the world. It is considered a *mitzvot*, a commandment or good-deed, to engage in *tikkun olam* through prayer, social justice advocacy, charity, or volunteerism. No effort is considered too small. It is written in *Pirkei Avot*, the Ethics of our Fathers, "It is not your duty to finish the work, but neither are you at liberty to neglect it".



Clean Up Day

Our annual clean-up day will be June 8 following worship. Please wear your gardening and work clothes to church and bring a dish to share for a potluck meal. We'll have a list of chores so we can check off our progress.



Memorial Garden Move

The Memorial Garden at Ridgeway will be moved to the courtyard at Partnership Place on June 25 (rain date June 29).

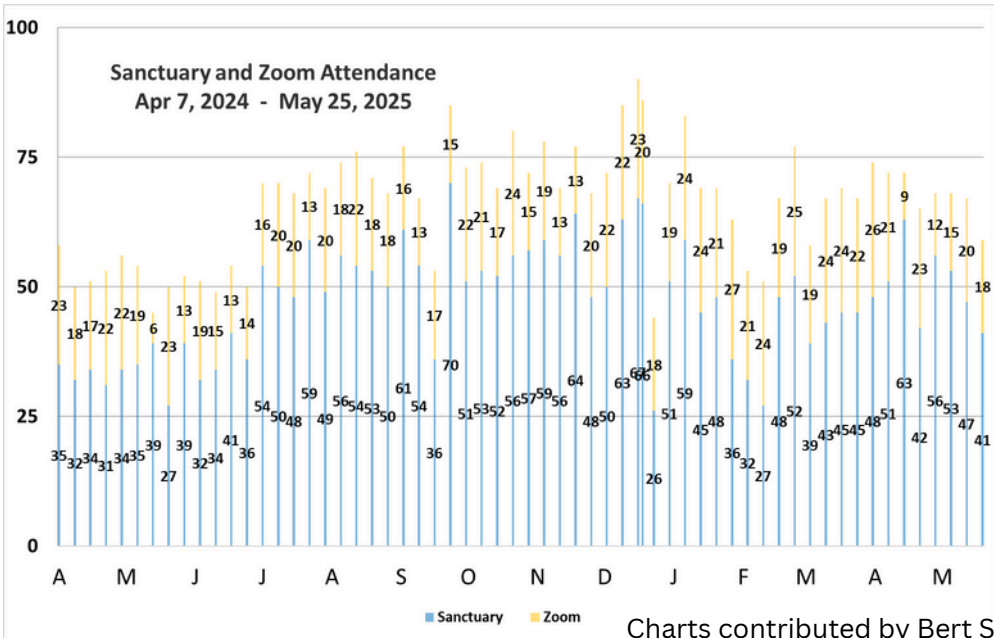
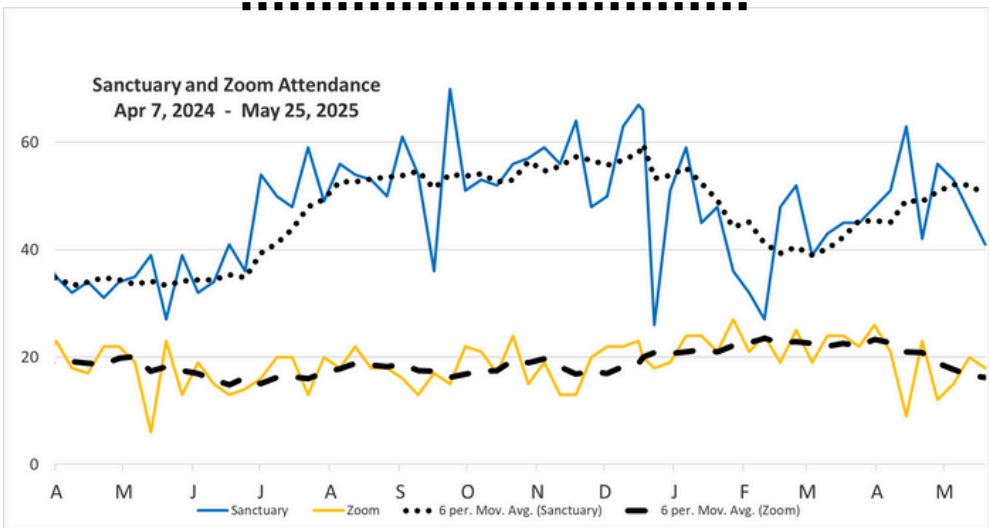
Nineteen cremains were interred there. Most will be moved to the courtyard, while three will be collected by families. Brief outdoor services are planned, beginning at Ridgeway at 10 AM.

Nature Sacred

Located on the corner of Biddle and Mechanic, the Orchard is a green space that the United Center for Caring provides for our neighborhood here in Partnership Park. It has picnic areas, a water fountain, fruit trees, grape vines, and flowers. The curving sidewalk invites walkers to leave the street and meander through nature.

The United Center has contacted an organization called Nature Sacred to place a meditation bench in the Orchard. Nature Sacred provides benches which are crafted by incarcerated persons at Western Correctional Institution in Maryland. The benches come with an attached journal and an open invitation to sit for a while and write down your thoughts. A “Firesoul” appointed from the neighborhood will collect and report the writings. There are 260 Firesouls in the U.S. We hope to be the first Michigan participant.

Nature Sacred benches help people to heal, renew, and come together. If you would like to donate toward this project or serve as the Firesoul, please contact Harry Wilson or Heather Farquhar.



Charts contributed by Bert Steck



A Nature Sacred Bench

N.O.W. Grant

We have been awarded a UCC Covenant Association “Need-Opportunity-Witness” grant for \$1,500. We will use these funds to stock our Emergency Food pantry with pull-top foods, shelf-safe milk, cereal, canned fruit, soups, pasta, peanut butter and canned meats. The need for emergency food is on the rise as grocery costs increase and programs lose funding. We anticipate assisting at least twelve families per month throughout the summer.

C&R Exterior Wash

John Carey-Young, who attended St. John’s UCC with his family when he was very young, has offered to power wash our Memorial Garden concrete.

This thoughtful young man is offering his service to us for free. His business is C and R Exterior Wash, located here in the Jackson area. You can reach him at 517-539-2156 or candrexteriorwash@gmail.com.

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