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**WESTMINSTER**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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

## *AUGUST CALENDAR*

- 3—WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION
- 3—JUDAISM CLASS 11:30AM
- 4-11—PASTOR JUDY ON VACATION
- 6—INTERFAITH SHELTER KIDS' ACTIVITIES 5:15PM
- 10—MORNING SPEAKER JAN JANKE
- 10—JUDAISM CLASS 11:15AM
- 12—YOGA & CENTERING PRAYER (60 MINUTE YOGA) 5:30PM
- 16—PRIDEFEST
- 16—JOHN LETSON MEMORIAL SERVICE
- 17—JUDAISM CLASS 11:15AM
- 20—INTERFAITH SHELTER KIDS' ACTIVITIES 5:15PM
- 21—PERSONAL CARE PANTRY 4:30PM
- 22—FOOD PANTRY AND BABY SPRINKLES 10AM-12PM
- 24—GUEST SPEAKER ROSEMARY EDGAR



On Sunday, August 24, our morning speaker will be Rosemary Edgar of the League of Women Voters. Ms. Edgar will speak briefly during our worship service and lead a discussion afterward. Her topic is "Misinformation and Disinformation." Plan to be present for this informative session. To learn more, visit <https://www.lww.org/>.

## August 2025

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## Mission Updates

Our **July Food Pantry** served 118 people, representing 236 family members. 1800 pounds of food were distributed. The August Food Pantry will be held on August 22. The Community Dinners will resume in September.

- Contributed by Carl Robinson

Our **Baby Sprinkle** continues to serve young families, providing diapers, wipes, and clothing from newborn to size 6. In May we served 29 families and 46 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 20 utility payments totaling \$1,500 in July. Twelve individuals received emergency food, and 19 unhoused people used our church showers.

- Contributed by Michele Wilson

At the **Jackson Interfaith Shelter**, on July 2 and 16 we did crafts and provided snacks for six children. If you would like to help out, contact Michele Wilson or Cindy Osborne. Volunteers are always welcome and needed.

- Submitted by Cindy Osborne

The **Jackson Personal Care Ministry** served 237 guests during the first four Thursdays of July. If you would like to help with this worthwhile ministry, please sign up in the Community Room.

- Contributed by Margo and John Fenstermaker

Our **Clothesline Ministry** provides clothing items throughout the year. Many thanks to Bob Neustifter and Gloria Frederickson for this ministry. Socks and rain ponchos are always needed.

At the **Interfaith Shelter Dinner Church** on July 23, five volunteers from Partnership Place served dinner and attended a worship service led by Dawn Depner and Polly Wild. This ministry occurs on the last Wednesday of every other month. The next dinner church is September 24. Please join us.

## Contact Information

To receive the Zoom link for Sunday services, please visit [partnership.place](https://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

## BEING THE CHURCH

This picture warms my heart. Right before our Neighborhood Party, a group of volunteers, alongside some unhoused neighbors, gathered in prayer. This is what a neighborhood looks like.



This is what a church looks like.

We prayed. We ate. We played. We sweated. We hustled, cleaned, cared, cheered, rang the bell, and laughed. A lot. We talked to people about our church. They told us about their children. We told them about our missions. We answered their questions.

Most people came because it was free. Some came searching. Some came hungry. We were here, doors and hearts open.

Thank you all for being the amazing Church here at Partnership Place. May God bless our efforts, answer our prayers, and guide us forward.

It's a beautiful day in the neighborhood!

Pastor Judy



Jesus asked, "Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" <sup>37</sup>He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Luke 10: 36-37 NRSV

BE THE BLESSING

SOMETHING FOR  
EVERYONE!

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

INVITE FRIENDS TO CHURCH

OFFER YOUR MUSICAL GIFTS

DONATE CHILDREN'S  
CLOTHES & PULLUPS

PULL WEEDS IN THE  
COURTYARD AND ORCHARD

SIGN BIRTHDAY CARDS

VISIT THE HOSPITALIZED

HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR

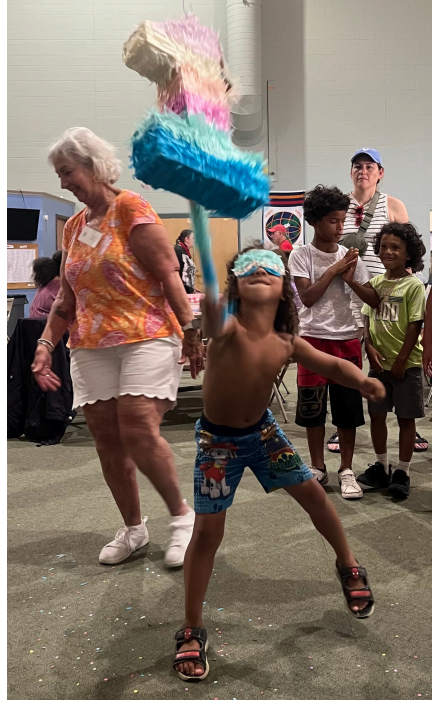
PRAY

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



## Neighborhood Party

Our first annual Partnership Place Neighborhood Party was a huge (and hot) success! We lost count of our neighbors, but nearly 150 hotdogs were served. Many thanks to all who gathered to set up, serve, play, clean up, and walk the neighborhood to distribute invitations.



## Judaism Class

In order to deepen your appreciation of Biblical texts and foster a healthy and loving relationship with our Jewish community, Evelyn, our resident Jew, will be offering a class about Judaism. The class will introduce you to core Jewish concepts and answer some of the most common questions people have about Judaism. What did Judaism look like for Jesus? What does it look like today? How do Jews practice? What are their holidays like?

The class will be held after worship on August 3, 10, 17, and September 7. Get a sneak peek at [evelynpark.com](http://evelynpark.com)!

## Westminster has Terrific News!

The Session and the Presbytery have approved an offer for the former Westminster church building at 2301 Ridgeway Road. The buyers have indicated that the building will be used for an art studio. We are excited that God has sent someone to use this sacred space to encourage creativity and imagination. The closing date will be determined soon.

Contributed by Nancy Connell

## Ring that Bell!



The church bell was ringing all afternoon at the neighborhood party! Many thanks to Michele Wilson for the wonderful pictures.



# A Prayer for our Church

Holy One,  
We breathe in your presence ... we exhale our anxiety.  
We are your people, your church, and this is holy ground.  
Hold us together with divine duct tape and passionate prayer.  
Remind us that it is okay to rest and let our spirits recharge.

We breathe in your power ... we exhale our weakness.  
We won't do everything right, but we will try.  
When the needs of the world weigh heavily upon us,  
we remember to give our burdens to you.

We breathe in your peace ... we exhale your love to the world.  
We are your people, your church, and this is holy ground.  
Amen.

Prayer written by Rev. Judy Goodrow

## Partnership Board

The Partnership Board is made up of the WPC Session and the SJUCC Council.

Westminster Session members: Sandy Clark, Kathy Johns, Andy Rieman, Pat Baumgartner, Dennis Johns, Gary Kenworthy and Bette Watkins. Rev. Ben Rumbaugh serves as the Moderator.

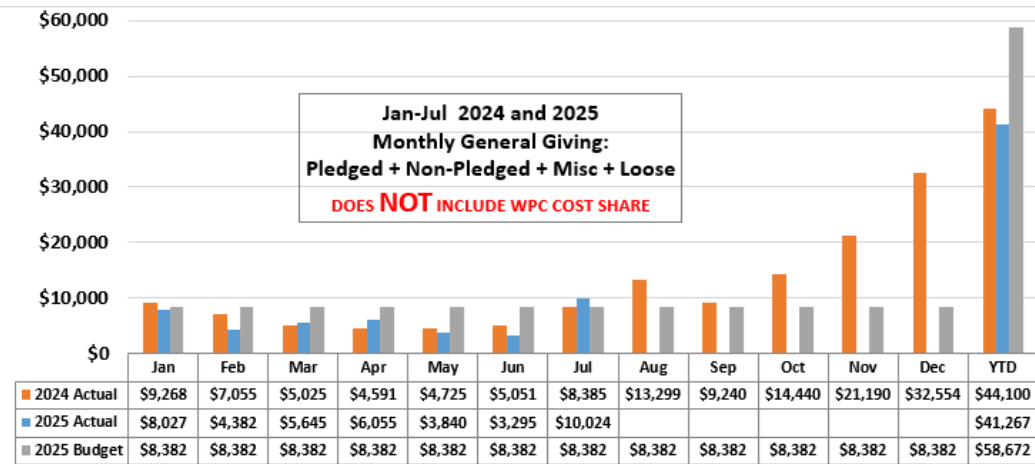
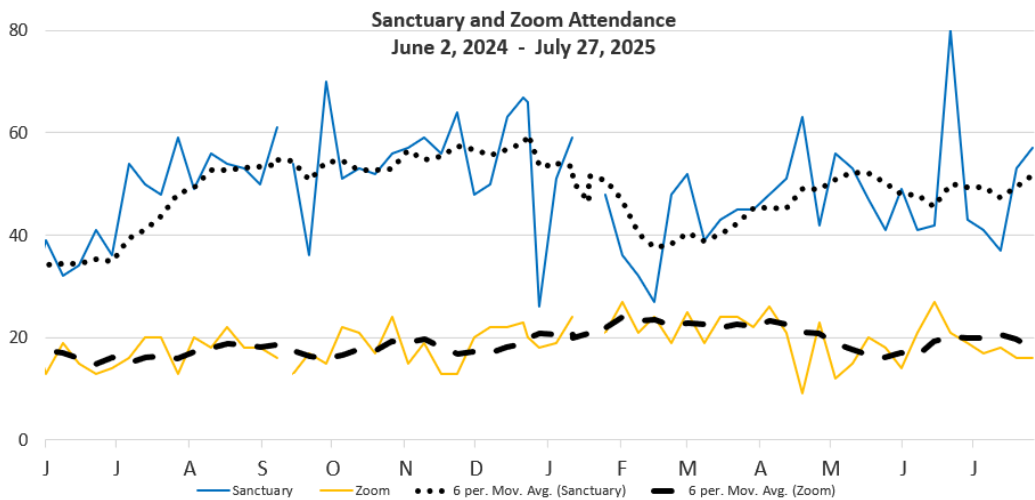
St. John's Council members: Gary Reasoner, Eric Canter, Eugene Johnson, Michele Wilson, Bert Steck, Cindy Osborne, and Jeannine Havens.

The Board, Session, and Council will meet on Sept. 10.



## Upstart Bakery

Partnership Place warmly welcomes Joshua Palmer and Upstart Bakery as our newest partner. Josh will be baking vegan bread and a variety of baked goods for sale at the Farmers' Market and other outlets. If the church smells like bread, stop in the kitchen and say hello to Josh!



Charts contributed by Bert Steck

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