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WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



St. John's
United Church of Christ

JULY CALENDAR

JULY 7 – FAITH IN ACTION 10 AM

JULY 8 – COUNCIL MEETING 4:30 PM; PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING 5:30 PM;
SESSION MEETING 6:30 PM

JULY 14 – COMMUNITY DINNER 6 PM

JULY 17 – FOOD PANTRY AND BABY SPRINKLES 10AM-12PM

JULY 21 – INTERFAITH FAMILIES ACTIVITIES 5:15 PM

JULY 22 – INTERFAITH DINNER CHURCH 4:30 PM

JULY 28 – HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS ZOOM 6 PM

EVERY WEDNESDAY—YARNS-ARTS-CRAFTS 10AM-12PM IN THE PRAYER ROOM

EVERY THURSDAY—JACKSON PERSONAL CARE MINISTRY 5-6:30PM

July 2026

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PARTNERSHIP PLACE Fall Craft & Vendor Show

Saturday, October 3
12 - 5 PM

Music by
Simone 

Partnership Place
801 S. Mechanic St.
Jackson, Michigan


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Food truck on the grounds

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Indoor 8 x 8 space \$20
8' table rent \$5
\$10 for electric outlet



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Mission Updates

Ministry	People Served	Families Served
Food Pantry	125	
Baby Sprinkle		
Interfaith Kids' Activities & Families	2	3 parents 7 children
Personal Care Ministry	187	
Interfaith Shelter Dinner Church	July 22 4:30 PM	
Community Dance	90	
Samaritan Fund (Utilities)	0	Program to reopen in July
Samaritan Fund (Evictions)	0	Program to reopen in July
Showers	19	Towel washers appreciated!
Emergency Food	19	

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

STRANGE PAIN

At the end of May I attended the UCC Clergy Retreat at Tower Hill. I was feeling burnt out and very tired, and I knew from experience that I would find peace of mind in the worship, the woods, and the conversations with other pastors. What I did not understand was that “burnt out” wasn’t exactly what I was feeling.

During the worship service Thursday morning, Rev. Dr. Lawrence Richardson shared his story. I wish I had taken notes, because while we may not remember what someone said, we do remember how we felt when they said it. While Lawrence was speaking, Simeon’s prophetic words to Mary came to mind: “and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” I felt my soul pierced, as the Spirit whispered to me the word that better described me: broken. I felt the truth of that word spread through my spirit, then spent that day mulling over the revelation. What was broken? How had it happened, and what should I do?

On Friday, Rev. Matthew Hogue-Smith shared words of challenge from the book *The Salt Eaters*: “Sweetheart, do you want to be well?” Throughout the morning those words echoed through my broken soul. Sweetheart, do you want to be well?

Brokenness is part of life. We are all broken creatures at one time or another. If we want to be fully alive, we must allow ourselves to be broken. There are so many causes today for brokenness: the state of our churches. The state of our nation. The loss of human rights all over the globe. Climate change, poverty, racism, violence, fear.

Sweetheart, do you want to be well?

Having no tissues, but crying throughout the retreat, I resorted to carrying a length of toilet paper with me each day. Every worship song moved me to tears. Every message, every workshop, every tall white pine tree brought a fresh flood.

Sweetheart, do you want to be well? *Not yet*, I whispered. *Let me feel this pain, because I don’t know these feelings.*

I attended a spiritual direction session. I spoke with other ministers. I spent time in solitude. I avoided the wine at the nightly bonfires because I needed to be able to feel.

Sweetheart, do you want to be well? *Not yet. Let me feel this strange pain.*

Sweetheart, do you want to be well?

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He heals the
brokenhearted,
and binds up their
wounds.

Psalm 147:3 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

PULL WEEDS

ADD BOOKS TO THE LITTLE
BOOK HOUSE

DONATE CHILDREN'S
CLOTHES & DIAPERS

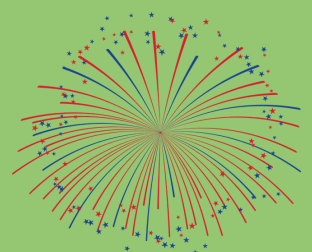
SIGN BIRTHDAY CARDS

VISIT THE HOMEBOUND

HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR

PRAY

NOTICE WHO'S MISSING
AND REACH OUT WITH LOVE!



From the Pastor's Screen (continued from page 3)

In the moments before packing up the car and driving home, I felt the certainty of transition. Change is always near, and the brokenness told me that my spirit understood it before my intellect did. Brokenness is a gift from the sacred. It allows the Light of Christ to enter. It is the gift of Jesus, who breaks bread and shares it, so all are fed. It connects us with the Holy. It is the place where God works.

Who knows where the Spirit will blow? Who knows what change will come?

Sweetheart, do you want to be well? *Yes, Lord. Yes!* But I'll need more toilet paper, please.

Pastor Judy

Summer Fun

Our Fellowship Committee is planning fun activities for July and August. Watch for details about game days and picnics coming up soon!

Pastor Schedule

During the month of July, Judy will be attending an online class called Invitation to Transitional Leadership. Each Wednesday will be a "school day" which includes reading, homework, and a three-hour zoom session. She'll be working at home due to having a better Zoom connection.

WPC Monthly Report

Westminster numbers for June:

- Attendance (in person & online) 87
- Pledge/envelope income \$3,295.00
- Expenses \$9,706.00

NOTES:

- Expenses include \$756 for insurance.
- When Rev. Kristin Stroble moderates session in person, she is paid \$150 + mileage (total of \$210.90).
- Session meets in odd-numbered months.

Contributed by Bette Watkins

June Attendance

Date	Sanc.	Zoom	Total
June 7	38	11	49
Jun 14	54	18	72
Jun 21	51	12	63
Jun 28	51	18	69

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

Ecclesiastes 3:1

Partnership Board

The Partnership Board consists of the WPC Session and the SJUCC Council, and will meet next on July 8.

Westminster Session members: Sandy Clark, Kathy Johns, Andy Rieman, Pat Baumgartner, Dennis Johns, Dawn Depner, and Bette Watkins. Rev. Kristin Stroble serves as the Moderator and Nancy Connell is the Clerk.

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

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