

PARTNERSHIP PRESS



St. John's
United Church of Christ



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OCTOBER CALENDAR

OCT 2-3—MICHIGAN CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING

OCT 3—CRAFT SHOW 12-5PM

OCT 4--WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCT 6—FAITH IN ACTION 10AM

OCT 6—WORSHIP COMMITTEE 4PM

OCT 6--CENTERING PRAYER 4 PM

OCT 7—ADULT BIBLE STUDY 6PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM

OCT 11—CROP WALK 1PM - MEET AT 120 N. JACKSON

OCT 12-26—JUDY'S READING WEEK AND VACATION WEEK

OCT 13--COMMUNITY DINNER 6PM

OCT 16—YEN KING FILM - LOCATION TBD - WATCH FOR DETAILS

OCT 17—LOVE INC AUCTION 5PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM

OCT 24—COMMUNITY DANCE 7-9PM

OCT 25—SJUCC ANNUAL MEETING 11:15AM

OCT 27—HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS 6PM ON ZOOM

OCT 29—ADULT BIBLE STUDY 6PM IN THE FELLOWSHIP ROOM

OCT 31—TRUNK OR TREAT 5:30PM



**Partnership
Place**



October 2026

IN THIS ISSUE

- October Calendar
- Craft Show Oct 3
- CROP Walk Oct 11
- Trunk or Treat Oct 31
- October Speakers
- Pet Blessing Pictures
- From the Pastor's Screen
- Be the Blessing
- Mission Updates
- Contact Information
- Session News
- WPC Update
- Attendance
- Mentoring
- Partnership Board





It's time for the fall craft show. Come shop, eat, and serve!

Walk with us! CROP Walk October 11

The Jackson Area CROP Hunger Walk is on Sunday, October 11 at 1pm. The CROP Hunger Walk raises funds to support local hunger ministries, including our Food Pantry. The Partnership Place team will meet at First Congregational Church, 120 N. Jackson Street. For more information, contact Dawn Depner or visit <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/chw/event/jacksonmi>

October Speakers you won't want to miss!

October 4 - Our own Julie Warfield will share part of her testimony with us on World Communion Sunday.

October 18 - Jacob Inosencio of Jackson River and Rail Grow Jackson will share about his passion for providing healthy foods available to all.

October 25 - A SOAR representative will share during our morning service about their mission to provide housing, healing, and employment for women survivors of trafficking, abuse, and trauma.

Saturday, October 31



Get your costumes - and your trunks - ready! We're accepting candy donations in the church office, and we have plenty of space in the parking lot for you and your car. Be parked and ready for trick-or-treaters by 5:15 PM.

Pet Blessing September 20

Our first Pet Blessing was rained out of the Orchard, but we were able to bless seven dogs and their owners in the Community Room and on Facetime. Treats and St. Francis medals were provided for each fur friend.



From the Pastor's Screen

WHEN GOD SLOWS YOU DOWN

Lately, I've been running from one task to another. Life has become an endless list of jobs to be done, and somehow the list keeps growing. In fact, this article made the list of "Things I must do TODAY."

God, however, had other plans. God stopped me in my tracks, literally, when my car broke down. I was not happy. All my plans changed as I worried, *how will I get everything done?*

It took an ancient text to remind me that when we rush, we miss God's best for us. God dwells in the in-between, the quiet moments, the slow minutes of waiting. Ecclesiastes says it best: there is a time for everything, and God wants us to find joy in each moment. Sometimes we have to stop our busy-ness to find God. How do we do that?

Wherever you are, right now, look around. What do you notice? What can you be thankful for? Take a moment for praise and worship, whether you're in a hospital bed or stalled on the side of the road. Give thanks for whatever slows you down – whether it's your body, your car, a family problem, or the weather. What I've learned this week is that if I don't stop, God will stop me.

Let's take a holy pause, right now, to breathe deeply and enjoy this one moment. It's okay to take a break, to give yourself some time off, whether it's a minute or an hour. We can't worship if we never slow down. Let's take a sacred pause together, as we rest and recharge and remember: You are loved, and your work is a gift.

Putting on the brakes, thankfully,

Pastor Judy

Baby Sprinkle Donations

The Baby Sprinkle is no longer receiving diapers from TANF. Donations of size 5 and 6 diapers and wipes are appreciated.

All Saints Day Remembrance

On Sunday, November 1, we will remember those who died with a slideshow and lighted candles. If you have a loved one you would like to remember, please send a picture with their full name to evelyn@partnership.place.



What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil.

Ecc. 3: 9-10, 12-13 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

MAKE A DONATION TO THE CROP WALK

DONATE CHILDREN'S CLOTHES & DIAPERS

VISIT THE HOMEBOUND

HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR

PRAY

NOTICE WHO'S MISSING AND REACH OUT WITH LOVE!

Mission Updates

Ministry	People Served	Families Served
Food Pantry	97	256 family members
Baby Sprinkle	89	54
Interfaith Kids' Activities & Families	2 children for crafts on Sept 2	Family Activities canceled in Sept
Personal Care Ministry	217	Sign up to help in Community Room
Interfaith Shelter Dinner Church	20+ persons at worship Sept 23	Next dinner church is November 25
Community Dance	80	Next dance is October 24
Samaritan Fund (Utilities)	6	
Samaritan Fund (Evictions)	1	
Showers	33	
Emergency Food	11	

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.



St. John's UCC &
Westminster
Presbyterian
801 S. Mechanic
Jackson, Michigan 49203

stjohnsuccjackson@gmail.com
partnership.place
[517-784-7580](tel:517-784-7580)

wpcjackson@gmail.com
partnership.place
[517-784-7580](tel:517-784-7580)

To reach our office staff:
evelyn@partnership.place
marva@partnership.place



Rev. Judy Goodrow

[260-668-9173](tel:260-668-9173)

judy.goodrow@partnership.place

WPC Session News & Building Updates

The Westminster annual meeting will be held in January to coincide with the St. John's annual meeting. Agenda items will include a review of the 2027 budget, and reports of the committees about their 2026 activities.

As in prior years the congregational meeting to elect and install elders will be in June.

The A/C in the Community Room has been replaced and is now in working order! Our internet service at Partnership Place is now fiber optic. We should have better service with uninterrupted Zoom meetings.

Contributed by Nancy Connell, Clerk/Communications

Mentoring

Wouldn't it be nice to come to a new church and make a new friend? Someone who could show you around. A buddy to go to activities with. A special person who could introduce you to others.

You could be that someone for our new guests and visitors! We are looking for UCC and Westminster (i.e. Partnership Place) folks to mentor our newcomers. So far, we have three mentors ready to go!

If you would like to participate in this exciting opportunity and would like more information, please see or call Cat Rieman (517)750-4817 or the church office (517)784-7580. I'm looking forward to hearing from you soon.

– Cat Rieman

WPC Monthly Report

Westminster numbers for September:

- Attendance (in person & online) 79 (4 Sundays)
- Pledge/envelope income \$8,060.00
- Expenses \$9,009.00

NOTES:

- Session meets in odd-numbered months.

Contributed by Bette Watkins



Sept. Attendance

Date	Sanc.	Zoom	Total
Sep 6	58	19	77
Sep 13	62	20	82
Sep 20	44	20	64
Sep 27	50	20	70
AVG	53	20	73



Carl Robinson

Partnership Board

The Partnership Board consists of the WPC Session and the SJUCC Council. Next meeting is November 11.

Westminster Session members: Sandy Clark, Kathy Johns, Andy Rieman, Pat Baumgartner, Dennis Johns, Dawn Depner, and Bette Watkins. Rev. Ben Rumbaugh 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.

Partnership Place
801 S. Mechanic Street
Jackson Michigan 49203

Postage

info@partnership.place

partnership.place
517-784-7580



Affix Address
Label Here

Love God ♥ Love People ♥ Serve Both



partnership.place

