

## MAIN STREET MESSENGER

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The Lenten season started on February 18 with Ash Wednesday. And culminates on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026.

### Lenten Church Services & Events

- **Palm Sunday Service**  
**March 29, 2026 @ 9:30 AM**
- **Maundy Thursday Potluck**  
**April 2, 2026 @ 5:30 PM**  
(signups will be in Fellowship Hall)
- **Maundy Thursday Service**  
**April 2, 2026 @ 7:00 PM**
- **Good Tenebrae Friday Service**  
**April 3, 2026 @ 7:00 PM**
- **Easter Sunday Service**  
**April 5, 2026 @ 9:30 AM**

### Confirmation Classes meet:

March 8 Sun @ 8:30 am  
March 22 Sun @ 8:30 am  
March 29 Sun @ 9:30 am  
(for service)

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## Pastor's Page

**“I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” (Joshua 1:9)**

Dear Beloved Friends,

Grace and peace to you in this tender season of transition. As many of you know, I will soon be transitioning from Jonesville UMC to Covenant UMC in Rochester. Even as I write these words, I hold deep gratitude in my heart for the years we have shared in ministry — the prayers we have lifted, the tears we have shed, the laughter we have enjoyed, and the countless ways we have witnessed God's faithfulness together.

In moments like this, it is natural to feel a mixture of emotions. Alongside gratitude and hope, I also sense a quiet anxiety among us. Change often stirs uncertainty. Some of that anxiety, I believe, comes from not fully understanding how the United Methodist Church's appointment system works — how pastors are prayerfully discerned and sent where they are needed for the flourishing of the wider church.

Because of this, I would like to create a space for open and honest conversation. On March 29,

we will gather after coffee hour for a time when I can explain the appointment process more clearly and, more importantly, when we can share our thoughts and feelings with one another. Transitions are not merely administrative decisions; they are deeply relational experiences. It is important that we walk through this together.

My prayer is that our farewell will not be rushed or unspoken, but gracious and full of blessing. A healthy goodbye is a gift — it honors what has been and prepares the way for what is to come. As you prepare to receive your new pastor, I encourage you to keep your hearts open. The same God who has guided us thus far is already at work in the one who will come to serve and love you. Your warmth, trust, and welcome will shape the next chapter of Jonesville UMC in beautiful ways.

As we approach Easter, we are reminded that God specializes in new life. Resurrection does not erase what has been; it transforms it. My hope is that this season will become not simply a time of change, but a time of renewal — new vision, new energy, and new joy for the future of Jonesville UMC. Let us continue to trust the One who goes before us, walks beside us, and remains

faithful through every transition.

With gratitude and love,  
Youngjae

## Lectionary

### March 1st–

2nd Sunday in Lent  
Gen 12 : 1-4a  
Ps 121  
Rom 4 : 1-5, 13-17  
John 3: 1-17

### March 8th

3rd Sunday in Lent  
Exod 17 : 1-7  
Ps 112 : 95  
Rom 5 : 1-11  
John 4: 5-42  
Scouting Ministries Sunday

### March 15th

4th Sunday in Lent  
1 Sam 16: 1-13  
Ps 23  
Eph 5: 8-14  
John 9: 1-41

### March 22nd

5th Sunday in Lent  
Ezek 37 : 1-14  
Ps 130  
Rom 8 : 6-11  
John 11 : 1-45

### March 29th

*Liturgy of the Palms*  
Matt 21 : 1-11  
Ps 118 : 1-2, 19-29  
*Liturgy of the Passion*  
Isa 50 : 4-9a  
Ps 31 : 9-16  
Phil 2: 5-11  
Matt 26 : 14-27: 66 or 27:11-54

## Outreach & Organizations

### Outreach

March 2026

#### Mission of the Month is



**City Mission of Schenectady**, founded in 1906, is dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed. Our ministries are seeking to comprehensively meet the needs of the poor in a manner that dignifies and strengthens the individual, the family, and the community.

Our goal is to provide not only HELP for today, but HOPE for tomorrow. We want to help people who are in need right now by meeting basic needs like food, shelter and clothing. Providing these life essentials are at the core of who we are.

In addition, our hope is that we can do more than just meet basic needs... we want to transform lives. Together, we can help people begin to dream again and think about what they want their future story to look like.

We help those future stories come true by providing spiritual guidance, counseling, training, classes, life and job skills training and so much more! We don't receive government funding, so we couldn't do any of this without the generous support

of concerned individuals, churches and businesses.

JUMC will be serving at the community dinner on March 19, April 22, and May 27.

Donate on-line to JonesvilleUMC.org with note to MOM March or check to Jonesville UMC with note on memo line for MOM March. Thank you.

### United Women in Faith

#### Sunshine Girls Luncheon

Tuesday, March 10th

**12:30 PM in Fellowship Hall**  
This next Sunshine Girls Luncheon will bring us out with a little bit-o-Irish! Come join the ladies for food and fellowship, as they present the program: "Saint Patrick's Hospitality: Welcoming the Stranger".

Sign up in Fellowship Hall or call the office.

#### Prayer Shawl Workshop : postponed indefinitely

The crafters will be keeping busy at home. The congregation is encouraged to sign out a gift prayer shawl for one of the many on our prayer list (or not on our prayer list that still has your prayers)

### UMM

**The United Methodist Men Are back to holding their weekly meetings!**

Weekly meetings take place on Thursdays at 9:00 am in the Library With Men's breakfast on the 3rd Sunday. Kitchen help is always appreciated. Come for food and fellowship.

### Churchwide Breakfast March 15th ,2026

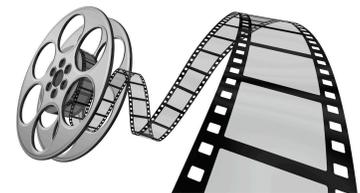


(not just for men, but put on by the men \$8adults/\$4 kids<10,\$24 max/ family)

### Worship committee

Worship committee has a busy time of it this season, making everything lovely for our Lenten celebrations. To help in the festive decor, Easter Flower Orders Become available March 8. \$10 for Tulips and Daffodils and \$15 for Hydrangeas and Azaleas

Please thank a Worship Committee member today for all their devoted effort!



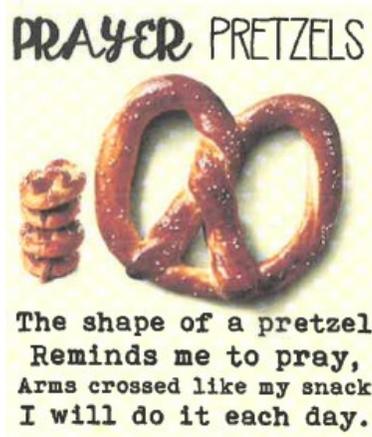
### Tech Team

**Please consider Joining our fun and dynamic Tech Team!**

**We need YOU to continue making our church services and online outreach a success**

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### Education



There are two Sunday School classes. -One geared for 3rd through 5th graders, in room 102.

-The other for 6th through 8th graders in the Upper Room. It isn't the first day of Sunday school, but you can still register and take part. Just come in when you are available and we will get you started.

Younger grades not covered by the nursery are welcome in room 102 also.

#### Upcoming:

**-Pretzel Sunday 3/22**

**- Plant Sale 5/9**

Many good opportunities to share your church with friends!

### MYF

Please Join this fantastic group of leaders and youth on this year's Journey together. If you missed previous meetings, you can still come. Please take a moment to thank the leaders!

### 4th & 5th Grade Youth

**3/20** 6-8:15 pm Movie Night at Church

#### MS & HS

**3/14** 5-6:30pm

Gathering at Church

**3/21** Middle school at Pinnacle 8 am- 10:45 pm

**3/29** 1-3pm Skating at Guptills.



### Micah 6:8

Micha 6:8 focuses on the least of these and all our marginalized brothers and sisters who are struggling.

#### Resources

If you or a loved one encounter a struggle with limited mobility, or are in need of medical equipment, due to emergency, please check out the attachment to the newsletter to see if one of these options is right for you. Insert available for our printed newsletter subscribers. The items can be signed out from the participating facilities, and you are obligated to return them asap so others can access the resource as needs arise.

### 200th Anniversary Committee

**Next Planning Meeting**

**March 3, 2026**

**7PM in the Upper Room**

All are welcome to participate! It is 2026 and we are in the 200th year! Please reach out to Barb Phillips at (518) 527-8591

### March 8 Window tour after service

Join the Morans and learn about the people on the panes of glass.

#### Church Timeline

The first 125 Years of the Church timeline is up in the Education Corridor. Please take some to read and appreciate this Mammoth effort.

Many worked on the posting of this gem. Special thanks to the Morans for all the incredible research, and for the beautiful work displaying this by the Volks, on the day of the big snowstorm. We look forward to seeing the last 75 years as we work on writing the new church history with all our new churchly shenanigans.

**Donate:** Checks can be made out to JUMC with 200th anniversary in the memo or try our new qr code. Thank you for your continued support.

## Outreach & Organizations

### Recovery Ministry

Jonesville UMC is a home for several recovery groups, still going strong week after week!

Our church is happy to partner with these critical recovery resources.

**Meetings that take place at our church include:**

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings:**

Monday 12:15PM

Wednesday 12:30 PM

Friday 10:00 AM

Friday 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9:00 PM

**Al-Anon Meetings:**

Thursdays : 10:15 AM

**AA QR Code**



**Al-Anon QR Code**



### A note from the office:

In the case of inclement weather, cancellations will be located on our website.

<https://jonesvilleumc.org/>

Click the link, or copy/paste it to your browser. I will have the status listed under the word "home" to the left of the

QR code. I will also have it listed through the School Closing network, so you can find it on TV.

### Music Ministry

**Bells & Choir**

**Wednesdays**

**6:30 & 7:30**

Please Join our choir with our all star Music Professionals Leading the charge. It promises to be fun, with a lot of hard work and hearty laughter.

**More immediate Music Schedule (subject to change)**  
**Rehearsals for Bells & Choir**  
**Weekly on Wednesdays**  
**@ 6:30 & 7:30 respectively**  
**Sunday Service/ Event dates**  
 (aligning with service time)

**3/1 Chancel Bells**

*"Let There be Peace on Earth"*

*Douglas Wagner*

**3/8 Chancel Choir**

*"What Wondrous Love" Heather Sorenson*

**3/15 Special Music**

**3/22 Chancel Bells**

*"Acclamation in G Minor"*

*Karen Thompson*

**3/29 Chancel Choir**

*"Hosanna, Hosanna!"*

*Joseph M Martin*

### Coffee Hour Volunteers

#### Gratefully Accepted

Thank you to all committees for hosting Coffee Hour in 2025. We will keep the same hosts for 2026. Open months are April, July, August and December. If a committee would like to host one of these months, please contact Pat Hippenbecker. Current openings start April.

Many thanks for making coffee hour a success.

### Our friends at Refugee Immigrant Support Service of Emmaus (RISSE)

*The RISSE Connection newsletter is available to read on the table in Fellowship Hall. Read Dan Butterworth's important message and what is happening at RISSE.*

### New RISSE Opportunities

**NEW** Volunteer at the Regional Food bank on Tuesday March 17 from 1:30 - 3:00pm. Sign up in Fellowship hall, or talk to someone in Outreach. Carpool from church lot at 12:45 PM.

Outreach serving dates at City Mission : **March 19**, April 22 and May 27. ( Subsequently added March date, please adjust your calendar accordingly)

RISSE requests any sewing or knitting materials. Many of the clients enjoy crocheting, knitting and sewing to make extra money. Please leave these donations in the RISSE Box under the coatrack inside the ground floor entrance.

*For more opportunities, please see previous newsletter*

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### Shenendehowa

## Helping Hands Food Pantry

### **DONATIONS ALWAYS NEEDED**

- Cash donations
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Fruit
- Condiments (mayo, ketchup, mustard etc.)
- Meals in a Can ( eg Ravioli, SpaghettiOs, Corned Beef Hash, Beef Stew, etc.)
- Pasta Sides ( Hamburger Helper, Knorr Pasta Sides etc.
- Paper Towels
- Cleaning Products ( Spray cleaners and disinfectants, toilet bowl cleaner, Laundry detergent, etc.)

Note: Cash is always a welcome donation because it will fit and it will also fill in the fresh food deficit left when the Regional Food Bank is unable to send enough fresh Items like meat.

**Thank you so much for your continued support.**

### **Inclement weather policy:**

Pantry will be closed when the Shenendehowa Central School District is closed due to bad weather. If Shen has a 2 hour delay, we will do our best to open at 11. However, this is dependent on volunteer availability. If you are unsure if we are open, please check our Website <https://sites.google.com/view/shenhelphinghandsfoodpantry/home> for up to date information.

## **Come work for JUMC!**

If you've been following, you've seen we said goodbye to our wonderful Administrative assistant, Kathy Fedorchak . We're now looking for support staff to fill her position.

Do you like ordering the space around you? Do you like talking to the people at church? Can you type and edit a document? Can you find your way around a Google Search and do something new ? You could be the bespoke person we seek. Please inquire at the office. [office@jonesvilleumc.org](mailto:office@jonesvilleumc.org)

### **Thank you**

I was surprised when I received an email from Dana Devenpeck that I was included in the staff gifts this year. Thank you to all my church family for this very generous gift and all your support and kindness.

Many blessings,  
Ginny Rae Moran