

The Midweek Messenger
Jonesville United Methodist Church
July 1, 2026

Be Strong and Courageous Joshua 1: 1-9

“I’ve commanded you to be brave and strong, haven’t I? Don’t be alarmed or terrified, because the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”¹
-Joshua 1:9

Right now, I am still sorting through boxes. I am trying to get organized but everywhere I turn there is a box. If there isn’t a box, then there is a pile of stuff that came out of a box that needs to be put away. But it was not what I was looking for, and I have not decided on a home. I just keep running into obstacles. Sometimes it is overwhelming and I just want to stop.

Have you ever run into an obstacle or felt overwhelmed by what you were facing? My call into ministry was one obstacle after another. I still am amazed at how God has gotten me to this point. Perhaps you can say the same thing.

In the first chapter of Joshua, our main character and Israel are facing obstacles. God tells them to be strong and courageous (brave and strong) for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

As we start this season of ministry together, let us be strong and courageous. The same God that was with you while Pastor Youngjae was here, is the same God with you and me now. We can be strong and courageous.

I look forward to worshipping this Sunday with you all. Invite anyone who has been missing for a while to join us as we start a new chapter in the 200 years of Jonesville UMC. Worship begins at 9:30 AM.

Blessings in Christ,

Pastor Leanne Zeck



Meet our new pastor, Leanne Zeck July 7th from 5-8pm

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall. There will be pizza and dessert provided. ***Child care is also provided.***

¹ [Common English Bible](#) (Nashville, TN: Common English Bible, 2011), Jos 1:9.

Join Us in our Methodist Community

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

Service Time 9:30 am

Technology Volunteers: Images: MaryEllen Hendrickson Stream: MaryEllen Hendrickson, Burt Theurer
Greeter: Alison Zoske Ushers: Jon Cochran, Ron Neu

PRELUDE

Casey Gray

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Leanne

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH BELL (7 TIMES)

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come this morning to worship in familiar space, yet there is the unfamiliar here.

We are called to be strong and courageous.

In a world that tests our patience and kindness, our faith and hope,

We are called to be strong and courageous for the Lord our God is with us.

*OPENING HYMN #173

God of Grace and God of Glory

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Together

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Barb Pettengill

As God has blessed us, so we also should bless others.

With love and gratitude, we bring our gifts to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

Special Music

Casey Gray

DOXOLOGY #94 & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Barb Pettengill

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jeff Hecht

*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joshua 1: 1-9

Barb Pettengill

Reader: For the Word of God spoken, for the Word of God made flesh, for the Word of God among us,

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON:

"Be Strong and Courageous"

Pastor Leanne Zeck

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #883

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYER

PRAYER SONG **2216

When We Are Called To Sing Your Praise

ORDER OF CELEBRATION OF A NEW APPOINTMENT

(See handout)

THE TABLE OF THE LORD *(All are welcome to receive communion)*

(See handout)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN * #114

Onward, Christian Soldiers

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Leanne

*POSTLUDE

Special Music

Casey Gray

*All those who are able are invited to stand.

**Hymns are in The Faith We Sing

Prayers:

†Vincent Paruolo

†Courtney Fedorchak

Gail Lewis - PJ's mom

Michelle Hoffman - Requested by PJ Furnari

Laura Fabrizio - Requested by PJ Furnari

Kathy Anthony - Requested by Kathy Fedorchak

Larry & Carol Tomaszewski - Requested by Kathy Fedorchak

Joy La Barge - Requested by Barb Phillips

Grace's Family

†Dottie Habura

Marie Cuzzo- Requested by Pat Hipenbecker

Michael & Laurie Krutza - requested by Pat & Les Hipenbecker

Char and Scott - requested by Barb Phillips

Dave - requested by Scott McFadden

Terry McFadden -Scott McFadden's brother

Bill Wilson- requested by Carol Vroman

Rindich Family- requested by Carol & Ron Neu

Pam Haynor - requested by Carol & Ron Neu

†John George

Family of Petra Nygard -requested by Carol Bates

†Carol White

†Calvin Flood

†Laurel Hayes

Geraldine Sim

Pat Brownell

†Alice Vautrin

†PJ Furnari

†Ella

†Laural Hayes

†Kelly Farron

†Heather Brown

†Charlene Donald

†Janice Catuccio

†Lory Bennett

†Anita Comtois

†Pat Vautrin

†Rob Sundell

†Dot Habura

†Ella Sherman

†Dee Holman

†Eileen Williams

†Pat Vautrin

† Attend JUMC

P: Praise for answered prayer

Prayers for those with chronic and with life threatening illness, the marginalized, the men & women in our armed services & their families, those who suffer from PTSD, and for those with alcohol and substance use disorders and their families.

Pray for Peace, Protection and resolution in the Ukraine, and for all those in countries with political and other strife.

Please share any joys and concerns that you may have by emailing the Church Office office@jonesvilleumc.org , or by using the prayer sheets available in the pews.

If you would like anyone included in the shared list, please confirm their consent.

Giving to the Church

As of 6/28/ 2026

Weekly Giving 6/28 \$1,733.00

2026 Giving: \$147,654.76

Keeping current with pledges enables JUMC to be successful in its commitment to the work of Christ.

Mission of the Month for July Shelters of Saratoga (SOS)



Did you know that SOS have been changing lives for over 30 years? It started in 1991 with an eight bed emergency shelter for men. Last year a 31 bed shelter was renovated and expanded along with a nine unit supportive housing development- both right in Saratoga!

SOS is a Saratoga County based human services agency that provides food, shelter and housing services to people who are homeless or facing homelessness. All of these needs are ongoing year round, not just in the winter months! Please consider a generous donation to this very worthy mission.

Please support our Mission of the month by donating on-line to JonesvilleUMC.org with note to MOM July, or check to Jonesville UMC with note Mom July on the memo line.

OUTREACH: Please check previous issues for other opportunities to serve.

New RISSE Request! There is a new need for laundry detergent and baby wipes at RISSE. Collections next to the fibercraft material box underneath the coatrack in the ground floor entry way. Detergent may be purchased at a cheaper price at any dollar store. Please give if you can. Your help is greatly appreciated.



RISSE : RISSE still requests any **sewing or knitting materials**. Please leave these donations in the RISSE Box under the coatrack inside the ground floor entrance.



Micah 6:8

Thank you to everyone who participated in pride month through the hosting of informational tables and their presence at the parades and celebrations. Thank you all who took the time to read about how we as a church support our LGBTQ+ community, and for any good learning you imbibed this year. Understanding people can be the biggest and kindest form of acceptance and help.

There will be an opportunity, once again to watch 1946 the movie, this fall. It is a movie that teaches how one mistranslation of the bible was used by many in power to divide, much to the detriment of the LGBTQ+ community, and how much of it still persists today. Big thank you to Carol Bates for making this education available to us.

Children's Church Volunteers NEEDED Please sign up in Fellowship hall.



Tech Team Request: Please come check us out. We need your help.

For the past few years, my husband, Burt, has had a struggle with an extremely inconvenient case of tinnitus. It has an unfortunately strong effect on his ability to decipher what sounds are there, and what ones are in his ears. We need someone with non-ringing ears to come learn the ropes. Please. We really need your help. You don't have to know anything to join.

JUMC 200th Anniversary 1826-2026

To donate for 200th anniversary activities, please make check out to JUMC with 200th anniversary in the memo line. Or designate a donation on line. See Barb Phillips with questions: (518)527-8591

CLAM BAKE

September 13th at 1:00PM

Buy your tickets now!

You will have a purchase window to get them when they're only offered to our church, before they go on sale to the public. When they're gone, they're gone, so go online at jonesvilleumc.org, scroll to just past the message, and order your tickets at "200th Anniversary Clam Bake" you can pay right online, or order in church on Sunday with a check.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSczY9Lp7nPt4w2S2T1d-oF7ojtDRIdDAKYHSNfj9q3zIQid2g/viewform>

BE A PART OF THE FUN! The 200th committee is still looking for a couple of volunteers to be a part of the **Clam Bake Reenactment Service on August 9th** in place of the service. It's a fun & easy way to participate. Please see Pat Hipenbecker for details!



Buy Your Bicentennial Tee Shirts size s - 3x \$15
Buy after Sunday Service in Fellowship Hall!
Get yours NOW! Wear it Everywhere!



MYF Upcoming Activities

Middle School & High School (myf@jonesvilleumc.org)

7/19: End of Season Party From 2:00-4:00 PM more info to follow



Sunshine Girls Luncheon July 14 at 12:30 in Fellowship Hall
The theme is "Freedom in Christ".
Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.
There will be no meeting in August.

Shenendehowa Helping Hands Food Pantry

(518) 877-7380

DONATIONS ALWAYS NEEDED

General Items

- Cash Donation
- Boxed Potatoes
- Canned Chickpeas
- Canned Peas
- Baked Beans
- Meals in a can (eg ravioli, SpaghettiOs, Corned Beef Hash, Beef Stew, etc.)
- Cookies & Crackers
- Tea
- Juice Boxes
- Cleaning Products (spray cleaners & disinfectants, toilet bowl cleaner, Laundry detergent etc.)



Every
Donation
Makes A
Difference

Pantry Closed this Friday, July 3rd in observation of Independence Day.

Inclement weather policy:

The pantry will be closed when the Shenendehowa Central School District is closed due to bad weather.

One-hour closure delays pantry by one hour. If there is a two hour delay or full closure the pantry will be closed. However, this is dependent on volunteer availability.

If you are unsure if we are open, please check our Website

<https://sites.google.com/view/shenhelpinghandsfoodpantry/home> for up to date information.

Shenhelpinghandsfoodpantry.org

Additional Resources Local to our Church AA& AI- Anon

Monday:12:15pm AA Meeting, Upper Room
Wednesday 12:30 pm AA Meeting, Upper Room
Thursday 10:15 am AI-Anon Meeting, Upper Room
Friday 10:00 am AA Meeting, Upper Room
Friday 7:30 pm AA Meeting, Upper Room
Saturday 9:00 pm AA Meeting, Upper Room

AA QR Code



AI- Anon QR

