

The Midweek Messenger
Jonesville United Methodist Church
August 12, 2026

Jesus at the Lakeshore: *Jesus is Calling*

“Row out farther, into the deep water, and drop your nets for a catch.” Luke 5 :4

Perhaps you have heard the saying, “you’ve only scratched the surface.” This implies that there is so much more to explore and learn. In the scripture from Luke, Jesus is implying there are fish in the deeper waters.

I believe I have only fished once or twice, so I am not an expert. But I have seen some fishing shows. Some fish are in deeper waters; some stick to the shallower parts. But I don’t believe Jesus is really talking about fishing in this text despite the story being a fishing story.

I believe Jesus is inviting the fishermen to go deeper in faith, starting where they were, and calling them to follow him.

The shallow end is comfortable. We get just wet enough. We aren’t having to exert a lot of energy in the shallow end. But we have just begun to scratch the surface of the love of God. There is so much more to know about God, about our faith, about living out our faith.

This week as we look at Jesus at the Lakeshore calling his disciples, can we hear him calling to us to go deeper, to risk telling our story to others?

Join us Sunday morning at 9:30 at Jonesville UMC. Blessings to you

Pastor Leanne

House Meetings

We are looking for church members willing to host small or large group meetings in their home as an opportunity to get to know Pastor Leanne. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall if you are willing to host. Additional details can be found on the sign up sheet.

Town Halls

Pastor Leanne will be starting quarterly town halls beginning in September. This will be an opportunity for the congregation to get a feel for what is going on in the church. She will be reaching out to the committees shortly if she has not contacted you already.

Vote Your Favorite Hymn

Please take a card on Sunday and write down the name or the first line of your favorite hymn. They will be compiled and used in a hymn sing in September.

Join Us in our Methodist Community

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

Service Time 9:30 am

Technology Volunteers: Images: Heather Brown Stream: Heather Brown, Tony Furnari

Greeter: Julie Hecht Ushers: Carol Bates, Norm Young Counters: PJ Furnari, Mike Pelc

PRELUDE

Casey Gray

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Leanne Zeck

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jan Volk

CHURCH BELL (7 TIMES)

GATHERING WORDS

As summer begins to wind down, perhaps you've scheduled a trip to a lake. Before we set out for a vacation at the lake, let's join Jesus lakeside. In the gentle lapping of the water, in the coolness of the breeze can we hear the words of Jesus calling to us again?

*OPENING HYMN #344

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Together

CHILDREN'S MOMENT :

Carol Vroman

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Jan Volk

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

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

OFFERTORY

Called

Brian Benson

DOXOLOGY #94 & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Jan Volk

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 5 : 1-11

Jan Volk

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

All: We give thanks.

VIDEO OF THE CHOSEN

SERMON:

Jesus at the Lakeshore:

Pastor Leanne Zeck

Jesus is Calling

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

Jesus calls us

To follow Him

Jesus Calls us

To go deeper in faith

Jesus calls us

To live and speak in such a way we attract others to the love of God. We will follow Jesus.

PRAYER SONG **2172

We Are Called

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Pastor Leanne Zeck

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

*CLOSING HYMN * #140

Great is Thy Faithfulness

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Leanne Zeck

*POSTLUDE

Casey Gray

*All those who are able are invited to stand.

**Hymns are in The Faith We Sing

Prayers:

Family of Rawn Seifert -Requested by Ginny Rae Moran

Milt Evans- requested by Les Hipenbecker

Greer Miller- Requested by Holly Weatherill

†**Family of Jim Colton**

Pauli Bekele- Gail Winters' Sister

Barbara Ray - requested by Alison Zoske.

Joan Lemke- Carol Vroman's sister

Steve Fendick - Requested by Carol Vroman

†**Family of Carol White**

†**Jacob George**

†**John George**

Adam Koblensky - brother of Alice Vautrin

Wayne Sherman- Brother of Charlene Donald

Family of Elliott Blackwell - Grace's Dad

†**Vincent Paruolo**.

†**Courtney Fedorchak**

Gail Lewis - PJ's mom

Michelle Hoffman - Requested by PJ Furnari

Laura Fabrizio - Requested by PJ Furnari

†**Laurel Hayes**

† **PJ Furnari**

†**Heather Brown**

†**Anita Comtois**

†**Ella Sherman**

† **Attend JUMC**

Geraldine Sim

†**Alice Vautrin**

†**Charlene Donald**

†**Pat Vautrin**

†**Dee Holman**

P: Praise for answered prayer

Pat Brownell

†**Laural Hayes**

†**Janice Catuccio**

†**Rob Sundell**

†**Eileen Williams**

†**Calvin Flood**

†**Lory Bennett**

†**Dot Habura**

†**Pat Vautrin**

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 August 9, 2026

Weekly Giving :

8/2 \$5,296.00,

8/9 \$3,888

2026 Giving: \$176,331.76

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

Mission of the Month for August

Capital City Rescue Mission



Our JUMC Mission of the Month for August 2026 is Capital City Rescue Mission, a Christian organization which has been serving the community of Albany, NY since 1949 (77 years) with Homeless Services and Recovery Programs! The Mission has been privately supported since its inception and does not receive any city, state or federal funding. They strive to serve by offering compassion, God's love, and hope to the street-weary homeless who feel hopeless.

As a part of their Homeless Services, they provide food, clothing, and shelter, including a chapel, a health clinic and a learning center for men, women and their children.

As a part of their holistic Recovery Programs, they offer a free nine-month Christian residential addiction recovery and rehabilitation program to help men looking for a fresh start to get back on their feet and become contributing members to society. To help support women and children, the fastest growing segment of homelessness, they offer free, year-long Christian transitional recovery programs, where women and children find safety and healing from trauma, abuse, and domestic violence.

You can read more at their website : capitalcityrescuemission.org

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

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

Ongoing RISSE Collections: we are continuing to collect fibercraft materials, as well as Detergent and wipes for our friends at Refugee & Immigrant Support Services of Emmaus. Collection bins are located under the coatrack on the ground entrance of the church.



Micah 6:8

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.

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



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

My hubby's ringing ears have made it increasingly difficult to do this job. 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 online. 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-oF7ojtDRldDAKYHSNfj9q3zIQid2g/viewform>

Bicentennial Tee Shirts \$15 Limited stock after Service in Fellowship Hall!

Or customize with your preferred color at <https://valswebstoreschipply.com/Jonesville/>
Hoodies are also available at the webstore.

HUGE THANK YOU to Pat Hipenbecker and her merry troop of thespians for the wicked awesome Reenactment this past Sunday. I truly had a blast. I encourage anyone who didn't see it to watch. Its worth your time.



Coffee Hour:

Please sign up for a Sunday in August. Pat is working her bippy off for us, and super duper needs a break!

MYF Upcoming Activities

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

Stay tuned for upcoming events in your email and in the midweek.

Safe Sanctuary Training is August 15th on zoom

Let's get trained so we can fulfill our commitment to the kids



Shenendehowa Helping Hands Food Pantry

(518) 877-7380

DONATIONS ALWAYS NEEDED

List Updated 7/24/26

- Cash Donation
- Salad Dressing
- Juice Boxes
- Hearty Soups (Progresso etc.)
- Canned Tomato Products
Spaghetti / Pasta Sauce
- Feminine Products
- Diapers (size 5+6)
- Condiments (mayonnaise, mustard Ketchup, relish etc.)
- Cleaning Products (spray cleaners & disinfectants, toilet bowl cleaner, Laundry detergent etc.)



Every
Donation
Makes A
Difference

Inclement weather policy:

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

One-hour closure delays the 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/shenhelphinghandsfoodpantry/home> for up to date information.

[Shenhelphinghandsfoodpantry.org](https://sites.google.com/view/shenhelphinghandsfoodpantry/home)

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

