

The Midweek Messenger
Jonesville United Methodist Church
August 20, 2026

Jesus at the Lakeshore: *Jesus is Calling*

Peter replied, "Lord, if it's you, order me to come to you on the water." -Matthew 14:28

I got stuck on Peter's reply in the story of Jesus walking on water. First, I was taken back by "order me to come to you on the water." Then the "if it's you" struck me.

The idea of walking on water goes beyond where I see my amount of faith often. That would not have been my request if I was on that boat in a storm, seeing what I think is an apparition. If I was wondering if it was truly God, I would ask something like "tell me what number I am thinking of."

Oh, to be able to ask like Peter asked, despite his fear and his doubts, just to ask God to do something big and let me participate in that. Where do we need to take that step of faith? As individuals? As a church?

Come on Sunday at 9:30 to worship the One who walks on water and invites us to do the same!

Pastor Leanne

To everything turn, turn, turn....

Ecclesiastes 3 says there is a season for everything. Some of us look forward to the fall, others mourn the end of summer. Change is not easy but it happens.

You will notice a change or two in the order of worship beginning this Sunday. After discussion with the Worship committee, which includes Tim, I have asked to move the order around a bit.

-first, our worship leader will be doing a bit more in the worship service—the announcements, call to worship/ gathering words/ opening prayer (depending on which is included in the order.), the offering, and the reading of scripture.

-second, we are moving the offering to after the sermon. I often use the offering not as a preparation for worship as some pastors do, but as a response. So that means the choir or bells anthem will be not within the offertory but standing alone before the sermon.

Right now, the worship team is willing to try and see if these changes work. We will continue to make adjustments as we go along in order to improve the flow of worship and create the space we can all meet Jesus, know Jesus better, and grow deeper in Jesus as we worship.

Thank you for your patience and joy in this process.

Pastor Leanne

House Meetings

We are looking for church members willing to host small groups to get to know the pastor. 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.

Join Us in our Methodist Community

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026

Service Time 9:30 am

Tech Volunteers: Images: MaryEllen Hendrickson **Stream:** ME Hendrickson, Scott McFadden, Calvin Flood
Greeter: Norm Young **Ushers:** Brian Benson, Paul Hendrickson **Counters:** Scott Strock, Pat Hatlee

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH BELL (7 TIMES)

Casey Gray

Pastor Leanne Zeck

Deb Devenpeck

GATHERING WORDS

Deb Devenpeck

Last week, we came to the lake with Jesus and heard him calling to us—a new way of living. Large bodies of water draw us to them for vacations and renewal. There is something peaceful about them.... most of the time.

Have you ever heard the song "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald"? On these great lakes of ours and any large body of water, storms can seem to come out of nowhere. Today we journey with Jesus and the disciples through a storm. Will we be the disciples who remain in the boat or join Jesus in walking on water in the midst of the storm?

***OPENING HYMN #529**

How Firm a Foundation

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Together

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Heather Brown

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 14: 22-33

Deb Devenpeck

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.

SERMON:

Jesus at the Lakeshore: In the Storm

Pastor Leanne Zeck

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

When the storms of life rage,

Still our hearts and still the storm

When the storms of life rage and you call us to walk in faith anyways,

Still our hearts, give us courage, steady our feet

In the stillness and the storm,

You are God

Walk with us and keep us faithful

Give us courage to follow faithfully your call.

PRAYER SONG **2158 *Just a closer Walk With Thee*

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Pastor Leanne Zeck

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Deb Devenpeck

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

Deb Devenpeck

***CLOSING HYMN * #595**

Here I Am, Lord

***BENEDICTION**

Pastor Leanne Zeck

***POSTLUDE**

Casey Gray

*All those who are able are invited to stand.

**Hymns are in The Faith We Sing

Prayers:

Chris C- Requested by Kathy Fedorchak
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	Geraldine Sim	Pat Brownell	
†PJ Furnari	†Alice Vautrin	†Laural Hayes	†Calvin Flood
†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 August 9, 2026

Weekly Giving : 8/16 \$5,290

2026 Giving: \$181,621.76

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.

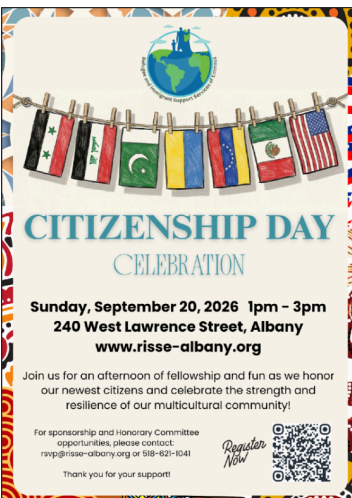
As a part of their holistic Recovery Programs, they offer a free nine-month Christian residential addiction recovery and rehabilitation program to help men looking for a fresh start to get back on their feet and become contributing members to society. To help support women and children, the fastest growing 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.



Risse Event : CITIZENSHIP DAY CELEBRATION

When: Sunday, September 20, 2026 1PM-3PM
 Where: 240 West Lawrence Street, Albany
 Web address: www.risse-albany.org



Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun as we honor our newest citizens and celebrate the strength and resilience of our multicultural community!

For sponsorship and Honorary Committee opportunities (≥\$500), please contact: rsvp@risse-albany.org or call (518)621-1041.

Thank you for your support.

United Women in Faith

-Knitters/crocheters to Start up again on Friday September 18th in the library.

-Sunshine Girls Luncheon September 8th @ 12:30 Sign up Fellowship Hall.

Albany dist. UWF team prescient Melanie Keith will be guest speaker, sharing about her attendance of the World Assembly of the UWF held in May, 2026. Please sign up in Fellowship Hall.

-Two outside event sign ups in Fellowship Hall:



Albany/ Adirondack Districts

UWF Fall Event Saturday September 26

@ Christ UMC 54 Bay St., Glens Falls, NY

Theme "Creation Justice"

Details on UWF Bulletin Board, and on the table below it in Fellowship hall. Sign up sheet also on the table.

Deadline to register: September 10th.

Upper New York United Women in Faith

Conference Annual Fall Meeting:

Saturday, October 17th,

@Fayetteville UMC, Fayetteville, NY, 13066

10 am -3pm

An in-person or Zoom event

Sign up and display in Fellowship Hall

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

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

The Webstore is now Extended until August 30th. This is your last opportunity for a custom shirt. →→→→→

Use this link: <https://valswebstores.chipply.com/Jonesville/>



Coffee Hour:

Please sign up for a Sunday in August. Pat is working her bippy off for us, its our turn.

MYF Upcoming Activities Middle School& High School (myf@jonesvilleumc.org)

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

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

