

MAIN STREET MESSENGER

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Churchwide Services & Events:

Event Timeline (*sermon schedule p 3*) :

Sept 6 Hymn Sing Service
Be thinking about what songs you think made the cut.
Sept 13 Clam Bake 1pm at the church
Sept 27 Town Hall Meeting & Potluck
after the service

**See individual sections for committee and smaller group meetings.*

Our feature Shenanigan:

200TH ANNIVERSARY
CLAM BAKE
SEPTEMBER 13TH 1PM



**Town Hall Meeting &
Potluck Lunch 9/27**

Pastor's Pages

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything."

—Acts 2:42–44 (CEB)

Nothing simply appears—not even a healthy, welcoming church community.

Frank Lloyd Wright is often quoted as saying, "I know the price of success: dedication, hard work, and an unrelenting devotion to the things you want to see happen." *Unrelenting devotion*. That phrase is a little daunting, especially for someone like me, with a tendency toward hyperactivity and a short attention span. We live in a culture that wants everything yesterday. If something needs to change, we expect it to happen quickly.

But *unrelenting* reminds us that the things we truly value take time to build. They require patience, persistence, and a willingness to keep showing up.

This has long been part of the DNA of Jonesville UMC: creating space for young people to meet, know, and grow in Christ. As fall approaches, our education and youth ministry teams are

already busy planning for the year ahead and creating those spaces. It doesn't just happen. It takes people who are willing to give their time, energy, creativity, and care—people with an unrelenting devotion to the ministry God has placed before us. And there is always room for more people to join them.

Our food pantry, small groups, and Bible studies will continue to move forward as well, feeding people physically, spiritually, and relationally. Once again, these ministries depend on volunteers who are willing to keep showing up and whose devotion helps turn our calling into something tangible.

In September, our stewardship campaign will begin. Stewardship gives us another opportunity to live out our devotion to Christ and to one another as we prayerfully consider how we will support the ministry of this church with our financial resources.

All of this raises an important question: **What kind of church is God calling Jonesville UMC to continue to be—and to become?** What are the values we want to embody? What kind of community do we want to create together?

Acts 2 gives us a glimpse of a newly formed community of believers in the days

following Pentecost. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to community, to shared meals, and to prayer. They were united. They shared what they had. And, as a result, *a sense of awe came over everyone*. I am struck by those words: **a sense of awe came over everyone**.

Awe doesn't just happen. It is not simply the result of a good sermon, a favorite hymn, or a particularly meaningful worship service. Those moments matter, but the awe described in Acts grew out of something deeper: a community of people who devoted themselves to God and to one another. They kept showing up. They prayed together. They learned together. They ate together. They shared what they had. They built a life of faith together.

That kind of community takes time. It takes intention. And it takes unrelenting devotion.

As we move forward together—especially as pastor and congregation begin a new chapter in our relationship—I wonder what might happen if we allowed ourselves to dream bigger. What might God be calling Jonesville UMC to become? What new spaces might we create? Whom might we welcome? Whom might we feed, teach, encourage, and

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accompany? What might become possible if we devoted ourselves, not simply to keeping the church going, but to becoming the community God is imagining for us?

The church we hope to become will not simply appear.

It will be built, day by day, through our prayers, our generosity, our service, our welcome, and our willingness to keep showing up.

And perhaps, along the way, we will discover what the early church discovered:

Awe comes when a community of believers devotes itself to God and to one another.

Scriptures for September & Preaching Schedule

(**----** are the narrative lectionary scripture associated with Pastor's sermon series and the other scriptures are extras from the Methodist Church program calendar lectionary.)

Hymn Special Event: Hymn Sing: Praise the Lord

September 6: Hymn Sing

15th Sun After Pentecost

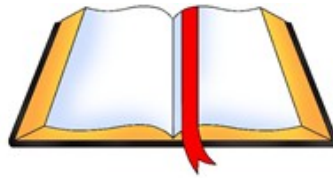
****Psalm 150****

Exod 12: 1-14

Ps 149 or 148

Rom 13: 8-14

Matt 18: 15-20



Fall Sermons and Lectionary

(Sermon titles listed below date)

September 13

The Rainbow Connection

16th Sunday after Pentecost

****Genesis 9 : 8-17****

Exod 14 :19-31

Exod 15 :1b-11, 21-21

Rom 14 : 1-12

Matt 18: 21-35

September 20

Go and Go Forth

17th Sunday after Pentecost

****Genesis 12: 1-9****

Exod 16 :2-15

Ps 105: 1-6, 37-45 or ps 78

Phil 1 : 21-30

Matt 20 : 1-16

September 27

Chosen People, Closed Doors

18th Sunday after Pentecost

****Genesis 39: 1-2; 45: 1-8****

Exod 17 : 1-7

Ps 78 : 1-4, 12-16

Phil 2 : 1-13

Matt 21 : 23-32



Small Group Studies Start September 20th

Spiritual Formation is starting their Small Group studies Starting on September 20 with a Monday night Zoom and Thursday night meetings as well as Sunday school coverage. Please stay posted for details.

Partner Church Opportunity Disciple : Becoming Disciples through Bible Study

Debbie Earthrowl is offering a study that she's found to be one of the very best bible studies. It gives an overview of the entire Bible, while building discipleship.

This 34 week study has both readings and class time. Debbie will also be posting them daily to her Facebook page as her morning devotions throughout the entirety of the study. Email Debbie with any questions at pastordebbie@fumceg.org for more detailed information

Mondays Starting 9/21/26

6:30-8:30pm

Zoom Meeting

Tuesdays Starting 9/22/26

6:30-8:30pm

In person@ the parsonage
29 Kriss Krossing, E.
Greenbush

Thursdays Starting 9/24/26

1:00- 3:00 pm

1st UMC E. Greenbush, in
the multi purpose room, 1
Gilligan Rd.

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Outreach

Next meeting 9/14

September

Mission of the Month is Freshwater Friends

We were introduced to Fresh Water Friends last year and Audra Wood, Executive Director came to JUMC and shared in her sermon how important and crucial it is for communities around the world living in remote villages to have clean water and how Fresh Water Friends can make it a possibility. They are a 501(c)3 nonprofit public charity and celebrating their 10th year Anniversary this month! Their global mission is to share the love of Jesus Christ by providing clean water to communities in need. They work with local partners to build wells, provide water delivery and filtration, and find creative solutions to water problems on a village-by-village basis in many countries. FWF's vision is to share the joy of clean water and the hope of living water with every thirsty person – until no one is left unreached.

If the villages are to get clean water and in most areas the water they have access to is not truly clean and children there die of illnesses associated with unclean drinking water. In most situations many young women walk 3 miles one way to carry water weighing up to 30 pounds and this may mean that it is impossible to go to school because of the time it takes them to bring the water back to their villages.

Last year JUMC provided the means through your monetary

donations of \$1,700 given to FWFs which was used to build a borewell in a village. We received a letter thanking each of you from the village spokesperson via FWFs:

"Thanks to this generous gift from Jonesville United Methodist Church, the community now has a steady source of clean water. The installation of the borewell ensures better access to drinking water, supports agricultural activities, and reduces the burden on families, particularly women and children, who previously struggled to fetch water from distant sources. This intervention enhances health and hygiene and strengthens the economic and social well-being in our small village. On behalf of the entire village community, we would like to express our deepest gratitude and sincere thanks for your generous support in providing a borewell for our village. This borewell has become a great blessing to all of us. Previously we faced many difficulties in accessing clean and sufficient water for our daily needs. Women, children, and elderly people had to walk long distances to fetch water, often facing hardship and health challenges. But now through your kindness and compassion we have easy access to clean and safe drinking water."

To learn more about Fresh Water Friends see their

website:

www.freshwaterfriends.org

Please support our September mission of the month by donating online or sending a check payable to JUMC designated September MOM.

United Women in Faith

Sunshine Girls Luncheon
9/14@12:30 in 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.

We invite you to join us for fellowship and good food. Please sign up in the fellowship hall or call the church office if you plan to attend. There is also a sign-up sheet if you wish to volunteer to provide a salad, main dish or dessert.

Prayer Shawl Ministry :



The next Prayer Shawl Group meeting will be at the church in the Library on Friday,

September 18th at 9:30 am.

As always, shawls are displayed outside the church office and can be given to those going through a difficult time. Please just sign the log so the ladies can see where their work is going and hold them in their hearts.

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UWiF Events to attend:

Albany /Adirondack Districts

UWFaith Fall event:

Saturday, 9/26/26 @ Christ UMC, 54 Bay St, Glens Falls
Theme : "Creation Justice"
See Display in Fellowship hall to read more and Sign up.
Deadline to register: September 10th.

Upper New York United Women in Faith Conference Annual Fall Meeting:

Saturday 10/17/26 @ Fayetteville UMC, Fayetteville, NY 13066 10:00am - 3:00 pm
This event is in person, and also available on Zoom. For more info or to sign up see display in Fellowship hall

UMM

Weekly meetings take place on Thursdays at 9:00 am in the Library.

Men's breakfast is on the 3rd Sunday **starting again on October 18th after the service.**

This is an earlier date than previously stated.



Thank you Men!

Education

School is starting and so is Sunday School. Welcome back! **September 13.** Take the day to come and register your kids!



MYF

Jr. & Sr High

September 26:11:30-5:00pm

Kick-off at the Alpine Slide

October 4, 5-6:30 pm

Meeting in Fellowship hall

4th&5th Grade

Sept 18 6-7:30 Kick-off

Micah 6:8

Stay tuned for an opportunity to watch a screening of 1946 The Mistranslation that Shifted Culture.

Membership Development

Our gang from Membership Development has been working tirelessly to organize our **Clam Bake on the 13th @1pm.** A very special thank you to Amy Pelc who has truly been putting in a Herculean effort.

If you have not already picked up your tickets, you can get them after church on Sundays.

200th Anniversary Committee

Next Planning Meeting

September 1, 2026 7PM/ Upper Room

All are welcome! Contact Barb Phillips at (518) 527-8591.

Donate: Checks to JUMC with 200th anniversary in the memo or try the qr code. Thank you for your continued support.

Recovery Ministry

Resources

Jonesville UMC is a home for several recovery groups. Our church is happy to partner with these critical recovery resources.

Meetings At JUMC:

Alcoholics Anonymous

Meetings:

Monday 12:15PM

Wednesday 12:30 PM

Friday 10:00 AM & 7:30 PM

Saturday: 9:00 PM

AI-Anon Meetings:

Thursdays : 10:15 AM

AA QR Code AI- Anon QR



Music Ministry

Bells & Choir Wednesdays

6:30 & 7:30 Respectively

Rehearsals Start Sept. 2nd.

Choir Sundays: 9/13, 9/27

Bells Sundays: 9/20, 10/4

Sunday school music:

9/20, 9/27, 10/4

Tech Team

Hi all! Tech team still needs volunteers. You don't need to know the system, they will be happy to show you the ropes! Image Team people also requested. Please see the office if you want to join this motley crew.

Outreach Opportunities

RISSE-We are continuing to collect laundry detergent and baby wipes at the ground floor entrance as well as fiber crafts. Please donate what you can.

Ping Pong Ministry

Wednesdays 5-7:30



Starting September 16th

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Shenendehowa Helping Hands Food Pantry

(518)877-7380

DONATIONS ALWAYS NEEDED

Thank you so much for your continued support.

- Cash donations
- Salad Dressing
- Hearty Soups (Progresso etc.)
- Cleaning Products (spray Cleaners and disinfectants, toilet bowl cleaner etc.)
- Condiments (Mayonnaise, mustard, ketchup, relish)
- Meals In a Can (Canned Ravioli, SpaghettiOs, Corned Beef Hash, Beef Stew)
- Canned Peas
- Canned Baked beans
- Body Wash
- Diapers (Size 5 & 6)



Every
Donation
Makes A
Difference

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

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

The pantry will be Closed: Friday, October 9, 2026 for the Indigenous Peoples Day

Calendar by date September

Date	Event	Place	Time
September 6	Hymn Sing	JUMC Sanctuary	Service time 9:30 AM
September 13	The Rainbow Connection	JUMC Sanctuary	Sermon Time
September 13	Clam Bake	JUMC	1:00 PM
September 13	Sunday School Begins	JUMC	
September 14	Sunshine girls Luncheon	Fellowship Hall	12:30 PM
September 18	MYF 4th +5th grade Kickoff	JUMC	6-7:30
September 16 weekly: 9/16, 9/23, 9/30	Ping Pong Begins	Fellowship Hall	5:00 - 7:30
September 20	Go and Go Forth	JUMC Sanctuary	Sermon time
September 21, weekly 9/21,9/28 for 34 weeks	External Disciple Bible study	Over zoom with Debbie Earthrowl from E. Greenbush	6:30-8:30
September 22 Weekly 9/22, 9/29 for 34 weeks	External Disciple Bible study	parsonage@29 Kriss Krossing, East Greenbush	6:30-8:30
September 24 weekly 9/24,10/1 for 34 weeks	External Disciple Bible study	1st UMC E. Greenbush, in the multi purpose room, 1 Gilligan Rd.	1:00-3:00 PM
September 26	Jr Sr High Kickoff	Meet Fellowship Hall	11:30AM -5PM
September 27	Chosen People, Closed Doors	JUMC Sanctuary	Sermon time
September 27	Town Hall & Potluck	Fellowship Hall	After service ≈ 10:45