

The Midweek Messenger
Jonesville United Methodist Church
September 9, 2026

The Rainbow Connection

God said to Noah, “This is the symbol of the covenant that I have set up between me and all creatures on earth.” Genesis 9:17

“Why are there so many songs about rainbows and what’s on the other side? “

Why are there so many controversies over rainbows? The clamor all around us is that culture has stolen the rainbow and Christians need to take it back. But scripture says it is the symbol of God’s covenant with ALL creatures on earth.

So what is the rainbow connection to God’s story? This Sunday we will be looking at the rainbow and God’s covenant. See you Sunday at 9:30 AM and then at 1:00 for our clam bake!

“Someday we’ll find it, the rainbow connection, the lovers, the dreamers, and me.”
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.

Upcoming Bible Study

September 20th starts a new Bible Study for the fall from Spiritual Formation. Learn the wisdom offered by the Torah. It will meet Thursday evenings starting 9/24 from 6:30-7:45 in the Upper room and Monday evenings starting 9/21 from 6:30-7:45 on Zoom. Sign up outside the office. Sunday School is also available starting 9/20 after church -No sign up required. I am attaching the flyer with the details on the study to this mailing of the Midweek.

Join Us In Our Methodist Community

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13 2026

Service Time 9:30 am

Tech Volunteers: Images:Heather Brown **Stream:**Heather Brown , Scott McFadden

Greeter: Alison Zoske **Ushers:** Scott Strock, Carol Bates **Counters:** Deb Devenpeck, Jeff Hecht

PRELUDE

Casey Gray

WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Leanne Zeck

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deb Devenpeck

As the bell calls us to worship, let us prepare our hearts and minds to be present in Christ.

CHURCH BELL (7 TIMES)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deb Devenpeck

Come, all you people, come and worship.

God has made a covenant with us.

Come, all creatures of the earth, come and worship.

God has made a covenant with all creatures.

Remember the covenant and be thankful.

God remembers the covenant and God will save us.

***OPENING HYMN #117**

O God, Our Help In Ages Past

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

*** SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

Together

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Amy Pelc

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 9 : 8-17

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.

ANTHEM:

Eternal Father Strong to Save. arr. Mack Wilberg

SERMON:

The Rainbow Connection

Pastor Leanne Zeck

PRAYER SONG **

The Rainbow Connection

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

COMMUNION

***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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Aileen Svec, & her brothers Paul and David O'Brien

Nora Wakely - Requested by Barb Phillips

Jan Kelly -

The MacLain family (keep them in your heart prayers they are fine, they just miss us, as we miss them and "donut hour")

Joey Barone - requested by Mary Anne Benson

Diane Pope - requested by Pat Hipenbecker

Steve Lathrop

Mark Thibault - Requested by Mark Vroman

Gail Lewis - Requested by PJ Furnari.

Tony Furnari - Requested by PJ Furnari

Family of Ethan White - Requested by PJ Furnari

Jacob George-

Jim Vanasdale - Requested by Kathy Fedorchak.

Tom Thomason- requested by MaryBeth Leslie

Rachel Hansen Requested by Walt and Paula Golden

Ella Sherman

Family of Mark Rose

Linda Rose- requested by Deb Devenpeck

Jacqueline Flood - Requested by Calvin Flood

Gaye Fedorchak- Requested by Kathy & Tom Fedorchak

Declan Fahey- Requested by Carol Neu

Rindich Family Requested by Carol Neu

Geraldine Sim

† PJ Furnari

† Heather Brown

† Anita Comtois

† Ella Sherman

† Attend JUMC

Pat Brownell

† Alice Vautrin

† Charlene Donald

† Pat Vautrin

† Dee Holman

P: Praise for answered prayer

† Vincent Paruolo.

† Laural Hayes

† Janice Catuccio

† Rob Sundell

† Eileen Williams

† John George

† Laurel Hayes

† 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 September 2, 2026:

Weekly Giving : 9/6- \$4703.57 2026 Giving: \$193,541.33

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

Mission of the Month for September

Fresh Water 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 Mission of the month by donating on-line to JonesvilleUMC.org with note to MOM September, or check to Jonesville UMC with note Mom September 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.



United Women in Faith

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

-Next Sunshine Girls Luncheon: **October 13 @ 12:30** Sign up 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 of 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
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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.



NEW! Sunday School Volunteers NEEDED

Please sign up in Fellowship hall.

It's a new school season and the kids are coming back. Can you help?



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

Be sure to pick up your tickets in Fellowship Hall.

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

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

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

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MYF Kickoff

4th & 5th 9/18 6-7:30

Jr. & Sr. High 9/20

Ping Pong

September 16th 5-7:30



Shenendehowa Helping Hands Food Pantry

(518) 877-7380

DONATIONS ALWAYS NEEDED Updated for September



Every
Donation
Makes A
Difference

General Requests	Thanksgiving Meal Distribution Requests
- Cash (Saves space/ fills the gaps) - Spaghetti/ Pasta Sauce - Canned Tomato Products - Hearty Soups (Progresso etc.) - Salad Dressing - Coffee, Tea, Hot Cocoa - Laundry Detergent - Paper Towels	- Baking Supplies (dry ingredients, Pie filling) - Brownie Mix, Cookie Mix, Frosting - Canned or Jar Gravy or Gravy Mixes - Boxed Broth - Whole Berry Cranberry Sauce - Pickles - Pancake Mix & Syrup

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/shenhelpinghandsfoodpantry/home> for up to date information.

[Shenhelpinghandsfoodpantry.org](https://sites.google.com/view/shenhelpinghandsfoodpantry/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

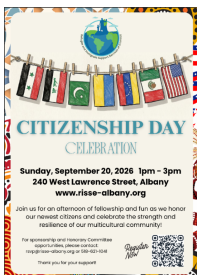
Friday 7:30 pm AA Meeting, Upper Room

Saturday 9:00 pm AA Meeting, Upper Room

AA QR Code AI- Anon QR



Study sign up for Disciple Bible study outside our church With Debbie Earthrowl
See attached pdf or the sheet outside the office.



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.

