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Mark your calendars!



Blue Christmas
Saturday, Dec 12 at 3:30



Jamestown ECO Presbyterian Church

Not everyone feels excited and cheery for the holidays— especially in 2020. In this special worship service we create a sacred space to acknowledge that pain, sorrow, doubt and confusion are frequently part of life for people who are mourning the loss of a loved one or who are struggling to cope after divorce, loss of a job, a serious illness or other major trial.

Blue Christmas worship services are especially designed for those who are going through a dark time, but anyone who has ever "felt blue" is welcome. Come, as together we draw near to Jesus to find light in the darkness.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Jamestown ECO Presbyterian Church
7:00 pm All Welcome!

Special Musical performances





From the Pastor's Study

Dear JPC family and friends,

According to AAA statistics, more than 115 million Americans traveled to a holiday destination in the last ten days of 2019. That's one out of every three people. Obviously, this year will be very different, as government officials urge people to avoid travel if possible – to stay close to home and avoid crowds.

Two thousand years ago, another government sent untold numbers of travelers out onto the road – not for a holiday, and not because of sickness. The Gospel of Luke tells us that the emperor, Caesar Augustus, issued a decree that a census must be taken of “the entire Roman world.” Everyone had to go to their hometown to register. And so it was that Joseph went with Mary, who was in the late stages of pregnancy, from Nazareth to Bethlehem. That doesn't mean much to us, until we realize that's a distance of ninety miles! Over rugged terrain, in what was most likely unpleasant weather! Even if Mary rode a donkey, it would have been a grueling journey. *“While they were there [in Bethlehem], the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no room in the inn.”* All the regular housing was full up. No vacancy – not even for a new mother.

Everything about that situation was unexpected. Uncomfortable. Inconvenient. A complete disruption of their usual lives. And yet ... God had his hand upon all of it. Joseph and Mary were right where they needed to be. Jesus was born at the right time ... the right place. For you; for me; for sin-sick souls in every century in every part of the whole weary world.

Are you weary, this year? If so, you are in good company. I don't know anyone who isn't tired, tired, tired in one way or another. Nevertheless, rejoice! Take heart! Christ has come!

Despite all the disruption, inconvenience and even disappointments of the current year, Jesus, our Lord Emmanuel, is with us. He is not only with us, but FOR us – intending always what is best for us, and for this world that he loves. So may this Christmas season be a time of deepened hope, peace and joy as we celebrate the birth of “love in the flesh” – Christ Jesus our Lord.

Yours in His love,

Pastor Sue

God has blessed our shoebox giving!

This year our congregation and community members donated a total of 41 boxes! Please keep the volunteers and travel services in your prayers. Was the first thought in your mind to include a mask in your shoebox? This year Samaritan's Purse is searching for extra hands to get this project completed. Please keep all of the helping hands, the boxes themselves, and the recipients in your prayers. As we have seen here in our small community God is good all the time. Even in the midst of lockdowns and isolations- He will find a way !



Community and Church Calendar

December 4	Hanging of Greens—6 p.m.
December 6	Sunday School—9:45 a.m. Worship – 11:00 a.m. (B.J. Rudge)
December 12	Blue Christmas Service —3:30 p.m. Community Dinner 4:30-6:00 p.m.
December 13	Sunday School—9:45 a.m. Worship – 11:00 a.m. Communion
December 16	Properties, Finance, Mission - 5:30 Session – 6:30 p.m.
December 20	Sunday School—9:45 a.m. Worship – 11:00 a.m.
December 24	Christmas Eve Service—7:00 p.m.
December 25	<i>Merry Christmas!</i>
December 27	Sunday School—9:45 a.m. Worship – 11:00 a.m.

Church office will be closed December 24-28

Meeting Weekly:

Tuesday	TOPS 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Cub Scouts - 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	AA - 7:00 p.m.



Prayers



- * For students, parents and teachers feeling increase of stress under online & "hybrid" learning
- * Ian Jacobs following a recent double-lung transplant
- * Congratulations to Dale & Susan Anderson on their 39th wedding anniversary
- * For "prodigals" who have wandered far from those who love them
- * That God's people would hear and follow his voice in our electoral process (and in all things)
- * Barb Owen and Bill Love as they continue to recover from knee surgery
- * Prayers for Dave & Linda Volosin facing upcoming surgeries (Dave shoulder, Linda foot)
- * Prayers for London Glass following a recent car accident
- * Reverend Paul Mitchell now in hospice care (cancer)
- * Healing for Carol Young (heart & blood pressure)
- * Healing for Wayne Gear (cancer)
- * Safety for hunters

Pastor

Rev. Sue Nageotte

Clerk of Session

Janeen Mihoci

2020 Session Committees & Chairpersons

Mission

Tom Walker, Chair
Kris Murphy
Betty Love

Properties/Building & Grounds

Ron McClimans, Chair

Personnel

Mike Henegan, Chair
Alice Walker

Nurture/Worship

Janeen Mihoci, Chair
Gladys Melton
Jennifer Arnett
Alice Walker

Membership

Dave Volosin, Chair

Finance

Bud Owen, Chair
Alyson Fisher

Deacons

Moderator
Secretary

Susan Anderson
Carol Henegan
Suzanne College
John Mihoci
Linda Kappelt

Assistant Deacon

Evan Gault

Staff

Secretary

Linda Pinney

Custodian

Mike Costa

Building Supt.

Bill Love

Pastor Sue does not currently have a set schedule for office hours. If you would like to arrange a time to meet with her, or if you have an urgent pastoral need, she can be reached by cell phone at 814-758-5525.



November 15th Entire Offering
\$1000 sent for

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

Special Offering



Saturday Supper
Free Community Dinner
Thanksgiving Dinner
November 21st 4:30-6:00 pm

Thank You all so much for supporting this outreach!
Over 150 free meals were given out yesterday!

Over \$600 donated for the Jamestown Food Pantry and Backpack Program!

All Invited!

Thank you congregation!

November's Noisy Offering:
\$46.04

Noisy Offerings are taken on the first Sunday of every month.



COMMUNITY DINNERS



Jamestown ECO Presbyterian Church
HIGHLIGHTS for Session Meeting, November 18, 2020

The Deacons donated to the Jamestown Children Christmas fund and will cover any unpaid mailing costs for the Samaritan's Purse Shoeboxes. They also presented a prayer blanket to Barb Owens and they plan on providing meals to any member after surgery. The Deacons will also plan on coordinating two of the community meals besides the chili supper.

The treasurer's report shows the checking account balance as of October 31, 2020 to be \$14,284.10 with total deposits in October of \$7,326.47 and total expenses of \$6,428.16.

We are currently looking to nominate one elder & one deacon to complete the slate of officers for 2021.

Approval for Linda Pinney as the recording secretary for Session in exchange for one day a month comp time.

Because of the new state mandate, masks will need to be worn the entire time during worship. This information needs to be conveyed to the congregation before and during worship.

If there is a state ordered shutdown or if circumstances dictate, then session may determine the appropriateness of a shutdown, then we will discontinue in-person gathering.

As the Christmas season approaches, session will continually monitor the current situation in determining what arrangement would be appropriate for Christmas Eve service.

All activities for the youth and Friday Night Done Right were put on hold in November in response to the spread of COVID-19

Rick Cepris preached on Nov 15, and pulpit supply on Dec 6 will be BJ Rudge (from Hermitage), and on Dec 27 by Rick Cepris

Communion was held for 33 people on November 1 will be held again on December 13 and December 24 using individual servings

There was a nice service held for All Saints on November 1. A Blue Christmas service is planned for Saturday Dec 12 at 3:30 PM with music by Alissa the harpist; free community dinner available immediately after Advent starts on Nov 29 and on Friday, December 4 at 6 pm, we will have the Hanging of the Greens.

On Christmas Eve, we will continue candlelight service featuring the bell choir, guest soloist, and instrumentalists.

On November 21 we prepared a take-out Thanksgiving dinner with 150 free meals sold out early.

On December 12, our free community dinner will feature lasagna, salad, bread & dessert

The adult Sunday school started Max Lucado's "Glory Days" book & video series led by Robin Ward and Pastor Sue.

The children's Sunday School is led by Alice Walker & Janeen Mihoci.

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JPNS (Nursery School) has hired Lisa Renwick as replacement substitute for Mandi College; Tennille McElhaney continues as part time assistant with Linda Lorigan as full-time teacher.

The Nursery School has remained open full time and they appreciate the support on their recent pepperoni roll sale.

The annex was spruced up recently – it was completely repainted and light bulbs replaced. Thanks to the guys for moving everything out then putting it all back again.

Building projects that still need completed include paint kitchen, mount fold-up counter in kitchen, get kitchen certification, replace lights in table room, repair ceiling tile above the piano in the sanctuary, replace exit light bulbs, find remaining drain lines to the stream bed,.

Mission donated to Fresh Grounds. Mission and the Men's account will add to the collection from Sunday, November 15 to World Renew's wildfire relief to make it \$1000.

One application was received for the youth coordinator position and personnel will conduct interviews.

The stairlifts were sold and it was agreed to purchase a new TV for the Mole Hole.

The next Nurture Committee will meet Wednesday, December 2 at 3:30
The next Properties, Mission, & Finance Committee meeting is December 16, 2020 at 5:30.
The next Session meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2020 at 6:30.



Free Community Dinner Saturday Supper

December 12th from 4:30—6:00

Reservations Required—Please call 724-932=2101

Jamestown ECO Presbyterian Church

Lasagna, Italian Bread, Salad, & Dessert

TAKE OUT DINNER



ALL Welcome

In-Person Blue Christmas Service
at 3:30 in the sanctuary prior to dinner

THANK YOU FROM THE DEACONS!

Our Chili Dinner was a success!

A huge thanks to Arnett Acres for donating the beef, Betty McCormick for donating the canned goods, The Volosins for cutting vegetables & other donations for the rest.

Approximately 128 take-out meals and 17 quarts of chili were served. A generous \$622 was collected for Deacons!



December 2020

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11:30 Deacons
3:30 Nurture

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6:00 Hanging
of Greens

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9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship
Noisy Offering

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5:30 - Properties,
Mission, Finance
6:30 - Session

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9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship

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7:00 - Christmas
Eve Service

Church Office Closed

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Merry
Christmas

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9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Worship

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*Church Office
Closed*

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*Happy
New Year*

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MONTHLY CHURCH FINANCES

Checking Balance 10/01/20 \$13,385.79
Income + 7,326.47
Expenses - 6,428.16
Checking Balance 09/30/20 \$14,284.10
As presented to Session 11/18/20

12/01 Jennifer Arnett
12/08 Floyd Owen
12/09 Frank Fenton
12/10 Douglas Sealy
12/14 Ryleigh Good
12/15 Rhonda Mariacher
12/16 Alice Walker
12/28 Beth Arnett





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