



# Jamestown *Presbyterian* News

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*Sunday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM*  
***Blue Christmas***  
*a Service of Hope for the Holidays*  
*Jamestown Presbyterian Church*



*Hanging of the Greens*

**Friday, December 3rd**

**6:00 PM**

Please come and help us to prepare our church for the  
Christmas season. Bring a snack to share.



*O Holy Night*

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**  
**Jamestown ECO Presbyterian Church**  
**7:00 pm All Welcome COVID precautions will be observed**

Special Musical Performances





# From the Pastor's Study

When I was young, one of my favorite Christmas carols was “Do You Hear What I Hear?” This year, let me ask you the same question: Do you hear what I hear? Do you see what I see? Everywhere I go these days, I hear and see that wonderful message, “Christmas is Coming!”

It's true that most of these messages come in the form of advertisements urging me to shop-shop-shop, buy-buy-buy, spend-spend-spend. And it's true that newspaper, radio, TV and online ads usually refer to the ‘holidays’ instead of the Holy Day, which can be rather annoying to a person of faith.

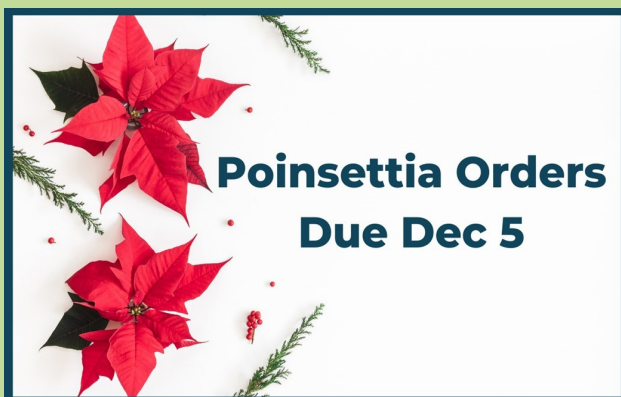
But – never mind that! Those religiously neutral, oh-so-tempting marketing campaigns can never diminish the reality of why we celebrate Christmas. Despite the glitter, those with ‘eyes to see and ears to hear’ can still plainly perceive the deeper truth. As Christians, we *know* that Jesus is the reason for the season. We can look at the twinkling lights, and see in them reminders of Christ the Light of the World. We can look at evergreen wreaths and be reminded of the eternal Son of the eternal Father, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. We can even look at the endless array of gifts – the things we wish to buy for our loved ones, *because* we love them – and be reminded of the most precious gift of all: the Son of God who gave his life willingly to atone for our sin.

At Christmas, we rejoice at the coming of Christ into the world. But we celebrate much more than that one particular day, two thousand years ago, when the baby Jesus was born in Bethlehem. We also celebrate the truth that Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ is active in the world today, and Christ will come again in glory and power. This knowledge gives us both hope and humility as we rejoice in his birth, take comfort in his presence and eagerly await his return.

May the love of God, the light of Christ, and the flame of the Holy Spirit burn brightly in your heart and in your home, during these “holy days” and forever.

Love in the Lord,

*Pastor Sue*





On Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, we will meet at the Lutheran Village and have lunch at noon and then put together treat bags for our High School students & staff.

**TREATS FOR OUR TEENS  
& TEACHERS**



# Community and Church Calendar

December 3	Hanging of Greens—6:00 p.m.
December 5	Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11:00 a.m. Noisy Offering/Communion Blue Christmas—3:00 p.m.
December 8	Nurture—3:30 p.m.
December 12	Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
December 15	Properties—5:30 p.m.
December 16	Pack teen treat bags @ Lutheran Village—Noon
December 18	Comm. Dinner—4:30-6:00 p.m.
December 19	Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. Worship - 11:00 a.m.
December 21	Preschool Program—6:45 p.m.
December 22	Session—7:00 p.m.
December 24	Christmas Eve Service—7:00 p.m. <i>Church office closed</i>
December 25	<i>Merry Christmas!</i>
December 26	Worship - 11:00 a.m.
December 27	<i>Church office closed</i>
December 28	<i>Church office closed</i>

## Meeting Weekly:

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

## Thank you congregation!

November Noisy Offering:

\$98.39

*Noisy Offerings are received the first Sunday of each month. This month the Noisy Offering will take place on December 5.*



## Prayers

Continued thanks for God's faithful provision and the generosity of this congregation, who so faithfully share their time, talent and financial resources;

Rejoicing in the news of babies born, birthdays and anniversaries celebrated, and the blessings of everyday life;

Giving thanks for Pastor Sue's leadership; and asking the Holy Spirit to lead the Session and congregation in seeking the right pastor to lead us after Pastor Sue retires.

Prayers for the many people around the world who are suffering due to natural disasters, disease, war or oppression, and giving thanks for all those who reach out to care for others with Christ's love.

Prayers for healing/various health issues, including Jack B, Joan D., Mike S., Edna M., Wayne G., Chuck, Richard, Don S., Debbie S., Sophia, Joe A., Betty M, Linda D, Robin W., Helen N, Debbie S, Richard O, Amanda, Kelly, Linda D, Jace, Regina G, Carolyn L, Dave & Linda V, Kris M,

Prayers for encouragement and support for the many whose health requires them to reside in long term care facilities, and for their families;

Prayers for families whose loved ones have recently passed away, including John Anderson, Ed Bielobocky, Jane Bissell, Kim Osborn, and Virgil Cathcart, and giving thanks for the sure hope of eternal life given to all who trust in Christ as Savior and Lord.

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.

## MONTHLY CHURCH FINANCES

Checking Balance 10/01/21	\$ 15,690.09
Income	+ 4,308.14
Expenses	- 4,752.74
Checking Balance 10/29/21	\$ 15,245.49
As presented to Session 12/01/21	



**Jamestown ECO Presbyterian Church**  
**Highlights of the Session Meeting, December 1, 2021**  
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**Deacons -** The deacons reported on contributions made from the Deacons Fund for shipping of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, Wings to Fly, the Lion's Club Community Christmas project and one night's housing for a person in need. All Deacons will serve as Deacon of the month for December.

**Finance/Treasurer's Report:**

The General Checking Account balance as of October 29, 2021 was \$15,245.49.

Total offerings for October was \$4,208.00

Committees should finish their 2022 budget information and return to Bud Owen.

**Mission:** All missions have been paid for 2021. Tom Walker reported that they donated to Shop with a Cop this year and will add it to next year's missions.

**Fellowship:** Saturday Supper in December is lasagna, December 18. January – beef stroganoff on January 21, February – meatloaf on February 19.

December – lasagna, December 18

**Worship:** Blue Christmas is set for Sunday, December 5 at 3 PM. Music for Christmas Eve is scheduled, lots of music this year!

Discussed that we will adjust communion a bit for December 5 and Christmas Eve, due to the Covid pandemic. Pastor Sue and servers will wear masks when serving elements, and members will be encouraged to keep social distancing in the center aisle when coming forward to receive communion.

**Personnel:** Staff reviews will be conducted soon; deadline for congregational input is Dec 5.

**Properties:** Approved use of the church for the Boy Scouts on December 14 from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**Old Business:** More discussion regarding where we see our church going after Pastor Sue's retirement in May. Are we ready to step out boldly? If we continue as we are, we will stagnate. Churches that wish to attract a vibrant pastor who can help them grow, need to show willingness to move forward in new ways.

**New Business:** By consensus, session appointed Mike Henegan as the Elder representative and moderator of the Nominating Committee (this is for officers & other elected church positions, not for Pastoral search). JodiLynn Parks, Alice Walker and Evan Gault were previously elected by the congregation as at large members. One Deacon will be added, chosen by the board of deacons. The pastor is also a member, but does not moderate. The main focus of the Nominating Committee will be to meet to consider board vacancies/rotations, pray about who should be invited to serve and present a slate of nominees for the next congregational meeting.

Next Nurture meeting: December 8 at 3:30 p.m.

Next Properties meeting: December 15 at 5:30 p.m.

Next Session meeting: December 22 at 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday Duties - December**

Close Up: Mike Henegan  
Counting: Janeen Mihoci

**Deacon for December**

**All Deacons**

If you know of anyone in the hospital or in need of assistance please contact any of our Deacons.



## 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13 (A Christmas Version)

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata, but do not focus on those I love the most, I have missed the point.

....In other words,

Love stops the cooking to hug a child

Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse.

Love is kind, though harried and tired.

Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way but is thankful they are there to be in the way.

Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never fails.

Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust.

But the gift of love will endure.

**Thank  
You!**

**Free Community Dinner  
Saturday, Nov 13th**

**Thank you! Thank you!**

Over 170 meals served &

\$642 donated for our



**Jamestown Food Pantry & kids Backpack program**



We couldn't do it without the  
support of the community, the  
workers, or the donations!



# Free *Community* DINNER

## Jamestown ECO Presbyterian Church

### Saturday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – 6

Lasagna, salad, bread, & dessert Eat in or take-outs

## PLEASE CHECK ANNEX FOR DESSERT SIGN UP

# December 2021

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<b>Jamestown Presbyterian Church</b> 411 Liberty Street Jamestown, PA 16134 724-932-2101 email: <a href="mailto:jpc411@windstream.net">jpc411@windstream.net</a> Web site: <a href="http://www.jamestownpres.org">www.jamestownpres.org</a>			<b>1</b> Pack backpacks 6:00 p.m. Session—6:30	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 3:00 Blue Christmas	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Nurture—3:30	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Properties—5:30	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Community Dinner 4:30-6 p.m.
<b>19</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Preschool Pro- gram—6:45 p.m.	<b>22</b> Session—7:00	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Church Office Closed 7:00 Christmas Eve Service	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 11:00 Worship	<b>27</b> Church Office Closed	<b>28</b> Church Office Closed	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	



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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