

# Jamestown *Presbyterian* News

**Happy New Year**  
**2021**

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## **Regular Sunday Schedule Resumes on January 10**

Welcome to the new year, 2021! Governor Wolf has announced that the three-week intensive holiday COVID-19 restrictions will expire, as originally planned, on Monday January 4<sup>th</sup>. We will resume our “regular” Sunday schedule starting on January 10<sup>th</sup> with Sunday School at 9:45 AM and worship at 11:00.

We will continue to observe COVID-19 precautions for all church activities and events. Please utilize the hand-sanitizer stations, maintain appropriate social distance (members of the same household may sit together), and wear masks at all times while in the building. If you are not feeling well, or believe you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, or if you are not comfortable wearing a mask, *please* remain at home.

Sunday services will continue to be live-streamed via Facebook and posted on the church website for those who, for any reason, are unable to come to in-person worship.

### **STUDENTS:**

Elementary Sunday School classes meet downstairs and are taught by Janeen Mihoci and Alice Walker.

### **ADULTS:**

The Adult Class meets in the Annex. On January 10 & 17, Pastor Sue will lead a discussion to wrap up the study “*Glory Days*” by Max Lucado. Please be sure to return any borrowed Glory Days materials to the church office by January 17. We will begin a new study on January 24.





## **For those listening to the Church service on their smart phone or tablet!**

If you are not hearing the livestream well enough and are using a smart phone, Ipad or another type of tablet (anything that uses bluetooth) – please try using a Bluetooth speaker. The Bluetooth speaker is a standalone speaker that “connects” wirelessly to your smart phone. It is easy to connect to your phone and should help you hear the service better. They are relatively inexpensive so give it a try!

There isn't much more we can do at the church to improve the volume of the audio (at least in the near term). We will need to invest in some more equipment and we are investigating the path forward. Let us know how you make out!



### **Jamestown ECO Presbyterian Church**

#### **Highlights for Session Meeting, December 16, 2020**

- The Deacons recently provided meals for the Volosins and provided prayer blankets for Leslie Stevenson and Mary Kidwell. They were able to help with rent for a community member, paid for postage for the Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, and gave Nancy Fry a donation for her supplies in making prayer blankets this year. Thank you, Deacons, and thank you, Nancy!
- Date of the annual congregational meeting set for Sunday, February 14, 2021 after the worship service, with a tentative back-up (“snow”) date of February 21, 2021. Session will further discuss ways to hold the meeting should we still be under the current ban on gatherings of more than 10 people.
- We are still looking to nominate one elder for a three-year term to complete the slate of officers.
- Bud Owen presented the proposed 2021 budget, which was approved by Session after minor changes. The budget will be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting.
- Reviewed Christmas Eve plans in light of increased COVID-19 restrictions. Reservations will be taken via phone calls and limit to 120.
- ECO National Gathering will be held January 29-31, 2021. This will be held as a virtual event and there is no cost for participation. Pastor Sue is encouraging participation in this year's gathering.
- Tom Walker made the suggestion of purchasing supplies for Community Dinners in bulk. This would allow more cost-efficient purchases. Janeen will look into purchasing items in bulk. These items will be stored and made available for the dinners as well as the Deacons providing meals.
- Tom Walker also reported that the Jamestown VFW donated several large cans of baked beans, green beans, mayonnaise, etc. A thank you will be sent to the VFW for their contribution.
- The next Nurture Committee will be Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 3:30
- The next Properties, Mission, Finance committee meeting is January 20, 2021 at 5:30.
- The next Session meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2021 at 6:30.

# Community and Church Calendar

January 3	Worship – 11:00 a.m.
January 8	Un-hanging of Greens—6:00 p.m.
January 10	Sunday School—9:45 a.m. Worship—11:00 a.m. Communion/Noisy Offering
January 13	Deacons—12:00 (by phone) Nurture—3:30 p.m.
January 16	Community Dinner 4:30-6:00 p.m.
January 17	Sunday School—9:45 a.m. Worship – 11:00 a.m.
January 20	Properties, Finance, Mission - 5:30
January 24	Sunday School—9:45 a.m. Worship – 11:00 a.m.
January 27	Session – 6:30 p.m.
January 31	Sunday School—9:45 a.m. Worship – 11:00 a.m.

## Meeting Weekly:

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



## Prayers



Recovering after surgery: Bill Love, Dave Volosin, Linda Volosin, Jodi Lynn Parks, Alan Jacobs, Wayne Gear, Dave Melton, Andy Reese, Mary Kidwell

Recovering from car accident: Londyn Glass

Other health concerns: Ed Fry, Mike Henegan, Phyllis Bauman, Jim Nageotte, Joe Nageotte, Regina Gault, Marv Bonam, Betty Love, +Kate in Pittsburgh hospital; Carolyn Linhart; and the many people who have tested positive for COVID-19, or who are in quarantine while awaiting results

Sympathy for family & friends of the recently-departed, including Bill Rust, Kathy & Tom Shannon, Mike Messer, Arch Messer, and Mike Costa's father.

Prayers for our country and the world.

Prayers for all teachers and students as school resumes following the Christmas break

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 Susan Anderson  
Secretary 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.





Friday, Jan 8th at 6:00 PM

All Welcome to help!



**FREE Community Dinner**  
**Saturday, January 16th**  
**4:30—6:00**  
Jamestown ECO Presbyterian Church  
Call 724-932-2101 to schedule  
your takeout meal(s)

**Chicken & biscuits, mashed  
Potatoes, green beans & dessert**



### Thank you congregation!

December's Noisy Offering:  
\$13.05

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

*This month our Noisy Offering  
will be taken on January 10.*



### Volunteers Needed!

We need help for our upcoming  
Community Dinner.



We need volunteers to help "pick" chicken on  
Thursday, January 14 at 9:00 a.m.

Also—we need cookie bakers!



If you can help, please contact Janeen Mihoci  
724-927-2813

*Thank  
You*

Thank you for the many lovely  
cards and best wishes!

~Carolyn Linhart~

### Thank You!

A special thanks to everyone who helped  
to decorate the sanctuary for Advent!

Thanks in advance to those who will be  
helping with the unhangings the greens  
this Friday.



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

In order to begin preparing the Annual Report, please submit your committee reports to the church office by Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

Thank you.

## ANNUAL MEETING

Session plans to call the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday February 14th immediately following the regular worship service, with a back-up ("snow") date of February 21st.

## AN OPEN INVITATION TO TAKE PART IN THE 2021 ECO NATIONAL GATHERING

ECO's National Gatherings are designed to encourage, equip and inspire not only pastors and other leaders, but the entire church. You (yes, YOU!) are invited to take part in this year's ONLINE event.

Friday January 29 starting at 2 PM and ending at 9 PM Eastern Time  
Saturday January 30 starting at 12:00 Noon and ending at 7:30 PM

This year's virtual Gathering features five inspiring speakers with each presentation lasting about 90 minutes. You can attend one, two, or all five main sessions, plus your choice of several pre-conference "deep dive" workshops. There is NO COST for participating, but you MUST pre-register. For a more detailed schedule, to view speaker biographies and to register, go to [www.econationalgathering.org](http://www.econationalgathering.org).

In Genesis 12, God has called Abram to follow Him and promises to be faithful...yet does not tell Abram where he is going! Have the past months of life and ministry left you feeling like Abram? Like you've been plunging headlong into the unknown? The exhaustion, disappointment, loss, and stress feel overwhelming. Church is not the same as it used to be. Your community is not the same as it used to be. You're not the same as you used to be. Yet God is calling. He continues to lead us to places only He knows. He continues to bless us to be a blessing. He continues to inspire us to flourish.

One of the measures of a flourishing ECO church is that it **normalizes risk-taking**. Every single one of our ECO congregations, big or small, rural or urban, thriving or struggling, has been taking countless risks as we have navigated more fast paced change than we ever imagined possible. We are weary, but we continue to seek out and trust opportunities that cause us to rely on the Lord. We continue to experiment and try new things (even when we fail). We want to do whatever it takes to see God's Kingdom come in our context, and in our world. Through it all, we know our loving God is calling us to take one flourishing step at a time...into the unknown.



# January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <b>Happy New Year!</b> Church Office Closed	2
3 11:00—Worship on-line	4	5	6	7	8 6:00 Un-hanging of Greens	9
10 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	11	12	13 12:00 Deacons (by phone) 3:30 Nurture	14	15	16 4:30-6 Community Dinner
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## MONTHLY CHURCH FINANCES

Checking Balance 11/01/20 \$14,284.10  
Income + 6294.14  
Expenses - 9183.63  
Checking Balance 11/30/20 \$11,394.61  
As presented to Session 12/16/20

01/03 Carolyn Linhart  
01/07 William Love  
01/08 John Yovanovich  
01/17 Carolyn Pardue  
01/18 Troy College  
01/23 Tom Walker  
01/26 Kristin Murphy  
01/27 Mary Kidwell





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