



# Jamestown *Presbyterian* News

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## From the Pastor's Study

In last month's newsletter, I invited you to join me in a kind of summer preaching adventure, in which we will go "off the beaten path" and explore people, events or topics in the Bible that make YOU curious.

One of the requests I received, is that I preach about prayer. I probably won't do that during the summer, since prayer involves a number of aspects and is worthy of having its own multi-week sermon series. ONE of those aspects, is the frequently experienced fact that God does not always give us what we have prayed for. To give us everything we desire would please us in the short term – but what *pleases* us, is not necessarily the *best* for us. Consider these words found in the journal of an un-named Civil War soldier:

I asked for strength that I might achieve;  
I was made weak that I might learn humbly to obey.  
I asked for health that I might do greater things;  
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.  
I asked for riches that I might be happy;  
I was given poverty that I might be wise.  
I asked for power that I might have the praise of men;  
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.  
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;  
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.  
I got nothing that I had asked for,  
but everything that I had hoped for.  
Almost despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered;  
I am, among all men, most richly blessed.

Whatever you are facing in life right now, whatever petitions you lift to heaven for yourself, your loved ones, the church, the community, the world .... Pray, and keep praying! And may the Holy Spirit grant to you, and to me, the grace to sincerely say: "Thy will be done, O Lord, for you know best."

*Pastor Sue*



# Community and Church Calendar

- July 4      Worship—10:00 a.m.  
              Communion/Noisy Offering
- July 5      *Church office closed (4th of July holiday)*
- July 7      Deacons—noon
- July 11     Worship—10:00 a.m.
- July 14     Nurture—10:00 a.m.
- July 17     Community Dinner—4:30-6:00 p.m.
- July 18     Worship – 10:00 a.m.  
              Session—11:30 a.m.
- July 21     Properties, Finance, Mission - 7:00 p.m.
- July 25     Worship – 10:00 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



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

Giving thanks for reduction in COVID-19, the ability to travel and visit with fewer limitations and our return to "mask-optional" worship and fellowship;

Rejoicing in the baptism of Dalton Jay Lowers, son of Dylan Lowers and Shiane Mittelstadt;

Giving thanks for the Chaplain at the Park Ministry and praying that many people visiting the Park this summer will be blessed and encouraged by that ministry;

Prayers for families whose loved ones have passed away, including Nancy Fry's sister Frances, Sandy Royal; Evan's great-aunt (and for all those affected by the tragedy of the condo collapse in Miami

Prayers for healing/various health issues: Dave Volosin, Kyle, Jace, Jenn B., Ron Fisher, Tom M., Evelyn G., Tracy, Evan's sister & mother, Carolyn Linhart and her caretakers; Nancy Fry's sisters Mary Lou and Norma; Evelyn Ries; Tom Walker's niece with cancer; Robin Ward's mother, Dave Melton.

## Sunday Duties—July

Close Up: Tom Walker  
 Counting: Janeen Mihoci

## Deacon for July

**Carol Henegan**

If you know of anyone in the hospital or in need of assistance please contact Carol at 724-932-3854.

## Thank you congregation!

June Noisy Offering:

\$42.05

*Noisy Offerings are received the first Sunday of each month. This month the Noisy Offering will take place on July 4.*



## MONTHLY CHURCH FINANCES

Checking Balance 05/01/21	\$ 12,500.52
Income	+ 7,981.27
Expenses	<u>- 5,153.34</u>
Checking Balance 05/28/21	\$ 15,328.45
As presented to Session 06/23/21	

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.





Happy  
BIRTHDAY

07/17 Travis Hobson  
07/19 Nick College  
07/23 Dale Anderson  
07/27 Doris Palmiter



## Jamestown ECO Presbyterian Church Highlights for Session Meeting, June 23, 2021

**Deacons Report:** The Deacons will be organizing the July 17<sup>th</sup> community Saturday Supper; menu will include pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad, watermelon, and cookies. They will be asking the congregation to donate cookies.

The Deacons have decided not to hold a rummage sale this year, but will offer parking during the fair. It was also reported that two additional people have agreed to serve as deacons; Session will call a meeting of the congregation to elect them, on a date still to be determined.

### Finance/Treasurer's Report:

The General Checking Account balance as of May 31, 2021 was \$ 15,328.45  
Thus far, \$5,900 has been donated to the Parking Lot Fund.

Our 13-month CD is coming up for renewal in July. Several options for investing these funds have been explored. After discussion, session approved moving our current money market and the 13-month CD into a new money market account with check writing capability. This will earn a higher interest rate while still allowing access to the funds without a penalty, if that should be needed.

**Mission:** August has five Sundays; it was MSC to donate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday offering in August to DART (Disaster Area Response Teams), an organization in Wilmington NC we have worked with in the past. The Mission Committee is planning a one-week mission trip to NC in September for a maximum of 10 adults, estimated cost per person \$100.00.

**Fellowship:** With the mask mandate being lifted in Pennsylvania at the end of June, session has decided to eliminate the requirement for wearing masks, however individuals should feel free to wear a mask if they prefer to do so. Session also approved opening the fellowship hall for inside dining during community dinners, and to resume fellowship time, with coffee, on Sunday mornings.

**Worship:** Save the Date! We are planning an outdoor worship service Pymatuning State Park at 10:30 AM on Aug 29, followed by a potluck lunch.

**Preschool:** Approximately 12 children have enrolled for the fall thus far. This is lower than pre-pandemic enrollment but we are continuing to receive registrations for the fall.

## SATURDAY SUPPER

July 17, 2021

4:30-6:00 p.m.

Pulled pork sandwiches, potato salad,  
watermelon, cookies



**FREE COMMUNITY DINNER**  
**Jamestown ECO Presbyterian Church**  
**724-932-2101**



The Deacons are requesting donations of cookies. Please sign up on the list in the Annex. Please have cookies delivered to the church by 1:00 p.m. on July 17. Thank you!



MISSION



Free  
Community  
Dinner

**Saturday Supper**

**June 19th**

**4:30 - 6:00**

**BURGERS**



**HOT DOGS**

\$265 was donated for  
The backpack program and  
community food pantry

**Jamestown ECO Presbyterian Church**

Picnic style dining is welcome. Reservations

ONLY for takeout- Please call 724-932-2101

Thank you  
to everyone  
who helped  
or donated  
for our  
dinner!

It was great  
to be able  
to sit & visit!

**WELCOME  
BACK**

**WOW!**



# Parking Lot Fund



Please consider making a designated donation.



We have raised  
**\$5,900!**  
Don't  
let our  
parking lot fall  
through the  
cracks!

## Save the Date

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29, 2021

10:30 A.M.

### Outdoor Worship



### @ Pymatuning State Park

Followed by potluck lunch

More information to come





# July 2021



Sun

Mon


Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

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4 10:00 Worship Communion/ Noisy Offering 	5 Church office closed	6	7 Noon - Deacons	8	9	10
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