



Jamestown *Presbyterian* News

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From the Pastor's Study

Dear JPC family and friends,

My husband Jim and I recently decided to limit ourselves to watching only one hour of “news” each night. We want to stay informed about what is going on in the world, but the amount of turmoil being reported is almost too much to bear. You know the kinds of turmoil I am talking about: earthquakes, wild fires, hurricanes and floods; the reported surge in COVID-19 cases; continuing economic hardship; numerous protests (most peaceful but some turning violent and destructive); and meanwhile, we are bombarded by contentious political messages in what may well be the most divisive presidential campaign in American history.

Centuries ago, King David wrote in Psalm 146: *“Do not place your trust in princes, in mortal men who cannot save. When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day all their plans come to nothing. Blessed is the one whose hope is in the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea and everything in them; the Lord, who remains faithful forever.”*

As our nation goes to the polls let not base our votes out of trust in a particular candidate or political party, and not from fear of the future. Rather, let us vote prayerfully, being guided by the Word and the Spirit of God. And as we look toward the future let us not be anxious about anything, but look with confidence to the Lord who is sovereign over all things, whose love endures forever and whose promises never fail.

With love in Christ,

Pastor Sue



Community and Church Calendar

- November 1 Sunday School—9:45 a.m.
Worship/communion – 11:00 a.m.
Noisy Offering
Youth—12:00—2:00 p.m.
- November 4 Deacons—11:30 a.m.
- November 8 Sunday School—9:45 a.m.
Worship – 11:00 a.m.
Youth—12:00—2:00 p.m.
- November 11 Nurture Committee—3:30 p.m.
- November 15 Sunday School—9:45 a.m.
Worship – 11:00 a.m. (Rev. David Dobi)
Youth—12:00—2:00 p.m.
- November 18 Properties - 5:30 p.m.
Session – 6:30 p.m.
- November 21 Community Dinner 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- November 22 Sunday School—9:45 a.m.
Worship – 11:00 a.m.
Youth—12:00—2:00 p.m.
- November 26 Happy Thanksgiving (church office closed)
- November 27 (church office closed)
- November 29 Sunday School—9:45 a.m.
Worship – 11:00 a.m.
Youth—12:00—2:00 p.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



Prayers for health: Bill McElhaney, Dave Valentine, Paul Shreve, Dawn, Andy Reese, Mike Henegan's mother Bertha & brother-in-law Chuck, all those with COVID-19, Jim Nageotte.

Recent or upcoming surgery: Stan Mariacher, Cindy Loveridge's son Paul, Dawn, Barb Owen, Linda and Dave Volosin.

Other prayers: Thanksgiving for Kris Murphy's granddaughter Ella who has completed basic training in Pensacola FL; she will be training as a water rescue specialist; Prayers for our nation's electoral process

Pastor

Rev. Sue Nageotte

Clerk of Session

Janeen Mihoci

2020 Session Committees & Chairpersons

Mission

Tom Walker, Chair
Kris Murphy
Betty Love

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Ron McClimans, Chair

Personnel

Mike Henegan, Chair
Alice Walker

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John Mihoci
Linda Kappelt
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.



Saturday Supper Free Community Dinner

Thanksgiving Dinner

All
Invited!

November 21st 4:30-6:00 pm

Turkey, Mashed potatoes, Gravy, stuffing, vegetables, and dessert-
All items will be packed ready to heat for your feast!

Reservations Required— Please call
724-932-2101 to reserve your pick up time!



November 15th Entire Offering

CALIFORNIA
WILDFIRES



*Special
Offering*

Entire Sunday offering

Jamestown ECO Presbyterian Church

HIGHLIGHTS for Session Meeting, October 28, 2020

It was a very busy month for the Deacons! They held their annual chili dinner as take-out only with donations going to Deacons. THANKS to Arnett Acres for donating the beef, Betty McCormick for the canned goods, Linda Volosin for providing and cutting vegetables & the congregation for all the desserts. There were approximately 128 take-out meals and 17 quarts of chili given out with \$622 donated to the Deacons. Prayer blankets were distributed to Andy Reese & Stan Mariacher; Money was donated for materials for a ramp for Mary Ellen Stambach (Robin Ward's mother) built by Tom Walker, Mike Henegan, Dave Leary, and Bob Hutchinson; and a gas card donated to Mariachers for Stan's recent surgery.

The Deacons will also help pay the costs to fill any remaining Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes – make sure you get yours and have it returned by Nov 22nd. During the months of November & December, all Deacons will be Deacons of the month!

Missions donated to the Christmas for Children of the community coordinated by Terri Livingston and delivered all the items people brought to the church to Root International in Mercer. Because November is five Sunday month, a special designated 3rd Sunday offering on November 15th for disaster relief will be given for the California wildfires. All donations for the November 15th offering will be sent for this terrible disaster still occurring.

Total donations for September were \$6,506 leaving us a checking account balance of \$13,385.79 on September 30, 2020.

Because we are not able to have in person activities, our youth made cards and "treats" for all of the residents at Lutheran Village and completed the study series God is Closer Than You Think. They have plans to visit the Cool Springs Corn Maze after church on Sunday, November 1st.

Our children's Sunday school has been taught by Mike & Carol Henegan, Suzanne College, and Jennifer Arnett in September and October; Alice Walker & Janeen Mihoci will be leading children's Sunday school starting in November. Adult Sunday school is completing the series God is Closer than you Think and will begin the Max Lucado series "*Glory Days*" on November 8 facilitated by Robin Ward along with Pastor Sue.

Upcoming free community take-out dinners include the Thanksgiving dinner on Nov 21 and on Dec 12, lasagna, salad & bread. Our continued thanks for all the food donations **every month** to keep making these dinners happen. The monetary donations that are given through these dinners have been a blessing to both the Jamestown Community Food Bank and the Healthy snack backpack program for Jamestown students.

Twenty-nine people were served communion on October 4, 2020.

Because for their dedication and diligence throughout the pandemic, all of the part-time employees of the church- Pastor Sue, Linda Pinney and Mike Costa will be given bonuses for the year (if you weren't aware, we have no full-time employees). Session also approved a 2% raise for all 3 church employees for 2021.

Session approved a renewal of Pastor Sue's transitional quarter time contract effective November 1, 2020 through October 31, 2021 at a total annual cost of \$14,476 which is a decrease from last year due to the National Gathering requiring no travel expenses.

We are pleased to have Rev Dobi from First Presbyterian in Greenville with us on Nov 15th and since Pastor Sue preached and led worship on all four Sundays in October, she will take 2 Sundays in December off with pulpit supply on Dec 6 by BJ Rudge (of Hermitage), and on Dec 27 by Rick Cephis.

Because Pastor Sue's will be on vacation December 3 through December 10, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper on December 13 instead of December 6.

Upcoming special services include All Saints on Nov 1 to recognize those who have died in 2019-2020 and a Blue Christmas service planned for Saturday Dec 12 at 3:30 PM with music by Alissa the harpist.

A special thanks to our pianist and organist, Cindy Loveridge, for providing such wonderful music week after week.

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Pastor Sue is attending a 2-session workshop titled "Anyone Can Make the Difference" (for faith-based organizations) to learn about substance abuse assistance referral and resources available in Mercer County.

Weekly youth meetings and activities will be completely suspended during the month of November because of the recent surge in COVID -19 cases. Some activities may be planned for December depending on circumstances.

Cracks will be repaired, and the annex will be painted Monday through Saturday the week of Nov 16th. Due to its deteriorating condition, a recommendation was made to resurface the parking lot in the next 1-2 years at a cost of approximately \$40,000.

The ECO Rivers of Life Presbytery will hold its Fall Gathering featuring the topic "Spiritual Warfare: Breaking Spiritual Strongholds in the Local Church" on November 7, 2020 with Mike Henegan as the elected elder commissioner.

The Jamestown Presbyterian Nursery School Board would like to thank the mission committee, the congregation, the staff (Linda Lorigan, Amanda College, and Tenille McElhinney) and the parents for their incredible support and flexibility during these unsettling times. We were concerned that the Preschool would have to shut down but because everyone has stepped up, we are holding our own.

Next Nurture Meeting is on November 11 at 3:30 pm.

Next Properties Meeting: November 18, 2020 at 5:30 pm

Next Session Meeting: November 18, 2020 at 6:30

The first and last political post I'll make this year

~Jarron Mihoci~

1. Putting absolute trust in anyone but Jesus is idolatry.
2. Humans (and politicians are not exempt) are sinful, dishonest, and deceitful.
3. Identity is not found in a label or political party but is only found in Christ.
4. State and local governments control most of the things we argue about. *Get involved.*
 - 4b. Even if you do get involved, some things you can't control. Let them go and move on.
5. God is the only answer. The only truth. Seeking real truth from anyone but God is foolish. Prayer is incredibly important in any day, but especially today in an idolatrous and distracting world. But how much of that stuff actually matters? If we spent as much time praying as we did watching "news" and fretting, this may not be as anxious of a time.

Even your political enemies are children of God who you should love. We are all in this together.

Put God first today and every day.

Lesson of the year: Be discerning, trust God.

God Bless America



Youth Group

October Happenings

The Youth group has continued to meet weekly during October. Since we have not been able to meet in person with the residents of Lutheran Village, we made Halloween treats and cards for all of the residents as one of our local mission projects. The youth completed the series "God is Closer than You Think"

Although we were unable to go to Coolspring Corn Maze in October, we are planning on a bowling outing on Sunday, November 15 from 12-2 p.m.



People interested in participating with the bell choir for Advent & Christmas Eve music should plan on meeting on WEDNESDAYS from 5:30 – 6:30.

Contact Linda Lorigan if you're interested! (814-282-1801).

ALL WELCOME!!



Adult Sunday School

Keep walking. This may be the day your Jericho walls come down.

We all face them. Strongholds with a strong hold on our lives. Roadblocks to our joy. Obstacles in our marriages. Fortresses of fear blocking us from peace. How can we bring down these walls that keep us from the future God promises?

Remember the story of Joshua and the battle of Jericho? Those were some formidable foes and big barriers.

Max Lucado says the book of Joshua is in the bible to remind us of one thing: God Fights For Us! We can overcome because He has already overcome.

We were not made to stand in the shadow of our walls and quake. We were made to stand on top of Jericho's rubble and conquer. We win because God's already won.

Need a new battle plan for life? Keep walking, keep believing. These may be your Glory Days.

Everyone is welcome to join in our new session starting on November 8th. The sessions will be led by Robin Ward and Pastor Sue. Copies of the book, Glory Days, are available in the office for \$4. There is an additional study guide which may be borrowed or purchased for \$7 (limited quantities).

Please join us at 9:45 on November 8 (with mask on please).

Thank you!

Our thanks and deep appreciation for Janeen Mihoci who led the Adult Sunday School class "God is Closer Than You Think" by John Ortberg. Janeen also adapted this 6-session class for the Youth Group.

If you borrowed one of the books or study guides for that class, please return it to Janeen or to the central table in the annex by November 15.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL FLOWERS

For the Sanctuary

Please **PRINT** the names of the individuals the flowers are being given in "MEMORY" of, using a separate block for each person unless in memory of a couple.

1) In loving memory of:

Total number of pots _____

Color Preference: Red _____ White _____ Pink _____

Orders should be turned into the church office by December 6th.

Please make checks payable to Jamestown Presbyterian Church.



Price \$11.00 Payment should accompany order

Poinsettias: Red, White, Pink

_____ I will pick up my flower(s) after Christmas

_____ Please take my flower(s) to a shut in

_____ Please take _____ of my flower(s) to shut ins. I will pick up the other(s).

Name _____ (please print)

Contact Phone number _____

Please **PRINT** the names of the individuals the flowers are being given by alongside the corresponding "In Loving Memory of" memorial names.

1) Given By:

Total amount enclosed \$ _____



Thank you congregation!

October's Noisy Offering:
\$49.60.

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



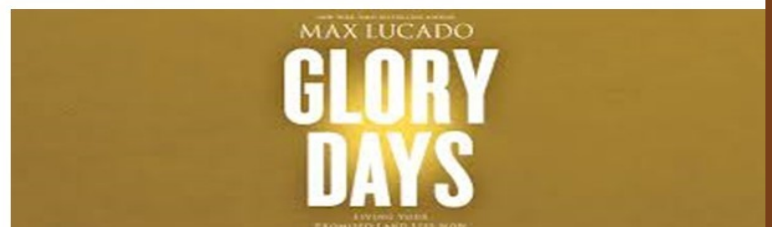
"Hanging of the Greens" will be held on Friday, Dec. 4 at 6:00 p.m. Please join us for an hour or two to get the church ready for the holiday season.

Come join the fun!



Starting November 8th
Adult Sunday School
Max Lucado's
"Glory Days"

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November 2020



Sun

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Sat

1 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship <i>Noisy Offering</i>	2	3 	4 11:30 Deacons 5:30 - 6:30 Bells	5	6	7
8 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	9	10	11 3:30 Nurture 5:30 - 6:30 Bells	12	13	14
15 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	16	17	18 5:30 Properties 5:30 - 6:30 Bells 6:30 Session	19	20	21 Community Dinner
22 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	23	24	25	26  ← Church office closed →	27	28
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MONTHLY CHURCH FINANCES

Checking Balance 09/01/20	\$15,502.30
Income	+ 7,056.14
Expenses	<u>- 9,172.65</u>
Checking Balance 09/30/20	\$13,385.79

As presented to Session 10/28/20



11/05 Ron McClimans
 11/09 August Reese
 11/15 Terrance Carr
 11/19 Caitlin Robbins
 11/22 Betty Amon
 11/23 Shiane Mittelstadt
 11/ 26 Janeen Mihoci
 11/27 Dave Melton
 11/29 Linda Kappelt





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