



JAMESTOWN ECO PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SEEKING PART TIME PASTOR

ABOUT OUR CONGREGATION

The roots of our faith community date back to 1840, when seventeen men and women organized as part of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Jamestown United Presbyterian Church was then founded in 1853 and built the first house of worship in Jamestown, Pennsylvania. Through the years the members of the congregation have sought to faithfully proclaim the Gospel in word and in deed, to serve the Lord and fulfill his loving purposes in Jamestown and the surrounding area. In October 2016, the congregation left the PC(USA) and became part of A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.



Our congregation is made up of committed, caring people who pray for each other, have grace for each other, and bear one another's burdens. While we are numerically small, the Lord has given to this congregation large hearts and a great willingness to serve Him and our community. One of our values is good stewardship of our time talents and treasures, furthering God's kingdom on earth as we reach out through acts of service and Christian mission rooted in love for God and for others. God has uniquely created us and gifted us to serve others, and to be a light of hope in the Jamestown area. We believe He has especially called us to minister to children and youth through our after-school programs, youth group and nursery school.

There are currently 79 covenant partners, with others who worship and serve with us during seasonal residence (“snowbirds”). We currently have one worship service, which is live streamed for those who, for various reasons, are unable to attend. Prior to COVID, the average worship attendance was 55 persons; our in-person worship attendance has declined to about 25. It is difficult to determine how many connect to the worship services online.

Elders, Deacons and Staff

- **We currently have five elders serving on session (bylaws allow for more);**
 - **Six persons on the board of deacons**
 - **A part-time church secretary, and**
 - **A part-time custodian**
- (Pre-school director and staff report to the Preschool Board of Directors)**



**SESSION AND DEACON
MEMBERS**



BACKPACK PROGRAM



**JAMESTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
NURSERY SCHOOL**

SERVICE AND OUTREACH TO THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

- **Monthly free community suppers – average 100 meals per month**
- **Our Deacons visit and assist the homebound and others with special needs**
- **Backpack program provides healthy food for kids in need to take home on weekends (70-100 bags are packed every two weeks).**
- **Wonderful Wednesdays – a weekly program for approximately 50 elementary school students (COVID restrictions have caused us to temporarily discontinue Wonderful Wednesday, but we plan to resume this very important outreach in fall 2022).**
- **Friday Night Done Right -- positive activities for middle- and high school students**
- **Jamestown Presbyterian Nursery School -- half days during school year**
- **Outreach and activities within local senior apartment complex**
- **Participate with other churches in community Vacation Bible School**
- **Seasonal special events such as Blue Christmas and Easter Egg Hunt**
- **Local youth and adult service/mission projects**



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY



FRIDAY NIGHT DONE RIGHT



LOCAL MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

- **Jamestown Food Pantry**
- **Chaplain in the Park program (Pymatuning)**
- **Children's Christmas Outreach through Jamestown Lions Club**
- **Fresh Grounds Coffeehouse Ministry and Café**
- **Shop with a Cop Program**
- **Providing building use for local organizations: Cub Scouts, AA, TOPS, 4-H, etc**

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

- **Operation Christmas Child**
- **Wycliffe Bible Translators**
- **Widow's Mite**
- **ROOT International**
- **Teach Beyond**
- **World Renew**
- **Disaster relief offerings**



LOCATION



Jamestown is a small town in rural northwestern Pennsylvania near beautiful Lake Pymatuning, which has one of the largest state parks in the Commonwealth. The area offers an abundance of year-round recreational activities, quiet surroundings, and relatively affordable housing. The Junior and Senior High Schools, located a few blocks from the church, are among the best in the region. Three colleges (Thiel, Allegheny, and Penn State Shenango) are within a half hour's drive.

PASTORAL QUALITIES DESIRED

Half-time or bi-vocational pastor. We would prefer an ordained ECO minister but are also open to an ECO CLP II.

For the past four and a half years, we have been served by a part-time pastor who is retiring from active ministry. We are seeking a half-time, possibly bi-vocational, pastor who possesses a deep love for Jesus Christ and who believes that smaller congregations can have a big role in God's kingdom.

Experience & qualities desired:

- **Ordained ECO pastor preferred, or, seminary graduate already enrolled in ECO's preparation process, or ECO CLP level II**
- **Preach and teach biblically based sermons & lessons**
- **Have good written and verbal communications skills**
- **Administer the Sacraments**
- **Create the order of worship (prayers, etc.) for Sunday services**
- **Work with the elders to encourage prayer, theological study and active discipleship**
- **Work with the elders and deacons to minister to the sick and the homebound**
- **Take an active role in our elementary and youth programs (specifics are negotiable)**
- **Moderate meetings of the session and congregation**
- **Serve as Pastor / Head of Staff, in communication with the Personnel Committee**
- **Participate in Pastoral Covenant Group and in presbytery gatherings**
- **Officiate at weddings and funerals**

SEARCH PROCESS AND CONTACTS

The Session is serving as the pastoral search committee. Please submit the following information to jpc411@windstream.net:

- **Letter of interest explaining your attraction to the position**
- **Statement of faith**
- **Resume**
- **Link to a sermon presentation**