



Dear Friends,

We are in that awkward transition time of year – beyond the odd mix of pumpkins and pine needles we find ourselves swapping between sweaters and coats. The end of the liturgical year approaches with Christ the King Sunday on November 26th with Advent close on its heels. It is a time of gratitude for what we have, as well as an expectation of what is to come.

Jamesville seems to live in this zone these days. Gratitude abounds for all the gifts that have been shared, but there's also a hopeful leaning toward what is next to come. So much has changed over the last four years, and there are new questions about where God is leading this beloved church. Listening Sessions (an opportunity to hear from the congregation) have been scheduled – the remaining three sessions are November 28th at 7:30 a.m., and December 3rd at 8:30 a.m. in the Gathering Room at the Church. The other session is November 30th at 7 p.m. at Heritage Hill. Please call the church office to register.

Regardless of where we are in any transition – be it from sweater to coat (or back again!), or between jobs, or in the process of grief – we trust that our God is somewhere in the middle of it.

Prayers for us all during this transitional season!

Karen Chamis (Bridge Pastor)

Coming Events:

Hanging of the Greens ~ Sunday, 11/26. Please join us that day as we prepare our church home for the Christmas season. The festivities will begin immediately following our regular worship service!



In this **Season of Giving**, your church council invites you to join in as we focus on collecting gifts for our local **Young Life** group. Young Life's mission is "to introduce adolescents to Jesus Christ and help them grow in their faith." Teens in our congregation have had a long history with this organization and, considering the absence of our own youth group, the council felt it was appropriate to support these energetic and dedicated councilors and teens. Each chapter is self-funded, and there is a need for such basics as gas and snacks, as well as contributions to their annual budget and outreach trip to El Salvador. We invite everyone to come hear them share their stories during our Advent worship services.

There will be a giving tree in the gathering room with gift card suggestions such as Gas ~ Grocery Stores ~ Fast Food Restaurants ~ Cash ~ Coffee Shops ~ Pizzerias

Gifts will be collected on Sundays, or may be slid under the office door at other times.

The **CNY Flute Choir** will hold their annual holiday concert at our church on **Sunday, 12/10 at 6:30**. The choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings in our sanctuary. They invite us to come enjoy the music of their many talented musicians as they showcase a wide variety flutes! Check out a short video of last year's concert at <https://www.facebook.com/CNYFluteChoir/>

Fred Harle will lead our Christmas services!

Christmas Eve morning we will hold our regular **10am** worship service.

Christmas Eve at 5pm we will celebrate with our traditional candlelight service.



The Nominations Committee has been hard at work filling vacancies on next year's committees. They are thankful for those who have agreed to serve, but there are still a few slots remaining. Please contact Diane Klossner, Tammy Fallon, or Linda Wright if you feel called to join in as we serve our congregation and our greater community in the new year!

Other News:

Our Turkey Supper was huge success! We served over 200 dinners and enjoyed visiting with our neighbors while raising funds for outreach. Our local Young Life teens once again did an impressive job of assisting in preparing, serving and clean-up. We are thankful for all who contributed to this annual fundraiser!



Youth Core - Several churches in our Presbytery are being invited to participate in a youth service team. Youth will come together on a monthly basis at various mission sites in the Presbytery – working together to make a difference in the lives of others. Interested young people should contact Pastor Karen for more information. Youth need not be members of our congregation to participate: pastor@jamesvillecommunitychurch.org

Sunday School at Home - Take-home Sunday School packs are available in the Gathering Space. The packs are grouped according to non-readers, young readers, and advanced readers. Each week offers a story, puzzles/coloring activity, and occasional projects. If you'd like to have this emailed weekly instead, please let Karen know.



Choir practice is held each Sunday at 9am (no more Thursday evenings.) All who enjoy singing are welcome to join in on a week-by-week basis, no long-term commitment. We'll be singing familiar hymns so please feel free to join us!

The Mission of Jamesville Community Church

To worship God together;
To proclaim and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through fellowship, love, prayer,
service, mission and the education of both young and old;
To build a more effective Church;
To join with others in providing Christian leadership in the community.

**Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we remain a vibrant church.
Donations of your Time, Talent, & Treasure continue to allow us to work together towards our mission!**

Just a reminder that our **Church Leaders** may be contacted through the church office,
or through their Breeze directory info. We welcome questions, suggestions, and, of course,
offers to volunteer as we navigate this exciting time in the life of our CHURCH!

2023 Church Council: Tim West (Chairperson), Diane Klossner, Sue Smith, Kate Bolsei, Greg Sohrweide,
Linda Wright, Fred Harle (Lay Leader), Gary Hartman (UM Rep), Rob Shallish (Treasurer)

2023 Trustees: Lorana Zirbel (Chairperson), John Bell, Peter Fallon, Chris Gerde & Dave Cain

Bridge Pastor: Rev. Karen Chamis

Church Office Administrative Assistant: Beth Cain

Organist and Music Director: Robert Anderson

Bo-Peep Preschool Director: Melanie Dawe

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Church office email: admin@jamesvillecommunitychurch.org

Church website: **JamesvilleCommunityChurch.org** for calendar updates, daily devotions,
link to Facebook worship, Bo-Peep & VBS registration,)

Breeze Church Directory: **jvillecc.breezechms.com**
(Contact the church office if you need your log-in information.)

Sunday Worship streaming: [Facebook.com/JamesvilleChurch](https://www.facebook.com/JamesvilleChurch)