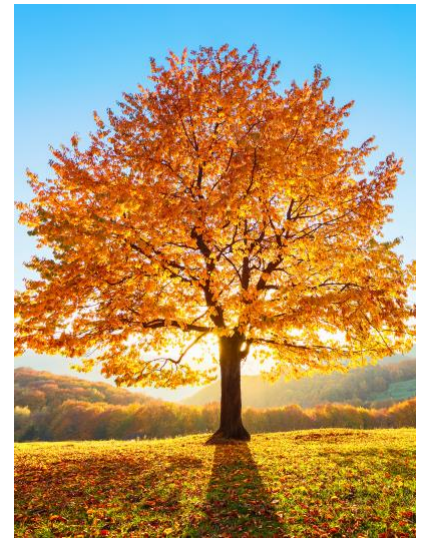


Friends,

One of the things I love most about church is getting to hear people's stories. I hear garden-variety narrations of where folks are from and what kind of work they do. Some storytellers focus on their families – those past and present – and their hopes for the generations that follow. Everyone has a story or two, and it is in sharing our stories that we find our place in our combined story.

As the leaves fall and we remember how grateful we are for wool hats and warm socks, the stories we tell also change. We are conscious of the turning of the seasons, and the changes in our own lives. Something about this time of year reminds us of those saints who no longer sit at our tables, but always have a place in our hearts. We tell about Uncle Bob and Grandma Smith, we share tales that make us laugh, and a few that bring a tear to our eye. It is no wonder that All Saints Day is observed in this season and is followed by a time of giving thanks and preparing for the celebration of Christ's birth.

Just as I'm hearing your individual stories, I'm starting to learn about your shared story as a church. Your Council and the newly re-charged PNC continue to be engaged with questions about the identity of this congregation – your past, present, and future. You've done such good work over the last few years examining how your past shapes your present, as well as looking toward what might be next. I encourage you to continue in that work, sharing stories with one another about this church!



I am creating a collection of your stories for Advent. My hope is that members of this congregation will be willing to tell a story or two about Christmas past, present, and future. In the next few weeks, you'll receive an invitation to tell your tale (or to share something that makes the season meaningful for you). I hope you'll participate!

Prayers for us all as we move through this season together –

Pastor Karen

Coming Events:

Saturday, 10/14 – Clean-up Day (10/21 rain date)

Friday, 10/27 – Loren Barrigar concert

Saturday, 11/4 – Turkey Supper

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.



Vacation Bible School was a **Stellar** success! 70+ campers and counselors enjoyed a week of fellowship and fun as they launched into a cosmic quest to shine Jesus' light into the world. Many thanks to Alex & Christina Snow and their many assistants for their tireless service, and to Syracuse University, once again, for its generous support!

Fall Clean-Up Day – Trustees have scheduled an October 14 Clean-Up Day (rain date 10/21). Please bring your work gloves and gardening tools as we spruce up our landscaping, and prepare a spot for our new lawnmower storage shed.

The fun begins at 9am. Coffee and donuts will be provided!



Choir practice is held each Sunday at (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!

Welcome Boys Scouts! Beginning this September, our local Jamesville Boy Scouts began meeting on Monday evenings in our church building. With a shared mission of service and leadership, we look forward to working together in supporting our community.

Loren Barrigar, local acoustic artist and SAMMY Hall of Fame inductee, will be performing in our sanctuary on Friday, October 27th at 7pm. Loren started playing guitar when he was only four years old, and by the time he was six, played the Chet Atkins hit "Yackety Axe" in front of thousands of country music fans at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. He went on to study with Jimmy Atkins (Chet's brother) which led to a touring career with his family band from Nashville to Las Vegas.

Since settling down in Central New York, he has been in constant demand as a studio musician. His solo concerts include favorite songs from seven decades, as well as his originals all featuring exciting guitar work and memorable vocal stylings. Admission is \$20.



Save the Date!

Our annual **Turkey Supper** will be held on Saturday, November 4th.
More details to follow...

The Nominations Committee will be calling on members soon. Your church offers a variety of opportunities to put your faith into action. We ask that you prayerfully consider joining your church leaders as we navigate not only the nuts & bolts of managing our building and programs, but as we further explore opportunities for service to our congregation and our community. **Louise Stoner, Tammy Fallon, and Linda Wright make up this year's committee.**

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

Contact Jamesville Community Church:

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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)