

The Midweek Messenger  
Jonesville United Methodist Church  
March 18, 2026

## TGBC #8 : The Worshipping Community (Matthew 18:19-20, Acts 2:46-47)

**“Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” (Matthew 18:19-20)**

Why is it so important to attend public worship at church, especially when it can sometimes feel boring or include elements we don't enjoy? It might be hymn singing, liturgy, offering, communion, or other parts of the service that feel unattractive or disconnected. Many people also find deep satisfaction in being alone with God. They value privacy and individuality over communal and public expressions of faith. In reality, church attendance is often much lower than official membership, which can be discouraging. This raises an important question: what is the true narrative behind public worship, and how can we build a strong worshipping community? What does it really mean for us to gather and worship together as a community?

Come join us at Jonesville UMC! Our Sunday service begins at 9:30 a.m. You can also connect with us via livestream at [Jonesvilleumc.org](http://Jonesvilleumc.org) at the same time.

Blessings,  
Youngjae

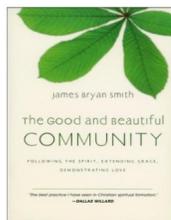
## Sermon Series

The Good and Beautiful Community by James Bryan Smith

Last week: March 29, 2026 (I previously listed it incorrectly)

**-Sunday at 11:00am** (in person/ Upper Room) - **Monday at 6:30pm** (Zoom)

Please sign up on the sheet on the table outside of the church office.



## Holy Week

**Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026**

**9:30 am**

**After this service the entire church is invited to a meeting about our transition. Please join us.**

**Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026**

**Potluck 5:30pm, Service 7:00pm**

**Good Tenebrae Friday April 3, 2026**

**7:00 pm**

**Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026**

**9:30 am**

**This Sunday, we are welcoming Calvin Flood as a new member of our congregation! Please join me in welcoming him during the service and the coffee hour, and make sure he knows this is his home and we are his extended family!**

# Join Us in our Methodist Community

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2026

Service Time 9:30 am

Technology Volunteers: Images: Heather Brown Stream: Heather Brown, Burt Theurer  
Greeter: Julie Hecht Ushers: Scott Strock, Mary Vawter Counters: Lou Farrington, Mike Gradoia

PRELUDE

Casey Gray

CHURCH BELL (7 TIMES)

\*OPENING HYMN #73 *O Worship the King*

LIGHTING OF ALTAR CANDLES

\*WORDS OF WELCOME

Pastor Youngjae

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**And also, with you**

The risen Christ is with us

**Praise the Lord!**

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison) Psalm 84:1-2 & 10-12

**How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!**

**My soul longs, indeed it faints, for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

**For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.**

**For the Lord God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.**

**No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

**O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

**Amen.**

\* SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Together

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jeff Hecht

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Youngjae

OFFERING OF TITHES AND GIFTS

Charlotte Payne

Leader: As God has blessed us, so we also should bless others.

**People: With love and gratitude, we bring our gifts to the Lord.**

OFFERTORY Chancel Bell

Director:

Tim Antonacci

\*DOXOLOGY #94 & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Charlotte Payne

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor Youngjae

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER SONG #2008\* *Let All Things Now Living*

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Charlotte Payne

Matthew 18:19-20, Acts 2:46-47

SERMON TGBC #8 *The Worshiping Community*

Pastor Youngjae

**NEW MEMBER RECEPTION** Calvin T. Flood Jr.

\*CLOSING HYMN #577 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

\*BENEDICTION

Pastor Youngjae

\*POSTLUDE

Casey Gray

\*All those who are able are invited to stand.

\*\*Hymns are in The Faith We Sing

## Prayers:

Prayers for all who are marginalized.

Pray for men & women in our armed services & their families.

Pray for those who suffer from PTSD .

Pray for all those in countries with political and other strife.

Pray for all of our brothers and sisters in Christ, and those not in Christ that we can grow into a peaceful community, through mutual respect, humility and work.

Pray for those with Alcohol of Substance Use Disorders or Mental Health Challenges and their families that they will find recovery.

Pray for Peace, Protection and resolution in the Ukraine.

Prayers of thanks to God for our community and our family of believers. Thanks to God for supporting us through our struggles.

God is good.

Please share any joys and concerns that you may have by emailing the Church Office [office@jonesvilleumc.org](mailto:office@jonesvilleumc.org) , or by using the prayer sheets available in the pews.

*If you would like anyone included in the shared list, please confirm their consent.*

## Giving to the Church

As of March 15, 2026

Weekly Giving 3/15

\$5,761.00

2026 Giving: \$64,511.50

**Keeping current with pledges enables JUMC to be successful in its commitment to the work of Christ**

## **Come work for JUMC!**

If you've been following, you've seen we said goodbye to our wonderful Administrative assistant, Kathy Fedorchak . We're now looking for support staff to fill her position. Please inquire at the office or see SPRC.

## ***City Mission of Schenectady***

**City Mission of Schenectady**, founded in 1906, is dedicated to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed. Our ministries are seeking to comprehensively meet the needs of the poor in a manner that dignifies and strengthens the individual, the family, and the community.

Our goal is to provide not only HELP for today, but HOPE for tomorrow. We want to help people who are in need right now by meeting basic needs like food, shelter and clothing. Providing these life essentials are at the core of who we are.

In addition, our hope is that we can do more than just meet basic needs... we want to transform lives. Together, we can help people begin to dream again and think about what they want their future story to look like.

We help those future stories come true by providing spiritual guidance, counseling, training, classes, life and job skills training and so much more! We don't receive government funding, so we couldn't do any of this without the generous support of concerned individuals, churches and businesses.

JUMC will be serving at the community dinner on March 19, April 22, and May 27.

Donate on-line to [JonesvilleUMC.org](http://JonesvilleUMC.org) with note to MOM March or check to Jonesville UMC with note Mom March on the memo. *Remaining Donations for February, to the Regional Food Bank, should be similarly designated, but With February.*

### **OUTREACH:**

**Volunteer at the Regional Food bank on Tuesday March 17 from 1:30 - 3:00pm. Sign up in Fellowship hall, or talk to someone in Outreach. Carpool from church lot at 12:45 PM.**

**Outreach serving dates at City Mission : **March 19, April 22 and May 27.** ( Subsequently added March date, please adjust your calendar accordingly)**

**RISSE** : RISSE requests any **sewing or knitting materials**. Many of the clients enjoy crocheting, knitting and sewing to make extra money. Please leave these donations in the RISSE Box under the coatrack inside the ground floor entrance.

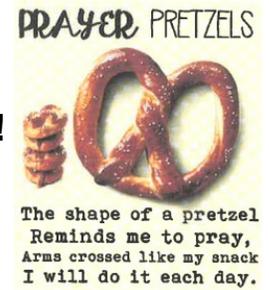
**RISSE Volunteer opportunity** to assist on-line **ENL evening classes** on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 8-9pm It's an easy way to support newcomers. Contact Noora Ahmed via her email at : [volunteer@risse-albany.org](mailto:volunteer@risse-albany.org) .

**RISSE** : Help also needed with Friday **conversation classes** 10 to noon. Contact Pat Hipenbecker at [phip944@yahoo.com](mailto:phip944@yahoo.com) .

# Education

**Pretzel Sunday This Sunday March 22!**

**Join us for this good smelling yearly tradition to celebrate prayer!**



## United Women in Faith:



### **Prayer Shawl Workshop: Stopped till further notice**

Knitters will keep busy at home, and all are encouraged to sign out a prayer shawl as a gift to one of the many on our prayer list, or that didn't make it on to our prayer list.

**Sunshine Girls Luncheon: This coming Tuesday! April 14, May 12 at 12:30pm**

The Program for April 14. Sign up sheet coming soon.

## **JUMC 200th Anniversary 1826-2026**

### **Check out the Timeline in the Education Corridor!**

#### **First 125 Years is Up!**

*Starting with the base of John Wesley and the origins of the Methodist religion, this wall gives interesting, bite size information of the history of our church, including cool pictures of artifacts.*

*To donate for 200th anniversary activities, please make check out to JUMC with 200th anniversary in the memo line. Or designate a donation on line. See Barb Phillips with questions: (518)527-8591*



### **United Methodist Men: Men's Breakfast**

**Changed to: April 26th**

### **MYF Upcoming Activities ([myf@jonesvilleumc.org](mailto:myf@jonesvilleumc.org))**

<b>4th&amp;5th</b>	<b>Middle School</b>	<b>Highschool</b>
<b>3/20 6-8:15 Movie night at the church</b>	<b>3/21 8am-10:45 pm Ms Camp Pinnacle</b>	-----
<b>4/17 6-7:30 pm Game Night at Church</b>	<b>3/29 1-3pm Rollerskating @ Guptills</b>	<b>3/29 1-3pm Rollerskating @ Guptills</b>
	<b>Week of 4/6 serving @ City Mission TBD</b>	<b>Week of 4/6 serving @ City Mission TBD</b>

# Shenendehowa

## Helping Hands Food Pantry

(518) 877-7380

**DONATIONS ALWAYS NEEDED**

### General Items

- Cash Donation
- Canned Chicken
- Canned Fruit
- Condiments (mayo, ketchup, mustard etc..)
- Meals in a can (eg ravioli, SpaghettiOs, Corned Beef Hash, Beef Stew, etc.)
- Pasta sides (Hamburger Helper, Knorr Pasta sides etc.)
- Paper Towels
- Cleaning Products (spray cleaners & disinfectants, toilet bowl cleaner, Laundry detergent etc.)



Every  
Donation  
Makes A  
Difference

### Inclement weather policy:

The pantry will be closed when the Shenendehowa Central School District is closed due to bad weather.

**NEW POLICY:** One-hour closure would delay pantry by one hour. If there is a two hour delay or full closure the pantry will be closed. However, this is dependent on volunteer availability.

If you are unsure if we are open, please check our Website

<https://sites.google.com/view/shenhelphinghandsfoodpantry/home> for up to date information.

[Shenhelphinghandsfoodpantry.org](http://Shenhelphinghandsfoodpantry.org)

## Additional Resources Local to our Church

### AA& AI- Anon

Monday: 12:15pm AA Meeting, Upper Room

Wednesday 12:30 pm AA Meeting, Upper Room

Thursday 10:15 am AI-Anon Meeting, Upper Room

Friday 10:00 am AA Meeting, Upper Room

Friday 7:30 pm AA Meeting, Upper Room

Saturday 9:00 pm AA Meeting, Upper Room