

JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!*

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**General Conference
April 23rd – May 3rd**



CHURCH STAFF

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Pastor
- **Sharon Shinn**
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- **Kristin Farwig**
Choir Director
- **Geri Angel**
Custodian

Jamestown United Methodist Church

Corner of CR 3 & CR 22

Have you ever considered all of the ways we experience scripture?

At the time of writing this, I have been listening to the morning sounds of the roosters crowing near the church. I have listened to this ever since I arrived at Jamestown UMC on July 5th last year.

Now, today, during Good Thursday of Holy Week, the sounds of roosters crowing are truly much more significant to me. It helps me to consider what this sound may have meant to Peter, Jesus' disciple, after the agony he experienced of denying his Lord, Teacher, and friend three times "before the cock crows three times," as Jesus told him would happen. (John 13:31-38)

Our senses play a huge part in how we experience the truth we find in God's Word. I sit in my office and smell the aromas of freshly cut palm branches, and tonight we will smell the bread, and taste the grapes and bread. We will see with our own eyes those very sights which would have been viewed by the first followers of Jesus.

Tomorrow evening, we will hear the readings of scripture, and experience more sights and sounds, touches and tasting, of those things that they might have experienced. The crowd will go from "Hosannah!" to "Crucify him!" to "Alleluia!" in just three days.

That which we take for granted easily, means so much more through the sights, sounds, taste, touch, smells of our lives. As we head into April, let us carefully consider all of the ways we really live into our senses of sight, smell, hearing, taste, and touch. How is God speaking to us?



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BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES



1	Jeff	Cabanaw	2	Denny & Linda	Miller	1977
2	Zacharie	LaPlace	20	Curt & Renee	Wenger	1991
3	Irene	Cook	26	Brad & Jackie	Ullery	1975
4	Becky	Buss				
5	Marcia	Cook				
	Kelly	Gaugler				
	Marty	Richard				
9	Ray	Hochstetler				
12	Melanie	Clark				
13	Stacie	Remaly				
14	Carl	Lechlitner				
23	Hannah	Skibbe				
	Renee	Wenger				
24	Rodman	Bender				
27	Dylan	Milholland				
	Shana	Kretchman				
	Jameson	Ullery				
28	Shannon	Sciba				
29	Tyler	Wenger				
30	Curt	Wenger				

Continued from page 1 Let us remember to slow down and pay attention not just to how we receive information, but how do people receive from us? In a world so full of excess stimulation, how might our words and actions be a *calming balm* to those whom we encounter? How might we be cognizant of Jesus' call to Peter (and to us) to feed his sheep? Sheep are just as important to Jesus today as they were back then. Jesus is called the Lamb of God in Scripture, and if we are to feed his sheep, he says that the least we do to those, we do unto him (Matt 25:37-40), this should make a difference in how we treat people. All people.

Praise be to God. Now go and hang out with some lambs – make a difference!

Pastor Bette



Position Needed

A Piano accompanist is needed for our weekly Wed. night choir rehearsals, Sunday morning services and special programs. Please help spread the word! Anyone interested may call Deb Beehler 574-596-7624 or Sharon Shinn 574-293-3905

Dear Jamestown UMC,
Each year **Riverview Adult Day Health Center** continues to advance its mission of providing seniors and older adults a safe place with compassionate care on a social, physical, emotional and spiritual basis. With your faithful financial contributions over the years, you have demonstrated your deep commitment to our center and services we provide! You have played a key role in our accomplishments over the past 30 years.

Thank you for all your kindness, support & prayers.
Nicole Hardy-Pagels, Executive Director



APRIL VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Children's Church
7 th	Kristin Farwig	Steve Squibb & Larry Pappas	Jeff Clark	Franki Bender
14 th	LuAnn Pontius	Keith & Tammy Bainter	Pastor Bette	Franki Bender
21 st	Kristin Farwig	Marcia Cook & Jane Rapp	Marta Clark	Franki Bender
28 th	LuAnn Pontius	Nancy Mahler & Cheryl Cabanaw	Becky Buss	Franki Bender
USHERS: Keith Berg, Lana Berg, Mark Cook & Maria Moleski				

SPIES

Spying is not new, it goes back to the beginnings of the world. Fill in each blank with the proper person concerned with spies.

1.	_____ sent spies to the Promised Land.	Numbers 13: 17
2.	_____ and _____ were the two spies who brought back good reports of the Promised land's capture.	Numbers 14: 6-9
3.	The king of Syria sent a spy to find _____.	2 Kings 6: 12-13
4.	_____ hid the two spies Joshua sent to Jericho.	Joshua 2: 1-4
5.	The Danites sent spies to Laish, who lodged in the house of _____ where they found graven images.	Judges 18: 2-14
6.	_____ were accused of being spies when David sent his condolences to Hanun after Hanun's father died.	2 Samuel 10: 1-3
7.	_____ accused his brothers of being spies when they came to Egypt to get grain.	Genesis 42: 9-10
8.	_____ sent spies throughout Israel to say that when the trumpet sounded, "Absalom reigneth".	2 Samuel 15: 10
9.	The chief _____ and _____ sent spies to accuse Jesus by His words.	Luke 20: 19-20
10.	_____ wanted the Wise Men to serve as spies to bring him word about where Jesus was.	Matthew 2: 7-8
11.	_____ spied for the Philistines to find out the source of Samson's strength.	Judges 16: 5-6

NAME _____

Return Quiz March 25th

Answers for "Punishment"; 1. J, 2. H, 3. I, 4. C, 5. F, 6. B, 7. K, 8. E, 9. D, 10. A, 11. G. Those persons challenging themselves: Jim Angel, Lana Berg, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Doug Cook and Jane Lechlitrer.

TRUSTEES

Initial electrical repair work has been completed. Wall repair will begin around March 25th. After painting, the remainder of electrical work will commence and lastly, floor reconditioning to complete the major phases of the project. Possible parking lot work, Fellowship Hall floor maintenance, entryway carpet cleaning and minor signage on the fence at the playground are among various issues.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

April 7th at 7:30 a.m.
Next month May 5th
Invite your neighbors

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

Hope to see you on April 2nd at NOON
Our May luncheon is May 7th

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

(Formerly United Methodist Women)
We will be meeting April 28th at 7:45 a.m.
We will also be helping during the Worship

MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: April Loose Coin will go to *Guidance Ministry*. Guidance Ministries seeks to provide holistic care for homeless guests. To be a safe place to rest and escape the elements. They offer showers, laundry, clothes pantry, hygiene & personal care products, food for basic nutritional needs and education. Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". March donations of \$68.25 went to our Girl Scout troop. Thank You for your generosity.

CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

April giving: Personal Hygiene products; toothpaste, soap, diapers,... We (CCS) leverage every donation. For example, a \$100 donation gives us the leverage to purchase \$600 worth of food for the pantry!

SUSANNA'S KITCHEN

SK is serving lunch to 60-70 people Mon-Fri. This year's budget is \$53,000. They can always use large quantities of: Instant Potatoes, Elbow Macaroni, Noodles, Lemonade Mix, Cream of Celery or Chicken Soup.

Kids and Parents!

It's time to start thinking about Summer Camp! Check out our website to see when and where the camp is that fits best in your schedule. Remember, students do not need to be members or attend a United Methodist Church. So, if you want to bring a friend, they are welcome to attend.

We also have scholarship funds available. Tell us what you want/hope to do at camp and when you are planning to attend. We might even be able to help your friend.

At this website you will find a list of camps and how to register. Registration is open.

<https://impact2818.org/summer-camps/>
More information on Welcome Center.

Leaders of the North District-

I have not come across any church yet without room to grow in how they identify, recruit, train and encourage leaders.

With over 31 years of local church experience and over 17 years of military service under his belt, Rev. Dr. Kent A. Lundy will deliver outstanding training on April 20th. Kent is also a trained mediator, executive coach, and spiritual director, so you will be in for a treat from all that he will offer.

“Leading Like Jesus to Transform Your Church” will offer the following insights:

- Learn timeless leadership lessons from Jesus that apply today
- How to recruit leaders who are congruent with your local church strategic vision for ministry
- How to fire volunteers (and keep the effective ones)
- To be equipped with coaching techniques that will increase meeting effectiveness
- Go home with a game plan to take the next steps to transform your church
- Learn from others around the room and make new connections from across our district

**Here are the details: Saturday, April 20, 2024
9 am – noon ET at South Bend Clay UMC,
Firehouse Campus – 17646 Cleveland Road,
South Bend**

Here is how to register:

<https://inumc.swoogo.com/ndllj42024>

We need at least 5 persons to attend. It's Free.

UPCOMING DANCES

Ballroom • Country Social



~~MAY 20~~

APR
12

Friday, April 12
7PM

APR
26

Friday, April 26
7PM



MAY
10

Friday, May 10
7PM

St. Paul's Memorial Church
1001 W Colfax Avenue
South Bend, IN
574-276-8511
Admission: \$10



DANCE NIGHT

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



FRIDAY

April 12th at 7:30p.m.

We are inviting you to join us for an evening of dancing. Prior to our dance starting, we provide a 30 minute dance lesson.

BALLROOM•COUNTRY SOCIAL

WHERE:

St. Pauls Memorial Church
1001 W Colfax Avenue
South Bend, IN
574.276.8511

COST:

\$10 Admission includes a
30 minute dance lesson and snacks.

Please share with friends. We are a new dance spot in town looking to grow our dancing family.



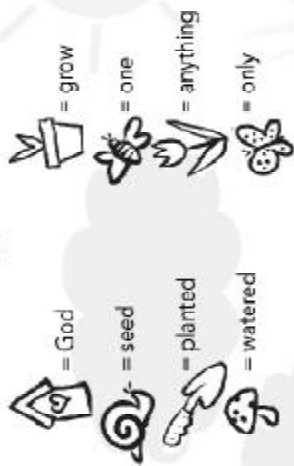
PUZZLE

PLANT, WATER, GROW

Building a faith community takes work. How did the church in Corinth come to be?

Directions: Use the code to fill in the words and complete a teaching of the apostle Paul.

KEY



I _____ the _____, Apollos _____ it,

but _____ has been making it _____

So neither the _____ who plants nor the

_____ who waters is _____

but _____, who makes things _____

1 Corinthians 3:6-7, NIV