

JAMESTOWN TODAY



**Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!**

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A few words from Pastor Bette....

Throughout our faith journey. We discover people, past and present who share with us their profound experiences of encountering God.

In our Bible study a few days ago, someone shared that they remembered last year's Good Friday service had been very meaningful. The Scripture readings, dimming added to their experience of this time of worship having been deeply meaningful. Perhaps a sense of solitude helped with this.

Our Bible study groups have been studying the book *Holy Solitude: Lenten Reflections with Saints, Hermits, Prophets, and Rebels* written by Heidi Haverkamp, who is not just an author but an Episcopal priest.

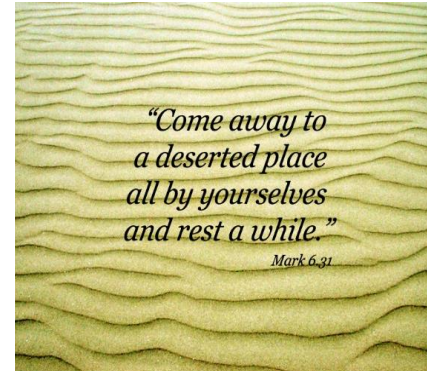
Through her pages, and our Bibles, she is helping us to learn to be more faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, and to prepare ourselves for this Lenten/Holy Week/Easter season. In other words, through Scripture, prayer and readings we are inspired and by the Holy Spirit, we discern changes we can make in our busy schedules to think and live in a more faithful way.

The Greek word "erémos" is used in the New Testament to describe a place that is uninhabited, barren, or deserted. It often refers to physical locations such as deserts or wilderness areas, but it can also metaphorically describe a state of spiritual desolation or solitude. The word "erémos" is frequently associated with places where individuals go for prayer, reflection, or testing. In the Bible, the wilderness (or desert) holds spiritually significant symbolism. It can be seen as a place of testing, purification, and encounter with God. It can be a place of both challenge and divine revelation. It can be a place that also provides some needed quiet or freedom from disturbance.¹

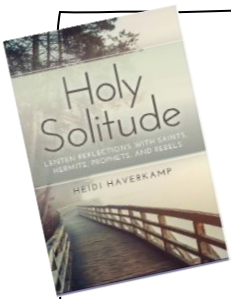
It is my prayer, for our Jamestown church family and friends, that we will have a memorable and meaningful time as we grow together in faith and love. As we inch our way closer to the glorious moment when we declare with deep joy, "Alleluia! He is Risen!"

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Bette



1. <https://biblehub.com/greek/2048.htm>



Lenten Bible Study

Holy Solitude: Lenten Reflections with Saints, Hermits, Prophets, and Rebels by Heidi Haverkamp

Class will meet Monday mornings, 9:30am beginning March 10th and Tuesday evenings 6:30 beginning March 11th. Books are available – cost is \$15.

The book *Holy Solitude* invites readers to explore and practice solitude as always to love God, self, and neighbor better. Through prayer and silence and through fasting and speaking truth to injustice. This daily Lenten devotional will guide the Bible Study to discover many different mentors of solitude, from Hagar to Antony the Great to Julian of Norwich to Howard Thurman. Each week of Lent addresses an aspect of solitude as a spiritual discipline, helping the reader make a sort of progression through solitude as silence, struggle, journey, hospitality and resistance to busy-ness. Please call the church office or Pastor Bette if you would like to attend or have questions. 574-293-3905 or 574-229-7810.

BIRTHDAYS

1	Jeff Cabanaw
2	Zacharie LaPlace
3	Irene Cook
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

ANNIVERSARIES

2	Denny & Linda Miller	1977
20	Curt & Renee Wenger	1991
26	Brad & Jackie Ullery	1975

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We need you to help lead our children during the worship service. Our children are dismissed following the Choir Anthem to go downstairs to participate in Children's Church. So, it is only about 25 minutes. Lesson plans are chosen and ready for you. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall entry. Thank you for prayerfully considering helping!

OUR MISSIONS AT WORK...

We have received words of thanks from the following:

- Jimtown Park for the \$500 donation.
- Susanna's Kitchen for the loose coin donation of \$238.52.

Please see posted thank you cards on the bulletin board going into the fellowship hall.

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 as of 3/23/25 was \$58 and went to the Girl Scouts. Thank You for your generosity.

Church Community Services: April... Vegetables, Rice, Boxed Potatoes, Toilet Paper, Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Body Wash, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes. Consider *stretching* your donation by giving financially. With \$1, CCS can buy 6 pounds of food.



Remember in Prayer

Home Bound & Care Facilities: Jean Green, Margaret Pierce, Patsy Seigler, Arletah Hochstetler, and Sandra Oakley

Ongoing Health Concerns: Kathy Eggleston, Betty Griffin, Betty Hershberger, Lora Mahler, Wanda McCartney, Ed & Sue Raab, Jan Slabaugh, Linda Squibb, Marti Stickel, Paula Adams, and Lois Wilkinson.

Prayer Requests

- Prayers for all who suffer from Cancer and for everything going on in the current news.
- The family and friends of Jerry Hayes.
- Sue Clark's best friend, Cindy, is dealing with some medical issues.
- Nila and Bill Young and Yvonne who are dealing with a custody battle at the moment.
- Frank Fisher, they could not remove cancer last month during surgery due to the cancer being wrapped around a critical artery. They are currently seeking alternative treatments.
- Marti Stickel and family were are battling the flu.
- Becky Buss' sister is starting a new cancer treatment.
- Family and friends of Mark Heindselman, brother of Ann Johson, who has passed.
- Pastor Bette asks for prayer for all who are not with us Sunday who are battling sickness.
- Lois Wilkinson is at Elkhart Meadows recovering from a broken hip.
- Becky Metcalf's cousin, Martin Reef, as he recovers from his surgery for perforated diverticulitis.
- Prayers for Brad Ullery as he recovers from surgery.
- Family and friends of Jan Bender who passed away.
- Prayers for Marion Taylor who continues to recover.
- Laney Bender who has been ill with a 102-degree temp.
- Brenda Salmander's friend, Lynda, is having medical issues along with a brain aneurysm.
- Paula Adams who is back in the hospital.
- Madeline Smith who is dealing with melanoma.
- Family and friends of Marvin Hochstetler.
- LuAnn's co-worker/friend, Marybeth, is now under hospice care, prayers for her on her journey home.
- Claire Cox fell and broke her hip. She is 103, has had surgery, and is now up and walking around.
- Sue and Ed Raab. Sue is back in the hospital and Ed's health continues to decline.
- Janet Sheets is in hospice care.
- Roger Matthews as he relocates to CO. Also, please pray for Roger and his family as they remove his mom from life support.
- Bette Griffin dealing with left knee pain. Cards, calls and visits are always welcomed.



Announcements/Acknowledgements

- Thanks to Mark Landis for working with the electricians all week to get LED lighting in the sanctuary.
- Kathy Moyer encourages all to attend the Lenten breakfasts that are coming up.
- Lenten breakfast schedule can be found in the welcome center or on our Facebook and YouTube channels.
- Diaper drive will continue through Lent, so you have plenty of time yet to bring in diapers or wipes.



Sweet Diana, great job!!



Holy Week Happenings

- 13th Palm Sunday
- 17th 6:30 Maundy Thursday Worship Service
- 18th 6:30 Good Friday Worship Service
- 19th 9am – 11am Prep church for Easter Sunday
- 20th Easter Egg Hunt during Children's Church
- 20th Easter Sunday

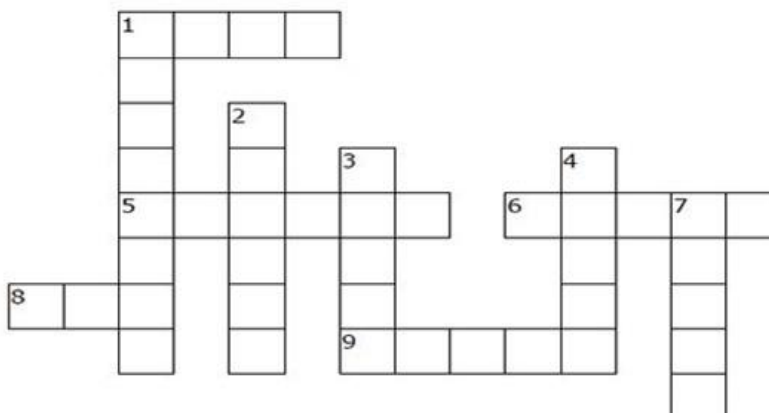




Don't Miss Church!

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" John 20:19 (NIV)

Based on John 20:19-31



ACROSS

1. An entrance into a building or room
5. The disciple who would not believe without seeing
6. To be in a state of pleasure or delight
8. Breaking a religious or moral law
9. The body parts at the end of the arms

DOWN

1. Unwilling to believe that something is true
2. Not open
3. To believe in something for which there is no proof
4. A pointed and headed fastener designed to be pounded into wood
7. Free from conflict; getting along with others; opposite of war

NAME: _____

Return by April 25th

March Solution: *And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it unto me, and after make for thee and for thy son. For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, the barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.*

Those that were up for the challenge in March: Gary Buss, Lana Berg, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark

Bonus game: How many eggs can you find in the newsletter? Answer: _____

Hint: It's more than 10 and less than 100.....

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Children's Church
6 th	Kristin Farwig	Alex & Jake Pyfer	TBD	TBD
13 th	Kristin Farwig	Larry Pappas & Steve Squibb	Pastor Bette	TBD
20 th	Gail Neely	Lana Berg & Linda Vest	TBD	TBD
27 th	Deb Beehler	Cheryl Cabanaw & Nancy Mahler	Marta Clark	TBD
Ushers	1 st Three Sundays: Mark Cook, Maria Moleski, Lana Berg, Keith Berg Last Sunday: Tammy Bainter, Carcia Clark, Nancy Miller, Jane Rapp			



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR EASTER PREP DAY, SAT., APRIL 18th, 9am – 11am:

- Help arrange flowers, organize pew pockets, and clean various parts of Worship space.
- Bring packages of individually wrapped candy.
- Help stuff eggs for the Easter Egg hunt.
- Donate empty Easter Egg baskets.
- Help hide Easter eggs.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." – [1 Peter 4:10](#)

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Men's breakfast April 6th @ 7:30 a.m.

Next breakfast, May 4th @ 7:30 a.m.

Invite your neighbors.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

SAVE THE DATES:

April 27th UWIF Breakfast Meeting,

May 3rd The UWIF will be selling their fantastic baked goods at the UMM's breakfast. Don't miss this opportunity to load up on some goodies.

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

April Carry-In is Tuesday the 1st at Noon.

May Carry-In is Tuesday the 5th at Noon.

June Carry-In is Tuesday the 3rd at Noon.

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

Some of you may know we have 3 people and the Pastor that take Communion to some of our homebound members every month. Welcome Kathy Moyer, who joins Gary and Becky Buss. This is a wonderful ministry of our church. This is a chance for you to be included in our faithful family of volunteers. A way to take care of our people, to let them know we are thinking of them. We have room for 2 more persons to help take Communion to some of our members. If you want more information or would like to volunteer, sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office, 574-293-3905.

How is God Speaking to you?

🎹 POSITION OPEN AT JUMC 🎹

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



Kristin giving a wonderful sermon while Pastor Bette was at a retreat.



Our amazing choir!



LuAnn's creative Children's Church aid



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JOURNEY TO THE CROSS

Starting on Ash Wednesday, the church traditionally observes Lent, a 40-day period of repentance and reflection. As we prepare for Easter, families can focus on Jesus' life and ministry, culminating in his death and resurrection.

Use this Lenten Bible Reading Plan, along with a kid-friendly version of the Bible, for family devotions. With older kids, you can expand the readings to the surrounding paragraph or chapter. Discuss how each reference to Christ ties into God's plan of salvation.

Day	Readings
DAY 1	Genesis 3:1-5
DAY 2	Isaiah 7:14
DAY 3	Matthew 1:20-21
DAY 4	Luke 2:1-11
DAY 5	Luke 2:52
DAY 6	Mark 1:9-11
DAY 7	Matthew 4:1-10
DAY 8	Matthew 4:18-20
DAY 9	Luke 6:27-31
DAY 10	Matthew 11:28-30
DAY 11	Luke 4:40-41
DAY 12	Luke 8:24-25
DAY 13	Matthew 12:8
DAY 14	Mark 6:41-42
DAY 15	Luke 9:20-22
DAY 16	John 3:16-17
DAY 17	John 6:35
DAY 18	John 8:12
DAY 19	John 10:14-15
DAY 20	Mark 10:13-16
DAY 21	Mark 9:2-3
DAY 22	Matthew 20:17-19
DAY 23	Luke 19:9-10
DAY 24	Matthew 14:25-27
DAY 25	Luke 10:36-37
DAY 26	John 11:25-27, 43
DAY 27	John 12:3
DAY 28	Matthew 21:8-9
DAY 29	Mark 11:15-16
DAY 30	John 17:17-19
DAY 31	Luke 22:3-6
DAY 32	Mark 14:22-24
DAY 33	John 13:3-5
DAY 34	Matthew 26:39
DAY 35	Luke 22:63-65
DAY 36	Mark 15:22-26
DAY 37	Matthew 27:50-54
DAY 38	John 19:40-42
DAY 39	Luke 24:1-8
DAY 40	Matthew 28:19-20