

JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!*

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A word from our Pastor –

Hello friends!

I found this meme on one of the Facebook pages of a clergy friend. They had posted it from another Facebook page. These words stood out for me.

Whenever you see the word Church with a capitalized “C” you can be sure it is talking about the bigger church, or the universal church. We at Jamestown UMC are part of this larger Church!

I suppose we all have our own differing ideas of what church should be. We have been studying through Matthew chapter 13 in our sermons recently, and we see how Jesus describes the kingdom of God (or God’s family) as one that is open to many differing people. In the parable of the Sower of seeds, we see God as The Sower who lavishly sows his seed on people of various stages of their receptivity of the seed. Yet, the Sower sows abundantly anyway.

As representatives of God’s love, we seek out the lost, the down-trodden, the underdog, the one who has no hope. We seek to share the Good News. As the other disciples have told their friends, “Come and see! We have found the Lord!” We want to shout out to the world that we have found a community of believers who embrace the least and the lost. Who offers the hope that something better is yet to come.

In Jesus, we find all that we need to live a life of fullness! We find a friend. We find our champion. The King of kings. For the seeker, the lost, the hopeless, the marginalized, the lonely. We have the details! Come and join us for worship, and be with us in our fellowship. We hope you will join us and see for yourself. I encourage you to reach out to me so we can talk together and hear your stories. You can reach me by e-mail at bette.thompson@inumc.org or (574) 229-7810.

Pastor Bette

The Church should be a community where messed-up people are welcome, outcasts are loved, underdogs find a champion, the hopeless find hope, and the friendless find a friend.

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES



3	Betty	Griffin	4	Jon & Tami	Pyfer	2007
4	Travon	Stepney	7	Brian & Becky	Metcalf	1982
6	Jerry	Cook		David & Joyce	Polston	
7	Caleigh	Campbell	9	Marty & Robin	Richard	1997
13	Carissa	Ullery	24	Tim & Kristin	Farwig	1991
	Maria	Moleski				
14	Jennifer	Ullery				
16	Jeanette	Morgan				
	Pastor Ron	Bowman				
23	Jacob	Cook				
25	Margaret	Pierce				
27	Kendra	Metcalf				
28	Jacob	Pyfer				
29	Darin	Metcalf				
	Robin	Richard				
30	Patti	Hochstetler				

Rich and I are so grateful for so much love from so many people, in our first weeks here. We are so thankful for our generous givers of gifts from all over Elkhart. The children who decorated my office are so awesome! The well wishes from so many people who have dropped in over the past weeks to make us feel welcome.

I also want to say thank you for the help from the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee, and for the guys who helped us unpack some furniture. So much help from Sharon, and Gary, Becky, Marta, Kristin in the worship planning. Many more have been very welcoming also. We have received so much and look forward to getting to know you all better and better over the weeks, months and years ahead!

We are so glad to be welcomed here at Jamestown UMC!

Blessings, Pastor Bette and Rich.

From Bashor Children's Hospital

Your support of the children here at Bashor is truly a blessing. Your donation is used to benefit the children, their health, and their well-being. This summer, children will be participating in many activities, including bowling, going to the movies, and fishing in our pond. Many of our children will also complete 4-H projects, participate in our annual Summer Olympics and attend Bashor Summer Camp. Again, Thank you for your gift. Steve Riikonen

From Church Community Services

We see so many people who never expected to need our help. Lindy expressed her appreciation, after her visit to our food pantry. Lindy had the same job for over 30 years, but when it ended suddenly a few years ago, life got tough. Lindy said she's older now and has underlying health conditions, making it difficult to work and leaving her with little money to cover her basic needs. "The food you give me is such a blessing. I hope to be able to repay Your kindness. Thanks so much for all that you do." And likewise, we thank you for making it possible for Lindy to receive the help she needs.

Keith Sarber



Jamestown United Methodist Church Donation Receipt

In-Kind Food#: 33 lbs food
Date: 12/30/2022

In-Kind Food#: 80 lbs bulk food
Date: 03/31/2023

In-Kind Food#: 17 lb bulk food, 15 beverage
Date: 05/31/2023

Gift: \$150.00
Check#: 2344
Date: 06/21/2023



ASHAMED

Sometimes the word *ashamed* is used in the Bible to refer to confounded.
Fill in each blank with the person or persons who are ashamed.

1.	_____ was ashamed to ask the king of soldiers to fight because he had rebuked the king.	Ezra 8: 22
2.	_____ asked Job if no man could make him ashamed.	Job 11: 3
3.	_____ is ashamed like a thief when he is caught.	Jeremiah 2: 26
4.	_____ of a rich man said, "I cannot dig; to beg I am ashamed".	Luke 16: 3
5.	_____ asked, "What fruit had ye then in those things whereof you are now ashamed?"	Romans 6: 21
6.	_____ shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Bethel their confidence," said Jeremiah.	Jeremiah 48: 13
7.	_____ shall remember her ways and be ashamed, according to Ezekiel.	Ezekiel 16: 3, 61
8.	_____ shall be ashamed of their visions, according to Zechariah.	Zechariah 13: 4
9.	_____ instructed the Thessalonians to make the man ashamed who does not obey the word of his epistle.	2 Thess. 3: 14
10.	_____ prayed that God would make the men ashamed who hated him.	Psalm 86: 17

NAME _____

Return Quiz August 23rd

Answers for "Thirst" 1. Ishmael, 2. Israelites, 3. Enemies, 4. Jesus, 5. Samaritan, 6. Sisera, 7. The psalmist, 8. Paul, 9. The rich man, 10. Abraham's, 11. Samson, 12. David. Those persons challenging themselves: Jim Angel, Lana Berg, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Doug Cook and Jane Lechlitner

UNITED METHODIST MEN

August 6th at 7:00 a.m.
Invite your neighbors

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

Hope to see you August 1st at NOON

WOMEN OF FAITH

(Formerly United Methodist Women)

In August we will be meeting for breakfast.
We plan to meet the 19th at 8:30. Place TBD

SUSANNA'S KITCHEN

Our first day to help serve was July 17th. Our next day is August 21st. They would like us to have 3 people helping. There is a sign-up sheet on the Missions bulletin board in the hallway.



MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: August Loose Coin will go to LoveWay. LoveWay is celebrating 50 years, "providing equine experiences for individuals with disabilities since 1973". You may donate anytime this month. Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". Thank You for your generosity! June donations of \$71.40 went to SPA Women's Ministry. Thank You for your generosity.

CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

August giving; Children will be heading back to school soon. But they still need provisions at home. Bring in personal care items; soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, feminine hygiene products and Cereal. Help the children go back to school feeling good about themselves.

CHURCH ORGANIST

JUMC has an opening for a Church Organist for Sunday Services. There are also openings for Organist and Pianist substitutes. Please help get the word out. Anyone interested can call the church for more information. Thank You.

FROM JUMC PRESCHOOL

If you enjoy working with 3 & 4 year olds we have an opportunity for you. We are looking for a teacher's assistant for Fall 2023-24 school year. The year begins in Mid-August goes through mid-May. Monday – Thursday hours 8:30 – 3:00(if we have enough children to have afternoon classes) and Friday 8:30 - Noon. There are about 6 evenings in the year that you would also be needed. If you are interested or know someone who is; call Kathy Hinegardner at 574-596-7567 or 574-389-1555.

RISING COSTS

Due to rising costs in our subscription to Upper Room, they will now be \$1.50. Thank you for helping incur the cost of this devotional. Also, our Sunday morning floral arrangements will be \$35.00. They have experienced rising costs in the materials needed to create our arrangements. Thank you for donating to remember and honor those persons near and dear to us/you.

LOVEWAY Celebrating 50 Years

August 12th 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
541551 CR 33, Middlebury, IN 46540
Join us for a fun-filled celebration with food trucks, cowboy hat station, face painting, magic show, of course Horses and so much more.

STRONGER TOGETHER

North District Family Picnic Event
River Park Square in Plymouth
112 Water Street.
12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Live Music, a Comedian, Face painting, Splash Pad(bring your own towels), Cornhole tournament(starts at 12:30)Food Trucks(for you to purchase food items), or bring your own picnic lunch.

A FREE festival gathering for all clergy and laity of the North District

Why: To celebrate that we are Stronger Together and rejoice in the fellowship and joy of life and ministry.

Mission Focus: We will be collecting donations for Bishop Trimble's Africa University Scholarship. You can give online or in person.

Welcome Flowers



Dinner after the play



AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Children's Church
6 th	Deb Beehler	Jon & Tami Pyfer	Pastor Bette	Frankie Bender
13 th	Deb Beehler	Steve Squibb & Larry Pappas	Kristin Farwig	Frankie Bender
20 th	Deb Beehler	Linda Vest & Carolyn Landis	Carolyn Landis	Frankie Bender
27 th	Deb Beehler	Doug Cook & Maria Moleski	Jeff Clark	Frankie Bender
	USHERS	Jim Angel, Jeff Clark, Tom Cook & Gail Greenlee		



Creator of the stars

The stars and sky testify to God's amazing power and creativity.

Directions: Use the clues and Bible passages to fill in the blanks. Then transfer the circled letters (in order) to the spaces below to complete a verse of praise.

God determines this and calls each star by name. (*Psalms 147:4*)
○ _ _ _ _ _

The heavens are the work of God's what? (*Psalms 8:3*)
_ _ _ _ _ ○

What does God bring out one by one? (*Isaiah 40:26*)
○ _ _ _ _ _

God made two great lights to do this. (*Genesis 1:16*)
○ _ _ _ _ _

God promised Abraham this would be like the stars. (*Genesis 15:5*)
_ _ _ _ _ ○ _ _ _ _ _

The sun, moon and stars have this. (*1 Corinthians 15:41*)
_ _ _ _ _ ○

The lights in the sky serve as what? (*Genesis 1:14*)
_ _ _ _ _ ○

The heave_s declare the _lory _f _od;
the ski_s _roc_aim the wo_k of his ha_ds.

PSALM 19:1, NIV

Answer: number, fingers, host, govern, offspring, splendor, signs; The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1, NIV