



JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!*

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A word from Pastor Bette...

Every once in a while, we might witness the true beauty of seeing the kingdom of God at work. My guess is that this could happen more frequently, but we might not have the eyes to see, or the ears to hear. Jesus often said to his listeners, "From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked." (Luke 12:48)

This is Jesus' invitation for people to "tune in" closely and pay attention and be ready to take seriously our call to do whatever we have been given to do. Pay attention. Our ears and eyes are the entry point to our minds and our hearts. How do our parents, spouses and loved ones help us to pay attention to their words? How do preachers help us to pay attention?

Sunday, I was seated at the front of the sanctuary chancel floor with the children, while we listened to Gail Greenlee with eyes and ears riveted. Her message seemed so comical, but it was actually nourishing to our bodies and our souls.

She approached the children with a curious brown paper bag filled with things. She then opened with a declaration of having a bad, bad morning, and how she could not find anything to wear for church and how she flung each of her cancelled pieces of clothing right into the air, landing on the children, we couldn't help but laugh. She finally allowed us to come to the realization that what she actually wore was just fine, and she expertly drew a parallel to the Lukan account of Jesus' visit with sisters Mary and Martha. Luke 11:1-13. Later in our worship time, the children and the teens would each go downstairs for their Sunday classes.

This moment was breath-taking to me. As I reflected, I could see the Church at work, very much like the way it is described in Acts 2. Everyone caring for one another. Everyone in agreement. Differences set aside for the sake of love...for the sake of teaching our children. To be following Jesus' command to love one another. In doing, so we are loving God. We are in worship together. In that moment, as I recall this vision, my eyes swell up in tears. Seeing the beauty of God's Kingdom at work is such a beautiful thing..

I am so sad for Gail's terrible morning, but I think it perked up after being among her church family and hearing the giggles of the kids. And I am so proud to be blessed to serve in ministry with all of the many people who help live out Jesus' command to be alert and use the gifts they have been given. It brings me deep joy.

I pray that you are listening and watching for the Holy Spirit's wisdom. I pray that you also catch glimpses of the Church at work, doing the called ministry of love. I pray that the beauty overwhelms you.

Grace and peace

Pastor Bette

BIRTHDAYS

3	Betty Griffin
4	Travon Stepney
6	Jerry Cook
7	Caleigh Campbell
13	Maria Moleski
	Carissa Ullery
14	Jennifer Ullery
16	Jeanette Morgan
18	Laney Jo Bender
23	Pastor Ron Bowman
25	Jacob Cook
27	Margaret Pierce
28	Kendra Metcalf
	Jacob Pyfer
29	Darin Metcalf
	Robin Richard
30	Patti Hochstetler

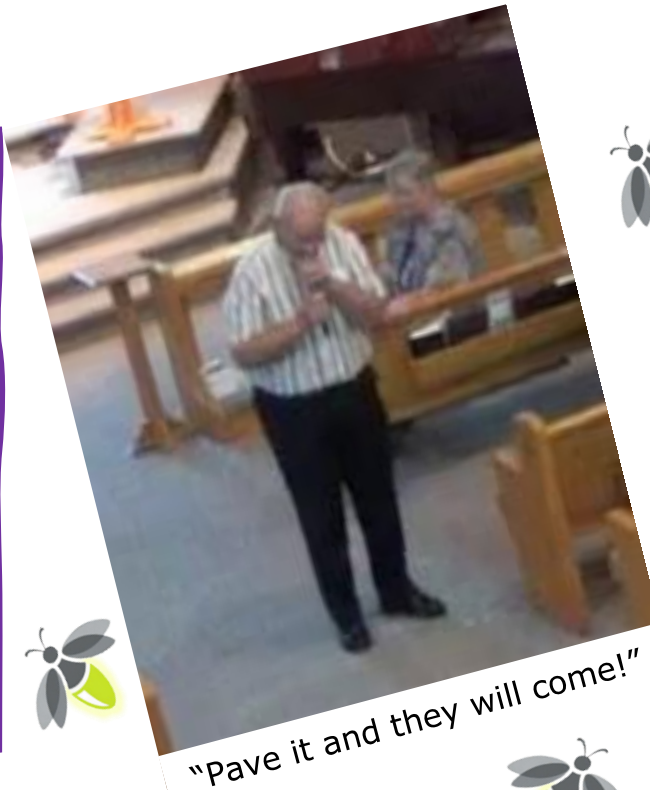
♥ANNIVERSARIES♥

4	Jon & Tami Pyfer	2007
	Brian & Becky Metcalf	
7		1982
	David & Joyce Polston	
7		1982
	Marty & Robin Richard	
9		1997
	Tim & Kristin Farwig	
24		1991



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!



Words of thanks from members and community:

- Mayrea from The Michiana Master Gardeners
- Betty Griffin

Please see the bulletin board as you enter the fellowship hall to read all thank-you cards/letters that are sent to JUMC.

Bible Study



We will be taking a hiatus from bible study for the summer. We will post in the bulletin when bible study resumes. Have a great summer! Please call the church office or Pastor Bette if you would like to attend future bible studies or if you have questions. **574-293-3905 or 574-229-7810.**



Parable of the Lost Sheep Quiz

(References are from Mathew and Luke)

Question 1: Right before Jesus tells the parable of the lost sheep, He is accused of the following (Luke 15:1): _____

Question 2: Who accused Jesus of receiving and eating with sinners?

Question 3: To prove a point, Jesus fires back a question: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and _____?" _____

Question 4: In Matthew's account, who does Jesus say we should not despise? (Matthew 18:10) _____

Question 5: After the shepherd returns the sheep and comes home, what does he do?

Question 6: What does the lost sheep represent? (Luke 15:7) _____

NAME: _____

Return to church office by September 16th

July Puzzle Answers: Jesus, Adam, Jonah, Joseph, Esther, Samuel, Sarah, Matthew, Moses, Eve, Peter, Mary, Ruth, Solomon, John, Faith, Noah, David, Paul, Jacob, Daniel, Isaac, Luke and Love.

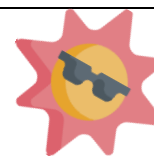
Those that were up for the challenge in July: Jane Lechlitrer, Marta Clark, Marcia Clark, Roberta Mann, Lana Berg and Paula LaPlace

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Little's Bible School and Youth Bible School
3 rd	Steve Squibb	Dave & LuAnn Pontius	LuAnn Pontius	TBD / TBD
10 th	Steve Squibb	Jill Biller & Gail Greenlee	Pastor Bette	TBD / TBD
17 th	LuAnn Pontius	Maria Moleski & Doug Cook	Jane Rapp	TBD / TBD
24 th	LuAnn Pontius	Mark & Carolyn Landis	Pastor Bette	TBD / TBD
31 st	LuAnn Pontius	Jon & Tami Pyfer	Linda Vest	TBD / TBD
Ushers	Jim Angel, Jeff Clark, Tom Cook & Randy Beehler			

🎵 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.



🎵 SUMMER MEANS SPECIAL MUSIC 🎵

If you are interested in doing special music for a church service this summer, please contact Kristin and let her know. Plenty of Sundays to choose from. Text or call Kristin 574-903-3805.

Just a reminder to conserve energy and keep us safe. The Church building belongs to all of us and we need to take care of it.

- If you unlock it, Lock it back up.
- If you turn it on, Turn it off.
- If you open it, Close it.

Thank You!

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Next UMM Breakfast, Aug 3rd.

Next breakfasts as follows:

Sept 7th at 7:30 a.m.

Oct 5th at 7:30 a.m.

Nov 2nd @ 7:30 a.m.

Please invite your neighbors!

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

SAVE THE DATE: August 16th meeting for breakfast – TBD,

September 28th monthly meeting.

November 23rd monthly meeting.

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

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

Sept Carry-In is Tuesday the 2nd at Noon.

Oct. Carry-In is Tuesday the 7th at Noon.

Nov. Carry-In is Tuesday the 4th at Noon.

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

Some of you may know that we currently have 2 teams that take Communion to some of our homebound members every month. This is a ministry of our church. This is a chance for you to be included in our busy family of volunteers. A way to take care of our people, to let them know we are thinking of them. Will you please prayerfully consider helping 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.

Is God nudging you?

Please be courteous to our wonderful pianists and use the time in the Sanctuary before church to prepare your hearts for worship rather than visiting. We welcome visiting in the Welcome Center and in the Fellowship Hall following worship time. Thank you.



MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: August Loose Coin will go to **Jamestown Preschool**.

"Jamestown Preschool is committed to providing an atmosphere of Christian love where a child can experience the joy of learning while building a positive self-image." You may donate any time this month. Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". THANK YOU for your generosity.

Church Community Services:

August...Cereals (hot or cold), Peanut Butter, Jelly, Toilet Paper, Ready to Eat Canned Pasta Meals, Crackers, Hamburger Helpers.

OUR MISSIONS AT WORK...

We have received words of thanks from the following:

- Seed to Feed \$344.45
- CCS: Total of 65# food YTD
- Riverview Adult Day Health Center \$60.00
- CAPS – for the beautiful quilts
- RETA - \$495.50



The women of JUMC!



Fun during The Children's Message

Remember in Prayer

Home Bound & Care Facilities: Jean Green, Margaret Pierce, Patsy Seigler, Arletah Hochstetler, Al Stealy, Jan Slabaugh, Paula Adams, Ed Raab. and Dee Kallimani.

Ongoing Health Concerns: Kathy & Jim Eggleston, Betty Griffin, Betty Hershberger, Lora Mahler, Wanda McCartney, Sue Raab, Linda Squibb, Marti Stickel, Polly Brown, and Pastor Bette's friend with mental issues.

Prayer Requests / Joys / Concerns

- Fran Price is thankful for the many creatures that visit her on her front and back porches.
- Praise be to God that our Bishop, Rev. Dr. Tracy Mallone has re-appointed Pastor Bette (and Rich) to serve another year at Jamestown UMC. Pastor Bette says she loves being our pastor.
- Thank you to Kathy Moyer, Irene Cook, Brenda Salmander, Deb Beehler and Jackie Ullery for helping prepare the new bibles.
- Linda Vest is thankful for Pastor Bette, her church family, our new bibles and The Holy Spirit's movement in our church.
- Family and friends of Ivy Yoder who passed away this past week.
- Fran Price is thankful that her son is attending a Christian church.
- Mark Landis thanked Linda Vest for working so hard to make the playground look like a million bucks and Carl Lechlitrner for being our trouble shooter and for all he does for us.
- Jeff Clark asked for prayers for our brother Jim Eggleston as he battles bladder cancer.
- Steve Squibb announced the birth of his granddaughter, Samantha, who was helped into this world by her big brother, 2-year-old Jaxon.
- Bill Young asked for prayers as the courts decide on the custody of Yvonne. Please pray it goes in Yvonne's favor.
- Friends and family of Will Wallace, who passed away last week from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.
- Arletah Hochstetler is asking for prayers for Madison Tucker. She was a young lady involved in a hit and run incident in Elkhart. She was transported to IU in Indy and is in bad shape. Madison has had at least 3 surgeries since the 11th.
- Arletah is also asking for prayers for her son David. He has been sent home from the hospital but in need of prayer. She's thankful that David was brought to her for a visit this past weekend.
- Prayers for Tammy & Keith's friend, Kathy Dixon, who is dealing with some serious medical issues.
- Tami Pyfer is joyful for Alex's birthday and asks for prayers of no rain during their vacation this week.
- Jeff & Rhonda Clark welcomed their 9th great-grandchild in July. A grandson named Novak Frakes Marshall.
- Tammy Bainter is joyful that they had a wonderful vacation with their best friends in GA this past week.
- Keith Berg was thankful for the trustees, led by Mark Landis, for the wonderful new parking lot.
- Cherly Cabanaw is asking for prayers for her daughter Shannon, Sue and Ed Raab and her friend that are all suffering from health issues.
- Cheryl Cabanaw was thankful for their wonderful vacation.
- Geri Angel announced that her son Allen had another grandchild 3 weeks early this past week.
- Warren Allender was thankful for the support of the Baugo Lions who built 26 beds for Sleep in Heavenly Peace.
- Mark Landis asked for prayers for the family and friends of his friend Bill Broderick who passed away.
- Jackie Ullery had praise for her grandson Brayden who has graduated from basic training.
- Jill Biller asked for prayers for her friend Patty who has been diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer.
- Arletah Hochstetler has been admitted to the hospital with low hemoglobin and a UTI.
- Roger Matthews as he searches for an apartment.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 8:30—Devotions & Drumming	2 National Sun-flower Day 
3 Holy Communion 7:30 UMM Break-fast	4 8:30—Devotions & Drumming	5 Noon - Community Luncheon	6 8:30—Devotions & Drumming 6:30 Creative Homemakers	7 7-9 am RETA Open House 4—8 Open Quilting	8 8:30—Devotions & Drumming Osceola Music Festival	9 Hall—Diana Cook 9:30—2:30 p.m.
10 Osceola Music Festival	11 8:30—Devotions & Drumming	12 National Middle Child Day 	13 8:30—Devotions & Drumming	14 Jimtown Back to School 4—8 Open Quilting	15 8:30—Devotions & Drumming	16
17	18 8:30—Devotions & Drumming	19 5:30—Missions Meeting	20 8:30—Devotions & Drumming	21 4—8 Open Quilting	22 8:30—Devotions & Drumming	23
24	25 8:30—Devotions & Drumming	26	27 8:30—Devotions & Drumming	28 4-Open Quilt 6:30— Preschool Orientation 7pm—Church Council Meeting	29 8:30—Devotions & Drumming	30 National Toasted Marsh-mallow Day 
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