



*Building Bridges to The
Families Of Our Community!*

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A word from Pastor Bette...

Dear Friends,

Throughout the summer, we have been studying how Jesus' agricultural parables have reminded us that the work of God often happens slowly, quietly, and beneath the surface. Seeds are planted before growth can be seen. Wheat and weeds grow together. Fruit develops in its proper season. Our calling is to remain faithful while trusting God with the harvest.

These parables invite us to reflect and maybe ask what God has been planting, cultivating, pruning, or patiently allowing to grow in the congregation. Which connects to recent themes on patience, grace, and trusting God's timing.

We know God's kingdom often begins in small, hidden, or easily overlooked ways. A mustard seed seems insignificant. Treasure lies buried in an ordinary field. A pearl must be recognized as worth pursuing. A net gathers an abundance that must later be sorted. Together, those images invite us to pay attention and to notice all the ways that God is growing, revealing, and gathering among us.

God's work may begin in small ways, remain hidden for a time, or require patient attention.

But we can see the subtle "mustard seeds" of growth at Jamestown—in our faithful worship, children being welcomed and baptized, people serving, visitors of all ages being received, ministries continuing, and relationships growing. In a way, the church community begins to vitally sustain many kinds of life, as does a mustard plant with branches that give shelter to birds.

We continually look more and more like the image which the Apostle Paul speaks of so often as the Body of Christ.

Praise be to God for his amazing grace and this holy mystery!! Amen! As we head closer to Fall, we will begin a sermon series looking at the Psalms, worship, song, and seeking the face of God through praise and song, I invite you to join us beginning the first Sunday in August as we listen to these ancient prayers and discover how they continue to speak to our lives today.

Love and peace to you,

Pastor Bette



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

♥ ANNIVERSARIES ♥

4	Jon & Tami Pyfer	2007
7	Brian & Becky Metcalf	1982
7	David & Joyce Polston	1982
9	Marty & Robin Richard	1997
20	Jerry & Valerie Williams	2011
24	Tim & Kristin Farwig	1991

Birthday cards can be sent to Pastor Ron Boman at:

C/O Harmony House Elkhart
1129 Park Way Ave. #214
Elkhart, IN 46516

Worship Service

Service starts @ 9:15 a.m. with fellowship to follow.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Adult Bible Study!!

Bible Study will be paused for the summer, and we will announce when we resume in the fall. Please call the church office or Pastor Bette if you have any questions.
574-293-3905 or 574-229-7810.

LAMPLIGHTERS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

This class has met since the early 1960s, and they love to welcome newcomers! Please join them Sunday mornings after fellowship, which follows the worship service. The Lamplighters meeting is downstairs in the last class on the left down from the church office. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 574-293-3905.

If you would prefer to do your giving online:



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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

United Methodist Men (UMM)

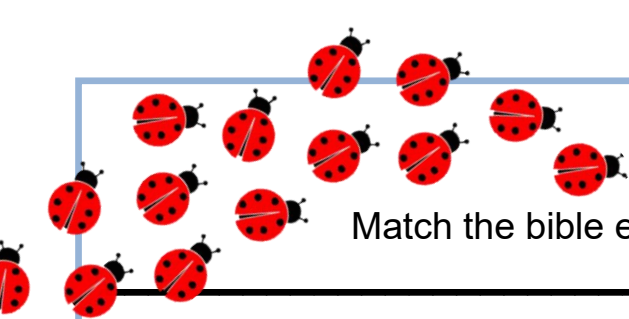
Next Coffee & Donuts
Aug 2nd @ 7:30 a.m.
September 6th @ 7:30 a.m.
October 4th @ 7:30 a.m.
November 1st @ 7:30 a.m.

United Women In Faith (UWIF)

August: Breakfast @ OC Café @ 9:00 a.m.
September 27th @ 7:45 a.m.
October 25th @ 7:45 a.m.
November 22nd @ 7:45 a.m.

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

August: Tuesday the 4th @ Noon
September: Tuesday the 1st @ Noon
October: Tuesday the 6th @ Noon
November: Tuesday the 3rd @ Noon



WHO AM I?

Match the bible event with the person associated with it.

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| 1. I Lived for 900 Years | A. Land of Nod |
| 2. I ate locust in the desert | B. Methuselah |
| 3. Reuben is my first child | C. Three wise men |
| 4. I was the only woman judge | D. John the Baptist |
| 5. My brother Stole my birthright | E. Deborah |
| 6. I solved "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Parsin" | F. Lot |
| 7. I am the father of faith | G. Joseph |
| 8. We brought baby Jesus gifts | H. Jacob |
| 9. I killed a lion with my bare hands | I. Esau |
| 10. I'm famous for the burning bush | J. Hosea |
| 11. My wife turned into a pillar of salt | K. Daniel |
| 12. I said Jesus will be born in Bethlehem | L. Moses |
| 13. I am the land East of Eden | M. Samson |
| 14. I was sold into slavery | N. Abraham |
| 15. I am the last King of Israel | O. Micah |



NAME: _____

Please return to church office by August 16th

July Puzzle Answers: 1. Noah, 2. Johan, 3. Moses, 4. David, 5. Ester, 6. Samson, 7. Mary, 8. John, 9. Peter, 10. Judas, 11. Zaccheaus, 12. Lazarus.

Those that were up for the challenge in July: Jane Lechlitter, Jim Angel, Lana Berg, Paula LaPlace, Marcia Clark, and Marta Clark

THANK YOU...



- ❖ Church Community Services (CCS) sent JUMC a thank you for our continued support to their organization.
- ❖ Sue Raab wants to thank everyone for the cards & Prayers. She enjoys hearing from church members.
- ❖ Nancy Warnick is thankful for all our thoughts and prayers. She is really settled in, and she knows that she made the right decision even though it was hard leaving all of us.

MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: August Loose Coin will go to **JUMC Preschool:** The mission statement of JUMC Preschool is "We are committed to providing an atmosphere of Christian love where a child can experience the joy of learning while building a positive self-image." Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". Thank you for your generosity.

Church Community Services:

August... Vegetables, Rice, Boxed Potatoes, Toilet Paper, Soap, Shampoo, Deodorant, Body Wash, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes..... See collection areas by both doors.

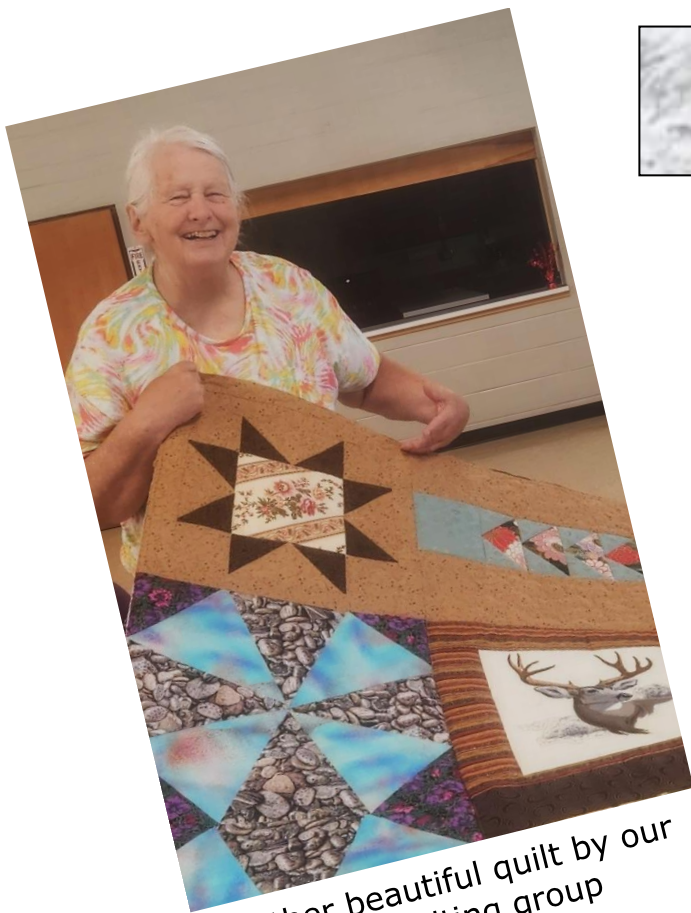
In June, we collected \$135.66 to send to Sleep in Heavenly Peace and in July we collected \$252.80 for LoveWay.

OUR MISSIONS AT WORK...

Please see bulletin board going into fellowship hall for the letters & cards.

PROGRESS REPORT FROM TRUSTEES

Coming Soon...



Another beautiful quilt by our open quilting group



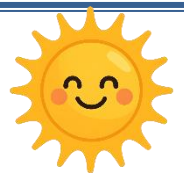
UWIF @ "Frozen, the Musical"



START CHILDREN OFF
on the way they should
go, and even when they
are old, THEY WILL
NOT TURN FROM IT.
~Proverbs 22:6 NIV



"Morning Sunshine"



CHILDREN'S MUSIC TIME

Carolyn Landis is bringing back the children's music program. Children, grades K-4th, will be dismissed for a short time during "Passing the Peace" to go downstairs with Miss Carolyn and Miss Candy to learn songs about Jesus and His love. They will be brought back up in time for Children's Church. If you feel led, please reach out to Miss Carolyn to help.

Now Enrolling new students for
the 2026-2027 year. Please
contact Kathy at 574-596-7567
or by email at
Jamestownpreschool@att.net



We are a Christian kindergarten
readiness program where we
teach readiness, character
building skills, and love for Jesus.



Joys & Concerns

- Becky Buss asks for prayers for the friends and family of their good friend, Eddie, who passed away on Friday.
- Marcia Cook was joyful that her great-grandson's adoption by his bonus dad finally went through and will now and forever be Mason Lee Chupp.
- Kathy Moyer asks for prayers for her friend, Sherry Mead, who will be having a bone marrow transplant due to cancer.
- Jane Rapp asks for prayers for her family in WI. Great nephew was burned while working on a boat and the family also had bad storm damage this week.
- Tami Pyfer was thankful for being here and she and her family had a great time in New York City.
- Warren Allender is grateful for this country and what it has given us.
- Liz Barron, originally from Vermont, has recently relocated to Jimtown to live with her grandson and this is her first time at our church.
- Becky Metcalf asks for prayers for Marge Krallman as she is spending time at a Fort Wayne hospital with heart issues.
- Prayers for Fran Price, as she is currently in memory care at Valley View.
- Also, prayers for Fran's roommate, Sharon.
- Pastor Bette asks for prayers for Fran Price and her family as Fran is now in Valley View, Room 414A, in memory care.
- Jeff Clark asks for prayers for he and his family as all children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will all be in town at the same time this next weekend.
- Tami Pyfer is joyful that Alex has turned 16 and is getting his license.
- Becky Buss is joyful that Jan Slabaugh is in a wonderful care facility where she gets out into the community.
- Mark Landis requests that if you have a key to anything church related, please notify the office with what keys you have and any correlating numbers to said keys.
- LuAnn Pontius is joyful that Judy, Bill, Amanda and Riley are here visiting.
- Valerie Williams asks for prayers for her aunt, Judy Eby, who is in the hospital with a pinched nerve. She will be going to rehab.
- Polly Brown's great-granddaughter, Harley Lynn, is having part of her kidney removed with a temporary stent put in. Harley is only 1-1/2 months old. She is in Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville. Surgery scheduled for the end of September.
- Jane Rapp is joyful that her friend Layrsa, who has been going through cancer treatments for weeks, got an all clear and is cancer free.
- Kathy Moyer asks for prayers for her friend, Sherry Nete, as she goes through cancer treatments. Also, prayers for her friend, Pam Porter, who is going through chemo.
- Maria Moleski asks for prayers for Paula Adams who was in the hospital with a severe nosebleed, then a heart issue. She is currently back at Hubbard Hill.
- Pastor Bette asks for prayers Dr. Rev. Marti Lundy and her husband, Kent, who are going to be taking a sabbatical. Pray they get the rest needed.

Remember in Prayer

Homebound & Care Facilities: Jean Green, Margaret Pierce, Patsy Seigler, Jan Slabaugh, Paula Adams, Pam Hochstetler, Dee Kallimani, Pastor Ron Bowman, and Fran Price.

Ongoing Health Concerns: Kathy Eggleston, Betty Hershberger, Lora Mahler, Wanda McCartney, Sue Raab, Linda Squibb, Marti Stickel, Polly Brown, Nila Young, Tammie Pedler, Shannon Cabanaw and Pam Ruiz.



AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Little's Bible School and Youth Bible School
2 nd	Steve Squibb	Jill Biller & Gail Greenlee	LuAnn Pontius	Littles: Linda Vest & TBD Teens: Jon Pyfer
9 th	Steve Squibb	Cheryl Cabanaw & Nancy Mahler	Pastor Bette	Littles: Linda Vest & TBD Teens: Jon Pyfer
16 th	Warren Allender	Marcia Cook & Jeff Clark	Marta Clark	Littles: Jackie Ullery & TBD Teens: LuAnn Pontius
23 rd	Warren Allender	Becky Metcalf & Nancy Miller	Pastor Bette	Littles: Jackie Ullery & TBD Teens: Deb Beehler
30 th	LuAnn Pontius	Mark & Carolyn Landis	Linda Vest	Littles: Jane Rapp & Paula LaPlace Teens: Jeff Clark
Ushers	Jim Angel, Jeff Clark, Tom Cook, Randy Beehler			

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way, you will fulfill the law of Christ." — Galatians 6:2 NIV

Looking for a chance to volunteer during the week? We have the perfect opportunity for you! Susanna's Kitchen served over 18,000 meals in 2025 and they need you! Helping is easy, fun and fulfilling. All you need to do is add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Mission's bulletin board located in the fellowship hallway. Thank you.



Shining faces ready for worship!



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?

Special Music Needed for the Summer

Kristin is looking for special music for the summer as the choir takes the summer off. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or would like to perform any special music, please reach out to our Choir Director, Kristin Farwig, at 574-903-3805

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Welcome to our Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 Green 7:30 a.m. - United Methodist Men	3	4 Noon—Community Luncheon 5:30 SPPRC	5 6:30 Creative Homemakers	6 4-8 Open Quilting	7	1 9 to 12:30ish Vacation Bible School (VBS) 8
9 Green	10	11 National Play in The Sand Day 	12	13 Baugo Back to School 4-8 Open Quilting 5:15 Trustees 6:00 Finance	14	15 9am UWIF Breakfast at OC Caffe
16 Green	17 National Nonprofit Day 	18	19	20 4-8 Open Quilting 5-6:30 4-H Meet	21 National Senior Citizens Day	22
23 Green	24	25	26 National Dog Day 	27 4-8 Open Quilting	28	29 Hall - All Day Stout 50 th Anniversary Celebration
30 Green	31 National Eat Outside Day 				**Devotions and Drumming 8:30 a.m. Mon, Wed and Fri in Fellowship hall	**RED Denotes Committee Meetings