

# JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The  
Families Of Our Community!*

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- **Geri Angel**  
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## **Jamestown United Methodist Church**

Corner of CR 3 & CR 22

### ***CELEBRATE THE LIGHT***

*Bursting through December nights  
that could be long and cold,  
our Christmas lights bring warmth and joy  
with colors soft or bold.*

*Cascading from the rooftops,  
and from trees both small and tall,  
the lights cry out, "We have good news!  
We want to shout to all.*

*"You've seen the darkness earth can hold,  
the sorrow, war and fear;  
but God has sent his Son for all,  
to show his Love is here.*

*"The darkness can't put out God's Light.  
Christ's with us day by day,  
illuminating paths so we  
can follow in his way."*

*Light homes and streets and candles.  
Make your world shine clear and bright.  
God's love surrounds and blesses us.  
Come, celebrate God's Light!*

—Peggy Ferrell

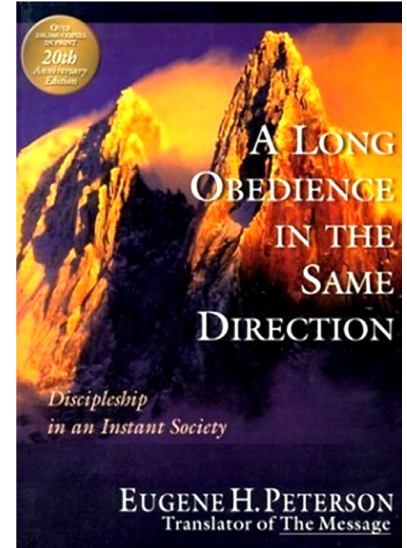


**BIRTHDAYS**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

2	Steve	Cook				
3	Deb	Beehler	18	Randy & Deb	Beehler	1976
6	Paula	LaPlace	22	Jim & Geri	Angel	1962
9	Sheila	Ianneralli	26	Randy & Heather	Denton	2012
11	Kristin	Farwig				
	Lora	Mahler				
12	Haydon	Richard				
20	Patsy	Seigler				
23	Polly	Brown				
	LuAnn	Pontius				
25	Linda	Squibb				
28	Braxton	Metcalf				
30	Holly	Angel				

“He was created of a mother whom he created. He was carried by hands that he formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy, he, the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute.”  
 —Augustine of Hippo



Community Choir Cantata  
 6:30 pm  
 We will be sharing:  
**“An Evening in December”**  
**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Invite your friends & neighbors.**



**The Longest Night  
 Worship Service**  
 Wednesday  
 December 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.  
*A service designed to comfort and heal those who are experiencing darkness this season.*

“May God give you peace with yourselves; may he give you good will towards all your friends, your enemies and your neighbors; and may he give you grace to give glory to God in the highest.”  
 —Charles H. Spurgeon

**BIBLE STUDY**  
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 Bible Study has begun Mondays, at 9:30 a.m.. This book delves into the Psalms, especially the Psalms of Ascents – Psalm 120 – 134  
 It is not too late to start. Please bring your bibles, we will be delving deeply in scripture. This study should last 10 – 12 weeks.  
 Let us know which week you will be attending.



**Christmas Eve  
 Worship**  
 10:00 p.m.  
*Invite your family and friends.*

**DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS**

	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Children's Message</b>	<b>Children's Church</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Deb Beehler	Steve & Kathleen Stout	Deb Beehler	Frankie Bender
10 <sup>th</sup>	Gail Greenlee	Mark & Angela Cook	Pastor Bette	Frankie Bender
17 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Squibb	Marcia & Marta Clark	Carolyn Landis	Frankie Bender
24 <sup>th</sup>	LuAnn Pontius	Alex & Jacob Pyfer	Kristin Farwig	Frankie Bender
31 <sup>st</sup>	LuAnn Pontius	Jim & Geri Angel	Jane Rapp	Frankie Bender
	<b>USHERS</b>	Marcia Cook, Jimmie Johnson, Dave Pontius & Jon Pyfer		

# LIGHT

Though we take light for granted, it is very important to us.  
Match each person with the proper statement about light.

1.	Jesus	a. Led by a pillar of light	Exodus 14: 20
2.	Wise men	b. Called for a light and fell before Paul and Silas	Acts 16: 29
3.	Foolish virgins	c. Hate light lest their "deeds should be reproved"	John 3: 20
4.	Evil doers	d. Transformed into an angel of light	2 Corinthians 11: 14
5.	Peter	e. His light shall be put out	Job 18: 5
6.	Israelites	f. Said, "The Lord is my light"	Psalms 27: 1
7.	Wicked	g. Awakened by light in prison	Acts 12: 7
8.	David	h. Followed the light of a star	Matthew 2: 1-2
9.	Keeper of prison	i. Lights in lamps burned out	Matthew 25: 8
10.	Satan	j. Light of the world	John 8: 12

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Return Quiz December 24<sup>th</sup>

Answers for "Dragons" 1. Nebuchadnezzar, 2. Pharaoh, 3. John, 4. Job, 5. Jerusalem, 6. Babylon, 7. Leviathan, 8. Wine, 9. Wind, 10. Beast. Those persons challenging themselves: Jim Angel, Lana Berg, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, and Jane Lechlitrner.

## TRUSTEES

**Parsonage:** Still getting several quotes for finishing the electrical, plaster/drywall, finish floors and basement leaking.

**Church:** Considering a hand-rail from Sanctuary floor to the altar.

### UNITED METHODIST MEN

December 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 a.m.

January 7<sup>th</sup>

Invite your neighbors

### COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

Hope to see you at December 5<sup>th</sup> NOON

We will be playing "dirty bingo"

### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

**(Formerly United Methodist Women)**

We will have our Christmas dinner in January.

### Susanna's Kitchen

We are collecting gently used winter coats and blankets.

Always need large boxes of potatoes, noodles.

## MISSIONS

**Loose Coin Offerings:** December Loose Coin will go to IN UM Children's Home. The Home serves youth who have experienced sexual abuse, neglect, family violence and trauma. The Children's Home offers a safe, healing environment with our proven trauma-informed care. Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". November donations of \$165.00 went to provide meat for our Christmas baskets. Thank You for your generosity.

### CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

November giving; Bring in coffee, tea, boxed meals and Canned Meat. The need for donations now is critical. Also, if you have extra plastic grocery bags, they could use them to pack up items for their clients. We(CCS) leverage every donation. For example, a \$100 donation gives us the leverage to purchase \$600 worth of food for the pantry!

If you would like to make a donation, visit our website at [churchcommunityservices.org](http://churchcommunityservices.org) and click on the Donate button today.

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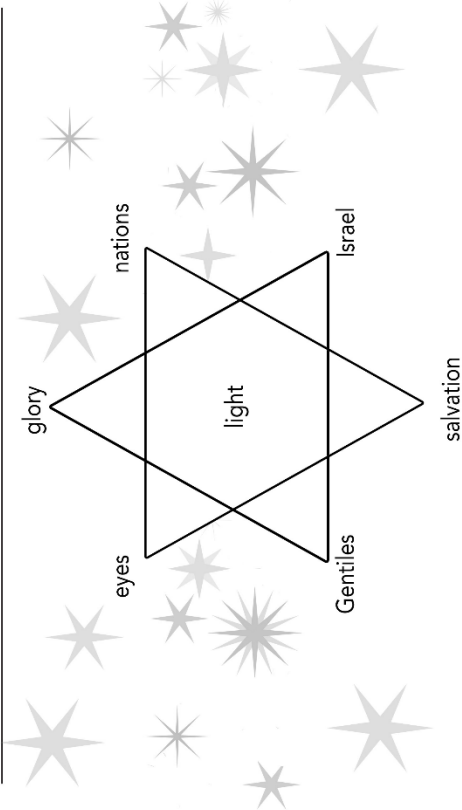


# PUZZLE

## SIMEON'S SIGHT

When Joseph and Mary brought baby Jesus to the temple, they heard a special prophecy from Simeon.

Directions: Using the star key, write the words in the correct spaces to complete Luke 2:30-32, NIV.



"For my \_\_\_\_\_ have seen your \_\_\_\_\_, which you have prepared  
in the sight of all \_\_\_\_\_: a \_\_\_\_\_ for revelation to the  
\_\_\_\_\_, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of your people \_\_\_\_\_."

Luke 2:30-32, NIV