



# JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges to The  
Families Of Our Community!*

## Jamestown United Methodist Church

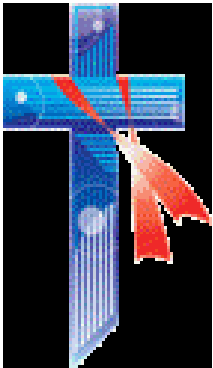
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### CHURCH STAFF

- **Bette Thompson**  
Pastor
- **Tammy Bainter**  
Administrative  
Assistant
- **Kristin Farwig**  
Choir Director
- **Sandra Metcalf**  
Organist/Pianist
- **Diana Cook**  
Pianist
- **Geri Angel**  
Custodian

### *A word from Pastor Bette...*

Dear friends,

Over the coming weeks, we will be considering what it means for Jesus' coming down to earth, to become incarnate as God in the form of man.

Our theological undertakings will give us many opportunities to consider what this means. Part of our consideration might lead us to wonder "Who did Jesus come for?"

I believe these are some of the best questions for us to consider, and we should be ready for many differing views. It is true from gospel accounts that Jesus' first mission was to the Jewish people. But in Mathew 28:18-20, Jesus instructs his disciples to go out and make disciples of all nations. I believe Jesus was born for ALL.

Yes, friends... Jesus really came for all persons, in all situations, in every nation, of every culture. This is the glorious truth we find in the Gospels. Glory be to God, that Jesus would consider even me. Even us.

Jesus wasn't born specifically to religious groups or oppressive governments. Jesus was born where egos falter, and hearts are broken. Jesus was born where we have nothing left, not even a place to stay.

Come! Welcome! and let us journey together! Let us follow the wandering wise men into the presence of God.

Wherever there is darkness, may the Light that is Christ overwhelm the darkness with its intense brightness and Truth. Amen!

Blessings and love,

*Pastor Bette*



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2	Steven Cook
3	Deb Beehler
6	Paula LaPlace
7	Brandon Groover
9	Sheila Iannarelli
11	Kristin Farwig
	Lora Mahler
12	Hayden Richard
17	Mary Moleski
19	Brian Hochstetler
20	Patsy Seigler
22	Riley Clark
23	Polly Brown
	LuAnn Pontius
25	Linda Squibb
28	Braxton Metcalf
	Jerry-David Stout
29	Mike Stout
30	Holly Angel

## ♥ ANNIVERSARIES ♥

16	Jim & Kathy Eggleston	1972
18	Randy & Deb Beehler	1976
22	Jim & Geri Angel	1962
26	Randy & Heather Denton	2012

### Special December Services

December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm  
The Longest Night Service,  
also known as Blue  
Christmas Service.



December 24<sup>th</sup> @  
10:00 pm for the  
Christmas Eve  
Service.

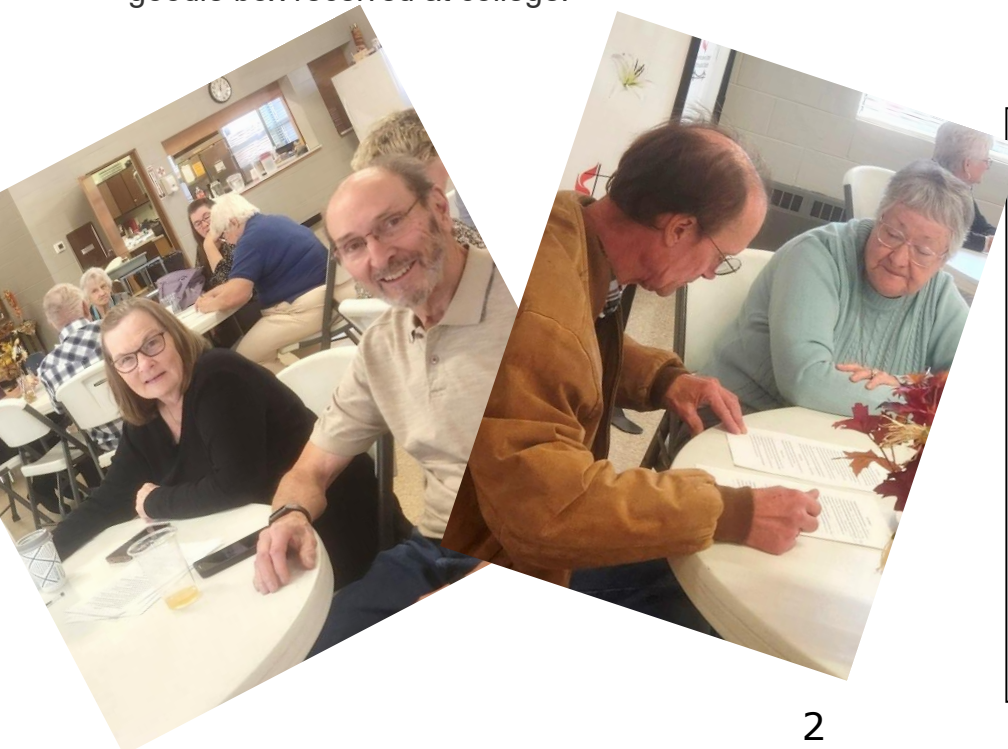
Please join us, and bring  
your family, on these  
special evening services in  
December.



### Words of thanks:

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

- From Jane Rapp's grandson,  
Jackson Stimple. "Thank you, guys,  
so much for the box, that was  
extremely thoughtful and very much  
appreciated! God Bless!" For his  
goodie box received at college.



### NEW BIBLE STUDY

This session we are diving  
deep into the Book of  
Revelation. This is a 14-week  
study. There is a donation of  
\$10 for materials. We meet  
on Mondays at 9:30am and  
Tuesdays at 6:30pm. All are  
invited! Please call the  
church office or Pastor Bette  
if you would like to attend or  
if you have any questions.  
574-293-3905 or 574-229-  
7810.

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**We need you** to help lead our  
children & teens during the  
worship service. Our children are  
dismissed following the Choir  
Anthem to go downstairs to  
participate in Teen & 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!

### A WORD OF THANKS FROM PASTOR BETTE

Hello Jamestown family. ♥  
I am thankful beyond words for the  
beautiful gifts of love and  
encouragement throughout the past  
month! Rich and I both have enjoyed  
the gifts of sweets and food, and I  
love the basket of goodies, the cards,  
the keychain, and so many hugs.  
The praying over me on Sunday  
morning was very moving and  
special! Rich and I love you all and  
are so blessed to be in ministry with  
you all!



## CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

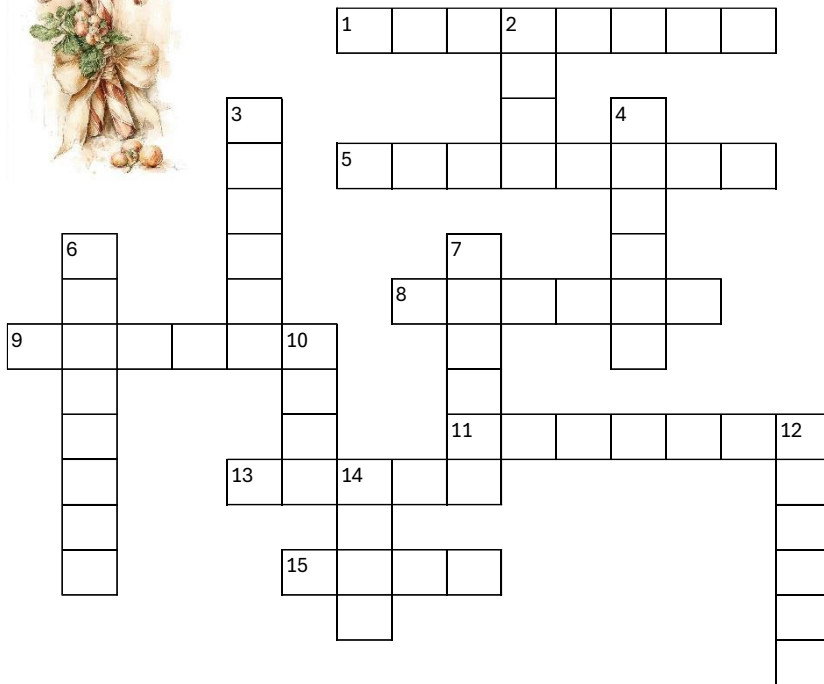


### ACROSS

1. O come, all ye \_\_\_\_
5. Gifts
8. \_\_\_\_ get togethers
9. \_\_\_\_ night, holy night...
11. Tree decorations
12. We celebrate His birth
12. Present decorations

### DOWN

2. What Santa brings
3. Used to tie a present
4. Heavenly beings
6. Dasher, Dancer etc.
7. Christmas songs
10. Place for lights and decorations
12. Jolly old St. Nick
14. Makes a white Christmas



**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Return to church office by December 17th

*November Puzzle Answers:* Crossword, no answers. Sorry about the typos last month!!

*Bonus Question Answer:* A giant at Gath had 12 fingers and 12 toes. (2 Samuel 21:20-27)

*Those that were up for the challenge in November:* Jane Lechlitner, Marcia Clark, Lana Berg, Jim Angel, and Paula LaPlace

## DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Little's Bible School and Youth Bible School
7 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Clark	Alex and Jake Pyfer	Deb Beehler	Jackie Ullery / TBD
14 <sup>th</sup>	Gail Greenlee	Gail Greenlee and Jill Biller	Pastor Bette	Jackie Ullery / TBD
21 <sup>st</sup>	Jeff Clark	Marta & Marcia Clark	Jane Rapp	TBD
28 <sup>th</sup>	LuAnn Pontius	Steve and Kathleen Stout	Linda Vest	TBD
	Ushers: Jimmie Johnson, Jon Pyfer, Dave Pontius, Marcia Cook			

### Remember in Prayer

**Home Bound & Care Facilities:** Jean Green, Margaret Pierce, Patsy Seigler, 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, and Polly Brown.



### TEEN PIZZA & BOWLING



Let's join together for fun and laughter on Sunday, December 7th, from 6pm to 8:30 pm at Country Club Lanes in Elkhart. This is for the 5<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> graders, but all are welcome. Please contact Pastor Bette with any questions. (574)229-7810



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 Dec 7<sup>th</sup>.

Next breakfasts as follows:

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 a.m.

Feb 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:30 a.m.

March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:30 a.m.

***Please invite your neighbors!***

### **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

No meeting in December.

No meeting in January.

### **COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON**

Dec. Carry-In is Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> at Noon.

Jan. Carry-In is Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

Feb. Carry-In is Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> at Noon.

March Carry in is Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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?*

## **MISSIONS**

**Loose Coin Offerings:** December Loose Coin will go to **Susanna's Kitchen**. This is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the hungry in Elkhart, Indiana, located in the basement of Grace Lutheran Church. To help us support this program, simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". THANK YOU for your generosity.

### **Church Community Services:**

December...Veggies, rice, pasta, spaghetti sauce, meat helpers, peanut butter, jelly, cereals (hot and cold), hearty soups, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste.

## **OUR MISSIONS AT WORK...**



- \$200 was sent Bashor Children's Home in November from Loose Coin collection.
- We again had volunteers to work at Susanna's Kitchen.
- Ian from Bashor Children's Home, called to personally thank us for continuing to support them.



## **2025 CHRISTMAS CANTATA**



Please join us at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> for an evening of great music and fellowship. Bring your neighbors and friends to join us for this very entertaining evening as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Crist.



### **K – 4<sup>th</sup> GRADERS CAROLING and LUNCH**

Let's join together for lunch at McDonald's and caroling at Hubbard Hill after church on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Wear your fun Christmas hats! This is for K-4<sup>th</sup> graders, but all are welcome. Please contact Pastor Bette with any questions. (574)229-7810



### **Prayer Requests / Joys / Concerns from November**

- Jeff and Rhonda Clark celebrated 40 years of marriage yesterday (10.26).
- Marcia Cook asked for prayers for her son, Steven, who is having total hip replacement on Tuesday (10.28).
- Lana Berg asks for prayers for her school friend, Larry Best, and his family. They live in the Dallas area and Larry has cancer and is currently under hospice care.
- Becky Metcalf asked for continued prayers for Cub Master, Justin Parker, who had to go back to Indy for emergency surgery. Also, prayers for Becky's friend's granddaughter, Nora, who is 15 years old and lives in Spain. She is dealing with mental issues and has attempted suicide multiple times.
- Sue Raab asking for prayers for her friend JoAnn Woolette, and the family of her friend, Mary, who has passed away.
- Jim Eggleston asks for prayers for Kathy as she has surgery tomorrow (11/4) to remove the left upper lobe of her lung. Update: She came through surgery well!
- Jim Angel's brother and his wife celebrate 70 years of marriage.
- Tammy Pyfer shared that Alex and the Marching Jimmies have made it to state. She asks for prayers as the Pyfer's travel to Arizona to celebrate Jon's Aunt's 90th birthday.
- Carl Lechlitner and his bride, Jane, celebrated 59 years of wedded bliss this past week!
- Bessie Wenger is recovering from pneumonia, but she is still in the hospital.
- Betty Griffin's daughter Penny for health concerns regarding her feet. And for her granddaughter Danielle, both of whom are taking turns taking care of Betty 24/7.
- Jeff Clark asked for continued prayers for Kathy and Jim Eggleston. Kathy is home from her surgery.
- Jane Rapp reminded all of the great need right now for supplies to Church Community Services. Please be as generous as possible.
- Paula LaPlace asked for prayers for her brother David, who is back in the hospital, and for his wife Kris.
- Cheryl Cabanaw asked for prayers for the friends and family of Marv Wolette, who passed. Also, her joy is that the doctors have finally figured out that some of the meds were causing Shannon's heart issues. Shannon is still having surgery in December for some other issues. Continued prayers, please.
- Jackie Ullery asked for prayers for Brad, who is having new replacement surgery Tuesday (11/11).
- Betty Hershberger was admitted to Elkhart General Hospital Thursday (11/6) for various health concerns. Please keep her and Paul in your prayers. Update: Betty is home.
- Becky Buss asks for prayers for her book club friend, Betty, who had a leg amputated due to diabetes.
- Jim Eggleston thanked everyone for all of the prayers, support, food, cards, etc. that he and Kathy have received during this difficult time with their health issues.
- Kathy Moyer asks for continued prayers for her friend, Sherry, who starts Chemo this week.
- Jeff Clark announced that Dee Kallimani now has a ramp at her home thanks to the Baugo Lions Club and it looks great!
- Mark Landis asked that if you unlock a door here at church, it is your responsibility to make sure that it is locked up before you leave.
- Pastor Bette asks that we please keep Betty Griffin in our prayers in the coming days. She is preparing to make her journey to be with Jesus in her eternal rest. Her daughter Penny, and granddaughter Danielle "Danny" need our prayers as well.
- Jane Rapp is asking for prayers for her daughter Nancy. She had a procedure today (11.19) on her heart (ablation) around 8:00am, and your prayers would be a blessing and appreciated.



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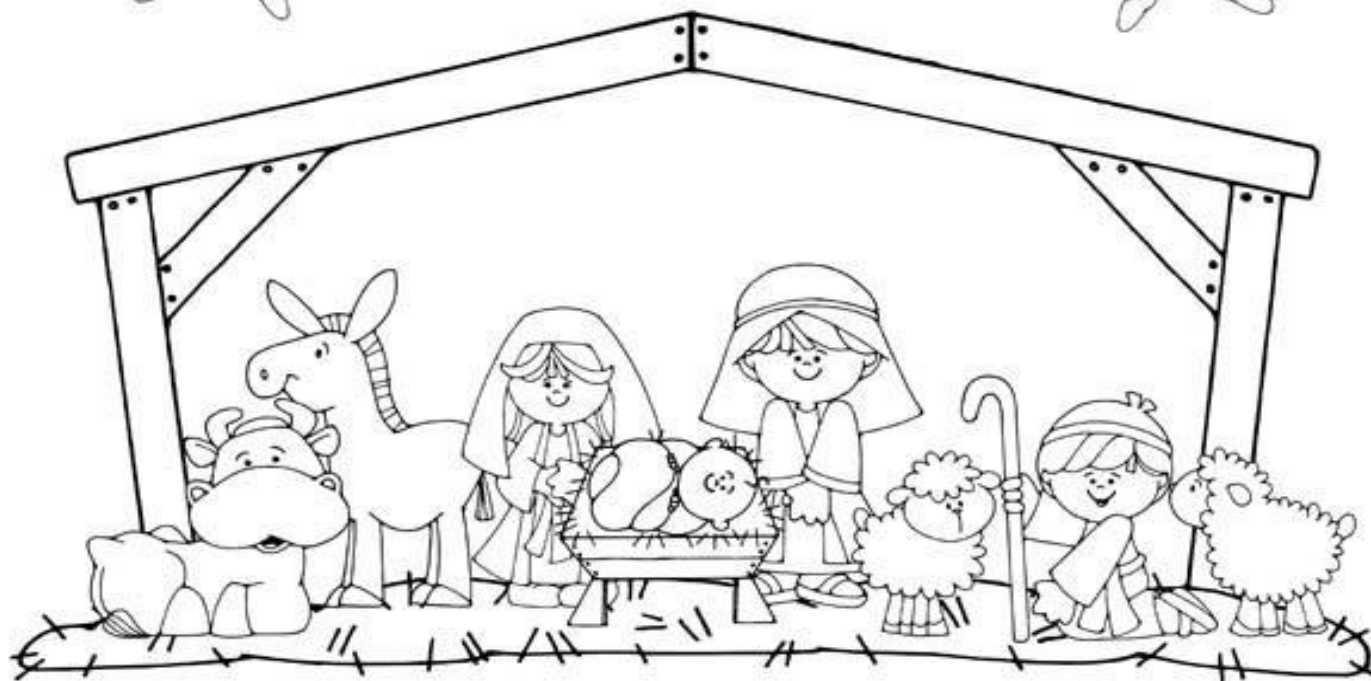
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Glory to the newborn King!





# December 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>RED Denotes Committee Meetings</b>	<b>1 9:30 Bible Study</b> 5:15 Robotics Meeting 6:30 Girl Scout #624	<b>2 Noon - Community Luncheon</b> <b>6:30 Bible Study</b> 6:30 G.Scout #624 6:30 Cub Scout	<b>3 6:00 Choir Practice</b> <b>6:30 Cantata Practice – Sanctuary</b>	<b>4 No Quilting</b>  7:00 4-H Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6 Mitten Tree Day</b>  Floor in fellowship hall getting buffed
<b>7 P/B</b> 7:30 UMM Breakfast 6pm Youth Bowling	<b>8 9:30 Bible Study</b>  5:15 Robotics Meeting	<b>9 6:30 Bible Study</b> 6:30 G.Scout #624 6:30 Cub Scout	<b>10 5:00 G.Scouts #56008</b> <b>6:00 Choir Practice</b> <b>6:30 Cantata Practice –Sanctuary</b>	<b>11 No Quilting</b>  <b>6 pm Finance</b> 6:30 Preschool Christmas Prog.	<b>12</b>	<b>13 9:30am Cantata Practice in sanctuary</b>
<b>14 P/B</b> 11am K-4th Caroling 6:30pm Christmas Cantata	<b>15 9:30 Bible Study</b> 5:15 Robotics Meeting 6:30 G.Scout #624	<b>16 6:30 Bible Study</b> <b>5:30 Missions</b> 6:30 Cub Scout 6:30 Girl Scout	<b>17 6:00 Choir Practice</b> 6:00 pm Creative HM wrapping party	<b>18 No Quilting</b>  <b>6:30 Longest Night Service</b>	<b>19 National Ugly Sweater Day</b> 	<b>20 Adopt-A-Family Pick Up Day</b>  Hall—Cook
<b>21 P/B</b> 1st day of winter  Baugo Schools Closed	<b>22 9:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>23 6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>24 Christmas Eve</b>  <b>10:00 Christmas Eve Service</b>	<b>25 Christmas Day</b>  No Quilting	<b>26 Office Closed</b>	<b>27 National Fruit-cake Day</b>  Hall—Clark
<b>28 W/G</b>  Baugo Schools Closed	<b>29 9:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>30 6:30 Bible Study</b>	<b>31 New Year's Eve</b>	<b>1 New Year's Day</b>  No Quilting	<b>2 Office Closed</b>	<b>**Devotions and Drumming 8:30 a.m. Mon, Wed and Fri in Fellowship hall</b>