

JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!*

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DON'T LOSE THE KEY

In *Walking on Water*, Madeleine L'Engle writes: "We have to be braver than we think we can be, because God is constantly calling us to be more than we are, to see through plastic sham to living, breathing reality, and to break down our defenses of self-protection in order to be free to receive and give love." That sounds inspiring, but the moment I stumble, exhausted or overwhelmed, these words no longer encourage. Instead, they read like the work is mine alone, and I'm not up for that.

Knowing some of L'Engle's writings on faith, I researched that quote. Turns out it had been chopped off at the knees. Her next words are the key: "With God, even a rich man can enter the narrow gate to heaven." With God.

I can't respond to God's call to be more than I am, grow in faith, serve my neighbor or "enter the narrow gate to heaven" on my own. But "with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26), and whatever Jesus calls me to do, he will equip me to do, walking with me all the way.

—Heidi Hyland Mann

AMAZING LOVE

If there is one subject more than another upon which I wish ever to speak, it is the love of Christ; but if there is one which quite baffles me, and makes me go back from this platform utterly ashamed of my poor feeble words, and of the tongue which has uttered them, it is this subject. This love of Christ is the most amazing thing under heaven, if not in heaven itself.

—Charles Spurgeon



LENTEN SIGNALS

Why should we observe Lent? This 40-day season of repentance and reflection that begins on Ash Wednesday has three important purposes. Lent helps us STOP, LOOK and LISTEN.

We observe Lent because it tells us to STOP and rest awhile — and to stop sinning. Lent tells us to LOOK inward for an honest self-examination, to look upward to see the cross of Jesus with healing and love, and to look forward to the hope of the Resurrection. And we observe Lent because it tells us to LISTEN — to the voice of God, the words of Christ and the movement of the Holy Spirit.

STOP, LOOK and LISTEN! These commands that are so crucial for travel safety are also important for our journey through Lent.

BIRTHDAYS

1	Delaynee	Haitsma
4	Keith	Berg
7	Brian	Metcalf
	Marion	Taylor
11	Taylor	Angel
	Maddox	Metcalf
14	Geri	Angel
	Randy	Greenlee
16	Regann	Cook
17	Sandra	Metcalf
18	John	Beggs
19	Kami	Metcalf
	Linda	Vest
20	Steve	Mann
21	Sandy	Clark
	Dennis	Miller
	Mark	Wrathell
22	Adri	Skibbe
23	Myrna	Clark
	Zachary	Richard
	Bill	Young
24	Ray	McCuddy
25	Susi	Allender
	Margaret	Neely
26	Carolyn	Landis
29	Erin	Kennedy

ANNIVERSARIES

1	Paul & Jan	Slabaugh	1958
19	Damen & Jennifer	Ullery	2011

**JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES****BAUGO LIONS CLUB ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2023**

Dear Friends,

Another successful year! This project was again able to provide food and gifts for 57 families with 178 children who attend Jimtown schools. Each family was given a ham and 10 lb bag of potatoes, boxes of food, a \$100 gift card to Martin's Super Market and a Santa bag for each family filled with wrapped gifts purchased specifically for each child.

In the 38 years of record keeping, we have given food at Christmas to 1,841 families and played "Santa" for 4,701 children. Those numbers are amazing. Thank YOU for the part you have played in making this possible.

This is a text that we received from one of the mothers just after she had picked up her goodies. It makes us realize that it's the little things that children want and appreciate receiving!

"Thank you! I have no words! Do you know as I was just unloading one box into the house I saw a hair brush!!! One thing one of my sons asked for was his own hair brush! I know that's silly but it just seems like a God wink to say everything will be ok! Tears! Lots of tears! The food! The soap! Deodorant! Love each thing! Thank you all so much! It is an incredible blessing that you pass on! I am so thankful!"

Thank you for the monetary gift for Christmas. It will help pay for the new flooring we plan to get later this year. Thank you so much for thinking of me. I appreciate it a lot! I hope your holiday season was happy and full of blessings!

Kathy Hinegardner
Preschool Teacher

NO REGRETS!

If you've ever regretted a big purchase and wondered if you could return it, you're familiar with the nagging feeling of buyer's remorse. Thankfully, our Redeemer never experienced that. As a church sign proclaims, "When Jesus bought you, he never had buyer's remorse. And he never will!" To Jesus, the payment of suffering and death was well worth the payoff. "For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God"(Hebrews 12: 2)

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

Feb	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Children's Church
5 th	Deb Beehler	Dave & LuAnn Pontius	Pastor Ed	Marcia Clark
12 th	Deb Beehler	Scouts	Scouts	Marcia Clark
19 th	Deb Beehler	Jill Biller & Gail Greenlee	Marta Clark	Marcia Clark
26 th	Deb Beehler	Mark & Angela Cook	Steve Squibb	Marcia Clark
	USHERS	Jim Angel, Jeff Clark, Tom Cook & Gail Greenlee		

SMALL CREATURES

How many of the small creatures mentioned below can you name?

1.	The _____ do not procrastinate; they prepare their meat in the summer.	Proverbs 30: 25
2.	The _____ build their homes in the shelter of rocks.	Proverbs 30: 26
3.	The hypocrite is likened to a _____ which cannot be trusted.	Job 8: 14
4.	The _____ have no king, but they organize into bands.	Proverbs 30: 27
5.	The psalmist said the nations “compassed me about like _____.”	Psalm 118: 12
6.	Isaiah said that one day God would (whistle) hiss for the _____ and the _____ in the rivers of Egypt to fill the desolate valleys.	Isaiah 7: 18-19
7.	Jesus reprimanded the scribes and Pharisees for straining at a _____ and swallowing a camel.	Matthew 23: 24
8.	God promised Moses that the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite would be driven out by _____.	Exodus 23: 28
9.	When he was pursued by Saul, David said, “the king of Israel is come out to seek a _____”.	1 Samuel 26: 20
10.	The Philistines made five golden _____ as part of a peace offering when they returned the ark to the Israelites.	1 Samuel 1: 18
11.	Aaron stretched forth his rod, struck the dust, and it became _____ which plagued men and beasts.	Exodus 8: 17

NAME _____

Return Quiz Feb. 22nd

Answers for “Seasonings” 1.beds, 2. Anointing, 3. Markets, 4. Anoint, 5. Feet, 6. Israelites, 7. The priests, 8. Abimelech, 9. Paul, 10. Jesus, 11. Israel(Jacob).. Those persons challenging themselves: Jim Angel, Lana Berg, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Doug Cook and Jane Lechlitner

UNITED METHODIST MEN

February 5th at 7:00 a.m.

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON (FORMERLY Senior’s Lunch)

Tuesday February 7th at Noon

Invite your neighbors and friends to join us.

WOMEN OF FAITH

(Formerly United Methodist Women)

February 26th at 7:45 a.m.

TRUSTEES

Doug Cook is new head of Trustees

Parsonage: problems with electric, plumbing, venting, furnace

Lighting: Looking into LED lighting for church
Next meeting February 9th at 7:00 p.m.

MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: February Loose Coin will go to **JUMC Cub Scouts**. Cub scouts continues to be a part of our ministry here at JUMC. Your donation helps offset some of their expenses for camp, and other events,... You may donate all month. Just write on the envelope “Loose Coin”. January donations of \$38.35 went to Riverview Adult Care. Thank You for your generosity.

CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

February giving; Beverages; coffee, tea, juice, sugar, coffee creamer, powdered milk... The need for donations now is critical. We 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 and click on the donate button today.

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Puzzle!

Draw lines to separate the words in the heart outline.
 Then, starting with "Love," write the words in order inside
 the heart to complete the two greatest commandments.

