

JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!*

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A word from our pastor...

As we've been studying in our Bible the responses of people when called by God. Over the past weeks, this brought to mind a memory that causes me to smile. Many years ago, as a working mother, I had plenty of mornings where I would be frantically getting both myself and my daughter Amanda ready for school and work. I recall saying to her sometimes "I just want you to repeat after me: 'Okay, Mommy.'" Those were the words I thought would help make things run more smoothly. Obedience without questioning. In recollection, however, I was not leaving much room for choices. Thankfully, through my daughter Amanda I am learning as a "Grambee" what good it does to help young children grow up and make their own choices.



God gives us these same choices. We always have a choice when we consider obedience to God. We have read and studied about Mary's "yes" to God, and Zechariah's answer to God and also just a few weeks ago, we talked about Jonah's reluctant "yes" to God, which came after a little help from a large fish in a great storm. Sometimes we need a little help – a little convincing. Maybe you would call it a "nudging" from God. The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which is Feb 14th . This is a time when we prepare our hearts to be repentant, and our desire to make new choices – turn from our old ways, that are not in alliance with God and begin anew.

Through prayer, meditating on scripture, bible study and other ways, we take this time to consider what God might be asking us to change, or give up possibly. God's ways are always higher, always invitational. We have a choice to say yes, no, or I'm not sure – I'm not ready right now. We can ask God's help to lead us to readiness.

Are you ready? Ready to walk the journey Christ calls us to? You will not be alone. He walks with us and leads the way. It's a glorious Way. Let us walk this road together as we say "yes" to Jesus. Amen! Amen!

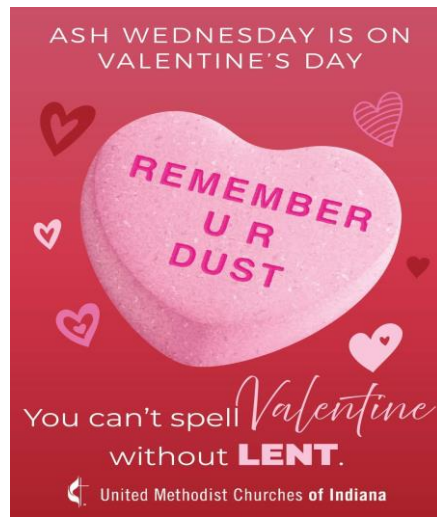
Blessings,

Pastor Bette

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

1	Delaynee	Haitsma	1	Paul & Jan	Slabaugh	1958
4	Keith	Berg	19	Damen & Jennifer	Ullery	2011
7	Brian	Metcalf				
	Marion	Taylor				
11	Taylor	Angel				
14	Geri	Angel				
	Randy	Greenlee				
16	Regan	Cook				
17	Sandra	Metcalf				
18	John	Beggs				
19	Kami	Metcalf				
	Linda	Vest				
20	Steve	Mann				
21	Sandy	Clark				
	Dennis	Miller				
22	Adri	Skibbe				
23	Myrna	Clark				
	Zachary	Richard				
	Bill	Young				
24	Ray	McCuddy				
25	Margaret	Neely				
26	Carolyn	Landis				



**Ash Wednesday Worship Services
February 14th**

4:00 – 6:00 Self Guided stations

These will be set up in the Sanctuary you may come and go as you please.

**6:00 We will have a traditional
Ash Wednesday service**

7:00 – 8:00 Self Guided stations
will be open again for you to Worship at your own pace. You may spend as much time as you need at each area.



FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Children's Church
4 th	LuAnn Pontius	Keith & Lana Berg	LuAnn Pontius	Franki Bender
11 th	LuAnn Pontius	Boy Scouts	Scouts	Franki Bender
18 th	LuAnn Pontius	Doug Cook & Maria Moleski	Pastor Bette	Franki Bender
25 th	Jeff Clark	Marty & Robin Richard	Gail Greenlee	Franki Bender
	USHERS : Jim Angel, Jeff Clark, Tom Cook & Randy Beehler			

"Blessed are the cracked, for they shall let in the light." —Groucho Marx

Position Needed

A Piano accompanist is needed for our weekly Wed. night choir rehearsals, Sunday morning services and special programs. Please help spread the word! Anyone interested may call Deb Beehler 574-596-7624 or Sharon Shinn 574-293-3905

BIBLE STUDY
BIBLE 2100A

Bible Study will resume Mondays, at 9:30 a.m. Our first week for the New Year will be Monday the 15th. 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.

Soup of Success is in desperate need of WOOL sweaters. They must be a minimum of 30% wool in order to work for creating our one-of-a-kind mittens. It doesn't matter if it has shrunk or has a hole or stained. So, when you are doing your closet clean-out or thrift shopping and find wool sweaters, please consider donating to our program! All proceeds are used for training wages for women in our program. We are very low on wool sweaters at this time. Questions call Tammy Bainter, 574-320-6246.

PROPHETS

Match each prophet with the title which more nearly describes him.

1.	Jeremiah	Jeremiah 9: 1	a. Cried in the wilderness
2.	Hosea	Hosea 3: 1	b. Dresser of sycamores
3.	Elijah	2 Kings 1: 8	c. Rebellious prophet
4.	John the Baptist	Matthew 3: 3-4	d. False prophet
5.	Jeus	Luke 24: 6-9	e. The Lord's messenger
6.	Jonah	Jonah 1: 3	f. Weeping prophet
7.	Daniel	Daniel 1: 1, 3-6	g. Mighty prophet
8.	Isaiah	Isaiah 9: 6-7	h. Hairy prophet
9.	Bar-jesus	Acts 13: 6	i. Messianic prophet
10.	Amos	Amos 7: 14	j. Prophet of love
11.	Haggai	Haggai	k. Prophet in captivity

NAME _____

Return Quiz February 25th

Answers for "Hiding Places"; 1. Fr, 2. E, 3. G, 4. J, 5. D, 6. B, 7. C, 8. H, 9. I, 10. A Those persons challenging themselves: Jim Angel, Lana Berg, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Doug Cook and Jane Lechlitrer.

TRUSTEES

Elected 2024 Officers: Mark Landis Chairman, Gail Greenlee Secretary

Parsonage: After much prayer and discussion the decision was made to get the Parsonage back on its feet.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

February 4th at 7:00 a.m.

Next month March 3rd

Invite your neighbors

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

Hope to see you on February 6th NOON

Our March luncheon is March 5th

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

(Formerly United Methodist Women)

We will have our first meeting of 2024 at the church on Feb. 25th at 7:45 a.m.

Susanna's Kitchen

We are collecting gently used winter coats and blankets. And we always need large containers of canned vegetables.

MISSIONS

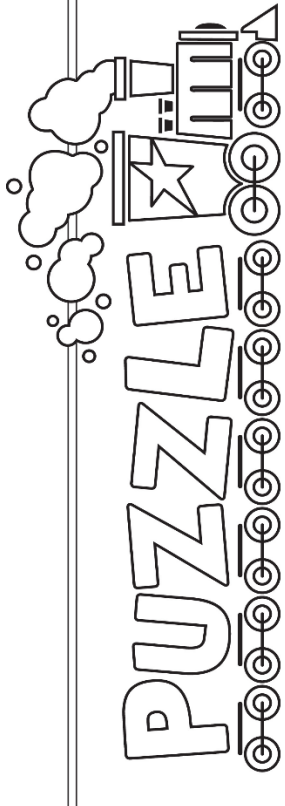
Loose Coin Offerings: February Loose Coin will go to our Cub Scout Pack. Cub scouts continues to be a part of our ministry here at JUMC. Your donation helps offset some of their expenses for camp, and other events,... Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". January donations of \$53.69 went to IN UM Children's Home. Thank You for your generosity.

CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

February giving: Beverages; coffee, juice. Soup of all kinds! We(CCS) leverage every donation. For example, a \$100 donation gives us the leverage to purchase \$600 worth of food for the pantry!

SUSANNA'S KITCHEN

SK is serving lunch to 60-70 people Mon-Fri. This year's budget is \$53,000. Their hope is for approx. \$14,000 to come from church donations and \$20,000 from individuals. The remaining should come from Grants, Businesses, and other Organizations. Please prayerfully consider how you can help; donations, time and praying.



PUZZLE

CONNECTED BY LOVE

God's Word is filled with messages about love,
which connects us to God and to one another.

*Directions: Draw a line from the beginning of each Bible verse
(on the left side) through the heart to the rest of the verse
(on the right side). Use the Scripture references for help.*

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- a. We
b. Above all,
c. My command
is this:
d. And over all
these virtues
put on
e. Greater
f. See what
great
g. There is
no fear in
1. each other as I have
loved you. John 15:12
2. has no one than this: to
lay down one's life for
one's friends. John 15:13
3. But perfect love drives
out fear. 1 John 4:18
4. each other deeply,
because love covers
over a multitude of sins.
1 Peter 4:8
5. the Father has lavished
on us, that we should
be called children of
God! 1 John 3:1
6. because he first loved
us. 1 John 4:19
7. which binds them all
together in perfect
unity. Colossians 3:14