



# JAMESTOWN TODAY



**Building Bridges To The Families Of Our Community!**

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*A word from Pastor Bette...*

## Love is a Choice We Practice Together

As we enter the season of Lent, the church invites us into a sacred time of reflection, prayer, repentance, and renewal. Lent is not simply about what we give up, it is about what we take on—especially a deeper, more intentional way of loving God and our neighbor.



In a world that often treats love as a feeling that comes and goes, we are reminded that love is a way of life we choose. The Apostle Paul writes “Love is patient; love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, ... It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.” (1 Corinthians 13:4–7 NIV) These are not passive traits. These are daily decisions—commitments to act with grace, humility, and compassion.

Lent gives us space to examine how we are living out that command. Are we choosing patience when it would be easier to be stern? Are we choosing mercy when resentment feels justified? Are we committed to see Christ in one another—especially in those who are different from us?

As United Methodists, we understand our mission as one that is lived out together: to love and teach one another to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Which in turn transforms us, and those around us. That transformation begins with love—love that is practiced in worship, nurtured through prayer, and expressed through acts of service, justice, and hospitality.

During this Lenten season, may we continue to be a church who chooses love on purpose. A church who opens its doors and hearts wide. A people who walk alongside one another in faith, even when the world around us is challenging and often going in a different direction. May we be a church who reflects Christ’s love in both word and deed.

Blessings to you all as we enter this Lenten season together.

*Pastor Bette*



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Delaynee Haitsma
4	Keith Berg
7	Brian Metcalf
	Marion Taylor
9	Kylee Richard
10	Polly Brown
11	Taylor Angel
14	Geri Angel
	Randy Greenlee
16	Reagan Cook
17	Sandra Metcalf
19	Kami Metcalf
	Linda Vest
20	Steve Mann
21	Sandy Clark
	Dennis Miller
22	Adrianna Skibbe
23	Myrna Clark
	Zachary Richard
	Bill Young
25	Susi Allender
26	Carolyn Landis

## ANNIVERSARIES

19 Damen & Jennifer Ullery 2011



## Adult Bible Study!!

We continue to dive deep into the Book of Revelation. 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. Please see LuAnn Pontius (574)370-0548 if your heart leads you to help. Thank you for prayerfully considering helping!



## UWIF Bake Sale

Please join us Saturday morning, March 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Jimtown Community Center from 7:00am until 11:00 am, where you will be able to purchase yummy baked goods prepared with loving hands by our United Women in Faith group. This will take place during the Lions Club All You Can Eat Breakfast.

## 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. Lamplighters meet 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.



## YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

Join Pastor Bette for a fun evening of watching a movie, eating pizza and enjoying time together! We will be meeting in the Youth Room downstairs at the church on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00pm. Invite your friends, wear comfy clothes and be ready to have some fun!



## Bible Quiz: Before or After? Old Testament



- Did Adam and Eve give birth to their children before or after they were cast out of the garden of Eden? \_\_\_\_\_ Before \_\_\_\_\_ After
- Did Moses receive the ten commandments before or after the children of Israel escaped Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_ Before \_\_\_\_\_ After
- Did Noah Build the ark before or after he collected two of each animal?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Before \_\_\_\_\_ After
- Did Joseph save Egypt from famine before or after he was sold into bondage?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Before \_\_\_\_\_ After
- Did David Kill Goliath before or after he became King? \_\_\_\_\_ Before \_\_\_\_\_ After
- Did Abraham live before or after Jacob? \_\_\_\_\_ Before \_\_\_\_\_ After
- Did Isaiah write about the birth of the Messiah before or after Christ's birth?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Before \_\_\_\_\_ After
- Did Joshua Bring down the walls of Jericho before or after Moses parted the Red Sea?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Before \_\_\_\_\_ After
- Did God bless the seed of Abraham before or after He saved Daniel from the lions?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Before \_\_\_\_\_ After
- Did Esau sell his birthright to Jacob before or after Cain murdered Abel?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Before \_\_\_\_\_ After

Extra credit...How many hearts can you find? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please return to church office by February 16th

January Puzzle Answers: It was a word search

Those that were up for the challenge in January: Jane Lechlitner, Keith Bainter, Jim Angel, Marta Clark, Marcia Clark, Lana Berg, and Paula LaPlace

### FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Little's Bible School and Youth Bible School
2/1	Kristin Farwig	Keith & Lana Berg	LuAnn Pontius	TBD / TBD
2/8	Kristin Farwig	Scout Sunday	Becky Metcalf	TBD / TBD
2/15	LuAnn Pontius	Warren & Susi Allender	Pastor Bette	TBD / TBD
2/22	LuAnn Pontius	Jim & Geri Angel	Gail Greenlee	TBD / TBD
Ushers	Jeff Clark, Tom Cook, Randy Beehler & Jim Angel			

### POSITION OPEN AT JUMC

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



### Remember in Prayer

**Home Bound & Care Facilities:** Jean Green, Margaret Pierce, Patsy Seigler, Jan Slabaugh, Paula Adams, and Dee Kallimani.

**Ongoing Health Concerns:** Kathy & Jim Eggleston, Betty Hershberger, Lora Mahler, Wanda McCartney, Sue Raab, Linda Squibb, Marti Stickel, and Polly Brown.

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 (UMM)**

Next UMM Coffee & Donuts Feb 1<sup>st</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.

Next meetings are as follows:

March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.

April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.

***Please invite your neighbors!***



### **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWIF)**

February 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting @ 7:45 a.m.

March 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting @ 7:45 a.m.

April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting @ 7:45 a.m.

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

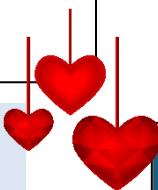
Feb Carry-In is Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> at Noon.

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?***



Please join Pastor Bette in decorating cookies with our young worshipers, February 14<sup>th</sup> from 9am to Noon. Feel free to invite your friends! Cookies will be taken to our homebound church family. Please see Pastor or call the office with any questions and to sign up.

Thank you!



### **MISSIONS**

**Loose Coin Offerings:** February Loose Coin will go to the **Boy Scouts**: The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices throughout their lives by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". Thank You for your generosity. January's Loose Coin Offering went to Riverview Adult Day Health Center \$138.00

### **Church Community Services:**

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

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

- Gymtown Pantry sent thanks for our giving in 2025.
- Baugo Lions Adopt-A-Family sent thanks for adopting a family this past Christmas Season.
- Susanna's Kitchen sent thanks for our donation that was sent.

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

### **Superbowl Sub Sunday**

The Jamestown United Women in Faith will be taking orders for a Superbowl Sub lunch to be picked up or delivered on February 8<sup>th</sup> after church. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Welcome Center.

### **Leadership University 2026**

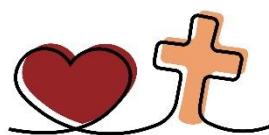


Attend this online training event held Saturday via Zoom. **Registration is required** to receive the link, breakout sessions will be set up to include important learning opportunities on sessions such as SPRC, Trustees, Board Governance (Single Board, Ad Board), Finance, Growing Young for Everyone, and more! February 7<sup>th</sup>: 9 am – 12:00 pm EST. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Bette at 574-229-7810.



## Prayer Requests / Joys / Concerns

- Becky thanked everyone for the well wishes when she was hospitalized. Asking for prayers for the friends and family of her book club friend, Betty, who has passed away from complications from diabetes.
- Carolyn Landis is thankful for cousin sleepovers!
- Cheryl Cabanaw asks for continued prayers for Shannon who spent Christmas in the hospital. Also, Shannon is still battling the infection from a cat bite.
- LuAnn asks for prayers for the friends and family of Stephan Clairday who has passed away.
- Kathy Moyer asks for prayers for the family of her neighbor, Patty, who passed on Christmas morning. Especially Patty's husband, Tom.
- Prayers for Allen Angel as he had his appendix removed Sunday (12.28).
- Tammy Pyfer asks for prayers for their son, Alex. He broke 2 bones in his wrist skiing with Dad.
- Jim Angel asks for continued prayers for their son, Allen. He is having some issues with his surgery.
- Jim Eggleston let us know that he is bladder cancer free!! The thought popped in his head, "Saved by Grace." Thank you all for the prayers and warm feelings sent his way.
- Prayers for the friends and family of Ed Raab who passed peacefully on Jan 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Polly Brown is going to be a Great Grandma to a little girl in June.
- Marti Stickel is going to a Great-Great Grandma to a little boy in May.
- Jeff Clark thanked everyone for coming to help take down Christmas decorations. Also, drumming had 1462 people and collected \$2099 in 2025. Please support our Devotions and Drumming.
- Tami Pyfer thanked everyone for the prayers for Alex. He had surgery on Friday and is doing good.
- Jane Rapp went to a Purdue basketball game and met up with Caleb Koets for a visit. He wishes everyone well and he loves the care packages that come his way.
- Pastor Bette asks for prayers for the family and friends of her friend Wayne Jones, who has passed over.
- Kathy Moyer updated us on her friend Sherry that we have been praying for. Sherry's numbers are looking good.
- Pastor Bette asks for prayers for the families and friends of both Ed Raab and Pat Vogelzang as they say good-bye, for now, to their loved ones.
- Linda Vest thanked Pastor Bette, LuAnn Pontius and Kristin Farwig for all they do for our church and Sandra Metcalf and Diana Cook for the music they share.
- Kathleen Stout asks for prayers for Danielle's mother-in-law who is having surgery today (01.19.26).
- LuAnn Pontius asks for prayers for the friends and family of Fred Voorde who passed away on Saturday (01.17.26) and for Marilyn Yoder's son, Tom, who is needing prayers for tests that were run last week.
- Jim Angel asks for prayers for their Grandson's friend, Nate, who had an industrial accident and has been badly burned.
- Cheryl Cabanaw asks for prayers for Shannon who is still dealing with the infection in her hand and her other surgery is postponed until March. Also, thanked Pastor Bette for performing Ed Raab's service and thanked everyone for the thoughts and prayers sent to Sue and the rest of the family.
- Jane Rapp asks we lift the family of Pat Vogelzang up in our prayers as they said goodbye to Pat on Saturday.
- Pastor Bette was joyful about Ed Raab's service and that he had simple wheat stalks on his casket, representing his love of the land. Prayers of thanks for the simplicity of the wheat stalks.
- Prayers for our District Superintendent, Rev. Doc. Marti Lundy as she guides our leaders.
- Prays for Assistant Superintendent, David Schrader, as he battles cancer.



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"Building Bridges to the Families of Our Community"



**Bee-loved by Jesus!**

**I SPY...** How many gardening tools can you find?

Complete the maze to water the flowers:

Spread some love! What seeds do you want to grow? Draw them here:

SEEDS

SEEDS

Connect the dots to help the garden grow!

7. 5. 3. 4. 6. 2. 8. 10. 9. 1. 10. 8. 7. 6. 5. 4. 3. 2. 1. 10. 9. 8. 7. 6. 5. 4. 3. 2. 1.

BUG RAIN DIRT SUN PLANT WORM

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# February 2026



| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri                                   | Sat   |
|---|---|--|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|
| <b>RED Denotes Committee Meetings</b>                               | <b>**Devotions and Drumming<br/>8:30 a.m. Mon, Wed and Fri in Fellowship hall</b>       |  |   |   |                                       |   |
| <b>1 Green</b><br><u>Holy Communion</u><br>8 am UMM Coffee & Donuts | <b>2</b><br>9:30 Bible Study<br><b>6:30 Preschool Board Meeting</b><br>6:30 Girl Scouts | <b>3</b> Community Carry-In @ Noon<br>6:30 Bible Study<br>6:30 Cub Scouts<br>6:30 Girls Scouts | <b>4</b><br>5:00 Girl Scouts<br>6:00 Choir Pract.<br>6:30 Creative Homemakers                   | <b>5</b><br>4-8 Open Quilting<br>7:00 4-H Meeting                             | <b>6</b> National Bubble Gum Day<br>  | <b>7</b><br>9-12 Leadership University Training                                     |
| <b>8 Green</b><br>Superbowl Sub Day                                 | <b>9</b><br>9:30 Bible Study  | <b>10</b><br>6:30 Bible Study<br>6:30 Cub Scouts<br>6:30 Girls Scouts                          | <b>11</b><br>5:00 Girl Scouts<br>6:00 Choir Pract.<br>Pastor Retreat →                          | <b>12</b><br>4-8 Open Quilting<br><b>5:00 Trustees</b><br><b>6:00 Finance</b> | <b>13</b>                             | <b>14</b> 9—12 Baking Cookies with Pastor Bette                                     |
| <b>15 White/Gold</b>  | <b>16</b> Baugo Closed<br>President's Day<br>9:30 Bible Study                           | <b>17</b><br>6:30 Bible Study<br>6:30 Cub Scouts<br>6:30 Girls Scouts                          | <b>18</b><br><b>Ash Wednesday</b><br>5:00 Girl Scouts<br>6:00 Choir Pract.<br>6:45 Worship Serv | <b>19</b><br>4-8 Open Quilting  | <b>20</b>                             | <b>21</b> 8:30 am Lenten Breakfast - location TBD<br>6 p.m. Youth Movie/Movie Night |
| <b>22 Purple</b><br>1st Sunday of Lent<br>Puzzle Fund Raiser @ 1:30 | <b>23</b><br>9:30 Bible Study   | <b>24</b><br>6:30 Bible Study<br>6:30 Cub Scouts<br>6:30 Girls Scouts                          | <b>25</b><br>6:00 Choir Pract.  | <b>26</b><br>4-8 Open Quilting<br><b>7:00 Church Council</b>                  | <b>27</b> National Polar Bear Day<br> | <b>28</b><br>8:30 am Lenten Breakfast - location TBD                                |