

# JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The Families Of Our Community!*

**JANUARY 2024**

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## CHURCH STAFF

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- **Kristin Farwig**  
Choir Director
- **Geri Angel**  
Custodian

## Jamestown United Methodist Church

Corner of CR 3 & CR 22

*With the recent health issues I have encountered, heart health has been a focus in my mind. The focus of the organ or muscle called the heart. Over the past month, I have spent much time monitoring my heart. Thinking about my blood pressure, and countless doctors, nurses and nurse practitioners have listened to my heart. We watched it on the monitor pumping blood back and forth. I have been challenged to rethink my heart-health, and to reconsider what habits I need to change in order to be more attuned to the well-being of my heart. There is a prime emphasis on the physical aspects of my heart health, but what about the emotional and spiritual aspects of heart health? Am I taking the necessary steps to consider how to keep my heart on track physically and spiritually? Is my heart a mess? Is it my first priority or my last thought? Do I take the necessary steps to protect it? We might hear about ways to guard our hearts. What does the bible say about the heart?*

*Proverbs say a lot about the heart.  
Proverbs 4:23 – Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.  
Proverbs 14:30 – A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones.  
Proverbs 15:13 – A happy heart makes the face cheerful, but heartache crushes the spirit.*

*But the biblical authors talk about the heart in many other ways that might seem strange to modern readers. And that's because these Israelites had no concept of the brain or any word for it. They imagined that all of a human's intellectual activity takes place in the heart. For example, you know with your heart. Your heart is where you understand and make connections. In the book of Proverbs, wisdom dwells in the heart. And your heart is what you use to discern between truth and error, like Solomon did when he was king.*

*The heart is where you think and make sense of the world, and it's where you do more. In the Bible, the heart is where you feel emotions.*

*When we come to know who Jesus is, and through the leading of the Holy Spirit, we ask Jesus to lead our life, we will often ask him into our hearts. The very center of our beings. We submit our will to God's will, and we open up the very core of who we are to receive him.*

*So, folks, we are compelled to value our hearts. We are called to pay attention to our hearts. Give our hearts the physical health they need, the nutrients and exercise to sustain them, but also pay attention to the spiritual care they need. Stay in the Word, read your bible, spend time in prayer, sit alone with God in the silence, or in nature. Attending to worship and service to others, be involved in a group that meets to study and discuss God's Word together. Be among friends who build you up and support you. These are ways we are able to stay in good heart health. **Cont on page 2***



**BIRTHDAYS**

1	Allen	Angel
	Pam	Hochstetler
3	Jill	Biller
6	Brooklyn	Johnson
	Brooke	Stout
8	Nancy	Mahler
11	Isabella	Ullery
12	Mike	Beehler
17	Roger	Stoops
18	Marci	Struble
	Erica	Young
23	Jackie	Ullery
28	Steve	Squibb
29	Roe	Skibbe
31	Betty	Stout

**ANNIVERSARIES**

19	Adam & Stacie	Remaly	1992
22	Ed & Sue	Raab	1956
30	Gary & Becky	Buss	1972



**Cont from page 1** Thank you for all of your prayers, love, and support during these past weeks. I am overwhelmed with the realization of how blessed I am to be your pastor and to be serving here at Jamestown UMC. My prayer for all of us is that we will hear God's leading – his gentle whispers – and be ever vigilant in our heart care – together. Love all of you – so much!

*Pastor Bette*

I would love to thank you all for the lovely and generous Christmas gift Rich and I received from you. Your love and prayers and kind words have meant the world to both of us! I am so thankful to be your pastor! God is so good! – Pastor Bette

Thank you for the Christmas gift. I enjoy being your choir director.  
Kristin

Thank you JUMC friends for the generous love gift. We are happy to be a part of the JUMC music program. "God Bless Us, Everyone"  
Sandra & Diana

Thank you JUMC friends/family, You continue to bless me with your generosity in so many ways. I appreciate all of your support!  
Sharon

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.

Dear Jamestown Congregation, Thank you for the Christmas gift. I am saving for new kitchen countertops, and this will help. I hope you all had amazing holidays and have a happy, healthy 2024! Many blessing to you! Kathy H.

Thank you so much for my Christmas card and gift. I am so happy that I'm a part of the preschool team. I feel I am exactly where I should be. Love Tami P.

**BIBLE STUDY**  
BIBLÉ 210DA  
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.



*We get notes --  
Thank You*

**JANUARY VOLUNTEERS**

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Children's Church
7 <sup>TH</sup>	Deb Beehler	Jeff Clark & Tom Cook	Kristin Farwig	Franki Bender
14 <sup>TH</sup>	Deb Beehler	Marcia & Marta Clark	Pastor Bette	Franki Bender
21 <sup>ST</sup>	Deb Beehler	Carolyn Landis & Linda Vest	Marta Clark	Franki Bender
28 <sup>TH</sup>	Deb Beehler	Cheryl Cabanaw & Nancy Mahler	Jeff Clark	Franki Bender
	<b>USHERS</b> Keith & Lana Berg, Mark Cook & Maria Moleski			

## HIDING PLACES

All of us at sometime have wanted a place to hide from something or someone.  
Match each person with the proper hiding place.

1.		Jonathon & Ahimaaz	2 Samuel 17:17-19	a. By the brook Cherith
2.		Adam & Eve	Genesis 3: 8	b. Among the baggage
3.		Moses	Exodus 2: 2-3	c. In a field
4.		Spies	Joshua 2: 4-6	d. In a cave at Makkedah
5.		Five Kings	Joshua 10: 16-17	e. In trees in the garden
6.		Saul	1 Samuel 10: 22	f. In a well, covered with corn
7.		David	1 Samuel 20: 24	g. In a basket in a river
8.		Joash	2 Kings 11: 3	h. In the house of the Lord
9.		Ahaziah	2 Chronicles 22: 9	i. In Samaria
10.		Elijah	1 Kings 17: 3	j. In stalks of flax on a roof

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Return Quiz January 25<sup>th</sup>

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

### 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

January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m.

Next month February 4<sup>th</sup>

Invite your neighbors

#### COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

Hope to see you at January 2<sup>nd</sup> NOON

Our February luncheon is February 6<sup>th</sup>

#### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

**(Formerly United Methodist Women)**

We will have our Christmas dinner in January.

Date is still not determined.

#### Susanna's Kitchen

We are collecting gently used  
winter coats and blankets.

Always need large boxes of potatoes, noodles.

### MISSIONS

**Loose Coin Offerings:** January Loose Coin will go to Riverview Adult Day Service. For over 30 years, Riverview ADHC has helped Elkhart area seniors and adults with special needs stay in their home or with loved ones longer, by providing a unique, affordable day-time service and much needed respite for caregivers. Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". December donations of \$73.69 went to IN UM Children's Home. Thank You for your generosity.

#### CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

January giving; Bring in Paper products, cleaning products: paper towel, toilet tissue, hand soap, dish soap, etc. 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. *Our other programs are Seed to Feed and Soup of Success.*

## FREE ZOOM TRAININGS:

Saturday, January 27, 2024  
9 AM - 12 PM (CT)/10 AM - 1 PM (ET)

and/or

Saturday, February 10, 2024  
8 AM - 11 AM (CT)/9 AM - 12 PM (ET)

# LEADERSHIP UNIVERSITY

TO REGISTER:



INUMC.SWOOGO.COM/  
NDLU12724

These are free to you as the **laity & leadership of Jamestown United Methodist Church**. It is very important for you to join the one that pertains to your position or committee. You may attend/zoom one or both days. Choose ONE workshop for each day. The same classes are on both days. Yes, if you use your cell phone to focus on the QR code, it will take you to registration. If you need help registering, we will be happy to assist you.

## WORKSHOPS INCLUDE:

Staff Parish  
Finance and Trustees  
Church Council/Single Board  
Growing Young (Youth Ministry)  
Children's Ministry  
Lay Leadership  
Messy Church  
Digital Church  
Outreach: Food Pantries & Beyond  
Planned Giving and Endowments

## *NEWS from the NORTH DISTRICT OFFICE*

### **Bishop's Christmas Offering**

We will be taking an offering for the Bishop's Christmas Children's offering in January. Look for these envelopes to be in your bulletins soon. Along with some more information.

From the North District *Lay Servant Committee*:

Greetings Servants of our Lord...

On behalf of the **North District Lay Servant Committee** I greet you with information.

Now that Christmas festivities have subsided; I bring to your attention some opportunities approaching quickly.

These opportunities deal with Lay Servant classes.

First, there will be a one-hour informational meeting on Thursday, January 11 at Warsaw Trinity UMC. This meeting takes place at 7PM.

832 E CENTER ST. WARSAW , IN, 46580

This meeting is for both lay people and clergy

There may be lay people in our churches who are not aware of Lay Servant Ministries. This is an opportunity for them to discover what is available and how it may enhance their personal ministry.

*Second*, I am teaching a class on Polity for the Northwest District. I call it "Fun with Polity" because I do enjoy teaching the class. This class is via Zoom and will take place on the four Saturdays in January.

*Third*, there will be an in-person, five consecutive Saturday Academy at South Bend 1st . The dates are: February 3, 10, 17, 24 and March 2.

Conference-wide, there are many Lay Servant Ministry Academies. Some are in person, some via Zoom. Some take place over two days, others five Saturdays. Some people have limited time and thus instruction time is the priority. Others enjoy the personal interaction, connection, and fellowship of in person classes.

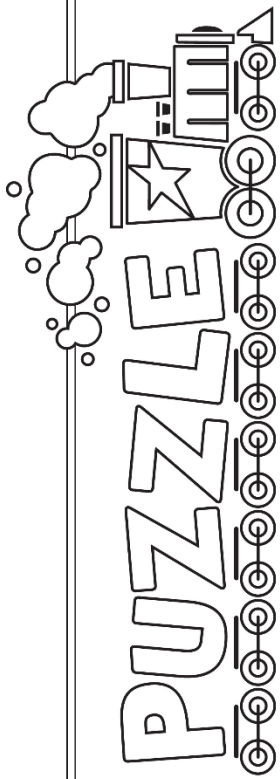
You can learn more and register at this link:

<https://www.inumc.org/ministries/resources-for-clergy/upcoming-lay-servant-academy-dates/>

Peace, Mike Settles



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# HAPPY NEW YOU!

Changing the calendar each January is a reminder that God makes all things new.

Directions: Use the clues and the calendar code to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV.

## JANUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	God	night	word	in	love	Jesus
7	therefore	speak	give	light	Christ	a
14	beginning	anyone	waters	help	is	many
21	he	again	through	earth	made	while
28	new	if	and	creation		back

The second Monday \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

The last Monday \_ \_

The 16th \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

One day before the 20th \_ \_ \_

The day before the first Friday \_ \_ \_

The last weekday of the second week \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

The day after the 20th \_ \_ \_

The day after 18th \_ \_ \_

The first day of the second weekend \_

The last Sunday \_ \_ \_ \_

The last day of the month \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

