



# JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The  
Families Of Our Community!*

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## **CHURCH STAFF**

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Pastor
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## **Jamestown United Methodist Church**

**59218 County Road 3, Elkhart, IN 46517**

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

#### **Embodying Grace Through Light**

We are people of Good News, my friends! In these wintery days after the culmination of Christmas, we are reminded that the Light has come! The words may seem redundant and almost seem to lose their strength – but the truth is the Light of God, is what we experience in the Truth of who Jesus is. Both personally, and collectively. Jesus has called us to be bearers of this Light to all people and all nations.



Whether we call this grace, or love, or light – it is our responsibility to live our lives with purpose to enable others to experience the Light.

The new year is a suitable time to discern our own patterns which prevents people from experiencing the light we bear.

Things get somewhat complicated when we set out to carry this life-giving light into a world of broken people. There are places in our world that are inclined to hide things in the shadows, pushing people to the margins, and threaten anyone who declares that these things should be otherwise. We quickly discover that carrying the light can lead to feelings of fear. But, as our scripture readings continue to speak to us, we are reminded that the Light is not overpowered by the darkness. (John 1:5)

The call to bear light and to see persons as bearers of God's light also, is the glorious challenge we meet every day. As Christ followers, it can be most difficult to see all situations with the lens of "love." To see all persons through the lens of "peace." To enter every space with the determination to find your "joy." Even in the little encounters. Personally, I find joy in baby toes. So delicate and perfect! And in unexpected places also. Seek these places of joy and light. Be the Light to others! Be sure your words are expressing light.

Glory to God for the Light!

Glory to God for His Grace!

Amen!



*Pastor Bette*

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1 <sup>ST</sup>	Allen Angel
	Pam Hochstetler
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jill Biller
6 <sup>th</sup>	Brooklyn Johnson
	Brooke Price
8 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Mahler
11 <sup>th</sup>	Isabella Ullery
12 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Beehler
17 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Stoops
18 <sup>th</sup>	Marci Struble
	Erica Young
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jackie Ullery
28 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Squibb
29 <sup>th</sup>	Roe Skibbe
21 <sup>st</sup>	Betty Stout

## ♥ ANNIVERSARIES ♥

19 <sup>th</sup>	Adam & Stacy Remaly	1992
20 <sup>th</sup>	Ed & Sue Raab	1956
30 <sup>th</sup>	Gary & Becky Buss	1972



## **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. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall entry. Please see LuAnn Pontius if your heart leads you to help. Thank you for prayerfully considering helping!



## PUZZLE NIGHT FUND RAISER!

Please invite your friends and family to join us for a fun night of competition. Who will have bragging rights as the reigning champion? Teams of 4 will try to assemble their puzzle the fastest, all while raising money for a local organization that is to be announced at a later date.

When: February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 @ 2:00pm

Cost: \$40 per table (14 tables max)

Please see the sign-up sheet in the welcome center. If you have any questions, please reach out to the church office @ 574-293-3905



## Words of thanks:

- ❖ Church Community Services:  
"Thank you for how you make what we do happen for so many. I hope you will be having a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." Keith Sarber, Executive Director





## JOHN CHAPTER ONE



S E R B D T S T D E B G H F T T  
 N H I E S R L U S O R E U A U W  
 E E I I H E O M S A O L H O A B  
 S S R N W T E W C E N L H E E H  
 T H A D E D A E O E J T B C L W  
 C G S I S T A F S W I N O D O D  
 F R O A A W H S E W H M E R T G  
 D L I N A S D O G S E H L V L T  
 I L E W S H T U R T T D A O I W  
 E D R S O W S S S E E S R H T G  
 C D N A H S D S E R V Y E D O E  
 W O E A E R G H S T T E R I R S  
 M A M N M N E W O G I O I O R N  
 N A T E I O I W M N C V F L H P  
 N I D H T I N G O E E E E O E B  
 W E T E H H T G R P B N J L I B

AMONG	GRACE
BECOME	JESUS
BEFORE	JOHN
BEHELD	LEVITES
BELIEVE	MADE
BLOOD	MOSES
CHRIST	POWER
COMETH	PRIESTS
DWELT	RECORD
ELIAS	SHINETH
ESAIAS	THINGS
FATHER	TRUTH
FLESH	WITHOUT
FULNESS	WITNESS
GIVEN	WORD
GLORY	WORLD



Bonus Question: How many snow people can you find? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Please return to church office by January 16th

December Puzzle Answers: *Across* – (1) Faithful, (5) Presents, (8) Family, (9) Silent, (11) Lights, (13) Jesus, (15) Bows. *Down* – (2) Toys, (3) Ribbon, (4) Angels, (6) Reindeer, (7) Carols, (10) Tree, (12) Santa, (14) Snow (Sorry for the extra square last month!)

Those that were up for the challenge in December: Lana Berg, Jim Angel, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, and Paula LaPlace



## JANUARY VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Little's Bible School and Youth Bible School
4 <sup>TH</sup>	Steve Squibb	Jameson & Jemma Ullery	Marta Clark	TBD / TBD
11 <sup>TH</sup>	Steve Squibb	Jane Rapp & Paula LaPlace	Pastor Bette	TBD / TBD
18 <sup>TH</sup>	Linda Vest	Doug Cook & Maria Moleski	Jeff Clark	TBD / TBD
25 <sup>TH</sup>	Linda Vest	Dave & LuAnn Pontius	Carolyn Landis	TBD / TBD
Ushers	Mark Cook, Maria Moleski, Lana Berg and Keith Berg			

### 🎹 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, Ed Raab. 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**

Next UMM Breakfast Jan 4<sup>th</sup>.

Next breakfasts as follows:

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

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

***Please invite your neighbors!***



### **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

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

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

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

Jan Carry-In is Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

Feb Carry-In is Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

March Carry-In is Tuesday the 4<sup>th</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:** January Loose Coin will go to **Riverview Adult Day Health Center:** They provide daytime care that supports seniors, adults w/special needs, and their care givers in Elkhart County. You may donate anytime this month. Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". Thank You for your generosity. December's Loose Coin Offering went to Susanna's Kitchen \$319.71

**Church Community Services:** January... Paper products, tissues, toilet paper, personal care items, shampoo, deodorant, soap... See collection areas by both doors.





### Prayer Requests / Joys / Concerns

- Fran reminded everyone that there is a warning in the Bible that states "Do not harm the Lord's anointed".
- Warren Allender asks for prayers for his wife, Susi. She has survived 47 years with Warren. 😊
- Jane Rapp thanked everyone for all the birthday wishes and for the prayers for her daughter, Nancy, who had heart surgery.
- Congratulations to Nancy Miller on her retirement!
- Pam Beehler Jackson asks for prayers for her daughter, Michelle Steele, who is in the hospital w/blood pressure issues.
- Friends and family of Betty Griffin, who passed away on Saturday, December 6th.
- Sally Franklin thanked Mark Landis, Dave Pontius, Steve Stout, and Keith Berg for all the work that they do for our church!
- Lana Berg thanked everyone for the prayers for their friend, Larry in Texas, who lost his battle with cancer. Please keep his wife and family in your prayers.
- Cheryl Cabanaw asks for continued prayers for her daughter, Shannon, who continues to deal with health issues.
- Kathy Moyer asks for continued prayers for her friend, Sherry, who is now done with chemo and will be getting a bone marrow transplant.
- Angela Cook shared her & Mark's joy of becoming a LaLa and Grandpa as they welcomed their grandson, Wyatt Wayne Cook, into their family. Tammy Bainter asks for prayers for all effected by the terrorist attack in Australia.
- Cheryl Cabanaw asks for prayers for her Uncle Ed Raab as he has been placed under Hospice care, and continued prayers for her daughter, Shannon, as she has surgery Tuesday (12.16) and for her other health issues.
- Friends and family of Pat Vogelzang, who passed away on December 6th. Celebration of life will be January 10th from 9am - 11am at the First United Methodist Church (720 S Main St, Middlebury, IN 46540).
- Becky Buss asks for prayers for Stephan Clairday. Stephan received a heart transplant a couple of weeks ago and now is at risk of his body rejecting it. He is in critical condition and might be too weak for another surgery. Update: Stephan has passed.
- Prayers for Ed Raab is in hospice care & Sue needs prayers of comfort in dealing with his needs. Also, for their granddaughter, Carrie, who is their full-time caregiver. ❄️
- Cheryl Cabanaw asks for continue prayers for her daughter, Shannon. She didn't have her surgery due to a friend's cat who bit her and she now must have PT for the bitten tendon and is battling an infection from the bite.
- Jim Angel announced that Monday (12.22) will be 63 years that he has been with his 1st wife, Geri.
- Jeff Clark asks for prayers as he and Rhonda travel to TX.
- Jane Rapp asks for prayers for her friend, Larissa who is battling cancer. Also, prayers for Jane's friend who is dealing with long-term unemployment.
- Tammy Bainter thanked everyone who participated in the Baugo Lions Adopt-A-Family. She also asks for prayers for her husband Keith, who slipped on the ice and is currently in a partial cast. Prayers for healing for him and patience for her.
- Kathy Moyer asks for prayers for her neighbor, Patty, who is now in hospice care. Also, prayers for Tom. Update: Patty has passed away.
- Pastor Bette thanked everyone behind the scenes who do things to help make our worship run more smoothly. Also, prayers for Becky Buss who is still feeling under the weather.
- Prayers for Becky who was in the ER this week with stomach pain.
- Prayers for Valerie & Jerry William's neighbor, Nila, who has been diagnosed with colon & lung cancer.





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"Building Bridges to the Families of Our Community"



I can **WORSHIP**  
God by:

**praying**  
and talking  
to God anytime

**my family**  
going to church with

**reading**  
my Bible and

**learning**  
God's truth

giving to others  
with a

**happy heart**

saying  
**thank you**





celebrating **Jesus**

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# January 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>RED Denotes Committee Meetings</b>	<b>**Devotions and Drumming 8:30 a.m. Mon, Wed and Fri in Fellowship hall</b>			1 New Year's Day Office Closed 	2 Office Closed	3
4 Holy Communion Wh/Gold Epiphany Sunday 7:30am UMM Breakfast	5 9:30 Bible Study 5:15 Robotics	6 Noon Community Carry-In <b>5:30 SPPR</b> 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scouts	7 5:00 Girl Scouts 6:00 Choir Pract. 6:30 Creative Homemakers	8 4-8 Open Quilting <b>5:00 Trustees</b> <b>6:00 Finance</b>	9	10 Save The Eagles Day 
11 National Milk Day Wh/Gold 	12 9:30 Bible Study 5:15 Robotics 6:30 Girl Scouts	13 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Girls Scouts	14 6:00 Choir Pract.	15 4-8 Open Quilting	16 National Fig Newton Day 	17
18 <b>G</b>	19 Martin Luther King Day Baugo Closed 9:30 Bible Study	20 <b>5:30 Missions</b> 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Girls Scouts	21 5pm Girl Scouts 6:00 Choir Pract.	22 4-8 Open Quilting	23	24
<b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</b>						
25 <b>G</b>	26 9:30 Bible Study 5:15 Robotics 6:30 Girl Scouts	27 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Cub Scouts 6:30 Girls Scouts	28 6:00 Choir Pract.	29 Nat. Puzzle Day  4-8 Open Quilting	30	31 10 am Leadership University National Hot Chocolate Day 