



JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!*

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A word from Pastor Bette...

Picture this. Seventeen different male actors, dressed in tuxedos, who each played the part of Jean Val Jean in their respective countries. They were celebrating 10 years of the *Les Misérables* play.

As they proceeded down the theatre's center aisle, at the closing of one of their performances, each actor represented his own country, and the flag bearer walked right beside him carrying his nation's flag held high proudly. They each sang a part of the two songs "One More Day" and "Can You Hear the People Sing," in their own native languages. First the American actor, then the ones from Canada, Denmark, Japan, Hungary, France, Sweden, etc. I am mesmerized by the way their words were full of passion, and you could see the emotion in their faces!

Words have the power to give life. Think about the way God brought together Creation from chaos with his breath. If we are created in the image of God, and we then can also create with our breath...our sounds...our words.

There is a great deal of beauty and awe in the diverse sounds that come from our larynx, tongue, teeth and lips. The words have meaning and power to influence history, or to comfort, or harm, or encourage, to build oneself up. The combined languages of the *Les Misérables* actors in the finale song, was marvelous because they were singing different words, but you could know the sounds they were making with the words of their own language. And despite the difference, there was breath-taking beauty, and unity. No pun intended.

I know that often my actions and words fall short of how God is calling me to speak. One of the most fascinating letters to the church in Galatia written by the Apostle Paul contains these words: "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!" Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT)

Just think – the breath in us is the very real breath of God! Isn't this so amazing? Our words have power, and we have choices to make in how we choose to speak and make transforming audio vibrations which reverberate into our atmosphere and into our world. Will people and the world be a better place because of my words? The power is not us but held in the presence of Christ in me, helping lead me through the Holy Spirit. We have a duty to spread the Gospel of Love in our words and actions. It's a matter of communicating. It's a matter of listening to the Spirit speak love into us, so the words we hear are embedded inside our hearts and flow forth. Then will come the great day in our eternal home when all the different languages will be understood. In unity and perfection. Amen

With Love,

Pastor Bette

BIRTHDAYS

1	Sue Struble
3	Ryan Ullery
6	Jacob Biller
7	Nancy Miller
8	Tami Pyfer
	Kathy Moyer
12	Bodie Bender
14	Alex Pyfer
25	Tim Farwig
26	Diana Cook
27	Jemma Ullery

♥ANNIVERSARIES♥

11	Bodie & Frankie Bender	2020
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July 18 – 26, 2025



Downstairs Bulletin Board

Please take a moment to head downstairs and look at the Ministry Picture Board located across from the church office. Filled with happy faces from our church and community.

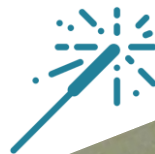
Bible Study

We will be taking a hiatus from bible study for the summer. We will post in the bulletin when bible study resumes. Have a great summer! Please call the church office or Pastor Bette if you would like to attend future bible studies or if you have questions. **574-293-3905 or 574-229-7810.**



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We need you to help lead our children during the worship service. Our children are dismissed following the Choir Anthem to go downstairs to participate in 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. Thank you for prayerfully considering helping!





WORD SCRAMBLE

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Return to church office by August 16th

June Puzzle Answers: 2a – locusts, 5a – sparrows, 7a – lions, 9a – wolves, 10a – deer, 11a – raven, 14a – rooster, 15a – sheep; 1d – goats, 3d – camel, 4d – horse, 6d – serpent, 7d – lamb, 8d – swine, 10d – dove, 12d – ant, 13d - fish

Those that were up for the challenge in June: Jane Lechlitner, Jim Angel, Roberta Mann, Gary Buss and Paula LaPlace



JULY VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Children's Church
6 th	Kristin Farwig	Nancy Miller & Becky Metcalf	Jeff Clark	TBD
13 th	Kristin Farwig	Warren & Susi Allender	Kristin Farwig	TBD
20 th	LuAnn Pontius	Marcia Cook & Tom Cook	Gail Greenlee	TBD
27 th	Deb Beehler	Mark & Angela Cook	Marta Clark	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.

SUMMER MEANS SPECIAL MUSIC

If you are interested in doing special music for a church service this summer, please contact Kristin and let her know. Plenty of Sundays to choose from. Text or call Kristin 574-903-3805.



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

Men's breakfast Aug 3rd at 7:30 a.m.

Next breakfast, Sept 7th at 7:30 a.m.

Invite your neighbors.

Following month's breakfast, Oct 5th

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

SAVE THE DATE: July 26th. Bristol Opera House to see the musical "Pippin" at 7:30.

Tickets are \$23, please see Marcia Clark to let her know if you will be attending. Sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center.

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

Aug Carry-In is Tuesday the 5th at Noon.

Sept Carry-In is Tuesday the 2nd at Noon.

Oct. Carry-In is Tuesday the 7th 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: July Loose Coin will go to **LoveWay**. LoveWay is a CHA (Certified Horsemanship Association) accredited center located in Bristol Indiana. "We work alongside our horses and community volunteers to assist individuals with disabilities to live their best lives by empowering them to grow cognitively, physically, socially, and emotionally." You may donate any time this month. Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". THANK YOU for your generosity.

Church Community Services:

July...Cereals (hot or cold), Peanut Butter, Jelly, Toilet Paper, Ready to Eat Canned Pasta Meals, Crackers, Hamburger Helpers.

OUR MISSIONS AT WORK...

We have received words of thanks from the following:

- Guidance Ministries
- Cultivate Food Rescue
- Gymtown Pantry

Roger Matthews Update:

Roger would like to thank everyone for the generous donation of \$415. It will really help. He is still with his aunt but should be getting an apartment of his own in the next couple of months. He has found a new church and is working at the only grocery store that is in his little town, in the dairy department. Roger's contact info can be found on the bulletin board going into the Fellowship Hall.



Diaper/Wipes Collection Drive Thank-You

Starting after Ash Wednesday, missions started collecting diapers and wipes in a Pack-N-Play in the Welcome Center. Our intention was to help some of our families with newborns; the Dubois Family, the Skibbe Families, the Angel Family and the Metcalf Family. After Easter we packed up 5 boxes for families to pick up and we put a few things in JUMC nursery. In addition, the Thursday Quilting Ministry provided 2 receiving blankets for each family. A few diapers were also taken to Church Community Services. A huge thank you to everyone who participated, we couldn't have done it without you!!

Please be courteous to our wonderful pianists and use the time in the Sanctuary before church to prepare your hearts for worship rather than visiting. We welcome visiting in the Welcome Center and in the Fellowship Hall following worship time. Thank you.



Remember in Prayer

Home Bound & Care Facilities: Jean Green, Margaret Pierce, Patsy Seigler, Arletah Hochstetler, Al Stealy, Jan Slabaugh, Paula Adams, Ed Raab. and Dee Kallimani.

Ongoing Health Concerns: Kathy Eggleston, Betty Griffin, Betty Hershberger, Lora Mahler, Wanda McCartney, Sue Raab, Linda Squibb, Marti Stickel, Polly Brown, and Pastor Bette's friend with mental issues.

Prayer Requests / Joys / Concerns

- Patsy Seigler's son, Bill, has passed away.
- Marilyn Ray, Jim Eggleston's Sister-In-Law, is having a very difficult time since her husband's passing.
- Jackie Ullery's Sister-In-Law suffered a heart attack.
- Tesia Bumpus' father passed away and the family is in need of prayers for comfort.
- Jane Rapp was in the hospital getting some tests.
- Polly Brown is recovering from knee surgery, and she also lost a fur baby.
- Bill Young is having legal issues concerning his niece.
- Mark Landis thanked everyone who helped with spring cleaning our church and grounds, and thanked those that just see something that needs done and jump in and get it done. A special shout out to Lana Berg and Steve Stout who coordinated the spring cleaning.
- Sally Franklin's friend, Marion Taylor, had surgery on the 11th and has taken a bad turn.
- Marion Taylor's daughter could use prayers as she is the only caregiver for Marion.
- Prayers for Kelly Gaugler who has been diagnosed with ALS.
- Sue Raab is back in the hospital. (She is home as of the printing of this newsletter)
- Ed Raab is convalescing at the Waters as he recovers from COVID.
- Prayers for Alex Pyfer as he travels home from his Washington DC trip.
- LuAnn and Dave Pontius' grandsons had a blessed weakened. Ethan graduated from Jimtown and his brother Dawson married Olivia.
- Tammy Bainter thanked Kathy Moyer, Kathleen Stout, Pastor Bette and Ray Hochstetler (Dough maker) for making the sugar cookies for our fathers and father figures on Father's Day.
- Linda Vest wished everyone a happy Father's Day and gave glory to God.
- Dee Kallimani has a fractured right scapula from a fall and is currently at The Waters.
- Shannon Cabanaw had a mild heart attack Sunday and now has shingles.
- Prayers for Pastor Bette, Gail Greenlee and Lana Berg as they travel to Indy this week to donate Bibles and Music to be distributed to organizations that are in need.
- Dave Pontius, his son Clint and a few buddies are riding to UT for a couple of weeks. Prayers for safe travels and we hope LuAnn enjoys her vacation too! 😊
- Warren announced that The Baugo Lions are hosting a bed build for Sleep in Heavenly Peace at the high school on July 12th and invites anyone who would like to help.
- Fran Price is thankful for the many creatures that visit her on her front and back porches.
- Arletah is asking for prayers for her son David as he was taken to the hospital by ambulance with charlie-horse type pain in his entire body.
UPDATE: David has cellulitis in legs, a blood infection and a sprained left wrist.
- Thank you to Lana Berg, Irene Cook, Brenda Salmander, Deb Beehler and Jackie Ullery for helping prepare the new bibles.
- Praise be to God that our Bishop, Rev. Dr. Tracy Mallone has re-appointed Pastor Bette (and Rich) to serve another year at Jamestown UMC. Pastor Bette says she loves being our pastor.
- The family of Laurabelle Eby Roderick who passed away on March 10th, 2025. Graveside service for immediate family will be on July 5th @ Olive Cemetery,



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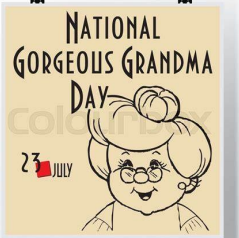

Jump for JOY!





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
**Devotions and Drumming 8:30 a.m. Mon, Wed and Fri in Fellowship Hall		1 Noon - Community Luncheon 5:30 SPPR Meeting	2	3 4—8 Open Quilting	4  Church office will be closed	5
6 Holy Communion 7:30 UMM Breakfast	7 Parking Lot Resurfacing (subject to change)	8 	9	10 5:30 4-H Meeting 4—8 Open Quilt 6:00 Finance 7:00 Trustees	11 Hall—Evening Girl Scouts	12 Hall—all day until 6 p.m. Girl Scouts '80's Party
13 Hall—12 to 5 p.m. Troyer	14	16 	17 4—8 Open Quilting	18 Elkhart County Fair Begins	19	20 1:30 pm Elkhart County Parade, downtown Goshen
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