



# JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges to The Families Of Our Community!*

## Jamestown United Methodist Church

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### CHURCH STAFF

- **Bette Thompson**  
Pastor
- **Tammy Bainter**  
Administrative Assistant
- **Kristin Farwig**  
Choir Director
- **Sandra Metcalf**  
Organist/Pianist
- **Diana Cook**  
Pianist
- **Geri Angel**  
Custodian

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

Recently, I was looking at the paperwork we send weekly to our regional United Methodist office. Sometimes, these numbers can appear cold, hard and mathematical. We report the people sitting in the pews, in classes, the number of clicks on our Facebook livestream, and the finances in the offering plates.

Behind every single number on our church ledger is a story of quiet faithfulness. A deep and sacred infrastructure which helps us see our church's vitality. It is taken care of by hands you might never see during our hour together in the sanctuary.

Did you know that every Sunday morning way before anyone is here, a member of our Trustees team is already walking our halls? They check the breakers and adjust the air conditioning. All during the week they make sure our space is safe and comfortable before the first hymn has even begun. They are living out a true ministry of hospitality.

Did you know that after we worship upstairs, our offering counters are downstairs doing the vital work of stewardship and continuing the sacred work of worship? They don't just count envelopes; they manage your tithes with absolute reverence. And if you walk by their room, you'll hear them working with joy, laughter, and a deep love for the Jamestown UMC family.

And then there are our "people counters." Just last week, I sat downstairs with Irene and her partner-in-ministry Joyce. They have the delightful, sacred task of counting our attendance slips. They count the attenders with absolute care! They also notice all our visitors even if they forget to check off their names on the attendance books.

Folks, this IS holy work. And the work of noticing our people doesn't stop when Sunday ends. Every Monday morning, our Administrative Assistant, Tammy, sits down to compile these weekend numbers. Her precision ensures our statistics are accurate. For Tammy, these records are never just cold line items or corporate metrics. Her weekly faithfulness is a vital part of how we track the many things happening in our midst. She ensures every person, both in-person and online, is fully recognized and cared for.

This is why your part in this holy math matters so much. Thank you to each of you for your faithfulness in filling out those attendance books every week. When you record your name, you aren't just completing a chore. You are handing holy trust to Irene, to Tammy, and to me. Your handwriting is a beautiful reminder that you are present, you belong, and you are part of this family. There is a difference between counting people and **making sure people count**.

Folks at Jamestown, we value and need our metrics spreadsheet, but we are more than this. We are the living Body of Christ. Whether you arrive at dawn to check on the lights, laugh over the camaraderie in counting downstairs, track our holy metrics on Monday morning, or find the courage to check a new box on an attendance sheet, you are seen. You matter. You are exactly where God has planted you, and I thank God every day for the privilege of being your pastor.

Blessings and Love,

*Pastor Bette*

**JULY 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
	Jemma Ullery
26	Diana Cook



July 24<sup>th</sup> to Aug 1st, 2026

♥ **ANNIVERSARIES** ♥

11	Bodie & Frankie Bender	2020
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Worship Service

Service starts @ 9:15 a.m. with fellowship to follow.

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**Adult Bible Study!!**

Bible Study will be paused for the summer, and we will announce when we resume in the fall. Please call the church office or Pastor Bette if you have any questions. **574-293-3905 or 574-229-7810.**



**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH OUTING**

Please join us on Friday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, at Northridge High School to enjoy the Phoenix Theater Group perform the play "FROZEN". Tickets are \$28 to be paid to Marcia Clark. Dinner @ Bronko's (formally Rulli's, Middlebury) at 5:00, Play begins @ 7:30. Meet at the church by 4:30 to share rides. Sign-up sheet can be found in the JUMC Welcome Center.

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 July 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 a.m.

Next meetings are as follows:

August 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:30 a.m.

September 6<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 a.m.

October 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 a.m.

***Please invite your neighbors!***

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWIF)**

July: Play @ Northridge

August: TBD

September: 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:45 a.m.

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

**COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON**

July: Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

August: Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> at Noon

September: Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> @ Noon

October: Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> @ Noon



Charge Conference Crew



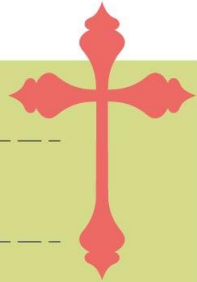
**LAMPLIGHTERS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

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. The Lamplighters meeting is 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.

# Who Am I? – Bible Edition

Read each set of clues carefully. Write the name of the Bible character that matches the clues in the blank space.

1. I built a huge ark because God told me to.  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
2. I was swallowed by a big fish but lived to tell the story.  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
3. I led God's people out of Egypt through the Red Sea.  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
4. I was a shepherd boy who defeated a giant with a sling.  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
5. I became queen and saved my people from danger.  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
6. I was known for my great strength until my hair was cut.  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
7. I was the mother of Jesus.  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
8. I baptized Jesus in the Jordan River.  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
9. I was one of Jesus' disciples who walked on water for a moment.  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
10. I betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver.  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
11. I was a tax collector who climbed a tree to see Jesus.  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Jesus raised me from the dead after four days.  
Who am I? \_\_\_\_\_



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

Please return to church office by July 15th

**June Puzzle Answers:** June was a word search

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

## Remember in Prayer

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

**Ongoing Health Concerns:** Kathy Eggleston, Betty Hershberger, Lora Mahler, Wanda McCartney, Sue Raab, Linda Squibb, Marti Stickel, Polly Brown, Nila Young, Tammie Pedler and Pam Ruiz.

## MISSIONS

**Loose Coin Offerings:** July Loose Coin will go to **LoveWay**: The mission statement of LoveWay is to "Empower individuals with disabilities through compassionate equine assisted services". 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..... See collection areas by both doors.

## OUR MISSIONS AT WORK...

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



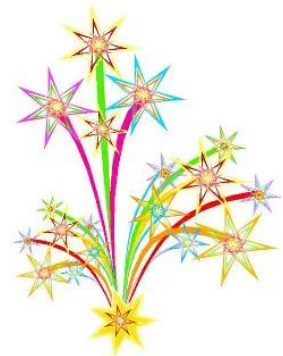
Our very own Steve "Squibby" Squibb receiving the "Lion of the Year" award.



Celebrating 4 years of Open Quilting mission with Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Marti Lundy.



Jamestown UMC is the proud sponsor of the Jimtown Jimmies Band. Picture on the left is the front of the shirt and the picture on the right is the back of the shirt.



# VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

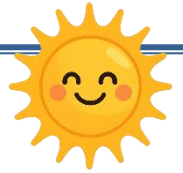
Please join us Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, for a joy filled morning of music, crafts, laughter and learning about Jesus Christ. We will start the fun at 9:00am and will end approximately 12:30ish. This will be for Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> graders in our community. Please pre-register by stopping by the office or calling (574)293-3905.



START CHILDREN OFF on the way they should go, and even when they are old, **THEY WILL NOT TURN FROM IT.**  
~Proverbs 22:6 NIV



## “Morning Sunshine”



### CHILDREN’S MUSIC TIME

Carolyn Landis is bringing back the children’s music program. Children, grades K-4<sup>th</sup>, will be dismissed for a short time during “Passing the Peace” to go downstairs with Miss Carolyn to learn songs about Jesus and His love. They will be brought back up in time for Children’s Church. If you feel led, please reach out to Miss Carolyn to help.



Now Enrolling new students for the 2026-2027 year. Please contact Kathy at 574-596-7567 or by email at [Jamestownpreschool@att.net](mailto:Jamestownpreschool@att.net)



We are a Christian kindergarten readiness program where we teach readiness, character building skills, and love for Jesus.





## Joys & Concerns

- Paster Bette passed on the news that flowers were sent to Becky Buss along with all of our love and prayers as she recovered in the hospital in Nashville while on vacation.
- Mark Landis thanked Carl Lechlitner and Jim Eggleston for all of the work they did at the church this past week.
- Warren Allender asked for prayers for the officer that was shot in LaPorte.
- Susi Allender asks prayers for her friend, Julie (Vogel) Gordy, who was seriously injured in a car accident.
- Jane Rapp's granddaughter, Kiley Lovell, graduates Magna Sum Laude from Elkhart High School on June 11. She plans to attend IUSB for nursing. Logan Berg graduates from Concord as well.
- Gary let us know that he and Becky should be home by Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- We received a call from Katie. Katie is 52 years old and is getting away from an abusive relationship in Maryland and moving to Elkhart this past week. Her abusive husband cleaned out their account and she is starting over. She has housing and a job lined up, but please pray she gets the assistance she needs to get here, and safe travels on her journey. Unfortunately, her family are against this move and are not supportive at all.
- Jane Rapp had multiple joys this week. Her college friend since 1955 was coming for a visit from California this past week. Jane's granddaughter graduated Thursday and her nephew had to have some heart procedures that had good results.
- Tammy Bainter was thankful for Kathy Moyer, Gail Greenlee and Becky Buss (who had good intentions of being here) for filling in for her while she was on vacation.
- Kathy Moyer's friend, Nolie, fell this past week and is now back at The Waters.
- Evan Gill wished their beloved grandmother, Karen Miller, a happy 89th birthday.
- Anonymous request for prayers for Damon who had a horrific head on collision that resulted in broken ribs, both legs and a trach. He has a long road of recovery ahead of him.
- Jackie Ullery - A 7th grade student at Jimtown, Oscar Madrigal, was taken to Indy for a brain bleed on Monday. Arriving at Rileys, he was diagnosed with Acute myeloid leukemia (AML), an aggressive blood cancer. The Madrigal family can use a lot of prayers.
  - Kristin Farwig - They just found a blood clot on his brain and right now he is not strong enough for surgery to remove it or tolerate the meds that would help. It is a very serious time for this boy. Prayers are needed right now and continually.
- LuAnn Pontius asks for prayers for Randy Craigo, Jean Green's son-in-law and husband of Ginger, who had surgery Friday and is being taken back into surgery again today (Monday).
- Kathy Moyer celebrates Marta and Marcia Clark's birthdays that are on Monday, the 15th.
- LuAnn Pontius announced the Education Committee meeting on Tuesday, the 16th. at 2pm. Also, LuAnn asks for prayers for blessings and less burdens for her friend, Cindy, who has been going through some things these past few months. Though joyful things are better, Cindy will need our prayers in the coming months.
- Cheryl Cabanaw asks for prayers for all the people affected by the storms Thursday night and continued prayers for her daughter, Shannon, who has been in and out of the hospital for the past few weeks.
- Mark Landis asked everyone who has a key to the church, contact the church office and let them know the number stamped on your key(s).
- Pastor Bette asks for prayers for Patty Hochstetler, Ray's daughter, who suffered major damage to her home on Thursday due to the storms that rolled through.
- Becky Buss asks for prayers for the friends and family of Christopher Bucks, who has passed away. Chris was the stepson of Steve Kamp.
- Lana Berg asks for prayers for her brother-in-law, Terry Truex, who fell and fractured 30 bones in his foot and will be having surgery soon.





## JULY VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Little's Bible School and Youth Bible School
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Clark	Jameson Ullery & Julian Rodriguez	Jane Rapp	Littles: Linda Vest & TBD Teens: Jon Pyfer
12 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Clark	Dave & LuAnn Pontius	Deb Beehler	Littles: Linda Vest & Maria Moleski Teen: Jon Pyfer
19 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Vest	Larry Pappas & Steve Squibb	Pastor Bette	Littles: Jackie Ullery & Jill Biller Teens: Tammy Bainter
26 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Vest	Marta & Marcia Clark	Kristin Farwig	Littles: Jackie Ullery & Jill Biller Teens: LuAnn Pontius
Ushers	Mark Cook, Maria Moleski, Lana and Keith Berg			

Looking for a chance to volunteer during the week? We have the perfect opportunity for you! Susanna's Kitchen served over 18,000 meals in 2025 and they need you! Helping is easy, fun and fulfilling. All you need to do is add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Mission's bulletin board located in the fellowship hallway. Thank you.



If you are interested in volunteering some of your time, please reach out to the office at (574)293-3905. We need help with setting up, cleaning up, cooking, crafts, games, etc. This is going to be a fun and exciting event for all!

### 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?*



### **Special Music Needed for the Summer**

Kristin is looking for special music for the summer as the choir takes the summer off. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or would like to perform any special music, please reach out to our Choir Director, Kristin Farwig, at 574-903-3805

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## DIVE INTO GOD'S WORD

### MATCH THE BIBLE CHARACTER TO THE WATER

#### FILL IN THE BLANKS

"This is what the LORD says, he who appoints the \_\_\_\_\_ to shine by day, who decrees the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to shine by \_\_\_\_\_, who stirs up the \_\_\_\_\_ so that its \_\_\_\_\_ roar— the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ is his name:"

Jeremiah 31:35, NIV

#### FIND THE HIDDEN WORDS

FISH	FISHSEA
SEA	ARKWAVE
ARK	ISHIPOC
WAVE	TIDEJOY
SHIP	HPEARLN
TIDE	CRABSAH
JOY	
PEARL	
CRAB	
FAITH	

#### HELP THE FISH SWIM ACROSS THE CORAL REEF



MOSES



JONAH



JESUS

# July

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**WELCOME  
TO  
CHURCH**

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	2 4-8 Open Quilting	3 Office closed in observance of the 4th of July.	4 Independence Day 
5 <b>Green</b> 7:30 a.m. - United Methodist Men	6 Fried Chicken Day 	7 Noon—Community Luncheon 5:30 <b>SPRRC</b>	8	9 4-8 Open Quilting 5:15 <b>Trustees</b> 6:00 <b>Finance</b>	10	11
12 <b>Green</b>	13	14	15 Hot Dog Day 	16 4-8 Open Quilting 5-6:30 4-H Meet	17	18
19 <b>Green</b>	20	21 5:30 <b>Missions</b>	22	23 4-8 Open Quilting	24 United Women in Faith Outing Dinner @ 4:30 Play @ 7:30	25 
26 <b>Green</b>	27	28 Milk Chocolate Day 	29	30 4-8 Open Quilting 7:00 <b>Church Council</b>	31	<b>AUGUST 1st</b> 9 to 12:30ish Vacation Bible School (VBS)