

# JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The Families Of Our Community!*

## Jamestown United Methodist Church

Corner of CR 3 & CR 22

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### CHURCH STAFF

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

### A word from our pastor...

*We see glimpses of God's kingdom in beautiful and profound ways. I want to share one of these ways with you. Here at Jamestown UMC, I see so many ways that God is alive and working every-day miracles! If we watch and look, we can see these amazing encounters so clearly. While every day one could see the way God is at work through the power of the Holy Spirit, I want to share with you how I am a witness to how lives are being changed every day!*

*The children who come to the Jamestown Pre-school are full of energy and life! And Kathy and Tami devote so much love and care to these little lives! Teaching them about manners, God, and living in community with their "friends" are just some of the many valuable lessons! I am truly amazed as I witness Kathy and Tami and their patience and patience and more...patience!*

*Both Sharon and I have a delightful time listening to their joy-filled high-pitched voices, which sound like thunder when they are all together!*

*One recent morning, I was coming down the stairs behind the teacher, Tami, who was escorting two children down the stairs. For four-year-olds, stairs can still be pretty tricky for some. I heard her say with the utmost care and patience to the little girl who was about 3 stairs behind a little boy, "Now Annie, let's give Tommy his space, as he is walking downstairs, so he has all the room he needs." (not their real names) Later, Tami explained that this young boy has anxiety when going down the steps about people being too close behind him. I saw how much care went into letting this young little boy navigate the steps in a way that helped him feel comfortable, and not filled with shame or worry for going too slow. He was given what he needed to be himself. I saw so much beauty and grace in this action. We all need space to be who we are in an authentic and real way. I am sure there are many, many such moments as this one. I have seen them.*



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**BIRTHDAYS**

7	Karen	Miller
12	Joyce	Polston
13	Damen	Ullery
15	Marcia	Clark
	Marta	Clark
16	Rich	Martin
19	Carlee	Miller
	Paige	Miller
22	Steve	Stout, SR
23	August	Farwig
24	Lois	Wilkinson
25	Larry	Stickel
	Jessica	Yoder

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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**Position Needed**

A Piano accompanist is needed for our weekly Wed. night choir rehearsals, Sunday morning services and special programs. Please help spread the word! Anyone interested may call Deb Beehler



574-596-7624  
or  
Sharon Shinn  
574-293-3905

**Prayer Requests**

Would you like to be added to our "Prayer Request emails". Emails go out every week with the Joys & Requests given on Sunday. Let the office know so we can add your name.

*Cont. from page 1 The quality of the time these children spend together learning and growing prepares them for entrance into the world of education, and eventually Kindergarten and beyond. Learning how to treat their friends and act together in a group is a big deal for some. I see how much care goes into these moments with the children and I wanted to share this. I think we are always learning about how to get along with others and we could all use some pre-school education lessons!*

*Last week we celebrated the few final days of pre-school for the season and Sharon, Kathy, and Tami and I stopped for a selfie photo. And although weary and tired from two days of activities with the children, you could see the faces of these two leaders were filled with a special kind of joyful weariness. I value the lessons I have learned from being around these three women. I value the memories of the children saying aloud "Hi Pastor Bette!" and "Hi Sharon!" They see Sharon in her special mirror hanging outside of her office. They know they are safe and loved, and we do indeed love every single one of them! We look forward to more days ahead.*

*Right now the halls are quiet, but the shadows remain of life, lessons, and joyful giggles.*

*Blessings and Love,*

Pastor Bette's heart surgery has been postponed due to dental work needed. She will be on medical leave for several weeks. Guest speakers will cover our Sunday services during this time. On-call Pastors will be available for any pastoral emergencies. Feel free to call the church office with any needs you might have. Please keep Pastor Bette, Rich, Amanda and family, and her medical team in your prayers.



**Guest  
Book**

Following Pastor Bette's surgery, we would like to help supply some meals for her and Rich. If you would like to be a part of this, please call the church office so we can keep a schedule. Also to give you some ideas. We do not want to overwhelm them with food.

## PITS

Pits are common items in biblical times. Fill in each blank with the person involved with a pit.

1.	_____ was thrown into a pit by his brothers.	Genesis 37: 20-23
2.	_____ and all his men fell into a pit when God opened the earth.	Numbers 16: 32-33
3.	During the Battle of the Kings, the kings of _____ and _____ fell into slime pits.	Genesis 14: 10
4.	_____ hid in pits when the Philistines came to fight them.	1 Samuel 13: 6
5.	_____ was buried in a pit.	2 Samuel 18: 17
6.	_____ slew a lion in a pit on a snowy day.	2 Samuel 23: 20
7.	_____ killed Gedaliah and his warriors and cast them into a pit.	Jeremiah 41: 6-7
8.	_____ asked what man would not rescue a sheep when it fell into a pit on the sabbath day.	Matthew 12: 11
9.	_____ will be cast into the bottomless pit where he can deceive people no more.	Revelations 20: 2-3
10.	_____ went to the pit to rescue Joseph, but Joseph was gone.	Genesis 37: 29
11.	_____ said, "A strange woman is a narrow pit".	Proverbs 23: 27

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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

Answers for "Spies"; 1. Spoils, 2. Linen, 3. Girdles, 4. Sew, 5. Thread, 6. Needle, 7. Spun, 8. Beam, 9. Fig leaves, 10. Firmament. Those persons challenging themselves: Jim Angel, Lana Berg, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Doug Cook.

### TRUSTEES

All drywall repairs have been completed, painting to begin soon.

Light fixture inventory completed, and drainage issues are being addressed.

The church chiller should be up and running for Sunday, May 26th to cool the sanctuary.

The tile flooring in Fellowship Hall is in process of being stripped and waxed again.

Additional lighting switches installed in each hallway from the altar area to the lower level.

Repairs to pew supports that were discovered during the Spring cleanup.

Quoting for outdoor lighting repairs in process.

Collected pricing for internal unit conversion to more energy efficient LED lighting.

Lower level restroom has been completed.

Thank you Buss's

Metcalf's painted the brown wood entry door on the NW side of the building

### MISSIONS

**Loose Coin Offerings:** June Loose Coin will go to *Sleep in Heavenly Peace*. We fully believe all children deserve a safe, comfortable place to lay their heads. Volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. Our organization has grown steadily over time. There is a local group in Goshen, IN. **NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!** You may give anytime during the month. Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". May donations of \$97.00 went to *Seed to Feed*. Thank You for your generosity.

#### CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

June giving: *Cans of coffee, canned beverages, drink mixes, snacks*. We (CCS) leverage every donation. For example, a \$100 donation gives us the leverage to purchase \$600 worth of food for the pantry!

## JUNE VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Guest Speaker
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Kristin Farwig	Marcia & Marta Clark	LuAnn Pontius	Pastor Melody Whidden
9 <sup>th</sup>	Kristin Farwig	Doug Cook & Maria Moleski	Becky Metcalf	Pastor Brian Whidden
16 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Squibb		Deb Beehler	Pastor Ron Bowman
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jane Rapp			Speaker from S.O.S
30 <sup>th</sup>	Deb Beehler	Jeff Clark & Tom Cook	Gail Greenlee	Tami Pyfer
	USHERS: Marcia Cook, Jimmi Johnson, Dave Pontius & Jon Pyfer			



**IMPACT 2818: Outdoor Ministries**  
of the United Methodist Churches of Indiana



### Kids and Parents!

It's time to start thinking about Summer Camp! Check out our website to see when and where the camp is that fits best in your schedule. Remember, students do not need to be members or attend a United Methodist Church. So, if you want to bring a friend, they are welcome to attend.

We also have scholarship funds available. Tell us what you want/hope to do at camp and when you are planning to attend. We might even be able to help your friend.

At this website you will find a list of camps and how to register. Registration is open.

<https://impact2818.org/summer-camps/>  
More information on Welcome Center.

### UNITED METHODIST MEN

June 2nd at 7:30 a.m.

Next month July 7<sup>th</sup>, Invite your neighbors

### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

(Formerly United Methodist Women)

We will be meeting June 18th at McNaughton Park to listen to the Elkhart Municipal Band.

### COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

Hope to see you on June 4th at NOON

*To the people of Jamestown UMC,  
Thank you so much for your recent donation to  
the Council on Aging. This is most helpful in  
furthering our services.*

*Respectfully,  
Celesta Vaughan, Board President*

North District Warsaw Lay Academy

June 15 & 22, 2024

9:00 am - 3:00 pm (ET)

Trinity UMC

832 E Center St, Warsaw IN

Develop your knowledge and skills to be a confident disciple of Christ. The church needs you now more than ever!

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Payment: By Visa and MasterCard

Registration deadline: June 13, 2024 at 11:59 pm (ET)

Register at:

<https://inumc.swoogo.com/wtlsa61524>

For more information see the Bulletin board in the Narthex.

Cancellation policy: Cancellations must be received via email to [lisa.timmerman@inumc.org](mailto:lisa.timmerman@inumc.org) by 11:59 pm on June 13, 2024 to be eligible for a refund less processing fee. No refunds after this date.

### COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

Some of you may know we have one (1) couple and the Pastor that take Communion to some of our homebound members every month.

If we had more volunteers, we could take to more people. Or we could switch months. No one would need to do this every month.

This is a ministry of our church. A way to take care of our people, to let them know we are thinking of them.

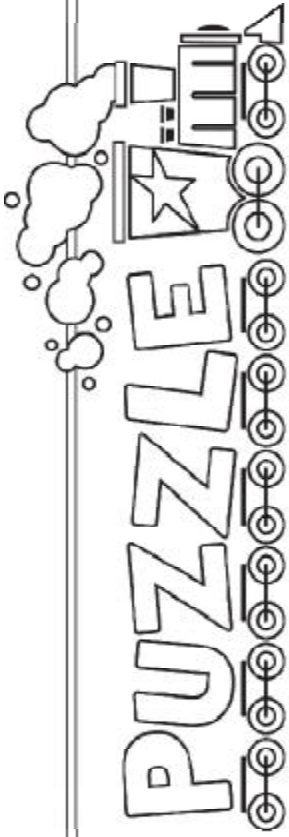
Will you please prayerfully consider helping take Communion to some individuals.

If you want more information or would like to volunteer, call the church office, 574-293-3905.

### CARD MINISTRY

Are you a person that likes to send cards to people? Do you find joy in making others smile? Call the church office and we can give you some names of people that could use a little, "Hello", in the mail. Or maybe you would rather give them a call. Just let us know how you can help.





## FOLLOWING OUR FATHER'S WILL

Jesus always did his Father's will. What does our heavenly Father desire of us?

*Directions: Using the coordinates, circle the corresponding words.  
Then add those to the blanks below to complete John 6:40, NIV.*

### Coordinates

T3, R1, F6, E2, T1, H5, A6, R4, F5, T5, H3, F2, A4, E6

	F	A	T	H	E	R
1	Father	them	the	believe	that	who
2	have	will	if	heart	to	live
3	perish	whoever	everyone	shall	shall	give
4	God	eternal	send	into	Him	believes
5	in	come	him	Son	rest	with
6	looks	and	forever	Where	ife	hope

"For my Father's will is that \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ and I will raise them up at the last day." John 6:40, NIV