



*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 rediscovered a history term paper I wrote back in June of 2007. It was for Dr. Clyde Root, for his Christian History class at Bethel College. As I lovingly reread those pages, I found myself reflecting on the long and faithful history of God's leading of women in ministry and in the United Methodist Church.

This year marks 70 years since May 4, 1956, when women in The Methodist Church were granted full clergy rights. That date matters deeply in our denominational history. Yet the more I reflected, the more I realized that women had already been preaching, teaching, and leading long before the church officially recognized their calling.

I thought especially about Susanna Wesley, the mother of John and Charles Wesley. While her husband Samuel Wesley was away from home preaching and giving lectures, she began gathering people for prayer and spiritual teaching in her kitchen. The meetings became so meaningful that large crowds began attending. Often watching in from the windows and staying for supper. When Samuel questioned her actions and urged her to stop, Susanna courageously challenged him to consider whether he wished to stand before God having silenced ministry that was helping people grow in their faith. When Samuel gave this some thought, he agreed that yes, in fact, she should continue.

Her story reminds us that God's Spirit has often moved ahead of institutional approval. The question is not whether God speaks through unexpected people. God always does. The real question is this: why are some so determined to control who gets to speak for God?

When we insist that only certain people can carry the divine message, we shrink God down to our own comfort level. We turn the Bible into a gatekeeping source, instead of a witness. We trade the wildness of the Spirit for the safety of hierarchy.

The church does not need more gatekeepers. It needs more listeners. It needs leaders who are trained, accountable, and humble enough to recognize that God speaks through the whole community — not just the person holding the microphone.

God uses us all of us, not just the pastor, for spreading his Gospel.  
Amen! Glory to God!

*Pastor Bette*

### Celebrating 70 years of Women's Ordination



**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

7 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Miller
12 <sup>th</sup>	Joyce Polston
13 <sup>th</sup>	Damen Ullery
15 <sup>th</sup>	Marcia Clark
	Marta Clark
16 <sup>th</sup>	Rich Martin
19 <sup>th</sup>	Carlee Miller
	Paige Miller
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Steve Stout Sr.



♥ **ANNIVERSARIES** ♥

17 <sup>th</sup>	Roger & Kim Stoops	1979
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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.**

**A word for someone.**

Remain silent. God knows every detail. He knows every corner of your heart and every nugget of truth. He also knows how to heal and restore.

Remain silent at this time...The Lord your God will defend you. Yes, the Lord will bring you out on top.

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 June 7<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00am

Next meetings are as follows:

July 5<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.

August 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.

September 6<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.

***Please invite your neighbors!***

**UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH (UWIF)**

June 16<sup>th</sup>, McNaughten Park Concert 8:00 p.m.

July: Play and date TBD

August: TBD

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

**COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON**

June: Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> at Noon.

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



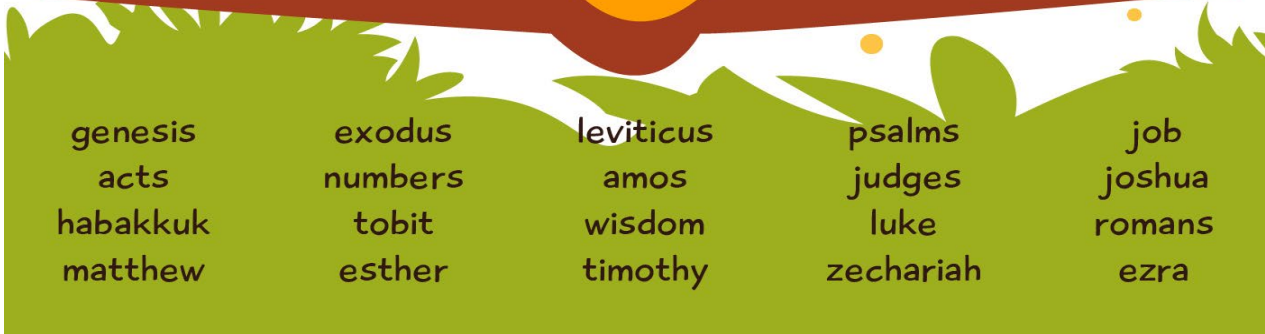
**LAMPLIGHTERS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

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.



# BOOKS OF THE BIBLE WORD SEARCH

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

Please return to church office by June 13th

May Puzzle Answers: Psalms, 66, Matthew, Revelation, Paul, Greek, Moses wrote 125,129 words, 27 books, None, (Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John), 39 books, Hebrew, Genesis, 3 John, Mark

Those that were up for the challenge in May: Jane Lechlitter, Marcia Clark, Lana Berg, Doug Cook, and Paula LaPlace.



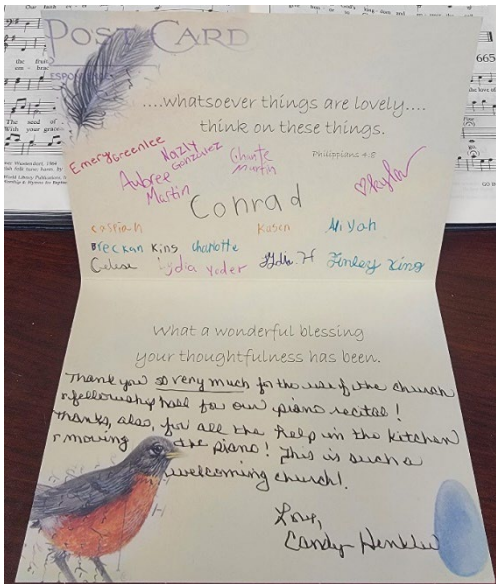
## MISSIONS

**Loose Coin Offerings:** June Loose Coin will go to **Sleep in Heavenly Peace:** The mission statement of Sleep in Heavenly Peace is “No kids sleep on the floor in our town!”. Coins collected will stay in Elkhart County. Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it “loose coin”. Thank You for your generosity.

**Church Community Services:** June... Cereals (hot or cold), Peanut Butter, Jelly, Toilet Paper, Ready to Eat Canned Pasta Meals, Crackers, Hamberger Helpers..... See collection areas by both doors.

## OUR MISSIONS AT WORK...

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



A wonderful thank you from Candy Henkler and her students for the use of our church for their piano recital. Card posted on bulletin board going into fellowship hall.

## Guidance Ministries Thank Yous

Two thank you letters sent to thank our church and Lamplighters Sunday School class for the funds sent in to help their mission. Loose coin collection was \$181.50 and Lamplighters sent \$60. See letters on board leading into fellowship hall.



This picture was lovingly donated to our church by Bonnie Decola and her mother. It has found its forever home in the parsonage dining room.



**Remember in Prayer**  
**Home Bound & Care Home**  
**Bound & Care Facilities:** Jean Green, Margaret Pierce, Patsy Seigler, Jan Slabaugh, Paula Adams, 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.



## ***“Morning Sunshine”***

### **CHILDREN’S MUSIC TIME**

Carolyn Landis is bringing back the children’s music program. Children, grades 5th and younger, 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 the Children’s Message and Children’s Church. If you feel led, please reach out to Miss Carolyn 574-596-8716 to help.



## Joys & Concerns

- Becky Metcalf was joyful that our Cub Scouts went to the District Pinewood Derby and one of our Cub Scouts, Liam, won 1st place!
- Jim Angel asks for prayers for their Great-Granddaughter, Blakely, has broken her arm.
- Cheryl Cabanaw asks for prayers for Avery, who is only 10, who has been diagnosed with diabetes and continued prayers for Shannon who was in and out of the hospital this past week.
- Tammy Bainter asks for prayers for peace and healing for their friend, Chris, who is battling a very aggressive form of cancer and is struggling with his Chemo.
- Brenda Salamander asks for prayers for her cousin, Julie, & her husband, Tom Nottingham. Tom just found out that he has cancer.
- Anita Hoffman asks for prayers that God's will to done for her friend, Bradley.
- Paula LaPlace asks for prayers for Larry Holderbaum who has had heart surgery and has a long recovery ahead.
- Tammy Bainter asks for prayers for neighbors, Frank and Carol Fisher. They are both facing health concerns and need prayers for peace and healing. Also, continued prayers for our friend, Chris, who is battling cancer.
- Prayers of comfort and love for Jim Eggleston, his family and his brother, Ralph. Ralph, who suffers from Alzheimer's, has been diagnosed with cancer that has metastasized throughout his body, and hospice has been called in.
- Prayers for Lisa (Powell) Fabian and her family. Lisa's husband has passed away. Please contact office for address.
- Jill Biller asks for prayers for the friends and family of Jake's, Grandpa, Larry Biller, who passed away this past week.
- Keith Berg was filled with joy to say good morning to Lana for the 20,817th time on Sunday morning. It also happened to be their anniversary.
- Jim Angel was feeling joyful that their granddaughter gave birth to a healthy son, Calvin Christopher.
- Gail asks for prayers for the friends and family of Lisa (Powell) Fabian's husband, who has passed away.
- Marti Stickel is joyful that she became a Great-Great Grandmother at 2:36am Sunday morning to Bennett Micheal.
- Anita is joyful that her friend, Brandley, came home this week.
- Kathy Moyer asks for continued prayers for her friend, Nolie Collins, who is now at The Waters.
- Jackie Ullery asks for prayers for Jemma's aunt, Angie Leatherman, who had complications during a heart procedure.
- Valerie Williams asks for prayers for her uncle Paul Eby, who had a heart attack last week and had to have 3 stints installed.
- Mark Landis wished Candy Henkler happy birthday today (Sunday).
- Little 5-year-old, Anora, needs our prayers and love. She is at Rileys Hospital battling Leukemia. Her mom, Michelle Beard is a friend of our church and can also use prayers as she navigates this new challenge in their lives.
- Cheryl Cabanaw asks for continued prayers for Shannon and her heart issues.
- Kathy Moyer asks for prayers for the friends and family of John Galvin who passed away.
- Pastor Bette asks for prayers for the UMC church in Madison IN. A fire destroyed their church. Prayers for the community and their new pastor.
- Evan Gill asks for prayers for emotional healing for the friends and family of his friend, Troy Scott, who lost his battle with pancreatic cancer on Mother's Day.
- Jim Eggleston is thankful that his brother Sam and his wife Barb are here in worship. Prayers for his other brother Ralph, who passed away this past week, his two sons, one is Aaron Eggleston who is having an especially difficult time.



## JUNE VOLUNTEERS

	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Children's Message</b>	<b>Little's Bible School and Youth Bible School</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	Kristin Farwig	Mark/Angela Cook	LuAnn Pontius	Linda Vest-Maria M. / Jon Pyfer
14 <sup>th</sup>	Kristin Farwig	Jim/Geri Angel	Pastor Bette	Linda Vest- TBD / Jon Pyfer
21 <sup>st</sup>	LuAnn Pontius	Susi/Warren Allender	Becky Metcalf	Jackie Ullery-Jill Biller / Jeff Clark
28 <sup>th</sup>	LuAnn Pontius	Keith/Tammy Bainter	Becky Buss	Jackie Ullery-Jill Biller / Tammy B.
Ushers	Jimmie Johnson, Jon Pyfer, Dave Pontius, Marcia Cook			

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.



### **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

### **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?*



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all about **MY DAD** #1

I love my dad because...

His favorite sport is...

My favorite thing to do with my dad is...

I love it when he...

My dad's favorite food is:

My dad's favorite color is:

Draw a picture of your dad and you!

MY DAD + ME

Love,



# June 2026



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Baugo Last Day of School  12pm Community Luncheon	3  6:30 Creative Homemakers Meet  < ——— Annual Conference—St. Luke's Indy ——— >	4  4-8 Open Quilting  7:00 4-H Meeting	5 National Donut Day  	6
7  8am-UMM Meeting	Green 8 National Best Friends Day  	9	10	11  5pm Lion's Officer Training  <b>5:15 Trustees</b> <b>6:00 Finance</b>	12	13
14  Hall-Metcalf	Green 15  6:30 Lions "President's Night" Banquet	16  8pm UWIF @ McNaughton Park Band Concert	17 National Root Beer Day  	18  4-8 Open Quilting	19 Juneteenth	20 National American Eagle Day  
21  Father's Day	Green 22	23 National Pink Day  	24	25  4-8 Open Quilting	26	27  12-6 Hall-Clark
28  Green	29	30			**Devotions and Drumming 8:30 a.m. Mon, Wed and Fri in Fellowship hall	<b>RED Denotes Committee Meetings</b>