

JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!*

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What is the point of going to church to worship, if we do not have a desire to know God? I have been pondering this lately. I am curious how other people might answer this question. The desire to know God is what separates us, as United Methodists, from all other people who call themselves Christian...or least that's the way it used to be.

When I was first learning about John and Charles Wesley, I was struck by their burning desire to know God. It seemed to me that the Wesley brothers wanted to know God more than anything else. It was the priority of their lives. This burning desire was near obsession. When I studied United Methodist history and the Wesley brothers, I was surprised to learn that the term 'methodist' was used to poke fun at them. It appears that they were so dedicated to getting to know God that their methods may have seemed extreme and unnecessary by the standards of their day.

Their method was to meet daily for devotions, communal gatherings, public worship, and outreach to their neighbors (Knight, 9). In time, you were a methodist by committing to keeping a regular set of practices (praying, searching the scriptures, Holy Communion as often as possible, that we would refer to as spiritual disciplines) and to attend regular weekly meetings to share how keeping these practices was going (much like an accountability group today). This method helped to shape and form a people called Methodist in the early days of this nation. These practices and activities are still being used today. Remember, all these actions start from a burning desire to know God. Is it possible to have a growing faith without a burning desire to know God? I am not sure you can. It seems illogical to me that you would develop spiritual practices whose sole purpose is to have you grow in your knowledge and holiness but not deepen your love of God. It would be like knowing the words of faith but not the depth of love. Faith would be all head knowledge without heart knowledge. I can hear the Apostle Paul right now reminding me of the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians. We need both head and heart knowledge to make our growth authentic and life shaping.

If you have this desire, then you know the difficulty that you find in trying to satisfy this desire on your own. We are made to be in community and anytime in church will demonstrate to you that when the body of faith is gathered in the name of God something happens. Our lives are altered, and our fears are relieved. Peace, God's peace is present for all to hold on to and keep. If you have never had a burning desire to know God, my heart goes out to you, and I pray that one day God ignites that desire deep within you. I pray that we all will find a way through our individual journeys using a 'method' that will keep us learning, moving toward God and sharing with others. If you would like to learn more about a possible method for yourself, please let me know.

PEACE, PASTOR ED

BIRTHDAYS

2	Brad	Ullery
3	Darin	Miller
4	Cheryl	Cabanaw
	Jane	Lechlitner
7	Dave	Pontius
9	Becky	Metcalf
14	Lilliana	Clark
	Nate	Koets
	Fran	Price
18	Hannah	Polston
21	Shane	Stoops
	Kathleen	Stout
22	Gary	Buss
23	Shawn	Angel
24	Bret	Miller
26	Meaghen	Farwig
	Roberta	Mann
27	Ryan	Remaly
28	Tony	Cabanaw

ANNIVERSARIES

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SHAMROCK

St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, "Is this one leaf, or three?" Inevitably, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three Persons — the Holy Trinity.



GOD AMONG OUR BROKENNESS

I am not the only one who sees the underside and God at the same time. There are lots of us, and we are at home in the biblical stories of antiheroes and people who don't get it; beloved prostitutes and rough fishermen. It was here in the midst of my own community of underside dwellers that I couldn't help but begin to see the Gospel, the life-changing reality that God is not far off, but here among the brokenness of our lives. And having seen it, I couldn't help but point it out.
—Nadia Bolz-Weber, Pastrix

Lenten Messages

- Mar. 5th ...lifted up...
- Mar. 12th Diet Coke or Diet Pepsi?
- Mar. 19th Have We Seen the Light?
- Mar. 26th Are We Dead or Yet Alive
- April 2nd Surely Not I?



We will have worship services every night of Holy Week.
April 3rd– April 8th

Seed to Feed Community Class

Getting a head start planning your garden. Learn steps to your successful outdoor garden and take home free seeds following this short class.
Church Community Services
Seed to Feed Greenhouse
907 Oakland Ave.

Tuesday, March 14th 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. no cost
RSVP seedtofeed@churchcommunityservices.org or 574-295-3673

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

Feb	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Children's Church
5 th	Steve Squibb	Keith & Tammy Bainter	Pastor Ed	
12 th	Steve Squibb	Jim & Geri Angel	Jeff Clark	
19 th	Steve Squibb	Alex & Jacob Pyfer	Becky Buss	
26 th	Steve Squibb	Marcia & Marta Clark	LuAnn Pontius	
	USHERS	Jim Angel, Jeff Clark, Tom Cook & Gail Greenlee		

SPEECH

Speech tells a lot of people. Fill in each blank with the person associated with the mentioned speech.

1.	“Surely thou art also one of them; for thy speech betrayeth thee” was said to _____	Matthew 26: 73
2.	The people of Lystra saw _____ heal a cripple, and they said in the speech of Lycaonia, “The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men”.	Acts 14: 11
3.	When Paul preached until midnight, _____ went to sleep and fell from a window on the third loft and was taken for dead.	Acts 20: 7-10
4.	_____ sent to Tekoah for a wise woman and gave her a speech for the king.	2 Samuel 14: 19-20
5.	The speech of _____ “Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to judge thy people” pleased God	1 Kings 3: 9-10
6.	_____ pleaded in his defense with his friends, “Hear diligently my speech, and my declaration with your ears.	Job 13: 17
7.	_____ wrote, “Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge”	Psalms 19: 2
8.	_____ said, “Excellent speech becometh not a fool; much less do lying lips a prince”	Proverbs 17: 7
9.	_____ healed a man with a speech impediment by putting his fingers into the man’s ears, spitting, and touching the man’s tongue.	Mark 7: 32-33
10.	_____ told the Corinthians, “I ... came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God”.	1 Corinthians 2: 1

NAME _____

Return Quiz March 22nd

Answers for “Small Creatures” 1. ants, 2. Conies, 3. Spider’s web, 4. Locusts, 5. Bees, 6. Fly and bee, 7. Gnat, 8. Hornets, 9. Flea, 10. Mice, 11. Lice Those persons challenging themselves: Jim Angel, Lana Berg, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Doug Cook and Jane Lechlitrner

UNITED METHODIST MEN

March 5th at 7:00 a.m.

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON (FORMERLY Senior’s Lunch)

Tuesday March 7th at Noon

Invite your neighbors and friends to join us.

WOMEN OF FAITH

(Formerly United Methodist Women)

March 26th at 7:45 a.m.

TRUSTEES

Doug Cook is new head of Trustees

Parsonage: problems with electric (some of electrical will be done soon), plumbing, venting, furnace

Lighting: Looking into LED lighting for church
Next meeting March 9th at 7:00 p.m.

MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: March Loose Coin will go to **Habitat for Humanity**. At Habitat for Humanity, we build. We build because we believe that everyone, everywhere should have a healthy, affordable place to call home. When a family helps build or improve a place they can call home, they are also building a better community, a better life for themselves. You may donate all month. Just write on the envelope “Loose Coin”. February donations went to Riverview Adult Care. Thank You for your generosity.

CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

March giving; Personal toiletry items; Paper products, T.P., paper towel. The need for donations now is critical. We leverage every donation. For example, a \$100 donation gives us the leverage to purchase \$600 worth of food for the pantry!

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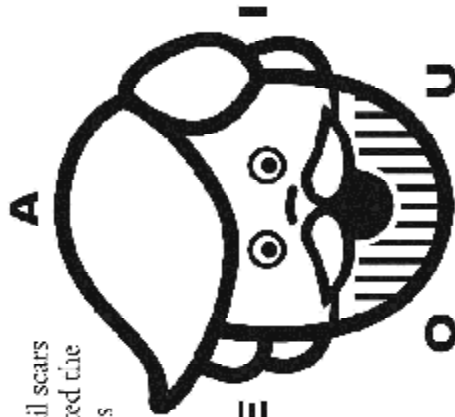


March

PUZZLE

SEEING AND BELIEVING

Until Thomas saw Jesus' nail scars with his own eyes, he doubted the resurrection. What did Jesus tell Thomas?



Directions:

Use the code to fill in the vowels and complete
John 20:29, NIV

"B _ C _ s _ y _ _ h _ v _ s _ n m _ ,

y _ _ h _ v _ b _ l _ _ v _ d ;

bl ss d _ r _ th s _ wh _ h _ v _ n _ t

s _ n _ nd y _ t h _ v _ b _ l _ _ v _ d ."

JOHN 20:29, NIV