

JAMESTOWN TODAY



Building Bridges To The Families Of Our Community!

Jamestown United Methodist Church

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CHURCH STAFF

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Pastor
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- **Kristin Farwig**
Choir Director
- **Geri Angel**
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A word from our pastor...

I am always looking for opportunities for ministry inclusion. Nothing makes me more giddy with delight than to see others experiencing joy from (through) their involvement in ministry with one another and our community. When we meet God in the way that our hearts, minds, and bodies have been created, doing the work God has called us to, we often experience joy in this process. Joy happens as we find ourselves doing the very thing that matches what God has created us for. We find delight in discovery of these gifts.

My friends...the zeal we have been given for these tasks have been placed in us by God. We read about Jesus' zeal for his Father's house – the Temple – and as he cleared it of the people and things that were not honoring his Father, he showed us a kind of zeal for the honor and glory of his Father that we too should be seeking every day. Through our words, actions, thoughts, prayers, and our ministry.

We are called to live out our lives with zeal. My mind recalls watching a man in our church recently who was filling in and running the live stream, and another time when 2 young men filled in a few weeks ago. Both times, the zeal (excitement) for doing ministry in the church was evident. It was a joy for me to be able to witness this. Many, many other similar situations happen on Sundays and all throughout the week!

Maybe you are called to the ministry of listening, or counting, or washing things. Or pushing buttons, or singing, or cleaning, or stitching, or visiting. Or cooking sausage, or serving in the community. Do all of this with joy and zeal! And if so needed, talk to me, or to another trusted leader to discover what new possibilities there are to discover what God is calling you to. Maybe becoming involved in a new ministry. Who knows the possibilities? God knows the infinite possibilities. Be on the lookout for opportunities to encourage, praise, and invite others into ministries. These are BOLO moments. (Be On the Look Out) for ways to invite others to share in new ministries, and to discover new ways to experience this joy of serving.

I am so blessed and privileged to be called by God to lead here at Jamestown United Methodist Church...in Christ's church. Alongside all of you, and together we make a place for people to feel welcomed and loved, accepted and free to discover their own God-given gifts for the furthering of God's beloved kingdom.

Praise be to God!

Amen! With Love,

¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."
-John 2:17

Pastor Bette

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

2	Brad	Ullery	4	Ray & Arletah	Hochstetler	1961
3	Darin	Miller				
4	Cheryl	Cabanaw				
	Jane	Lechlitner				
7	Dave	Pontius				
9	Becky	Metcalfe				
	Bette	Thompson				
11	Tammy	Bainter				
14	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				



Turn your clocks forward, March 9th before you go to bed. You don't want to be late for Worship Service!



LENTEN BREAKFAST SERIES

You are invited to join us for the Lenten Breakfasts Saturday mornings at 8:30 at the following locations:

March 2nd New Hope United Methodist Church

28765 CR 4, Elkhart,

March 9th Faith United Methodist Church

22045 CR 18, Goshen, corner of CR 18 & CR 17

March 16th Jamestown United Methodist Church

59218 CR 3, Elkhart, corner of CR 3 & CR 22

March 23rd Dunlap United Methodist Church

23674 US 33E, Elkhart, corner of US 33 & CR 13

We hope you can join us! We begin at 8:30 a.m.



"Blessed are the cracked, for they shall let in the light." —Groucho Marx

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

Dear JUMC family,
I wanted to give the church an update on granddaughter Nicole. She has started chemo and so far it is going good. She wants to thank Jamestown for all the cards and prayers. All the support is helping her get through this rough time and is very much appreciated. – Roberta Mann



Soup of Success is in desperate need of WOOL sweaters. They must be a minimum of 30% wool in order to work for creating our one-of-a-kind mittens. It doesn't matter if it has shrunk or has a hole or stained. So, when you are doing your closet clean-out or thrift shopping and find wool sweaters, please consider donating to our program! All proceeds are used for training wages for women in our program. We are very low on wool sweaters at this time. Questions call Tammy Bainter, 574-320-6246.

MARCH VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Children's Church
3	Steve Squibb	Keith & Tammy Bainter	Deb Beehler	Franki Bender
10	Steve Squibb	Dave & LuAnn Pontius	Pastor Bette	Franki Bender
17	Steve Squibb	Alex & Jake Pyfer	Kristin Farwig	Franki Bender
24	Steve Squibb	Mark & Angela Cook	Pastor Bette	Franki Bender
31	Steve Squibb	Steve & Kathleen Stout	Jane Rapp	Franki Bender
	USHERS : Marcia Cook, Jimmi Johnson, Dave Pontius & Jon Pyfer			

PUNISHMENT

Sin bears its own punishment. Match each person with the correct punishment.

1.	Gibeonites	Joshua 9: 3-23	a. Became blind
2.	Anathoth	Jeremiah 11: 22-23	b. Stoned and burned
3.	Moses	Numbers 20: 7-12	c. Dropped dead
4.	Ananias	Acts 5: 5	d. Struck dumb
5.	Miriam	Numbers 12: 10	e. Hanged on gallows
6.	Achan	Joshua 7: 24-25	f. Leprosy
7.	Abihu	Leviticus 10: 1-2	g. Rejected by God
8.	Haman	Esther 7: 10	h. Death by sword
9.	Zacharias	Luke 1: 18-20	i. Not allowed to enter Promised Land
10.	Syrians	2 Kings 6: 8, 18	j. Served as wood cutters and water carriers
11.	Saul	1 Samuel 16: 1	k. Devoured by fire

NAME _____

Return Quiz March 25th

Answers for "Prophets"; 1. F, 2. J, 3. H, 4. A, 5. G, 6. C, 7. K, 8. I, 9. D, 10. B, 11. E. Those persons challenging themselves: Jim Angel, Lana Berg, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Doug Cook and Jane Lechlitrer.

TRUSTEES

Elected 2024 Officers: Mark Landis Chairman, Gail Greenlee Secretary

Parsonage: Preliminary electrical work will begin soon. Then the plastering; and finishing electrical.

Other items to consider are: lighting in the church, fence that runs along back of property, handrail for steps to the Altar.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

March 3rd at 7:00 a.m.

Next month April 7th

Invite your neighbors

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

Hope to see you on March 5th at NOON

Our April luncheon is April 2nd

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

(Formerly United Methodist Women)

We will be meeting March 24th at 7:45 a.m.

Susanna's Kitchen

We are collecting gently used winter coats and blankets. And we always need large containers of canned vegetables and instant potatoes.

MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: March Loose Coin will go to our Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts have been a part of our ministry for a couple years. We also have a Daisy Troop. These groups meet every other week during the school year. Your donation helps offset some of their expenses for camp, and other events,... Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". February donations of \$65.00 went to our Cub Scout Pack 787. Thank You for your generosity.

CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

March giving: Canned meat and meal prep boxes. Soup of all kinds! We (CCS) leverage every donation. For example, a \$100 donation gives us the leverage to purchase \$600 worth of food for the pantry!

SUSANNA'S KITCHEN

SK is serving lunch to 60-70 people Mon-Fri. This year's budget is \$53,000. They can always use: Instant Potatoes, Elbow Macaroni, Noodles, Lemonade Mix, Cream of Celery or Chicken Soup.



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.

CONGREGATION INFORMATIVE MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 10th soon after Fellowship Time begins, in the Fellowship Hall.

General Conference will be meeting at April 23rd -May 3rd. What does that mean for us at Jamestown United Methodist Church? We will receive information about what major items will be voted on. We will learn how these things impact the United Methodist Church as a whole, and Jamestown UMC. It is important for us to be aware of and prepared for what is to take place in the United Methodist church. Bring your questions. We hope this will not last longer than 40 minutes. There will be other times to discuss these items as well.

General Conference is the top policy-making body of The United Methodist Church. The assembly meets at the beginning of each quadrennium to consider revisions to church law, as well as adopt resolutions on current moral, social, public policy and economic issues. It also approves plans and budgets for church-wide programs for the next four years.

Delegates from Africa, Europe, Asia and the U.S. will attend the 11-day gathering, which is expected to attract about 5,500-7,500 people.

United Methodists' understanding of General Conference can range from complete unawareness to deep appreciation to frustrated confusion. It is important for us+ to understand what the General Conference is, its purpose and its impact. We want everyone to feel informed and connected.



March 24th – 31st

Look for announcements about upcoming Worship services during Holy Week.



Easter Egg Hunt

For our Children & Grandchildren
Date to be determined
More details coming soon

One intriguing person in the Passion account is the thief on the cross whom Jesus promised a same-day entrance to paradise (Luke 23:43). Pastor and radio host Alistair Begg says he can't wait to meet that man and ask how everything unfolded. You were cussing (Jesus) out with your friend," Begg says. "You've never been baptized. You didn't know a thing about church membership, and yet you made it!"

In a sermon, Begg pictures an imaginary angel at the pearly gates, growing frustrated during the sinful thief's entrance interview.

After receiving no clear answers from the thief about doctrines such as justification, the angel finally asks, "On what basis are you here?" The thief simply replies, "The man on the middle cross said I can come."



Life & Fun At Jamestown



PLANT, WATER, GROW

Building a faith community takes work. How did the church in Corinth come to be?

Directions: Use the code to fill in the words and complete a teaching of the apostle Paul.

KEY



= God

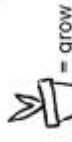


= seed

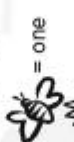


= planted

= watered



= grow



= one



= anything



= only

I _____ the _____, Apollos _____ it,

but _____ has been making it _____

So neither the _____ who plants nor the

_____ who waters is _____

but _____, who makes things _____

1 Corinthians 3:6-7, NIV