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Families Of Our Community!*

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CHURCH STAFF

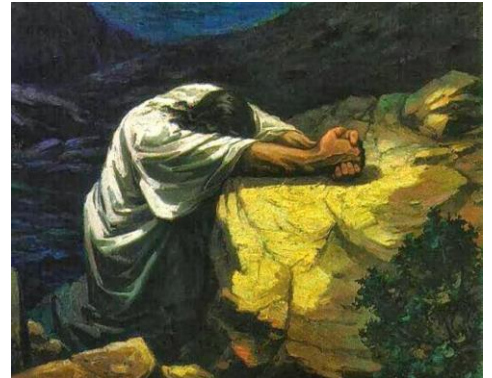
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A few words from Pastor Bette....

On recent Sundays during worship, I have felt led to pray while kneeling at the front rail. And this leads me to ponder whether this is a requirement for prayer? I was nurtured in the Roman Catholic church and as a grade school child, we spent much time on our knees during the weekly Mass on Sundays. It's just what you did. Even at night-time, while positioned at the



edge of your bed. So...this picture really moves me to consider what prayer is, and how can we best follow Jesus' example as we consider how he might have prayed.

Obviously, this is merely an artist's rendition, and I have not been successful in locating the name of the original artist. But I love the details in this picture. We read in the gospel accounts that Jesus made prayer a priority and went by himself to pray often. We know Jesus struggled a great deal while he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. The gospel writer Luke tells us "And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground." (Luke 22:44 NIV)

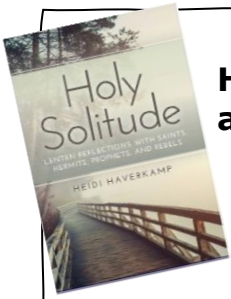
I heard a pastor once say that prayer is like having a life-long conversation with God. Like any relationship, work and care is required, among many things. Here, in this picture we see an image of a man (Jesus) kneeling, and in serious commitment, it appears.

Jesus not only struggled for us, but endured suffering for us. His love for us is apparent in his life, his words, and the example he set in showing us what love looks like. The act of kneeling shows submission to God's will, humility, and reverence. The act of kneeling in prayer is often a sign of the posture of our hearts. Some folks are unable to kneel physically, but how does one know the posture of our hearts? This is what I believe, the Lord looks at – the internal position of our hearts. What is it on the inside that brings us to our internal knees?

Regardless of which prayer posture works for you, these thoughts leave us with so much to reflect upon! During this season of Lent, may we be moved to pray more often, more deeply, and to yearn earnestly for this communication with God. It is my prayer that we are moved to a deeper longing for an authentic relationship with God.

Blessings and love to you, my friends,

Pastor Bette



Lenten Bible Study

Holy Solitude: Lenten Reflections with Saints, Hermits, Prophets, and Rebels by Heidi Haverkamp

Class will meet Monday mornings, 9:30am beginning March 10th and Tuesday evenings 6:30 beginning March 11th. Books are available – cost ranges \$7-\$14.

The book *Holy Solitude* invites readers to explore and practice solitude as always to love God, self, and neighbor better. Through prayer and silence and through fasting and speaking truth to injustice. This daily Lenten devotional will guide the Bible Study to discover many different mentors of solitude, from Hagar to Antony the Great to Julian of Norwich to Howard Thurman. Each week of Lent addresses an aspect of solitude as a spiritual discipline, helping the reader make a sort of progression through solitude as silence, struggle, journey, hospitality and resistance to busy-ness. Please call the church office or Pastor Bette if you would like to attend or have questions. 574-293-3905 or 574-229-7810.

BIRTHDAYS

2	Brad Ullery
3	Darin Miller
4	Cheryl Cabanaw
	Jane Lechlitner
7	Dave Pontius
9	Becky Metcalf
	Pastor Bette
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
	Robert Mann
27	Ryan Remaly
28	Tony Cabanaw

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We need you to volunteer to help lead our children during the worship service. Our children are dismissed following the Choir Anthem to go downstairs to participate in Children's Church. So it is only about 25 minutes. Lesson plans are chosen and ready for you. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall entry. Thank you for prayerfully considering helping!



MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: March Loose Coin will go to our Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts continue to be a part of our ministry here at JUMC. 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 \$241.80 went to the Cub Scouts. Thank You for your generosity.

CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

March... Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Soups, Hot or Cold Cereal, Hamburger Helper, Peanut Butter and Jelly....

ANNIVERSARIES

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Pastor Bette will begin observing Fridays regularly as her "day of rest." [or Sabbath] This will give her the time needed for personal worship, prayer, and holy time to listen to how God is leading her and Jamestown United Methodist Church. Of course, if there is an emergency, the church office can get in contact with her.

Bible Scramble: Unscramble the letters in each word to discover the passage. Solution in next month's newsletter.

NDA LJIEHA SIDA UTON RHE, RFEA TON; OG NDA OD SA UTOH TSHA
 SIDA: UTB MKEA EM TROHFEE A TTLIE KECA TSRIF, NDA RNIGB TI UTON
 EM, NDA TRFEA MKEA ROF EEHT NDA ROF YTH NOS. ROF UTSH TSIHA
 EHT ROLD OGD FO SRLIEA, EHT RRLEBA FO MLEA SLLHA TON WTSEA,
 TRNIHEE SLLHA EHT USREC FO OLI LIFA, UTNLI EHT YDA TTHA EHT ROLD
 TSNHEED RNIA NOPU EHT TRHEA.

NAME: _____

Return by February 28th

Answers:

Those that were up for the challenge in February: Doug Cook, Jane Lechlitrer, Marta & Marcia Cook, Lana Berg, Jim Angel, Paula LaPlace

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Children's Church
2 nd .	Jeff Clark	Mark & Angela Cook	Marta Clark	LuAnn Pontius and Cheryl Cabanaw
9 th	Jeff Clark	Mark & Carolyn Landis	Pastor Bette	LuAnn Pontius and Jane Rapp
16 th	Linda Vest	Doug Cook & Maria Moleski	Linda Vest	<i>TBD</i>
23 rd	LuAnn Pontius	Gail Greenlee & Jill Biller	Pastor Bette	<i>TBD</i>
30 th	LuAnn Pontius	Steve & Kathleen Stout	Lann Pontius	<i>TBD</i>
Ushers	Jimmie Johnson, Jon Pyfer, Dave Pontius, Marcia Cook			

POSITION OPEN AT JUMC

A Piano accompanist is needed for our weekly Wed. night choir rehearsal, Sunday morning services and special programs. Please help spread the word! Anyone interested may call Deb Beehler, 574-596-7624 or the church office, 574-293-3905.

OUR MISSIONS AT WORK...

We have received words of thanks from the following:

- Jackie Ullery thanking everyone for their generous donations for the Baugo Christmas family Gifts.
- RETA Pregnancy Clinic.
- Riverview Adult Day Health Center.
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace

Please see posted thank you cards.

Remember in Prayer

Home Bound & Care Facilities: Jean Green, Margaret Pierce, Patsy Seigler, and Arletah Hochstetler

Ongoing Health Concerns: Kathy Eggleston, Betty Griffin, Betty Hershberger, Lora Mahler, Wanda McCartney, Ed & Sue Raab, Jan Slabaugh, Linda Squibb & Marti Stickel.

Prayer Requests

- Friends and family of Wilma Plotner, who has passed away.
- Friends and family of Dick Kauffman, who has passed away.
- Prayers for the Mike Fisher family.
- Jessica Siebert, who has a broken arm and needs surgery.
- Jemma Ullery asked for prayers for her Grandma Meriem for physical healing.
- Aspen's (Jemma's friend) family needs comfort as Great Grandma is close to passing.
- Mariam Letherman is in the hospital dealing with heart failure.
- Paige Miller has been in and out of the hospital recently.
- Frank and Carol Fisher - Frank is having cancer surgery Tuesday.
- Kevin and Stacy Fisher - Stacy is currently undergoing her second round of chemo that requires a 5 day stay in the hospital for the lymphoma found in her brain.
- Bobby, a scout leader's husband, struggle with Pneumonia.
- Nancy, Becky Buss' sister, in hospital with Pneumonia.
- Brian, Becky Buss' brother, has a spot on his lung.
- Marg Krallman is having tests ran in hopes of having back surgery soon.
- Friends and family of Beth Nusbaum, of Louisiana, who has passed away. She is the mother of Shell (Bradley) Hall.
- Brad Hall, one of our quilters here at JUMC, is asking for prayers for the flooding victims down in TN and KY. He is from Greasy Creek KY, and that area has been hit very hard.
- Traveling mercies for Gary and Becky Buss as they travel to Arizona.
- Nancy, Becky's sister, is home from the hospital and recovering well.
- Pastor Bette asked for prayers for safe travels as they went to Peru, IN Sunday. I'm happy to report that she has returned to us safely.
- Prayers for Sandy Oakley who is rehab in Mishawaka.



Scout Sunday



Our favorite Clark sisters sending out the college care packages.



Fran supporting our Girl Scouts.

To you:

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

Next breakfast, April 6 at 7:30 a.m.

Invite your neighbors.

Following month breakfast, May 4th

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

SAVE THE DATES: May 3rd The UWIF will be selling their fantastic baked goods at the UMM's breakfast. Don't miss this opportunity to load up on some goodies.

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

April Carry-In is Tuesday the 1st at Noon.

May Carry-In is Tuesday the 5th at Noon.

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

Some of you may know we only have 2 people and the Pastor 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?

Announcements/Acknowledgements

- Gary & Becky celebrate 53 years of marriage.
- Reminder that altar flowers need to be paid for before the flowers are ordered. Either pay with an envelope when giving tithes or contact the office. Also, leave your name on altar flower poster so the office is aware of who is ordering.
- It has been requested that the tithe envelopes not be sealed. That includes licking the envelopes or using tape. Please contact the with any questions.
- A big thank you to Mark Landis for his due diligence in making sure that we had heat and power for last Sunday's Service.



Our Precious Sandra Metcalf!



Keith & Emory hanging out.

Cookie decorating with Pastor Bette



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