

JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!*

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Spring Cleaning!

May the Grace and Peace of a Risen Savior be upon you and bless you richly! My prayer continues to be for your peace, joy and love!

Spring is slowly coming upon us and we are in the habit of changing what we do and sometimes how we do it. We usually put away the snow blowers (I hope) and snow shovels (maybe) in the garage or someplace that is intended to be kept out of sight and hopefully out of mind. We pull out the lawn mower and sometimes yard equipment of some kind in order to start doing the work associated with yards that come alive. We tend to pick up the dead and dropped branches lying about the yard in order to get rid of them. Sometimes we plant flowers or transplant plants we brought into the house for the winter so that our plants might flourish in the sun light and soil.

I heard about a family who lived a few miles from where I grew up that did a lot of "spring cleaning". As the story was told to me, in the days before electricity, a certain family for many generations would host some great parties and barbeques throughout the summer and into the fall. They were really well known for their gatherings. Neighbors would come from around the county to have a good time. When electricity was coming out to their road, many people in the area were excited and looking forward to it. A number of the neighbors were even looking forward to being at these wonder parties at night.

When the day arrived that the electric was ran to this particular family's house, a number of folks from the surrounding farms came over to see. With a great count down, the switch was flipped and BANG above the gasps was a very loud scream. The moment the lights came on all of the dirt from the fields and the soot from the Kerosene lamps came into sharp view. They had always thought and so did everyone else that they were a clean family. As quickly as it came on, the lights were shut off and everyone was asked to leave.

The next day, as it was told to me, everyone member of that family, including all of the cousins, came to the house and started to clean! From the top to the very bottom, every surface was scrubbed and in some instances a new coat of paint was applied. The next Saturday, when folks from the surrounding farms came by to see the light, the inside of the house was just as shiny as the outside of the house.

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BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES



6	Sharon	Hirstein	10	Keith & Lana	Berg	1969
	Arletah	Hochstetler	14	Al & Joan	Stealy	1957
7	Deb	Scoggins	15	Mark & Carolyn	Landis	1982
8	Brenda	Salmander	19	Jeff & Cheryl	Cabanaw	1987
10	Lucas	Larson				
13	Mark	Landis				
	Jim	Starkey				
	Nila	Young				
14	Joan	Stealy				
15	Joyce	Cook				
19	Josh	Clark				
	Kylee	Vogel				
24	Cindy	Campbell				
26	Clo	McIntosh				
	Sally	Franklin				
27	Rhonda	Clark				
	Ed	Raab				
30	Bruce	Clark				
	Jon	Pyfer				

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As it was told to me, the walls were so bright you could hardly look at them without squinting. To this day, the descendants of that family still practice a spring cleaning where they scrub the entire house top to bottom scrubbing every surface and in some instances applying a new coat of paint.

When our failings and short comings are pointed out to us either by the light of a new awareness or through the intervention of someone who loves us, we tend to become defensive. The Psalmist tells us that humility and acceptance of God’s grace is vital to the creation of a clean heart. (Ps 51:1-10) In the case of my Grandparent’s neighbor, they chose to address this problem head on rather than avoid it or pretending that it did not exist. They did not feel shame or humiliation but determination to fix the cleanliness of their home and lives. Living today is tough and it is easy to fall into bad habits which may have started out as good ones. It is easy for our hearts to become hardened and cold because we just can’t cope.

Yet, as a people of faith in Jesus Christ, we know that there is a “more excellent way” to live life. (1Cor 12:31) Do we know it? Do we accept it? Do we live it? When the lights came on for you and you knew the grace and love of a Risen Savior, did you change your life?

I would invite you to do some “spring cleaning “of your hearts and lives. I would invite you to begin again a life of service, sacrifice, and LOVE. There is a better way. Come and See.

PEACE, PASTOR ED



Please welcome Pastor Bette Thompson and her husband Rich to JUMC. Her first worship service with us will be Sunday, July 9th. You can view recorded services of Pastor Bette on Facebook at Parkview UMC Worship or on their website at www.peruparkviewumc.org. See Deb Beehler or LuAnn Pontius if you would like to contribute to a welcome basket.

MAY VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Children's Church
7 th	LuAnn Pontius	Nate & Julie Koets	Pastor Ed	Marcia Clark
14 th	LuAnn Pontius			Marcia Clark
21 st	LuAnn Pontius	Doug Cook & Maria Moleski		Marcia Clark
28 th	LuAnn Pontius			Marcia Clark
	USHERS	Jim Angel, Jeff Clark Tom Cook & Gail Greenlee		



All Church Luncheon

Hosted by Women of Faith
 We will be serving soup and a salad topping it off with dessert.
 Serving begins at 11:00 a.m.
 Hope to see you then!!
 Women of Faith (formerly UMW)

WHERE FOUND?

Each of the following people were found "under" something.

Match the person with where he was found.

1.	Nathanael	John 1: 48	a. Burdens of Egyptians
2.	Elijah	1 Kings 19: 4	b. Grace
3.	Deborah	Judges 4: 4-5	c. God's wings
4.	Jonah	Jonah 4: 6	d. Fig tree
5.	Israelites	Exodus 6: 6	e. Juniper tree
6.	Moses	Exodus 18: 5-7	f. Pillars
7.	Ruth	Ruth 2: 12	g. Sin
8.	Jews & Gentiles	Romans 3: 9	h. Yoke
9.	Christians	Romans 6: 15	i. A tent
10.	Servants	1 Timothy 6: 1	j. Palm tree
11.	Samson & Philistines	Judges 16: 29-30	k. Gourd vine

NAME _____

Return Quiz May 22nd

Answers for "...Died for?" 1. D, 2. J, 3. I, 4. E, 5. H, 6. B, 7. K, 8. C, 9. F, 10. G, 11. A Those persons challenging themselves: Lana Berg, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark and Jane Lechlitner

UNITED METHODIST MEN

May 7th at 7:00 a.m.

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

Tuesday May 2nd at Noon

Invite your neighbors and friends to join us.

WOMEN OF FAITH

(Formerly United Methodist Women)

May 21st at 11:00 a.m.

Women will be hosting a Soup & Salad lunch for everyone.

CHURCH ORGANIST

JUMC has an opening for a Church Organist for Sunday Services. There are also openings for Organist and Pianist substitutes. Please help get the word out. Anyone interested can call the church for more information. Thank You.

MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: May Loose Coin will go to The Elkhart County Women's Shelter. You may donate anytime this month. Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". Thank You for your generosity! (ECWS) is the only domestic violence shelter in Elkhart County. Many shelters also provide services such as alcohol and drug rehab treatment along with clinics, and best of all supportive housing options You may donate all month. Just write on the envelope "Loose Coin". April donations of \$27.50 went to Center for Community Justice. Thank You for your generosity.

CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

May giving; canned meats, boxed meal helpers, vegetables. 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!

FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE

There are two kinds of envelopes in your set. One is black (you have 52) and one is Red (you have 12 of them). The black one is for your weekly/monthly giving to our budget items; gas, electric, lawncare, postage, office supplies, permits, ... The red one is for you to designate where you want your donation to go; building improvements, parking lot, heat & a.c. replacement/maintenance, kitchen improvements, families in need,....

If you should put your donation into a red envelope and do not designate where it is to go, the money counters will put it with the budget money.

Any giving **MUST** be in an envelope for you to receive credit on your statement. If you want your donation to go to a specific/designated fund, please write it on the **envelope** as we sometimes miss it when it is written on the check. Our offering counters continually receive designated giving that is not clearly defined on the check or envelope. There are a few extra envelopes in the pews for those times you forget your's.

Thank You, Becky & Allen
co-chair Finance Committee

INDIANA UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME IN LEBANON

Thank you for your generosity and dedication to the work of IUMCH. Because of donors like you, we celebrated high school graduation of 15 youths in 2022. Many of our graduates are pursuing post-secondary education in our new Independent Living Learning Lab, and 8 were awarded postsecondary scholarships. Thank you for your partnership in our children's ministry.

BASHOR HOME

At Bashor Children's Home, we nurture God's most precious gift; His children. We work with children who have been through horrendous storms in their lives, They may have been abused, neglected, have addiction problems, or have no family to take care of them. As a result, they have become withdrawn, angry, or guarded. The "dirt" they have encountered in their young lives is with them when they come to Bashor. Every day we work with these children to help them wash away this dirt and help them discover their true beauty beneath it. We help children to love themselves, trust others, and care about the world around them. We help children find joy and a sense of peace. We do this by showing them unconditional love.

These children talk about their past. They talk about things that would make you cringe from even the thought of it happening to someone in your family. We have an opportunity to make a difference in their lives and give them "Help for Today and Hope for Tomorrow". Here is a note from a parent:

My wife and I wanted to THANK YOU all at Bashor for helping our son along his road. He began at Bashor immediately upon us moving to Elkhart. (He had been in a similar private school situation since 1st Grade). While he does have a long (and hopeful) road ahead of him, we'll always look back fondly on our time working with you all to prepare him for the mainstream classroom. Your gift really does make a difference in the lives of the children and families we serve. Thank you once again for your support of our ministry.

Steve Riikonen and Sean McCrindle

CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

2023 is the 55th year of CCS serving Elkhart County.

2023 is the 25th year of Soup of Success empowering women to make a positive change.

Just like CCS has helped revitalize so many people's lives, we will be revamping our campus with needed upgrades to our facilities, including additions of classrooms, roof, HVAC, food storage, buying needed equipment and more. **In the years to come, more high schoolers will learn, more parents will cook, more families will stay in their homes, and more people will be fed, all because of you!! The work we do every day will be marvelously magnified with your help.**




PUZZLE

Wind, fire & spirit

Acts 2 describes the amazing events of Pentecost, when the apostles received the Holy Spirit.

Directions: The last letter(s) of each word is the beginning letter of the next. Fill in the missing words to complete Acts 2:1-4, NIV.

1. H E A V Y _ _ _
 2. _ _ A B L E _ _
 3. _ _ A Y O F P I E N T E C O S _ _
 4. _ _ O N G U E _ _
 5. _ _ P I R I T _ _
 6. _ _ O G E T H E _ _
 7. _ _ E S _ _
 8. _ _ O N G U E _ _
 9. _ _ A _ _
 10. _ _ I N D _ _
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"When the _____³ came, they were all _____⁶ in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent _____¹⁰ came from _____¹ and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They _____⁹ what seemed to be _____⁴ of fire that separated and came to _____⁷ on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy _____⁵ and began to speak in other _____⁸ as the Spirit _____² them."

ACTS 2:1-4, NIV