

# JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The  
Families Of Our Community!*

## Jamestown United Methodist Church

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### CHURCH STAFF

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### A GRATEFUL HEART IN THE MIDST OF CHANGE

*Hello, my wonderful church family!*

*In an age where communication can be easy to forget and can be confusing with all of the digital enhancements, I want to take a moment to share my heartfelt thanks for the incredible outpouring of love, support, and appreciation I've received from each one of you during these past months. Especially recently during Pastor Appreciation. Your gifts, cards, vegetables, surprise baked goodies, and kind words have meant the world to me, and I couldn't be more grateful.*

*October was not only an occasion to express your appreciation, but it was also a reminder of the strong bond that connects us. The cards, emails, and messages Rich and I received were like a virtual hug that transcended physical boundaries. It's amazing how technology can bring us closer, even alongside more traditional ways of communicating.*

*It's amazing to see that the spirit of love can be conveyed just as genuinely through a digital message as it can through a handwritten note.*

*But it's not just about the medium; it's about the sentiment behind it. Your words of encouragement, prayers, and expressions of love have touched my heart deeply. They serve as a constant reminder of the incredible privilege it is to serve as your Senior Pastor.*

*As we navigate the coming months together, let's continue to embrace and support one another. It is this love that people are so attracted to – and are desperately searching for in this world. Let's remain united in faith. United in love. United in our walk with Jesus our Lord. May we look more and more like him in all things,*

*Once again, thank you for your generosity, thoughtfulness, and love shown to me and Rich. It is an honor to serve alongside such an amazing congregation, and I look forward to the journey ahead as we continue to grow in faith and fellowship.*

*Blessings and love,*

*Pastor Bette & Rich*

*And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

*-the apostle Paul  
(1 Cor. 13: 13)*

**BIRTHDAYS**

4	Heather Denton
	Gail Greenlee
6	Jacob Koets
10	Jackson Cook
	Paul Slabaugh
11	Bob Tierney
12	Hilary Ward
13	Jim Eggleston
16	Erin Miller
18	Lana Berg
21	Frankie Bender
23	Jane Rapp
24	Tim Leatherman
26	Keith Bainter
27	Sarah Miller

**ANNIVERSARIES**

6	Carl & Jane Lechlitner	1966
21	Mark & Angela Cook	1998

**BIBLE STUDY**

Beginning Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. (we will discuss this start time then). This book delves into the Psalms, especially the Psalms of Ascents – Psalm 120 – 134  
 You do not need to be present every week. Pastor Bette will have several books available for you. These books will cost \$7. - \$8. Please bring your bibles, we will be delving deeply in scripture. This study should last 10 – 12 weeks.  
 There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Center.

**SUSANNA'S KITCHEN**

We are short of many food items we use on a regular basis;  
 Instant Potatoes  
 Elbow Macaroni  
 Noodles  
 Lemonade Mix  
 Cream of Celery Soup  
 Cream of Chicken Soup  
 They serve 60-70 people at every meal. So, large size packages of these items are needed.

They are also collecting gently used winter coats and blankets. (If you have the small light weight ones, please sew two together). They are starting to take donations for their Thanksgiving Dinner meat.

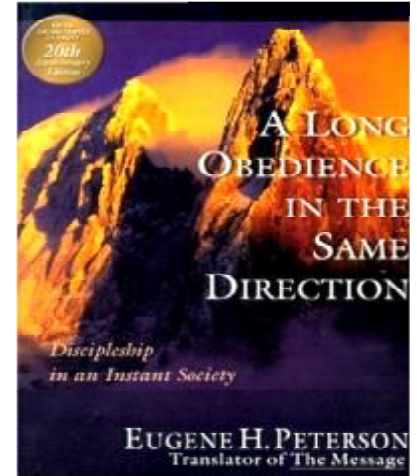
Jamestown Choir is hosting a Community Choir Cantata. Everyone is welcome to sing with us. Invite your friends & neighbors to join us. Rehearsals are Wednesday following choir practice 6:45-7:30 pm We will be sharing: ***"An Evening in December"*** ***Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>***



So proud of Roger on his baptism Oct 22nd

**NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS**

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Children's Church
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Clark	Larry Pappas & Steve Squibb	LuAnn Pontius	Frankie Bender
12 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Clark	Marty & Robin Richard	Pastor Bette	Frankie Bender
19 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Clark	Jill Biller & Gail Greenlee	Carolyn Landis	Frankie Bender
26 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Clark	Maria Moleski & Doug Cook	Marta Clark	Frankie Bender
	<b>USHERS</b>	Jim Angel, Jeff Clark, Tom Cook & Gail Greenlee		



If you have driven past JUMC in the evening and wondered why are there so many vehicles in the parking lot? This is a busy place! Every other Monday we have Girl Scouts in the late afternoon; Tuesday is Cub Scouts; Wednesday is Daisy Troop, & Choir; Thursday is Boy Scouts & Open Quilting; not to mention our many committee meetings, 4-H, Creative Homemakers. Yes it's great to have so much activity here. Just keep in mind before you plan an unscheduled meeting call the office to be sure the room you want is available.

# DRAGONS

Dragons are mentioned in the Bible infrequently.  
Fill in each blank with the person or object associated with a dragon.

1.	Jeremiah complained because _____ had crushed him like a dragon.	Jeremiah 51: 34
2.	Ezekiel called _____ the great dragon.	Ezekiel 29: 3
3.	_____ had a vision in which frogs came out of the dragon.	Revelations 16: 13
4.	_____ said, "I am a brother to dragons, and a companion to owls".	Job 30: 29
5.	Jeremiah said God would make _____ a de of dragons.	Jeremiah 9: 11
6.	Jeremian said _____ would be made a dwelling place for dragons.	Jeremiah 51: 37
7.	Isaiah said _____ the dragon would be killed in the sea.	Isaiah 27: 1
8.	Moses said Israel's enemies' _____ is the poison of dragons.	Deuteronomy 32: 33
9.	Jeremiah likened the famine to mules which snuffed up the _____ like dragons.	Jeremiah 14: 6
10.	John said the _____ received his power from the dragon.	Revelations 13: 2

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Return Quiz November 25<sup>th</sup>

Answers for "" 1. Lois, 2. Lot, 3. Rachel, 4. Ruth, 5. Thomas, 6. Abel, 7. Mark, 8. Noah, 9. Esther, 10. Eli, 11. Bathsheba  
Those persons challenging themselves: Jim Angel, Lana Berg, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Paula LaPlace and Jane Lechlitner.

## TRUSTEES

**Parsonage:** Have received several quotes for finishing the electrical, plaster/drywall, finish floors and basement leaking.

**Church:** Considering a hand-rail from Sanctuary floor to the altar.

### UNITED METHODIST MEN

November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 a.m.

December 3<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 p.m.

Invite your neighbors

### COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

Hope to see you at November 7<sup>th</sup>

And mark your calendars for December 5<sup>th</sup>  
for our next carry-in.

### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

**(Formerly United Methodist Women)**

November 26<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting at 7:45 a.m.

## MISSIONS

**Loose Coin Offerings:** November Loose Coin will go to our Christmas Baskets to provide Ham or/and Turkey. Every year we sponsor several families in the Baugo area. We give them gifts, food, meat. You may donate anytime this month. Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". October donations of \$103.00 went to CROP Walk. Thank You for your generosity.

### CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

November giving; Bring in sugar, spices, hot cereal, and Canned Meat. The need for donations now is critical. Also, if you have extra plastic grocery bags, they could use them to pack up items for their clients. We leverage every donation. For example, a \$100 donation gives us the leverage to purchase \$600 worth of food for the pantry!

If you would like to make a donation, visit our website at [churchcommunityservices.org](http://churchcommunityservices.org) and click on the Donate button today.

## FROM SUPERINTENDENT MARTI LUNDY THANKember

If there is one month out of the 12 to remind us of the incredible power of gratitude, it should be November.

All Saints Day (11.1)—grateful for the Cloud of Witnesses that have pointed us to Jesus Christ  
Veterans Day (11.11)—grateful for those that wear the military uniform and the sacrifices they make

Thanksgiving Day (11.23)—grateful for the blessings that sustain life, family and community  
United Methodist Student Day (11.26)—grateful for our Church's emphasis on education and lifelong learning

As Diana Buter Bass says in *Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks*, "Gratitude is not about stuff. Gratitude is the emotional response to the surprise of our very existence, to sensing that inner light and realizing the astonishing sacred, social, and scientific events that brought each one of us into being. We cry out like the psalmist, 'I am fearfully and wonderfully made!' (Ps. 139:14)." My hope and prayer is that we will take the moments of this month and be aware of our very exciting existence at the hands of our loving God.

If you wonder how to improve your gratitude quotient, begin with writing old-school thank you notes. I have found taking the time to write a pen and paper note does wonders in making me aware of all the gifts I receive. Gifts of other people's time. Gifts of graciousness that could have been easily overlooked. Gifts of a giving God that I don't want to take for granted. Writing these notes early and often help me live a grateful life 12 months a year.

Happy THANKember!

*Marti*


## LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Interested in learning more about Lay Servant Ministries in the North District? Hillcrest United Methodist Church will host a one-hour meeting on November 18.

## MUCH FUN WAS HAD BY ALL AT OUR FALL HARVEST PARTY








# PUZZLE

## THANKS-FILLED GIVING


The virtues of gratefulness and generosity are connected.  
 When we're truly thankful for all God provides, we want to sow  
 generous seeds in other people's lives. What will be the harvest?

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**Directions:** Solve the clues associated with each picture. Then write the  
 words in the correct spaces to complete 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV.




This becomes a plant \_\_\_\_\_




Willing to give \_\_\_\_\_



The result of planting seeds \_\_\_\_\_



The act of gratitude \_\_\_\_\_



Food made from wheat \_\_\_\_\_

Now he who supplies \_\_\_\_\_ to the sower and \_\_\_\_\_ for food will also  
 supply and increase your store of \_\_\_\_\_ and will enlarge the \_\_\_\_\_  
 of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be  
 \_\_\_\_\_ on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result  
 in \_\_\_\_\_ to God. 2 Corinthians 9:10-11, NIV