

JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!*

Jamestown

United Methodist Church

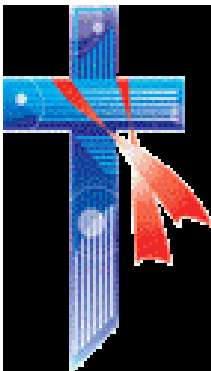
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CHURCH STAFF

- **Bette Thompson**
Pastor
- **Tammy Bainter**
Administrative
Assistant
- **Kristin Farwig**
Choir Director
- **Sandra Metcalf**
Organist/Pianist
- **Diana Cook**
Pianist
- **Geri Angel**
Custodian

A word from Pastor Bette...

Living Generously in Every Area of Life

Isn't it wonderful that we are redeemed and loved by a Heavenly Father who calls us "Beloved?" As God's own beloved people, we are called to live as faithful stewards of all that He has placed in our care. Stewardship is the joyful recognition that everything we have comes from God—our time, our talents, our possessions, and even the words we speak (our witness). Each of these gifts is an opportunity to glorify God and serve others through generosity and love.

"But now, I want to lay out a far better way for you."

- 1 Corinthians 29:31b

Financial stewardship is one practical way in which we express our faith. When we give from what God has entrusted to us, we participate in His ongoing ministry. Our offerings sustain the work of the church, support missions near and far, and help extend Christ's love to those who need it most. Yet stewardship goes far beyond what we place in the offering plate—it shapes how we live each day. We are also stewards of our words and actions. The way we speak to one another, the encouragement we offer, and the deeds of kindness we perform all reveal the condition of our hearts. Loving stewardship means using every resource—our voices, our hands, and our finances—to build up the body of Christ and bless our neighbor and our community.

As we move through this season of reflection, let us prayerfully ask how God is calling each of us to live into a deeper sense of generosity. May our giving be cheerful, our words be overflowing in grace, and our actions be filled with love, so that in all things, Christ may be lifted high through us.

I would love to hear your thoughts and feedback. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, or comments.

Blessings and love,

Pastor Bette



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

♥ ANNIVERSARIES ♥

6	Carl & Jane Lechlitrer	1966
18	Warren & Susi Allender	1978
21	Mark & Angela Cook	1998



NEW BIBLE STUDY

This session we are diving deep into the Book of Revelation. This is a 14-week study. There is a donation of \$10 for materials. We meet on Mondays at 9:30am and Tuesdays at 6:30pm. All are invited! Please call the church office or Pastor Bette if you would like to attend or if you have any questions. 574-293-3905 or 574-229-7810.

A NEW WAY TO DONATE!

We are excited to announce a new way to give to not only JUMC but our Preschool. We have teamed with VANCO to set up the on-line payment system on our website. Simply go to www.jamestownumc.org and scroll down the left side of the page until you see the buttons marked:

[Click for JUMC Online Giving](#)

[For Preschool Online Giving](#)

Then for JUMC giving, simply click on the "General Fund" button and follow the prompts. You can use your debit/credit card or enter your account/routing information and make a one-time payment or set up autopay. Down the road, there may be different buttons other than "General Fund" to choose from. Please call the church office with any questions.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We need you to help lead our children & teens during the worship service. Our children are dismissed following the Choir Anthem to go downstairs to participate in Teen & 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!

Words of thanks:

- ❖ From Ray Hochstetler for the flowers sent by their church family.
- ❖ From Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale for the quilt that brought in \$650 made by our quilting mission.
- ❖ From Jackson Stimple for his college goodie box that he received.

Please see the bulletin board as you enter the fellowship hall to read ***all*** thank-you cards/letters that are sent to JUMC.



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RETURNING EXILES Settlers of Jerusalem & Family Branches

ABDA	JOZABAD
ADAI AH	JUDAH
AHITUB	LEVI
AKKUB	MAASEIAH
AMASHAI	MATTANIAH
ASAPH	PEREZ
ATHAIAH	PETHAHIAH
BAKBUK	SALLAI
BENJAMIN	SALLU
BUNNI	SERAIAH
GABBAI	SHEMAIAH
IMMER	TALMN
JACHIN	UZZI
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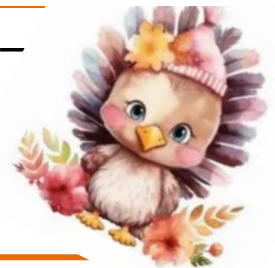
Bonus Question: Who had 12 fingers and 12 toes in the Old Testament? _____

NAME: _____

Return to church office by November 17th

October Puzzle Answers: See last months newsletter, as answers were supplied at that time.

Those that were up for the challenge in October: Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Doug Cook, Jane Lechlitr, Roberta Mann, and Lana Berg.



NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Little's Bible School and Youth Bible School
2 nd	Kristin Farwig	Warren & Susi Allender	Kristin Farwig	Jackie Ullery & Linda Vest / TBD
9 th	TBD	Mark & Angela Cook	Becky Buss	Jackie Ullery & Linda Vest / TBD
16 th	TBD	Larry Pappas & Steve Squibb	Pastor Bette	TBD
23 rd	Deb Beehler	Deb Beehler & Jeff Clark	LuAnn Pontius	TBD
30 th	Deb Beehler	Paula LaPlace & Jane Rapp	Pastor Bette	TBD
Ushers	Jim Angel, Jeff Clark, Tom Cook and Randy Beehler			



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.



Remember in Prayer

Home Bound & Care Facilities: Jean Green, Margaret Pierce, Patsy Seigler, Jan Slabaugh, Paula Adams, Ed Raab. and Dee Kallimani.

Ongoing Health Concerns: Kathy & Jim Eggleston, Betty Griffin, Betty Hershberger, Lora Mahler, Wanda McCartney, Sue Raab, Linda Squibb, Marti Stickel, and Polly Brown.

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 UMM Breakfast Nov 2nd.

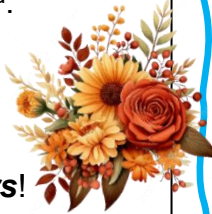
Next breakfasts as follows:

Dec 7th @ 7:30 a.m.

Jan 4th @ 7:30 a.m.

Feb 1st @ 7:30 a.m.

Please invite your neighbors!



UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

October 26th breakfast meeting

November 23rd breakfast meeting.

No meeting in December.

No meeting in January.

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

Nov. Carry-In is Tuesday the 4th at Noon.

Dec. Carry-In is Tuesday the 2nd at Noon.

Jan. Carry-In is Tuesday the 6th at Noon.

Feb. Carry-In is Tuesday the 3rd at Noon.

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

Some of you may know that we currently have 2 teams 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?



MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: November Loose Coin will go to **Baugo Lions Adopt A Family Program**. Every year JUMC adopts a couple of families (5 to 6 children total) through the Baugo Lions Adopt-A-Family program and we buy Christmas gifts for the children. The Adopt-A-Family program provides us with food and a ham. To help us support this program, simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". THANK YOU for your generosity.

Church Community Services:

November...Veggies, rice, pasta, spaghetti sauce, meat helpers, peanut butter, jelly, cereals (hot and cold), hearty soups, toilet paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste.

OUR MISSIONS AT WORK...

- Jamestown Preschool sent a thank you for the \$288
- \$174.35 was sent RETA in October from Loose Coin collection.



2025 CHRISTMAS CANTATA



Please join us at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 14th for an evening of great music and fellowship. Bring your neighbors and friends to join us for this very entertaining evening as we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Crist.



Prayer Requests / Joys / Concerns from October

- Ray Hochstetler thanked everyone for all the cards and gifts given in memory of Arletah.
- Prayers for LuAnn's Uncle Jerry Cook who fell and suffered a broken hip.
- Gail Greenlee thanked the crew that takes care of our lawn. It looks wonderful!
- Anita Hoffman gave an update on the Amish Relief Sale. Her quilt brought \$650 in the auction and Brittney Manning's brought in \$850 for disaster relief.
- Becky Metcalf gave us an update on Scout Master, Justin Parker. He is recovering well from his surgery. Also, thank you to the United Methodist Men's group for including the scouts in the "Mile Clean-Up".
- Deb Beehler stated that her granddaughter, Adrianna, was married Saturday (10/4). Deb thanked Pastor Bette, who did a wonderful job officiating, Gary Buss for taking his time Friday and Saturday to take care of the technology that was needed, and a HUGE thank you to Ray Hochstetler who came in and rang the bells to celebrate the blessing of their marriage. It was very special. ♥
- Pastor Bette thanked Becky & Geri for changing the paraments, Mark, who took down the railing in the sanctuary, and everyone else that helped with the wedding.
- Our past choir director Shelly Seely's husband, Dale, passed away Wednesday (10/8). Please keep his family and friends in our prayers.
- Please keep the family & friends of Kelly Gaugler, who went to be with her heavenly father Tuesday (10/7) morning.
- Prayers for the family of Geri & Jim Angel's great-granddaughter, Elsie Elizebeth Richard, who has passed away.
- Luann Pontius asks for prayers for the family and friends of the following neighbors that have passed away this last week; Kelly Gaugler, Dale Seely and Mark Kern.
- Kathy Moyer gave a big thank you to Carolyn Landis, Linda Vest and everybody that worked so hard to put the Harvest Party together. We appreciate you all so much!
- Jim Eggleston asks for prayers for himself and his wife, Kathy, as they continue to fight their cancers. Mr. Eggleston will find out soon if his treatments have worked and Kathy finds out this week if she's strong enough for her lung surgery.
- Cheryl Cabanaw is thankful Shannon is with her at church today and asks for continued prayers for Shannon and for Ed & Sue Raab.
- Irene Cook asks for prayers for one of her best friends, Barb, who is in the hospital with pneumonia.
- Pastor Bette asks for prayers for her pastor friend in Indy who is dealing with cancer.
- Kristn Farwig asks for prayers for Linda Miller, who has been sick most of the week.
- Kathy Moyer asks for prayers for her friend, Sherry, who was diagnosed again with cancer. Sherry's husband is also special needs. Kathy also asked for prayers for her friend, Pam, who is going through chemo.
- Jackie Ullery introduced her joy that is visiting, her grandson, Army Private Braden Ullery.
- Maria Moleski & Pam Gray asks for prayers for their cousin, Paula, who is having difficulties after open heart surgery that occurred months ago.
- LuAnn shared that she asked God "What were you thinking?" concerning the Harvest Party and the numbers that showed up. But God knows all and maybe he was preparing us for things to come. What a joy it was that we had such organization and a beautiful day!
- Prayers for Kathy Eggleston and her surgical team. Kathy is scheduled for surgery on November 4th at Goshen Hospital.

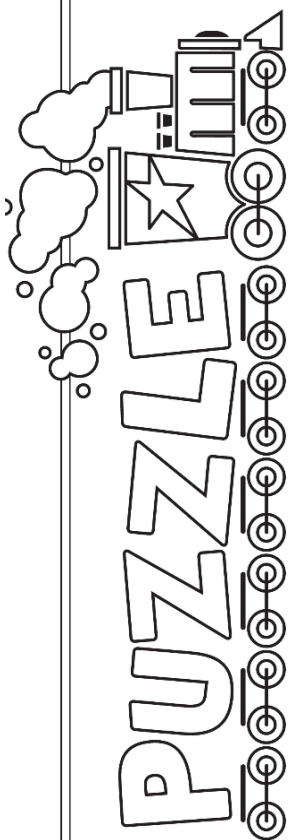
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GIVE PRAISE

Solve this puzzle to read a Bible verse about praising God for all his blessings.

Directions: In each group, circle the word that doesn't belong. Then write the circled words on the lines below.

1 Give Take Grab	2 peanut praise pear	3 temple house LORD	4 proclaim past present	5 name boy lad	6 ruin destroy make
7 pine acorn known	8 train nations bus	9 done donut muffin	10 Sing Sleep Yawn	11 she him girl	12 sun praise moon
13 tell fast slow	14 red all blue	15 horrible dreadful wonderful	16 acts sisters aunts		

1 _____ 2 _____ to the _____ 3 _____, _____ 4 _____ his _____ 5 _____;
 6 _____ 7 _____ among the _____ 8 _____ what he has _____ 9 _____
 10 _____ to _____ 11 _____, sing _____ 12 _____ to him; _____ 13 _____ of
 14 _____ his _____ 15 _____ 16 _____




PSALM 105:1-2, NIV





November 2025



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
RED Denotes Committee Meetings	**Devotions and Drumming 8:30 a.m. Mon, Wed and Fri in Fellowship hall					1 All Saints Day Remember to turn your clocks back before you go to bed! 
2 All Saints Sunday G Holy Communion 7:30 UMM Breakfast	3 9:30 Bible Study	4 Noon - Community Luncheon 6:30 Cub Scout 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Girl Scout #624 5:30 SPPR Meeting	5 6:00 Choir Practice 6:30 Cantata Practice 6:30 Creative HM	6 4—8 Open Quilting	7	8
9 G Honoring our Veterans.	10 9:30 Bible Study 6:30 Girl Scout #624	11 Veteran's Day 6:30 Cub Scout 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Girl Scout #624	12 5pm Girl Scouts #56008 6:00 Choir Practice 6:30 Cantata Prac	13 4—8 Open Quilting 6 pm Finance 7 pm Trustees	14	15 National Bundt Day 
16 G JUMC Celebration Sunday Carry-In following church	17 9:30 Bible Study	18 6:30 Cub Scout 6:30 Bible Study 6:30 Girl Scout #624	19 6:00 Choir Practice 6:30 Cantata Practice in Sanctuary	20 4—8 Open Quilting	21	22
← International Bible Week →						
23 W	24 9:30 Bible Study	25 6:30 Bible Study	26 6:00 Choir Practice 6:30 Cantata Practice in Sanctuary	27 Office Closed Happy Thanksgiving!  Hall—Cook	28 Office Closed	29
30 P/B Baugo schools closed						