

JAMESTOWN TODAY

Building Bridges to The Families Of Our Community!

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CHURCH STAFF

- **Bette Thompson** Pastor
- **Tammy Bainter** Administrative Assistant
- **TBD** Choir Director
- **Candy Henkler** Organist/Pianist
- **Diana Cook** Pianist
- **Geri Angel** Custodian

A word from Pastor Bette…



November brings familiar Thanksgiving traditions: favorite foods, shared memories, and tables surrounded by people we love. It is a season to recognize God's goodness and give thanks for the blessings we have received.

Yet Thanksgiving is not joyful for everyone. Some notice an empty chair where a loved one once sat. Others have no family nearby, face financial uncertainty, or wonder whether anyone will remember them. Gratitude invites us to notice these realities and respond with compassion.

In Matthew 25, Jesus speaks of feeding the hungry, welcoming the stranger, clothing those in need, and visiting the sick. Those who offered such care did not realize they were serving Jesus. Yet Christ tells them that what they did for people in need, they did for him.

On many Sunday mornings, I offer these familiar words of benediction: "Go forth from this place to love and serve Christ and your neighbor!" Worship does not end at the sanctuary doors. We carry Christ's love into our homes, neighborhoods, and community.

The German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer once wrote, "The church is the church only when it exists for others." These words challenge us to remember that the church is not simply a place where we gather, but a community sent into the world to share Christ's love. Here at Jamestown United Methodist Church, our ministries and outreach efforts are expressions of that calling. Our faith becomes visible when we care for our neighbors, especially those whose circumstances may be very different from our own.

Perhaps this month we might invite someone to a meal, make a phone call, bring groceries to a struggling family, or listen to someone carrying a heavy burden. The person we are called to love may be someone we barely know or someone with whom we disagree. Each person is worthy of compassion and dignity. Sometimes we offer care; at other times, we are grateful to receive it ourselves. The smallest gestures can remind a neighbor that they are not forgotten and not alone.

As we count our blessings, may we consider how those blessings might bless others. When we leave the sanctuary on Sunday morning, who will experience the love of Christ because they encountered us?

May our gratitude find its way into generous hands, open doors, and caring hearts.

Blessings,

Pastor Bette

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."
~Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

NOVEMBER B-DAYS

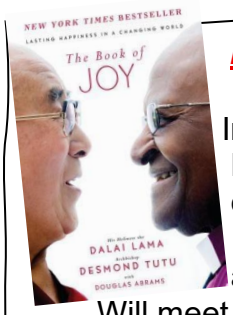
4	Heather Denton
	Gail Greenlee
5	Jacob Koets
10	Jackson Cook
11	Bob Tierney
12	Hilary Ward
13	Jim Eggleston
16	Erin Miller
18	Lana Berg
21	Franki Bender
23	Jane Rapp
	Clinton Pontius
24	Tim Leatherman
26	Keith Bainter
27	Sarah Miller

♥ ANNIVERSARIES ♥

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

Worship Service
Service starts @ 9:15 a.m.
with fellowship to follow.
ALL ARE WELCOME!





MON/TUES ADULT BIBLE STUDY!!

In person in the Kitchenette Room downstairs, across from the library, and we will also attempt by Zoom. Will meet every Monday morning at 9:30am and Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm. We are studying and relating to Scripture the book *"The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World."* If you cannot meet by Zoom, there are other options.
Please contact Pastor Bette at (574) 229-7810

If you would prefer to do your giving online:

PROGRESS REPORT FROM TRUSTEES

Air quality testing was performed and passed for both Parsonage and Church. Our Parsonage is required every two years. Church was done as a precautionary measure and not required. State required backflow devices were inspected, tested and passed also. A minimal amount of budget money was transferred to the Parsonage for future improvements needed to further the repairs needed primarily in the basement, that have been on lower priority status. Two small colorful information signs have been posted at the front and rear entrances replacing the faded brass original plates stating office hours, emergency number and instruction for entry. Henkler Music Ministry free lessons for a limited number of junior high/high school students are to begin the last week of October on Thursdays at the church. They are scheduled to follow the Baugo Community School calendar and operate throughout the school year only. Thank you to the members that have volunteered to chaperone and if you're interested in helping, please contact the office for more information. ~Mark Landis







STRONGER TOGETHER



E W I G E N C O U R A G E C D
C I M S R E H T O E V O L O E
I T P I H S W O L L E F G M R
F H O W F O S S E N E N O M E
I S R T S I R H C F O Y D O B
R T T E C H R T A O S E S N M
C A A L O E A S C B D M P U E
A N N M A L R T O I I L N M
S D T T M V P G E C M T A I Y
T C P S U Y I O E H H I N O N
I O R E N B L H S N O U N N A
R V A F I O L O T T T L R G M
U E Y I T O A R K I L N D C S
P R E L Y K R E I S A E O E H
T I R I P S E M A S O F S D R











Apostles	Encourage	Important	Sacrifice
Body of Christ	Faith	Lifestyle	Same Spirit
Common Union	Fellowship	Love Others	Shareholder
Community	First Church	Many Membered	Shortcomings
Cover	God's Plan	Oneness	Stir Up
Don't Neglect	Habit	Pillar	Time
Easier	Heavy Books	Prayer	Withstand

After you have found all the words, take the leftover letters in the correct order to form the ***mystery answer***. Mystery Answer_____

NAME: _____

Please return to church office by November 16th

October Puzzle Answers: Across – 2 Star, 7 Eve, 12 Sheba, 13 Prayer, 14 David, 15 Solomon, 17 Six, 18 Baby, 19 Moses, 20 Dove. Down – 1 Bethlehem, 3 Spear, 4 God, 5 Twelve, 6 Abraham, 8 Wisdom, 9 Adam, 10 Jesus, 11 Saul, 16 Noah.

Those that were up for the challenge in October: Jane Lechlitner, Jim Angel, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Paula LaPlace, and Lana Berg

THANK YOU...

- Sandra Metcalf sends her thanks to the congregation for all their prayers, cards, and support during her recovery these past months.
- JUMC Preschool send their thanks for the loose coin donation.
- Mennonite Relief Sale sent a thank you for the quilt donation that brought $250.
- The Window sends thanks for the $250 gift.
- RETA sends their thanks for the September Loose Coin donation.
- Jimtown Park sends thanks to the United Methodist Med for their $500 donation.
- Indiana Adult & Teen Challenge send a thank you for the donation they received of $250.

MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: November Loose Coin will go to **Baugo Lions Adopt-A-Family:** The mission of the Lions is "to empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through Lions clubs" Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". Thank you for your generosity.

Church Community Services:
November… Cereals (hot or cold), Peanut Butter, Jelly, Toilet Paper, Ready to Eat Canned Pasta Meals, Crackers, Hamburger Helpers.....See collection areas by both doors.

In October, $118.11 was collected through loose coins for Bashor Home.

OUR MISSIONS AT WORK...
Please see bulletin board going into fellowship hall for the letters & cards.

Remember in Prayer
Homebound & Care Facilities: Jean Green, Margaret Pierce, Patsy Seigler, Jan Slabaugh, Paula Adams, Pam Hochstetler, Dee Kallimani, and Pastor Ron Bowman
Ongoing Health Concerns: Kathy Eggleston, Betty Hershberger, Lora Mahler, Wanda McCartney, Sue Raab, Linda Squibb, Marti Stickel, Polly Brown, Nila Young, and Shannon Cabanaw.







"Morning Sunshine"

CHILDREN'S MUSIC TIME

Carolyn Landis is bringing back the children's music program. Children, grades K-4th, will be dismissed for a short time during "Passing the Peace" to go downstairs with Miss Carolyn and Miss Candy to learn songs about Jesus and His love. They will be brought back up in time for Children's Church. If you feel led, please reach out to Miss Carolyn to help.

START CHILDREN OFF on the way they should go, and even when they are old, THEY WILL NOT TURN FROM IT. ~Proverbs 22:6 NIV











October Joys & Concerns

- Anita Hoffman is joyful that the quilt Bradley made with donated embroidery, was sold this past weekend at the Mennonite Relief Sale for $525.00.
- Marta Clark asks for prayers for Melanie Clark, who fell in her garage and broke her nose. Prayers for Steve Stout who fell in Vancouver and cut his arm. Also, traveling prayers for all of her family and friends who are traveling back from vacation as they are dealing with tropical storms and a hurricane.
- Pastor Bette asks for prayers for the JUMC Quilting Ministry.
- Susie Allender asks for prayers for her friend Maryjo who had surgery on a brain aneurysm and is having some difficulties.
- Becky Buss was joyful to have her 55-year reunion with her classmates from the Class of 1971 nursing school. Please keep her classmates the spouses in your prayers.
- Kathy Moyer asks for prayers for Tom Meyers who is in a facility that is trying to raise his oxygen level so he can go to rehab. Also, prayers for Nyla Young.
- Pastor Bette asks that you keep our District Office Administrative Assistant Eva Goeb in your prayers as she reviews all our (over 129 churches) Charge Conference Reports over the next 10 days. She is kind, and answers our questions, and is recovering from a long cold, so please remember her in your prayers.
- Polly Brown asks for prayers for herself and her husband, Larry. Larry is having some major heart issues, and they have some very big decisions to make in the very near future. Prayers for guidance and peace.
- Jane Lechlitner asks for prayers for their nephew-in-law, N. Sandoval, who had a minibike accident and broke his neck.
- Becky Buss asks for prayers for Bob Tierney who is having carotid artery surgery. Prayers that everything goes smoothly.
- Cheryl Cabanaw asks for prayers for her aunt, Sue Raab, who is back in the hospital.
- Susi Allender asks for continued prayers for her friend, Maryjo, who is now having some vision issues related to her brain aneurysm.
- Pastor Bette asks for prayers for the friends and family of Jim Angel's sister-in-law, Sharon, who passed away Sunday morning.
- Tami Pyfer asks for prayers for peace of mind for herself and Jon as Alex now has his driver's license, and patience for the other drivers sharing the road with Alex.
- Tammy Bainter Asks for prayers for my friend, Sue Struble. She went by ambulance late Sunday night and they are keeping her doing an echo on her heart this morning.
- Kathy Moyer asks for continued prayers for her friend, Tom Meyers. He will be coming home this week to continue rehab at home.
- Pastor Bette asks for prayers for Polly and Larry Brown. Larry is having a heart catheter done to insert a stint.
- Pastor Bette asks for prayers for Eva Goeb, INUMC Administrative Assistant, as she is really overworked right now. Prayers for her heart and health.
- Jane Lechlitner asks for continued prayers for Narcisco Sandoval who is dealing with extensive issues from the bike accident. He has a long recovery ahead.
- Sue Struble was in the hospital last week and is now home resting. Please pray that she has a quick recovery and no further issues.





NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Children's Church
1st	Steve Squibb	Tammy Bainter & Deb Beehler	Marta Clark	Littles: Linda Vest & TBD Youth: Jon Pyfer
8th	Steve Squibb	Jill Biller & Gail Greenlee	Pastor Bette	Littles: Linda Vest & TBD Youth: Jon Pyfer
15th	Linda Vest	Steve Squibb & Larry Pappas	Kristin Farwig	Littles: Jackie Ullery & Jill Biller Youth: LuAnn Pontius
22nd	Linda Vest	Nancy Mahler & Cheryl Cabanaw	Pastor Bette	Littles: Jackie Ullery & Jill Biller Youth: Deb Beehler
29th	LuAnn Pontius	Nancy Miller & Marcia Clark	Linda Vest	Littles: Cheryl Cabanaw & TBD Youth: Deb Beehler
Ushers	Jim Angel, Jeff Clark, Tom Cook and TBD			

Looking for a chance to volunteer during the week? We have the perfect opportunity for you! Susanna's Kitchen served over 18,000 meals in 2025 and they need you! Helping is easy, fun and fulfilling. All you need to do is add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Mission's bulletin board located in the fellowship hallway. Thank you.

LAMPLIGHTERS ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

This class has met since the early 1960s, and they love to welcome newcomers! Please join them Sunday mornings after fellowship, which follows the worship service. The Lamplighters meeting is downstairs in the last class on the left down from the church office. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 574-293-3905.

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!

Acts 20:35

"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

UPCOMING EVENTS

United Methodist Men (UMM)

Next Coffee & Donuts
November 1st @ 7:30 a.m.
December 6th @ 7:30 a.m.
January 3rd @ 7:30 a.m.

United Women In Faith (UWIF)

November 22nd @ 7:45 a.m.
December 13th Making gifts for Shut-Ins
January no meeting

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

November: Tuesday the 3rd @ Noon
December: Tuesday the 1st @ Noon
January: Tuesday the 5th @ Noon



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