

JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!*

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A word from our Pastor –

1975, Diana Ross released one of her number one hit songs “Do You Know Where You’re Going To?” Do you remember this song? Over the past eight weeks, I found myself driving frequently between Elkhart, Peru, and Kokomo. Many hours. Often, I would look around and ask myself, “Where am I headed to?” I would forget if I was heading back up to Elkhart, or down to Peru, or to the Goodwill store in Kokomo. (More than once this song came to mind.) It left me feeling so confused! However, this is a question we, as Christ followers, also ask ourselves.



In the past couple of months, we at Jamestown UMC have been studying from the Gospel of Matthew during our worship, examining Jesus’ life and ministry. Jesus knew exactly where he was heading – to Jerusalem. He knew what he faced when he arrived in Jerusalem. Betrayal, accusations, trial, and death on a cross. He knew he would go through all of this for humanity – for you and me, for all of us.

Jesus knew where he was called and heading to – and he didn’t waver. In our passage this Sunday, Jesus scorns Peter for trying to hinder his determination. Jesus said Peter was focused on the wrong thing. He was incorrectly focused on earthly things and not divine things (Matt. 16:23)

Where are you going to? Are you focused on things of God? Or things of earth? So often, our focus becomes strained, and we need to reassess where we are, and where we are headed to. We make adjustments for our actions, so they align with our intended direction. We don’t walk the journey alone. Never. We have our faithful Lord and brother Jesus, our Father God, the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, and our church family.

Let us work hard to love one another and help each of us stay on the right path, as we welcome others to join us on this glorious journey! The Gospel writer Matthew was there as an eye-witness to the direction Jesus was headed. He witnessed the glory of Resurrection, and the wild call to go and make disciples of all nations. Glory to God! May we continue to follow in the direction in which God is leading us!

Blessings and peace,

Pastor Bette

BIRTHDAYS**ANNIVERSARIES**

2	Ron	Mahler	4	Steve & Kathleen	Stout, SR	1976
4	Sue	Raab	21	Steve & Roberta	Mann	1968
5	Kathy	Eggleston		David & LuAnn	Pontius	1974
6	Anna	Farrell	23	Bruce & Sandy	Clark	2017
12	Jean	Green				
13	Jan	Slabaugh				
15	Jim	Angel				
17	Braxton	Stacy				
19	Hannah	Gaugler				
24	Chelsea	Denton				
28	Doug	Cook				
30	Janice	Bender				
	Dave	Polston				

**Volunteer/Mission Project**

How did Roger know about us? A couple years ago Roger called and asked if someone could get him a Bible. He really felt the need to have one. Several of our members purchased a bible and took it to him. He was happy to receive it and them. Since then he has done some studying on his own. He never forgot our kindness. He has contacted the church a couple times since then with questions, but this was his most recent request.

Roger told Pastor Bette someone gave him a bike but it was in a box and he needed help to put it together. Doug Cook & Bill Walther rose to the call. As you can see, Roger was so happy that Doug & Bill helped him put his bike together.

SPA Ministries

You have no idea the impact you are making in God's kingdom by investing in SPA.

To everyone else I looked happy, healthy...

Letter from Sarah
On Mission's Board

UNITED METHODISM 101

FREE Fall learning event—United Methodism 101. We will offer two identical sessions on Saturday September 16th. We will be at the Firehouse Campus of South Bend Clay UMC from 9-Noon (ET) and Church of the Four Seasons from 2-5 CT.(OR 3-6 EST) The registration link can be found here: <https://inumc.swoogo.com/umc10191623>

I, Marti Lundy, will be the presenter and I expect all pastors and many of our laity to attend.

Why is this important? In a little over 2 years of being in this position and visiting all of our churches regularly, I have come to the painful realization that the average United Methodist (including many pastors) do not know our history, how we are structured and what makes us distinctive.

The time is now to reconnect with our United Methodist roots. I promise our time will be engaging and rich with new insights...AND...I promise your churches will be better for attending.

Let me leave you with one teaser: What is the one thing everyone assumes Rev. John Wesley did that he, in fact, never did??? You will have to attend to find out!

See you there. We are stronger together!!!

Blessing,

Marti



CITIES

Growing cities in our nation have frequently been in the spotlight.
Match each statement with the correct city.

1.	Joshua's inheritance	Joshua 19: 50	a. Troas
2.	City where David dwelt	Isaiah 29: 1	b. Bethlehem
3.	Location of the Temple	Ezra 1: 3	c. Bezer
4.	Named by Cain	Genesis 4: 17	d. Enoch
5.	City of refuge	Deuteronomy 4: 42-43	e. Gibeah
6.	Saul's home	1 Samuel 15: 34	f. Hammath
7.	A fenced City	Joshua 19: 35	g. Joppa
8.	Home to Naomi	Ruth 1: 1	h. Jerusalem
9.	City of Paul's vision	Acts 16: 9	i. Ariel
10.	Home of Simon, a tanner	Acts 9: 43	j. Nain
11.	Jesus raised a widow's son here	Luke 7: 11	k. Sodom
12.	Elisha's special room was here	2 Kings 4: 8-10	l. Shunem
13.	Destroyed for its wickedness	2 Peter 2: 6	m. Timnath-serah

NAME _____

Return Quiz September 25th

Answers for "" 1. Ezra, 2. Zophar, 3. Israel, 4. A Steward, 5. Paul, 6. Moab, 7. Jerusalem, 8. The Prophets, 9. Paul, 10. David. Those persons challenging themselves: Jim Angel, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark and Doug Cook.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

September 3rd at 7:00 a.m.

October 1st at 7:00 a.m.

Invite your neighbors

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

Hope to see you September 5th at NOON

And mark your calendars for October 3rd for
our next carry-in.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

(Formerly United Methodist Women)

Our first meeting of the Fall

is on September 24th

We will be meeting at 7:45 a.m.

SUSANNA'S KITCHEN

Thank you for being faithful to sign up to help on
the 3rd Monday of each month.

MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: September Loose Coin will go to *Bashor Children's Home*. Bashor's Vision: This is a mission driven organization passionately supporting children being raised by healthy families in the community, one that is committed to inspiring others through innovative service. You may donate anytime this month. Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". Thank You for your generosity. August donations of \$80.09 went to LoveWay. Thank You for your generosity.

CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

September giving; Children will be heading back to school soon. But they still need provisions at home. Bring in Canned Veggies, canned pasta, canned soup, cereal & Hardy dinners for home. The need for donations now is critical.

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.

FROM JUMC PRESCHOOL

If you enjoy working with 2 & 4 year olds we have a teacher's aid position for one year through the year. **Congratulate Tami Pyfer. She is the new Teacher's Aid for Jamestown Preschool !** 8:30 – 3:00(if we have enough children to have afternoon classes) and Friday 8:30 - Noon. There are about 6 evenings in the year that you would also be needed. If you are interested or know someone who is; call Kathy Hinegardner at 574-596-7567 or 574-389-1555.

RISING COSTS

Due to rising costs in our subscription to *Upper Room*, they will now be \$1.50. Thank you for helping incur the cost of this devotional. Also, our Sunday morning *floral arrangements* will be \$35.00. They have experienced rising costs in the materials needed to create our arrangements. Thank you for donating to remember and honor those persons near and dear to us/you.

FROM GUIDANCE MINISTRIES

Dear Jamestown United Methodist Church, Thursday one of our homeless guests finally acquired an apartment for himself. He was so proud and ecstatic! He told me "It is so beautiful Pastor Lori! I love It!" The joy of having his own place after all his hard work was beyond rewarding to him. He was grinning from ear to ear. You couldn't help but feel his joy and be happy for his accomplishments in the last few months. On Monday we had 2 more "wins". Another gentleman signed the lease on his own apartment and another one left for a 6-month rehab program down state. In the month of July, we saw 3 unsheltered homeless obtain jobs, 5 moved into their own apartments, 4 were accepted into transitional housing we helped facilitate, and 3 guests from our community left for rehabilitation programs in the state. Hard work does pay off! On a personal note, my oldest and his family were here visiting for a few weeks last month. We also found out Michaela is pregnant with their third child. We are all thrilled! My four-year-old grandson insists "it's a sister" so we shall see. This grandma is hoping he is right. I would love a little granddaughter. Please continue to pray for us and know that we appreciate you and the help you give to us. *Pastor Lori King*

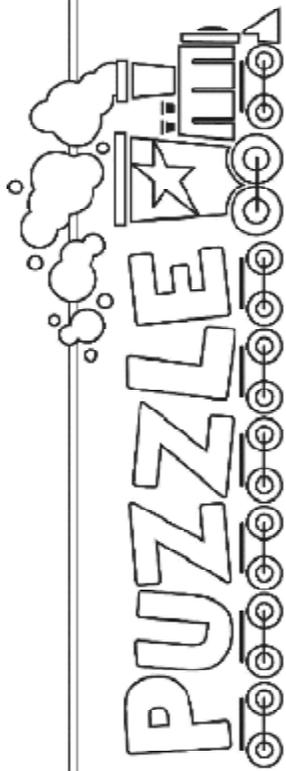
ETHNOS – DAVID & BETHANNE KWAST

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your gift of \$500.00. Thank you for partnering with us not only to see people groups around the world reached with the gospel message but also to be discipled to maturity. The end goal of our ministry is to see a thriving church for every people—and that takes time, commitment and personnel. ... (see *the rest of this letter on the Missions board*) We each have our roles within the body of Christ. Some evangelize, some disciple, and some, like you, partner with missionaries to see that thriving church for every people. Thank you for partnering with us.
In Him,
Larry Brown
CEO, Ehtnos360

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Children's Church
3 rd	Steve Squibb	Jim & Geri Angel	Pastor Bette	Frankie Bender
10 th	Steve Squibb	Mark & Angela Cook	Deb Beehler	Frankie Bender
17 th	Steve Squibb	Marcia & Marta Clark	Kristin Farwig	Frankie Bender
24 th	Steve Squibb	Jeff Clark & Tom Cook	Marta Clark	Frankie Bender
	USHERS	Marcia Cook, Gail Greenlee, Jimmie Johnson & Jon Pyfer		

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A PATH TO PRAYER

God's Word offers lots of insights about how to pray.

Directions: Use the code to fill in the blanks and complete a Bible passage about prayer.



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

R _ G _ S _ Z _ M _ P _ N _ B _ T _ L _ W _

V _ E _ V _ I _ B _ G _ R _ N _ V _ R _

I _ V _ N _ V _ N _ Y _ V _ I _ B _ L _ F _

R _ M _ Z _ O _ O _ N _ B _

K _ I _ Z _ B _ V _ I _ H _ U _ L _ I _ Z _ O _ O _

L _ U _ B _ L _ F _ J _ R _ Z _ O _ D _ Z _ B _ H _

K _ I _ Z _ B _ D _ R _ G _ S _ Q _ L _ B _

K _ S _ R _ O _ R _ K _ K _ R _ Z _ M _ H _

1:3-4, NIV