

# JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The  
Families Of Our Community!*

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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**  
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## **Jamestown**

## **United Methodist Church**

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### ***A word from Pastor Bette...***

Dear church family and friends,  
Isn't it a wonderful thing to see  
The traditions from long ago blend  
in with the modern current culture,  
and find relevance in connecting  
us together even now in the year  
2025?



Well, this year marks an important anniversary of our faith journey.  
The year 2025 marks the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea,  
which produced the Nicene Creed, a foundational statement of  
Christian belief. This is where an ecumenical Council of world-wide  
church leaders gathered, to debate, challenge and come up with a  
creed that would stand the test of time, and is what we call the Nicene  
Creed, or the Apostle's Creed.

I love to study church history, and I am totally fascinated with this  
creed that was created by our early church fathers (and mothers). You  
will hear more about a bible study we'll be gathering for to learn more  
about the council, and how it is still relevant for us today.

If I have learned anything over the course of my experiences in life  
and ministry, it is that we are all really searching for a deep encounter  
and experience with God. So much of what we do on Sundays and  
throughout the week through our daily spiritual practices, and through  
our religious journey is simply to experience the truth of what it means  
to be in a relationship with the One who created us. We want to  
encounter God, to know that God loves us, and to be reminded that  
God does indeed have a plan for us.

We have a busy few months ahead of us, but I invite you all to  
consider joining me in discovering more about this wonderful part of our  
church history. I love you all and I want to hear from you with any  
thoughts and ideas you might have. A special thanks to Bill Walther,  
for his gift of preaching and teaching us last Sunday (August 24th), and  
for igniting an excitement in me to explore more about the creeds we  
speak.

Blessings and love to you all,

*Pastor Bette*



## BIRTHDAYS

2	Ron Mahler
4	Sue Raab
5	Kathy Eggleston
12	Jean Green
13	Jan Slabaugh
15	Jim Angel
17	Braxton Stacy
19	Hannah Gaugler
24	Chelsea Denton
28	Doug Cook
30	Dave Polston

## ♥ ANNIVERSARIES ♥

4	Steve & Kathleen Stout	1976
21	Steve & Roberta Mann	1968
21	Dave & LuAnn Pontius	1974
23	Bruce & Sandy Clark	2017



## **Bible Study Resumes!!**

Pastor Bette will be starting bible study on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am and September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The subject of study will be the Apostle's Creed. 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.**

## **Charge Conference**

Date: Sat., October 4<sup>th</sup>  
Time: 9am to 10:30am  
Location: Clay UMC  
52806 Ironwood Road  
South Bend, IN 46635  
*All are invited to attend.*  
Please contact Pastor Bette or the church office if interested in attending.

## **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!



## **Bishop Rally Day**

September 6th, 4pm E UMC, Crown Point, IN. The first gathering of our new Northern Lakes District, where we will

gather to worship, celebrate our shared mission as a church, connect with people from other churches, and hear our Bishop, Rev. Dr. Tracy Malone share a message of lively encouragement! We will carpool, and plan for refreshments after the worshipful experience. Contact the church office or Pastor Bette if you want to go, so we can set up carpools.



Susanna's Kitchen Volunteers



Twining

## **Words of thanks:**

- Patty Hochstetler, with help getting a new water heater.
- RETA – Phil Barnes memorial, from Devotions & Drumming.

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



## **FREE COMMUNITY EVENT ANNUAL FALL HARVEST PARTY**



Please join us on October 12<sup>th</sup> (rain day is October 19<sup>th</sup>) from 3:30pm to 6:30pm for a **free** fun filled afternoon! Games, hayrides, pony rides, bounce house, a bonfire, great food and a lot of fun. Bring your friends and family! ALL are welcome!

**Bible Scramble:** Unscramble the letters in each word to discover the passage.

SRHECA EM, O OGD, NDA WONK YM TRHEA: YTR EM, NDA

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

WONK YM UTTSOHHG: NDA EES FI TRHEE EB YNA WKIEDC

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

YWA NI EM, NDA LEDA EM NI EHT YWA VTSRNLIGEEA.

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**BONUS GAME:** How many fully bloomed flowers can you find?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_



**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Return to church office by October 17th

August Puzzle Answers: 1. Receiving & eating with sinners 2. Scribes & Pharisees 3. Go after the one which is lost until he finds 4. Little ones 5. Calls friends & neighbors to rejoice 6. Someone who repents.

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

### SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Little's Bible School and Youth Bible School
7 <sup>th</sup>	Gail Greenlee	Jameson & Jemma Ullery	Kristin Farwig	TBD/TBD
14 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Clark	Steve & Roberta Mann	Pastor Bette	TBD/TBD
21 <sup>st</sup>	Jeff Clark	Marcia & Marta Clark	Deb Beehler	TBD/TBD
28 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Clark	Jim & Geri Angel	Carolyn Landis	TBD/TBD
Ushers	Jimmie Johnson, Jon Pyfer, Dave Pontius and Marcia Cook			

### 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, Arletah Hochstetler, 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, Polly Brown, and Pastor Bette's friend with mental issues.



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 Sept 7<sup>th</sup>.

Next breakfasts as follows:

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:30 a.m.

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 a.m.

***Please invite your neighbors!***

### **UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH**

September 28<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting.

November 23<sup>rd</sup> monthly meeting.

No meeting in December.

### **COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON**

Sept Carry-In is Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> at Noon.

Oct. Carry-In is Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

Nov. Carry-In is Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup> at Noon.

Dec. Carry In is Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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?*



Lovely ladies! ♥



Delivering the donated bibles and hymnals

## **MISSIONS**

**Loose Coin Offerings:** September Loose Coin will go to **RETA Pregnancy Clinic & Family Resources**. RETA's mission and vision: *"Providing life-affirming services, building Christ-centered families through community and connection. We are committed to restoring hope and healing, empowering individuals and families to overcome challenges and rediscover their self-worth in the light of Christ's unconditional love."* You may donate any time this month. Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". THANK YOU for your generosity.

### **Church Community Services:**

September...Canned Vegetables, Hearty Soups, boxed potatoes, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce.

### **OUR MISSIONS AT WORK...**

We have received words of thanks from the following:

- Susanna's Kitchen \$250.00
- RETA \$495.00 (Lenten Breakfast)
- Sleep in Heavenly Peace \$231.11
- LoveWay \$285.50



We'll miss you, Nancy!



## Prayer Requests / Joys / Concerns



- Judy Walther is thankful that her daughter brought her granddaughter, Riley, for a visit and that she returned home.
- Pastor Bette is thankful for our prayers for her friend that is suffering from a mental issue and that her friend is getting out-patient treatment.
- Friends and family of Carol Sue Honderich, of Goshen, who passed away on July 24, 2025.
- Prayers for Kelly Gaugler and her ongoing issues from ALS.
- Becky Metcalf's friend and Cub Master, Justin Parker, has had a 3rd relapse of colon cancer.
- Cheryl Cabinaw's daughter, Shannon, who is dealing with multiple medical issues and Cheryl's grandson, Tony, who is dealing with diabetes issues.
- Betty Griffin asks for prayers for her friend, Nancy, who is in the hospital with heart issues.
- Jim Eggleston is thankful to have his brother, Sam, here visiting.
- Ginger Craigo is thankful for all the prayers for her husband, Randy. He is getting stronger, and she asks for continued prayers. Ginger also asks for continued prayers for her sister Kelly Gaugler.
- Tami Pyfer is thankful for the 18 years of marriage that she is celebrating with Jon.
- Becky Buss asks for prayers for Nancy Warnick as she embarks on her new journey, for Sandy Metcalf's healing of her broken finger, and Becky is thankful for Diana Cook who is doing a great job playing piano.
- Sandy Metcalf thanked everyone for all their prayers and is joyful for her great-granddaughter's 5th birthday.
- Pastor Bette is thankful that Betty Griffin is celebrating her 95th birthday.
- Mark Landis gave a big shout out to his sister-in-law, Linda Vest, for all her hard work cleaning and prepping the playground for the preschoolers who will be starting back soon.
- Betty Griffin is asking for prayers for her granddaughter, Danielle, who is dealing with health issues.
- Prayers for Kathleen Stout for some issues she is dealing with.
- Jill Biller's friend, Patty, doing well after mastectomy, continued prayers of healing.
- Dave Pontius' friend, Steve, is struggling with health issues and is on a donor list for a new heart.
- Jane Rapp asks for prayers for her friend Mark and his family's wellbeing as he continues to look for work.
- Rita Peat is full of joy and thankful for the impact our church has had on her and her husband's lives.
- Marcia Cook let us know that Nancy Warnick made it to KS and her new home is wonderful.
- Jeff Clark announced his aunt in Florida turned 100 years old!
- Pastor Bette asks for prayers Chris, whose son, Hunter (19), was in a serious car accident.
- Jackie Ullery thankful for all the prayers for Brad. His surgery went well, and Brad is doing well.
- Fran Price asks for prayers for her cousin, Greg Snyder, for help in finding his faith.
- Prayers for the Buss' niece who broke her arm.
- Prayers for Clo McIntosh's daughter, Diana Bowers, who is in the hospital.
- Prayers for Mike Pollock who is having complications after surgery.
- Jane Rapp asks for prayers for all the students going back to school, including her grandson.
- Carl Lechlitner announced that Jane is doing fine from surgery. He asked for prayers to give him the knowledge, the skills and the patience to be her care giver. Carl is joyful that they were able to attend their granddaughter's wedding in Indy. Carl announced that he will be taking apples on October 7th, and if anyone wants apple cider, let him know.
- Dave Pontius's friend, Steve, is undergoing more tests and he will then be on a heart doner list. He is going into this with a great attitude!
- Pastor Bette asks for prayers for Turra Cottingham, who laid her parents to rest. Also, she is grateful for our Quilting Ministry.
- Prayers for Al Stealy's family and friends.
- Prayers for the family of Brenda Friesner, a friend of Mark and Carolyn Landis, who passed away.



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## YOUTH ACTIVITIES FOR SEPTEMBER

"Minute to Win It" Game Night

Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

All 5<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders will meet in the church youth room for a night of fun challenges! Please feel free to invite your friends. We will partake in some snacks, and then we will have 10 rounds of "Minute to Win It" style games. This will be followed by a lesson on being Winners and Losers. If you have any questions, or would like to be an adult volunteer, please contact the church office at (574) 293-3905 or Pastor Bette at (574) 229-7810.

