

Jimtown OpenLine



*Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!*

Jamestown United Methodist Church

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CHURCH STAFF

- **Steve Loft**
Pastor
 - **Steve Allen**
Choir Director
Music Director
 - **Pam Allen**
Organist
 - **Sharon Shinn**
Administrative Assistant
 - **Geri Angel**
Custodian
 - **Kristin Farwig**
Youth Director
- Andrea Loft**
• Children's Ministry

Jesus Is Alive

This week I met with the preschool children and talked to them about why we celebrate Easter. I used "resurrection eggs." They are various colored plastic eggs with a variety of things in them that remind us of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. I found myself thinking about how much to share with them and how much they may remember or understand. But then I thought of our twins who at preschool age told Andrea that they wanted to ask Jesus to come into their hearts.

It was on two separate occasions, but she was able to pray with them and they each made a commitment to Jesus. It was such a young age that they do not remember it and therefore they tend to focus more on their present walk with Christ and a time when they were older and made a commitment to the Lord. But Jesus remembers.

God remembers their tender hearts and the sincerity of their faith even at a young age. I believe that God will reveal himself to the children at a level they can receive and God will remember their decision to follow Christ even better than they might. It reminds me of the fact that salvation is a gift to be received by faith. It also reminds me that my level of involvement in salvation is simply to receive that gift by grace alone through faith alone in Christ alone.

Salvation is the work of God. It is God who saves us from the pit that we deserve. It was God the Son who gave his life as a ransom and as a payment for my sin. As the old song says "Jesus paid it all. All to Him I owe. Sin had left a crimson stain. He washed it white as snow." He did the work and offers new life as a gift of his amazing grace.

Our twins may not remember, but God does. God is the one who marked them as His own. God the Son is the one who paid the price and made the ultimate sacrifice. We simply receive the gift of salvation through faith in Christ and what He did for us on the cross.

So what did I tell the preschoolers? Mainly I told them that the reason we celebrate Easter is because Jesus is alive, and God loves them. That is what I believe they need to remember – and so do we. Jesus is alive! God loves you!

Pastor Steve



1	Jeff	Cabanaw
2	Joshua	Greenlee
	Zacharie	LaPlace
3	Irene	Cook
4	Becky	Buss
	Katy	Peat
5	Marcia	Cook
	Kelly	Gaugler
	Marty	Richard
7	Deb	Smith
	Shannon	Stoops
8	Julie	Koets
9	Ray	Hochstetler
	Jason	Wrathell
12	Melanie	Clark
13	Stacie	Remaly
14	Carl	Lechlitner
	Kathryn	Pletcher
17	Kim	Stoops
18	Aaron	Hochstetler
20	Brad	Greenlee
22	Joy	Moore
23	Hannah	Skibbe
	Renee	Wenger
24	Rodman	Bender
27	Eddie	Beck
	Dylan	Milholland
	Shana	Kretchman
	Jameson	Ullery
28	Shannon	Sciba
29	Adam	Peat
	Tyler	Wenger
30	Curt	Wenger

Jamestown Church:
 Thanks so much for the box of treats. Great surprise!!
 Go Chargers!
 -Blane Bender

Jamestown UMC,
 Thank you for your recent gift of \$50.97 towards the love and care of the boys and girls at Bashor Children's Home. Your contribution goes towards providing services for the ever growing number of children who are abused, neglected, and in need of help in our communities. ...
 -Steve Riidonen
 Director of Development

Thank you,
 Bessie
 Matt Shellito
 Natalie Lichten

Thank you,
 Hannah Moyer
 + Lisa
 Duffell
 Hayden
 Hayden
 Sheron
 Damon

UMC -
 Thanks so much for your monetary gift to Pack 787. We will be using the money towards our Class B shirts. We appreciate your support for our scouts.
 Cameron
 Jason
 Cariz
 Preston
 Aidan Bailey, Dawson
 Donnie



2	Denny & Linda	Miller	1977
17	Mike & Vici	Vogel	1971
20	Curt & Renee	Wenger	1991
26	Brad & Jackie	Ullery	1975

Just Walk Across the Room, Bible Study starting April 24th. This is a 4 week study. Sign up at the Welcome Center. *What if you knew that by simply crossing the room and saying hello to someone, you could change that person's forever? It has nothing to do with methods and everything to do with taking a genuine interest in another human being.*

Position Needed: Preschool Assistant Teacher
 Our current assistant teacher is moving at the end of this school year. Hours are: Monday-Thursday 8:30-2:45 & Friday 8:30-11:30. The candidate must enjoy working with 3-5 year olds, have a driver's license, have good attendance, and be interested in a long term position, past experience in classroom setting a plus (Sunday school, public/private schools). . If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, please contact Kathy Hinegardner 574-389-1555 or Rita Peat 574-295-6872.

Jim Starkey is researching the cost of an *electronic sign*. This would make it easier to let the community know what we are doing; fun activities, special worship services, fundraisers, etc. Jim would like to hear from you! What thoughts and ideas you might have concerning an electronic sign for Jamestown.

Look around the congregation, who is missing? Perhaps you should give them a call to let them know you missed them. Invite them back.

VISIONS

Solomon said, "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29: 18)

Match each person with his vision.

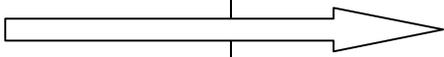
1.	_____ Peter	Acts 11:5	a. Angel of God coming to him
2.	_____ Isaiah	Isaiah 6:1	b. David was not to build the Temple
3.	_____ Paul	Acts 16:9	c. Destruction of Edom
4.	_____ Daniel	Daniel 8:1-3	d. A great sheet
5.	_____ Ezekiel	Ezekiel 37:1-2	e. Horse's with lion's heads
6.	_____ John	Revelations 9:17	f. Lord upon his throne
7.	_____ Samuel	1 Samuel 3: 1-12	g. Ram with two horns
8.	_____ Nathan	2 Samuel 7:12-17	h. Removal of Eli's family from priesthood
9.	_____ Obadiah	Obadiah 1-2	i. Transfiguration
10.	_____ Peter, James, and John	Matthew 17:9	j. A man calling for help
11.	_____ Cornelius	Acts 10:3	k. Valley of dry bones

NAME _____

Return Quiz by April 23rd.

Answers for "Headlines": 1. D; 2. J; 3. F; 4. G; 5. C; 6. E; 7. A; 8. H; 9. B; 10. I. Those that were up for a challenge were: Jim Angel,, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Arletah Hochstetler and Jane Lechlitner.

APRIL VOLUNTEER

	2 nd	9 th	16 th	23 rd	30 th
Liturgist	LuAnn Pontius		LuAnn Pontius		
Greeters	Paul & Jan Slabaugh, Tom & Diana Cook	Marta & Marcia Clark, Keith & Lana Berg	Irene Cook, Tami Pyfer & Larry Pappas	Greg & Tanner Clark, Mike & Vici Vogel	Kathy Moyer, Mark & Cindy Campbell
Acolytes	Mark & Cindy Campbell	Marta & Marcia Clark	Kathleen & Brooke Stout	Greg & Tanner Clark	Gary & Becky Buss
Children's Message	Pastor Steve	Steve Allen	Jane Rapp	Dave & LuAnn Pontius	Jeff Clark
Nursery	Geri Angel				
Children's Church		Marcia Clark	Marcia Clark & Andrea Loft	Andrea Loft	Andrea Loft
Cookie Fellowship	Marta & Marcia Clark, Paul & Jan Slabaugh	Tim Leatherman, Ray Hochstetler & Paula LaPlace	Mark & Carolyn Landis, Randy & Deb Beehler	Mike & Vici Vogel, Dave & LuAnn Pontius	Karen Miller, Irene Cook, Steve & Kathleen Stout
Ushers	Tanner Clark, Mark Cook, Jim Starkey & Larry Stickel				

TRUSTEES

March 20th, 6:00 p.m.

- Sound system: setting meeting with sound & video tech to discuss needs
- Parking lot lights: Changing all 3 lights to new LED lights
- Elevator light: Checking to put light under outside overhang.
- Fellowship hall: Setting date in May to paint walls. (same color)
- Ministry Action Plan: combining forms in to one list for next meeting
- Electronic sign: Quote from Signcrafters for 2' x 6' sign. Suggested getting a quote for 4' x 6' also.
- Apartment rent: Paid through end of March
- Entrance carpet: Accepted quote to carpet both entrances for \$2,142.84
- Fire extinguishers: Making signs to show where they are and first aid kits
- Insurance: Keeping coverage with Yoder Insurance Agency
- Big Projects: Priority order;

1. Electronic Sign
2. Upgrade Sound system
3. Sanctuary Carpeting
4. Upgrade Playground
5. Air Conditioner for Fellowship hall
6. Re-do Parking Lot

- Work day: May 13th, rain date May 20th
- Scout trailers: Moving trailers inside Teen center after boats are removed.
- Facilities Audit: Divided among Trustees, to have completed list for next meeting.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Thursday, April 20th at 6:00 p.m.

APRIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Thurs	6 th	6:00 pm	Finance
Thurs	20 th	6:00 pm	Trustees
Thurs	27 th	6:00 pm	Staff/Pastor Relations
Sat	29 th	9:00 am	Education Committee

Reason Enough to Act (RETA)

Please pray in 2017:

- Salvation of Clients
- That RETA will be the first place people turn to when facing an unplanned pregnancy
- For strength in body, mind, and spirit for our staff and volunteers; that we would "not grow weary in well-doing".
- For diligent focus on Christ, Who is most important in the midst of a lost world.
- For God's continued provision to continue the work of the ministry.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Our April loose coin offering will go to Susanna's Kitchen. Our March offering of \$84.94 went to UMCOR. Thank you for your generosity with these projects.

On March 26th we took our United Methodist Special Sunday offering for UMCOR. You gave \$469.00 for this worthy cause. Thank You!

Susanna's Kitchen: We are in need of two volunteers to help once a month. Our week to help is the 3rd Monday of every month. Some of the duties are serving meals, cutting desserts or other minor things to prepare for the meal. You would need to arrive at 10:20 a.m. The meal is served from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. Then possibly help wipe tables afterwards. You would be done about 12:30 pm. Susanna's Kitchen is located inside First Congregational Church, 431 S. Third St. If you can help, please call Linda Rodman at 294-1708.

Here are the dates for the rest of 2017:

April 17 th	August 21 st
May 15 th	September 18 th
June 19 th	October 16 th
July 17 th	November 20 th
	December 18 th

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Our Kettle Fund giving this month will go *towards an AED (Automatic Electronic Defibrillator) for the Church. Remember, the change in your pocket helps make a difference.*

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Our next meeting will be April 4th. Bring a dish to share and enjoy some good fellowship time.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We meet the 4th Sunday morning of most months at 7:45 Hope to see you there.

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

Men you are all cordially invited to come and enjoy a wonderful breakfast and male bonding experience prior to the uplifting worship service. We meet the First Sunday of every month at 7:00 a.m.

EVANGELISM/HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

We are looking for individuals interested in volunteering at the Welcome Center. Some training will be provided. Please indicate on the attendance pad that you would be interested in helping.

JUMC Average attendance year-to-date:

Average attendance March 2016	106
Average attendance March 2017	102

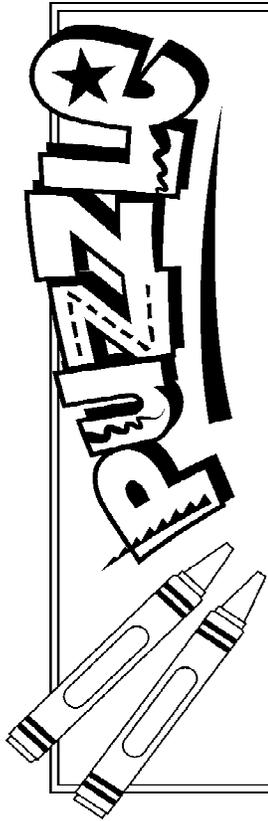
“I must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work.” — John 9:4, NRSV

UMCOR – One Great Hour of Sharing

If you would like to donate some time to JUMC, here are some spring cleaning suggestions (of course if you do something else that is great also):

Task:	I/We can help:
Clean the refrigerator	
Clean the freezer	
Clean the stove & ovens	
Wash down the pews & woodwork in the Sanctuary	
Wash down both sides of the wood doors into the classrooms downstairs	
Wash inside/outside windows	
Pull weeds & remove leaves from the rocks around the church building	
Clean the fence row around the playground	
Sweep sidewalks and steps	
Repair the snowplow grass divots around the outside of the parking lot	
Pick up trash along our mile, CR 22 from CR 3 to CR 26	
Volunteer to make copies for the Jamestown preschool teachers	
Visit someone that doesn't or can't get out of their home much	

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OUR HOPE

Romans 8:34 tells about our risen Lord, who gives us hope.

Directions: Write the phrases on the correct numbered lines below. Then, on the final row of blanks, write the bold capital letters in order from top to bottom, left to right, to spell the word that sums up this verse.

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|------------------|------------------|----------------|-------|
| | | | |
| 5 who was Raised | 8 Right hand | 6 To life | |
| 3 diEd | 4 moRe than that | 7 Is at the | |
| 2 JeSus who | 11 inTErceding | 9 Of God | |
| 12 for Us | 1 Christ | 10 aNd is also | |

... 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

4 _____ 5 _____

6 _____ 7 _____

8 _____

6 _____ 10 _____

11 _____ 12 _____ *Romans 8:34, NIV*
