

Jimtown OpenLine



**Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!**

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Music Director
- **Pam Allen**
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- **Sharon Shinn**
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Assistant
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- **Andrea Loft**
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Jamestown United Methodist Church



Before the Cross and

After the Resurrection

Easter is a victorious day in the life of the church. When we leave worship on Easter we can feel like we are on top of the world. Jesus has conquered sin and death. We are victorious in Christ.

Before the cross, the hostility against the disciples could be deflected to Jesus. They may have suffered some ill will, but the real hostility was directed toward Jesus. He was the leader; the one out front; the one doing most of the talking. They may have been ridiculed, but it was because of what Jesus was saying and doing.

But after the resurrection and ascension, they were the ones sharing the message. They were the ones who would be persecuted. They were the ones who gave their lives for Jesus and the Good News.

Our celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus is about victory, and it is right and good. And the victory we experience is something real and permanent. But we, like the first followers of Jesus, may face misunderstanding, opposition, and even persecution and death for the faith. But by faith in Christ Jesus and his substitutionary death and resurrection, we have victory over sin and the grave.

You may have heard the story of two men who are standing in front of a painting called *Checkmate* in an art gallery. In the painting, a man is playing chess with the devil. The devil is grinning ear-to-ear because he has the man cornered. The title of the painting, *Checkmate*, indicates that the game is over. The devil has won.

The first man looking at the painting wants to move on to other paintings in the gallery. But the second man, a chess player, wants to look at the painting longer, so he waves his friend on and tells him he will catch up later. The chess champion stares and stares at the chess board, then suddenly he steps back, flabbergasted. "It's wrong!" he exclaims. "There's one more move." He runs to his friend and together they look at the painting. "We have to contact the painter," the chess champion says. "It's not checkmate. The king has one more move."

After the cross, it seemed like all was lost. Jesus was dead. The devil thought he had won. But the King had another move.

When we meet opposition or even failure in our lives we may feel defeated, but the King has another move. The King has conquered. Don't give up. The early believers trusted the King to deliver them, if not in this life, then in the life to come. The King has another move. Glory to the King!

Pastor Steve

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



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

Volunteer Opportunities

Don't forget to volunteer to help on Sundays. We are always looking for Acolytes, Greeters, Nursery workers, Children's Church leaders, Fellowship time helpers and Welcome Center attendants. See LuAnn Pontius or Ray Hochstetler

Thanks for the box. Blane Bender

Thank you for your donation! Your support means so much to the people we serve in our food pantry. The other day we received this note on a comment card: "with the cost of medical, taxes and food prices going up, our checks are unable to pay for everything. This pantry helps us with food and peace of mind knowing it is here. God bless the pantry." We are so grateful that individuals and families in need are able to receive our help because we have the support of the faith community. Thank you for sharing in this ministry.

Sincerely, Church Community Services

Received 97 lbs of food

A little note with big thanks from me!

Thank you so much for the donation. It came at the perfect time. We were able to purchase extra food to send home over Spring break. Jimtown Intermediate appreciates all that you do.

Dana Kidder

(Jimtown Backpack program from our March Loose Coin donations.)

JUMC Preschool Round Up

If you know of anyone looking for a Preschool for their child starting in September, let them know:

JUMC Preschool
Round Up Open House
Thursday, April 12th
3:00 – 6:30 pm
Or call Kathy
574-389-1555



Sounds of Celebration
50 Years of Hope
April 26th
6 pm Cake – 7 pm Concert
Trinity
United Methodist Church
2715 E. Jackson Blvd.,
Elkhart
Performances by local
Dance groups, Choirs
& Praise Bands

For surely
I KNOW THE
plans
I have for
YOU,
says the
Lord...
TO GIVE YOU A
future
WITH
Hope.
Jeremiah 29:11, NRSV

March 31st Totals

Air/Heat Replacement	\$ 14,170.79
Building & Improvements	\$ 37,003.55
Club 52	\$ 195.12
Evangelism & Growth	\$ 699.61
Electronic Sign	\$ 10,926.01
Families in Need	\$ 983.29
Church Music Dept	\$ 860.30
Audio/Video	\$ 1,458.46
Carpet - Sanctuary	\$ 27,751.52

WASH

One of the necessary activities of human beings is washing.
Match the person with the kind of washing he or she did.

1.	Mary	John 12:3	a. Wanted Jesus to wash his whole body
2.	Pilate	Matthew 27: 24	b. Told the Israelites they could be saved by washing their hearts from wickedness
3.	A blind man	John 9: 7	c. Washed Jesus' feet with ointment
4.	Job	Job 9: 30-31	d. Found a baby when she came to wash in a river
5.	David	Psalm 51: 7	e. Washed in the pool of Siloam
6.	Jeremiah	Jeremiah 4: 14	f. Prayed, "Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow."
7.	Jesus	John 13: 5	g. Washed the disciples' feet
8.	Peter	John 13: 9	h. Said washing in snow water could not make him clean
9.	Pharaoh's Daughter	Exodus 2: 5-6	i. Washed his hands to rid himself of guilt
10.	Elders	Deuteronomy 21: 6-7	j. Washed their hands to show innocence

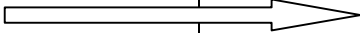
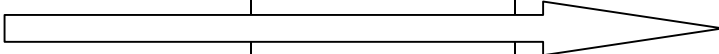
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Return Quiz April 24th

Answers for "ORGANIZERS": 1. f, 2. k, 3. j, 4. a, 5. g, 6. b, 7. i, 8. c, 9. e, 10.h, 11. d.

Those that were up for a challenge were: Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Doug Cook, Arletah Hochstetler, Jane Lechlitner, Nancy Miller and Sue Raab.

APRIL VOLUNTEERS

	1 st	8 th	15 th	22 nd	29 th
Welcome Center		Becky Buss	Roberta Mann	Irene Cook	
Liturgist	Kristin Farwig			LuAnn Pontius	Marta Clark
Greeters	Dave & Joyce Polston, Steve & Kathleen Stout	Mark & Angela Cook, Dave & LuAnn Pontius	Keith Berg, Jim Eggleston & Paul & Jan Slabaugh	Nate & Julie Koets, Gary & Becky Buss	Cheryl Cabanaw, Nancy Mahler, Linda Squibb & Nancy Miller
Acolytes	Greg & Tanner Clark	Mark & Jackson Cook	Jim Eggleston & Keith Berg	Julie & Caleb Koets	Marcia Clark & Connie Starkey
Children's Message	Pastor Steve	Steve Allen	Rita Peat	Pam Allen	Deb Beehler
Cookie Fellowship	Rita Peat, Jeff Clark & Ray Hochestler	Paula LaPlace & Steve Squibb	Mark & Angela Cook, Steve & Roberta Mann	Dick & Joan Briggs, Paul & Jan Slabaugh	Cheryl Cabanaw, Warren & Susi Allender
Nursery		Sharon Hirstein			
Children's Church	Andrea Loft	Marcia Clark			
Usher's	Tanner Clark, Mark Cook, Jim Starkey & Larry Stickel				

TRUSTEES

March 15th, 6:00 p.m.

Projects completed: boiler switched to electronic ignition;

Tree: Taking tree down at Parsonage.

Sound help: one person has volunteered.

Carpet: Vote to have Taylor Floor Covering to the job.

Pew Upholstery: Checking with other companies.

Electronic Sign: Going to planning commission for permits.

Parking lot resealing: Have quotes, but put on hold.

Parking lot lights: Two light problems, new lights coming at no cost to us.

Pews: Four pews have been shortened.

Church use: Reviewed charges for rentals

Emer.Man.Team: All doors will be locked at 9:30 am Sunday's, beginning Easter Sunday.

Work day: Not yet set

Other flooring needs: Put on hold.

APRIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wed	4 th	7:00 pm	Emergency Man. Comm.
Thurs	5 th	6:30 pm	Staff/Pastor Parish
Thurs	12 th	6:00 pm	Evangelism/Hospitality
Tues	17 th	7:00 pm	Missions Committee
Wed	18 th	7:30 pm	Worship Comm. (new date)
Thurs	19 th	6:00 pm	Trustees
		7:00 pm	Nominations/Leadership
Sat	21 st	9:00 am	Education Committee

WELCOME CENTER

Please sign up at the Welcome Center to work at the Welcome Center. Instructions are available. Thank You.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM

For those of you that missed our *Emergency Preparedness Policies and Procedures* launch, we will be having a second chance for you to see our Policies and ask questions. This is information everyone will want to hear. Please plan to attend on Sunday April 22nd following our Fellowship time, 10:45 a.m.

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. You never know what will be on the breakfast menu.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We will be meeting on April 22nd at 7:45 a.m. Don't forget our Mother/Daughter carry in will be May 14th at 6:30 pm.

STAFF/PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS COMMITTEE

is seeking an energetic, fun-loving Youth Director. If you or someone you know is interested, please send your inquiries or resume to Jamestown UMC.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Loose Coin: We have chosen the Habitat for Humanity program for our April offering. The March offering of \$69.87 went to the Jimtown Backpack program. Thank you for your generosity with these projects.

SUSANNA'S KITCHEN

We are in need of two volunteers to help once a month. Our week to serve is the 3rd Monday of the month. Please sign the paper when you know you will be able to help. This will help others know the date is filled.

CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

This month we are encouraging each family to bring **Condiments** Ketchup, Mustard, Mayo... Of course we will take any non-perishable food item you bring. Let's continue to work together to show God's love to our community. **CCS is always in need of Volunteers** for: 3-4 hour shift in food pantry; Help with Soup of Success production; Experienced sewers for textile production; March thru May help in greenhouse for Seed to Feed.

RETA

April Prayer Requests
Jamestown United Methodist Church,
We are only able to do our work through God's strength. Having others intercede on our behalf is so life-giving to us! Please pray for the following items this month:

- We have a Men's Abortion Recovery Support group meeting until June. Please pray for the participants and leaders.
- We have several volunteers currently struggling with sickness, as well as some going through surgery and cancer.
- RETA staff are attending the Heartbeat International Conference. Please pray for safe travels.
- Please pray for guidance/clarity as we look to expand our medical services to include STD/STI testing. This is a long process.
- Pray that we will continue to reach more clients, more abortion-vulnerable clients, and for God to move in mighty ways to see more lives come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Thank you so much for your support! It means the world to us!

- RETA Team

SCRAPBOOKING/CRAFT NIGHT

If you have projects you can't seem to complete, bring them here. We enjoy being able to work side by side, helping and encouraging each other. Sometimes it is easier to work on a project while you are visiting with other people while working with your hands. Next gathering, April 24th at 6:00 pm.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Welcome back everyone to our Monthly Senior's Carry-In Luncheon. **Tuesday, April 3rd at Noon!**

"The resurrection ... was only the beginning of a great, grand and vast outreach that has never ended and will not end until our Lord Jesus Christ comes back again."

--A. W. Tozer

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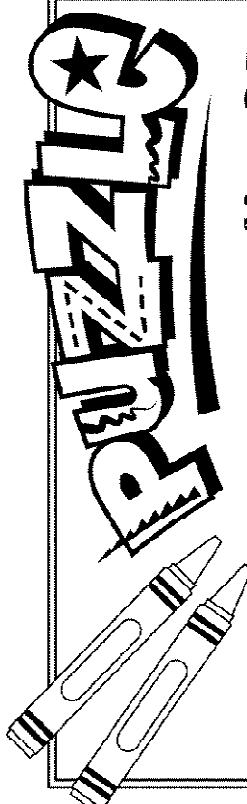
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RESURRECTION HOPE

 Romans 6:5 reveals the hope we have because  Jesus rose from the dead on Easter.

Directions: First solve the math problems. Then put the corresponding words in the blanks; for example, the word next to the answer "1" goes in the first blank, the word next to the answer "2" goes in the second blank, and so on.

- 2+2 = ___ united 2x3 = ___ death 7+6 = ___ resurrection
- 3x3 = ___ certainly 18-16 = ___ have 4-1 = ___ been
- 0+1 = ___ if 2x4 = ___ we 13-1 = ___ him
- 2+3 = ___ in 20-6 = ___ like 2+5 = ___ his
- 2x5 = ___ be 8+3 = ___ with

"For ¹___ we ²___ ³___ ⁴___

with him ⁵___ a ⁶___ like ⁷___,

⁸___ will ⁹___ also ¹⁰___ united

¹¹___ ¹²___ in a ¹³___

¹⁴___ his." Romans 6:5, NIV