

JAMESTOWN TODAY



Building Bridges To The Families Of Our Community!

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Jamestown United Methodist Church

Investment and Return

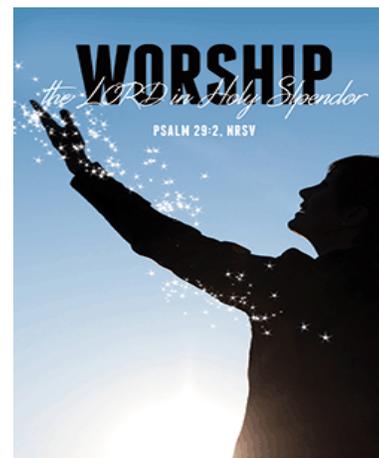
There is no doubt that worship is enhanced by the gathering of the saints. Sometimes it seems easier to worship with the saints than to worship alone. But I have also noticed that when my personal worship life is better, it heightens my experience when the saints gather in worship.

Before becoming a pastor, there were times when I felt like Sunday morning worship was dull or lackluster and I felt frustrated. Then as my personal worship life improved, I found that my heart was more in tune with the Holy Spirit in times of corporate worship as well. Judging by the reactions around me, the congregation's singing and the preaching had not necessarily improved, but I seemed to be "getting more out of it." The more I invested in my relationship with God, the greater the return was in my relationship with the body of Christ.

The weeks we spend away from one another, could enhance our return – and I hope it is more than the reality that "absence makes the heart grow fonder." My hope is that we will each invest in our personal relationships with the Lord and that those investments will result in a great spiritual return when we are able to gather together once again.

God Bless You All,

Pastor Steve





APRIL

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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
17	Pastor Steve	Loft
	DeAnn	McIntosh
	Kim	Stoops
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

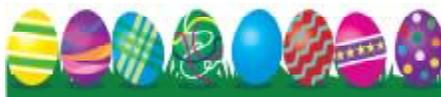
2	Denny & Linda	Miller	1977
20	Curt & Renee	Wenger	1991
26	Brad & Jackie	Ullery	1975

PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER

The first two Sundays of April include two of the special days in the life of the church. Palm Sunday and Easter have been some of the most memorable worship experiences in our lives. Online worship is making it more challenging, but Pastor Steve appreciates your prayers as we seek to make this time memorable in an uplifting way.

One of the things we usually do on the first Sunday of each month is to celebrate Holy Communion. This month we will have special circumstances and Pastor Steve will be asking a blessing on the elements that individuals or families would prepare in their own homes. So, if you are going to be purchasing groceries before the first Sunday in April, you may want to add grape juice to your list and have bread or crackers handy. There have been some interesting suggestions from members of the congregation in the event that grape juice was not available. A couple of them suggested innovative ways of using grape jelly. In the past I have heard of groups using other liquids as well.

If you feel comfortable preparing the elements yourself, get things ready before viewing the worship video. Then you will be able to receive Holy Communion in your homes for this unusual circumstance. Obviously, if you do not feel comfortable doing this you can continue in personal worship and wait until that section is completed.



I am publishing this newsletter in an attempt of a form of normalcy. Obviously most of our scheduled events, activities, meetings will not be happening. The calendar reflects what our "normal" schedule would look like.

Thank you for understanding. Questions, call me at home or on my cell, Sharon, 848-9171 or 238-5396

Wanting to Rent a Home in Jimtown area - Need ASAP. References provided on request. Call Jean 574-312-8048

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS UPDATE APRIL SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS

Do you remember our plan? We have emergency weather radios in the office and narthex area to alert us to severe weather. In the event of a severe weather **"watch"** we will be attentive to inanimate severe weather developments. Keeping an eye to the sky will be the responsibility of our ushers. Let's not have any surprises. In the event of a severe weather **"warning"**, affecting our immediate area, you may be directed to evacuate to one of the designated storm shelter rooms. These rooms are in the south corridor of the basement. Use any of the emergency exits and stairways to get there. Ushers will assist those who may be mobility challenged. Once in the room attendance will be taken. Emergency lighting and first aid kits are there as well. When the all clear is given you will be dismissed to resume your activities. Be first to be safe, have a plan and practice it.

FISHERMEN

In Bible times, people often fished for a living. Name the person in each statement.

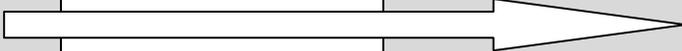
1.	The fisherman who brought a lad with 5 loaves and 2 fishes to Jesus was ...		John 6: 8-9
2.	A fisherman who, with his brother John, followed Jesus was ...		Matthew 4: 21
3.	The fisherman who was told by Jesus to catch a fish with money in its mouth was ...		Matthew 17: 26-27
4.	The man who promised to make his followers “fishers of men” was ...		Matthew 4: 19
5.	The man who was blessed by God: “And the feat of you shall be ... upon all the fishes of the seas” was ...		Genesis 9: 1-2
6.	The fisherman whose two sons became disciples was ...		Matthew 4: 2
7.	Two disciples who are named among those who went fishing with Peter but didn’t catch anything all night were ... and ...		John 21: 2

NAME _____

Return Quiz April 23rd

Answers for “Associations”: 1. D, 2. G, 3. I, 4. H, 5. A, 6. E, 7. K, 8. C, 9. J, 10. F, 11. B. Those that were up for the challenge: Jim Angel, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Doug Cook, Arletah Hochstetler and Jane Lechlitner.

APRIL VOLUNTEERS

	5 th	12 th	19 th	26 th
Welcome Center				United Methodist Women Volunteers
Liturgist	<i>Warren Allender</i>			
Greeters	<i>Sandra Metcalf, Clo McIntosh, Mark & Carolyn Landis</i>	<i>Kathy Moyer, Nila Young, Dave & LuAnn Pontius</i>	<i>Deb Beehler, Hannah Skibbe, Jackie, Bella, Maiah Ullery</i>	
Acolytes	<i>Mark & Carolyn Landis</i>	<i>Dave & LuAnn Pontius</i>	<i>Deb Beehler & Hanna Skibbe</i>	
Children’s Message	<i>Pastor Steve</i>	<i>Steve Allen</i>	<i>Becky Buss</i>	
Cookie Fellowship				
Nursery				
Children’s Church				
Ushers				



**TRUSTEES
March RECAP**

TV's for Fellowship Hall: Installed and have been used. Thank you.

Annex: Cleaned out Apt. A & car removed.

All Church Spring work day: May 9th! Committees to make work request lists. **May be rescheduled.**

Fire Ext Inspect.: "K" rated extinguisher for Kitchen, purchased.

Elevator: Waiting for estimates for repairs

Carpet Cleaning: Entrance of Narthex and SS rooms downstairs and offices

Lawn Mowing: Carl Lechlitter will be taking care of all lawn maintenance.

Next meeting April 16th (?) at 6:00 pm

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our President, Dave Polston, is looking forward to greeting you. Time is the first Sunday of the month at 7:00 a.m. The place is the Fellowship Hall. The reason, as our theme song says, is to "help out where we can". The meal comes from the skillful paws of two of our members. These veteran cooks can really do their thing. A very worthwhile resolution would be to attend whenever possible. Everyone would love to see you. **Hope to see you in May!**

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Hope to see you April 26th at 7:45 a.m.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

We will not be meeting until May. Hopefully!

PLEASE Understand:

As our meetings together are not happening, please contact your committee chairperson. They may be planning an online/phone/email "meeting".

I am simply informing you of what would normally take place in the life of Jamestown UMC. Do not plan to come to church for any of these events unless you have been contacted by this office or your chairperson.

REGULAR APRIL MEETINGS

Mon	13 th	6:00 pm	Evangelism Committee
Thurs	16 th	6:00 pm	Trustees
		7:00 pm	Education Committee

**ANNOUNCING "ROCKY RAILWAY"
JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH**

Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it. I need all of you to consider "jumping on board" and helping us out. "But How can I help", you ask? Let me give you a few options: lead Bible lessons, lead singing, crafts & activities, snacks, registration, publicity, photography or just lead a group of children from station to station.

Tentative dates for VBS are June 22nd – 26th. Please mark this on your calendar. It's O.K. if you can't be here every evening. Consider being a sub for someone.

We will have a "wish list" this year. There are some special items we would like to get for the children. If you would like to underwrite or donate towards one of these purchases, let me know. I will be planning a meeting soon to make final plans. I hope to have more information next month. Whichever way you are interested in helping, please let me know. Call 765-702-3352. Be in prayer for VBS; how you can help, for children that will attend, all adult volunteers and that we will teach all children about Jesus and His love! Thanks!
Andrea Loft

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Loose Coin: "Susanna's Kitchen" is our mission giving for April. Since 1982 Susanna's Kitchen has been providing a nutritious noon meal for any person coming to the table every Monday through Friday at First Congregational Church in downtown Elkhart. Our members have been serving that meal once a month for many years. Our March offering of \$ 68.00 went to Jimmie Pack-A-BackPack. As always, **Thank you for your generosity with these projects.**

CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

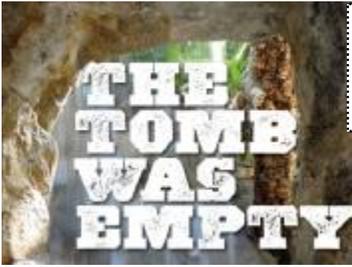
This month, April, we are encouraging each family to bring ... Since many of you/us are not leaving our homes I realize bringing items in is not an option for you. If you feel so led, you may mail a check to Jamestown UMC. Mark it for CCS, I will send it to them.

Thanks for all you do!

We Get It:

At this time, many may be staying at home; your income has been reduced. This is understandable. I will continue to keep you informed of our Mission projects as always. You know what you are able to share with our community. I am not trying to make you give to any of these organizations. Again, I am only trying to keep you informed. Only you can determine what you might have available.

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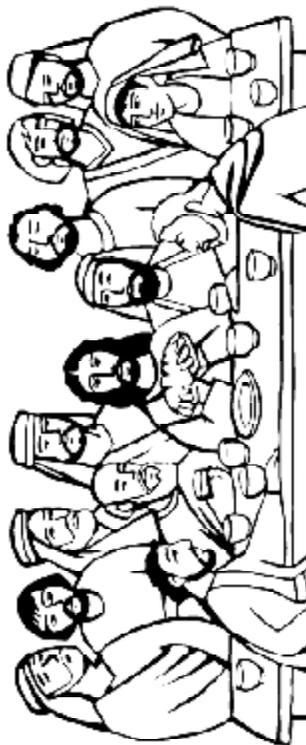
"He is not here; for He is risen", as He said.
Matthew 28: 6

Return Address Correction Requested



Picturing the Lord's Supper

Jesus ate the Passover meal with his disciples as a symbol of the new covenant.



Directions: Use the picture clues to fill in key words from Luke 22:19-20, NIV.



And he took _____, gave _____ and _____ it, and gave



it to them, saying, "This is my _____ given for you; do this in



_____ of me." In the same way, after the supper he



took the cup, saying, "This _____ is the new _____ in my



blood, which is _____ out for you."

LUKE 22:19-20, NIV