

# JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The  
Families Of Our Community!*

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## "Back to School...?"

It seems that when I was in elementary school we did not start the school year until September. It also seems as if the schedule for starting school has crept forward little by little. But now... Now children are experiencing issues that we never dreamed would be a reality. Parents are faced with the decision of sending their children to school or having them stay at home for "virtual learning" (interesting word combination).

Not long ago I watched an old rerun of "Gunsmoke," the western series starring James Arness as Marshall Dillon. On that episode, they were debating the usefulness of schooling for children of farm communities. The school master was dreaming of the day when public school would be required in Kansas.

Things have definitely changed over the decades. But one thing is still sure. The involvement of parents and grandparents in the education of children is indispensable. The same is true about their spiritual development as it is their intellectual development. We definitely need the help of professional teachers to invest in the scholastic endeavors of students. But without the support of their families, they face an uphill battle.

In a similar way, parents must invest in the spiritual development of their children. My mind goes back to the Shema – a Jewish confession of faith taken in part from Deuteronomy 6.

<sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup>Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup>These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. <sup>7</sup>Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

They were to live out their love for the Lord before their children in such a way that it would be impressed upon their young lives. The church helps with people who invest in young lives by teaching the children in Children's church. But that does not replace the investment of parents and grandparents in the spiritual lives of their children. Family investment is absolutely irreplaceable.

So, as you think about how children will experience education this fall, don't forget to consider how we can all invest in the spiritual development of young lives. How might you, invest in someone you know today?

*Pastor Steve*

**BIRTHDAYS**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

|    |          |             |    |               |         |      |
|----|----------|-------------|----|---------------|---------|------|
| 3  | Betty    | Griffin     | 1  | Scott & Julie | Gordy   | 1998 |
| 4  | Travon   | Stepney     | 4  | Jon & Tami    | Pyfer   | 2007 |
| 6  | Jerry    | Cook        | 7  | Brian & Becky | Metcalf | 1982 |
| 7  | Caleigh  | Campbell    |    | David & Joyce | Polston |      |
| 9  | Arneal   | Squibb      | 9  | Marty & Robin | Richard | 1997 |
| 12 | Jaren    | Vest        | 24 | Tim & Kristin | Farwig  | 1991 |
| 13 | Carissa  | Ullery      |    |               |         |      |
|    | Maria    | Moleski     |    |               |         |      |
| 14 | Jennifer | Ullery      |    |               |         |      |
| 16 | John     | Moore       |    |               |         |      |
|    | Jeanette | Morgan      |    |               |         |      |
| 21 | Brad     | Siebert     |    |               |         |      |
|    | Pastor   | Bowman      |    |               |         |      |
| 23 | Ron      |             |    |               |         |      |
|    | Pam      | Allen       |    |               |         |      |
| 25 | Jacob    | Cook        |    |               |         |      |
| 27 | Margaret | Pierce      |    |               |         |      |
| 28 | Warren   | Allender    |    |               |         |      |
|    | Kendra   | Metcalf     |    |               |         |      |
|    | Jacob    | Pyfer       |    |               |         |      |
| 29 | Darin    | Metcalf     |    |               |         |      |
|    | Robin    | Richard     |    |               |         |      |
| 30 | Patti    | Hochstetler |    |               |         |      |
| 31 | Traci    | Campbell    |    |               |         |      |



**Bashor Home**  
 See our July report from Bashor Home for Children. This gives us some insight to their teachings and the prayer needs of the children involved with this program and their staff. (Each grouping is the house they are assigned to live in.)

Jamestown UMC,  
 Thank you so much for the cabinets for the **Preschool office**. I love them! I cannot express how much I appreciate them. You are too kind!  
 Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!  
*Somehow, just saying "thank you" doesn't seem like enough. But I hope you know how much your kindness has meant to me.*  
 I am very grateful! Kathy H.

Your recent monetary donation was greatly appreciated by **Susanna's Kitchen**. During 2019 the Kitchen provided over 24,085 food servings to local individuals. Your donation of \$100.00 will provide over 60 servings.  
 Thank you so much.  
 Sharon McDowell, Treasurer

**Patient Attention, Valuable Discoveries**

*For many people, the coronavirus pandemic has been a test of patience — or worse. Medically vulnerable people face an anxious time of hypervigilance. Furloughed workers wait on hold or in lines for assistance. Special events have been canceled or rescheduled.*

*Those not impacted directly deal with assorted frustrations and inconveniences. Many people are learning the benefit of slowing down, being present (even virtually) to others and practicing patient attention.*

*Interestingly, scientist Isaac Newton did some of his best work when the plague forced Cambridge University to close. At home, the inquisitive student invented calculus and developed groundbreaking theories of gravity and optics. Later Newton called 1666 his annus mirabilis ("year of wonders") and reportedly said, "If I have made any valuable discoveries, it [owes] more to patient attention than to any other talent."*

*What have you discovered during the Covid-19 crisis? What appreciations have you developed for aspects of life you may have previously taken for granted? What has social distancing taught you about the value of neighbors, church, community volunteering?*

*During the pandemic, what have you learned about persistence and God's presence? What empathy do you now feel for writers of words such as "I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope" (Psalm 130:5, NIV)?*

# BLINDNESS

Draw a line under the proper person connected with blindness.

|     |                                                                                           |                    |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1.  | (Barnabas, Bartimaeus, Barsabas) was blind and begged for a living.                       | Mark 10: 46        |
| 2.  | (David, Elijah, Elisha) prayed for people to be made blind.                               | 2 Kings 6:18       |
| 3.  | (Two angels, Gabriel, Michael) smote men at Lot's door with blindness.                    | Genesis 19:11      |
| 4.  | (Saul, Elymas, Naboth) was made blind because he tried to turn Serguis Paulus from faith. | Acts 13: 7-10      |
| 5.  | (David, Eliphaz, Job) said he was eyes to the blind.                                      | Job 29: 15         |
| 6.  | (Moses, Aaron, Eli) said the man who led the blind in the wrong way would be cursed.      | Deuteronomy 27: 18 |
| 7.  | (Mark, Jesus, Peter) was followed by two blind men.                                       | Matthew 9: 27      |
| 8.  | (Jesus, James, John) likened some people to the blind leading the blind.                  | Matthew 15: 14     |
| 9.  | (Sadducees, Herodians, Pharisees) were called blind guides by Jesus.                      | Matthew 23: 16     |
| 10. | (Samson, Adoniram, Jonah) was blinded by his enemies who put out his eyes.                | Judges 16: 21      |
| 11. | (Peter, James, Saul) was blinded by a great light on his way to persecute Christians.     | Acts 9: 5-8        |

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Return Quiz August 22<sup>nd</sup>

Answers for "KING": 1. E, 2. I, 3. C, 4. J, 5. F, 6. A, 7. G, 8. K, 9. B, 10. D, 11. H. Those that were up for the challenge: Jim Angel, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark & Jane Lechlitrer.

## TRUSTEES July Report

**Annex:** Demolition, unit is down. Getting bids for underground pressure tank & frost-free hydrant for annex well. Sprinkler heads installed.

**Church:** Water filters removed, no problems so far.

**Fellowship hall & Restrooms:** Church council approved renovations. Trustees approved color scheme.

**Parking Lot:** Getting bids.

**Cherry Tree:** West entrance, taking down.

**Parsonage:** Bids for damaged siding, window repair, & new windows. Damage from birds or chipmunks and age.

**Next meeting August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 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.

*"Rejoice in hope, be Patient in Tribulation,  
be Constant in Prayer"*

## MISSIONS

**Loose Coin Offerings:** We are sending \$100 to Susanna's Kitchen. Our August collection will go to LoveWay in Bristol. LoveWay works on "Enhancing the lives of individuals with special needs through comprehensive therapeutic equestrian services." Last month our collection of \$50.50 went to SPA Women's Ministry.

**Church Community Services Food Collection:**

Our monthly collection focus is, Breakfast, cereal, pancake mix, coffee, instant breakfast drink mix... A drop off box will be set up near the church entrances

**Firefighter's Dinner:** Don't forget to sign up to provide dinner for our firefighters following their training sessions.



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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Sept - ?            | Oct 5 <sup>th</sup> |
| Nov 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Dec 7 <sup>th</sup> |

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We are possibly meeting for Breakfast on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Time and place to be announced.

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"Building Bridges To The  
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Pray for All School  
Children  
and All School Staff!  
Our Future!



Return Address Correction Requested



## Compete for the crown

 The apostle Paul compares the Christian life  to running a race for an imperishable crown.

**Directions:** From the starting line through the finish line, circle every third letter. Then place the circled letters in order in the blanks below to complete 1 Corinthians 9:24-25, NIV.

**START**

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t e g r u a n p l e d n o t i m n e y j o e s x r d p o e t w a i n

**FINISH**

"Do you not know that in a \_\_\_\_\_ all the runners run,  
but only one gets the \_\_\_\_\_? \_\_\_\_\_ in such a way  
as to get the prize. Everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ in  
the \_\_\_\_\_ goes into strict \_\_\_\_\_.  
They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do  
it to get a \_\_\_\_\_ that will last forever."

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-25, NIV