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Families Of Our Community!*

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Thoughts from the Office:

With August comes routine for some people. School starts, our Gardens are suppling us much joy, beauty and work, one last small vacation before school/fall begins, trying to get in those last sunshine days, committee meetings become regular again. What have you done with these great days of summer?

I have listened to the Worship services during Pastor Bette's absence. There are challenges and convictions that are given to us and some we make for ourselves. Some are physical some are mental/emotional some are deeply heart felt.

What is your reaction to these times in your life? Do you say, Poor Me? O surely, they don't mean me? I could never? I'll ignore it and it will go away?

We can come up with many ways to ignore these times or we sink into our challenge to wait for someone to pull us out.

Life isn't just about waiting for the Storms to pass, it's about learning how to Dance in the Rain!

These words inspire me to look outward. It reminds us of how resilience can turn challenges into opportunities.

The same can be said for the joy-filled times of our daily lives. Do we keep it to ourselves? Do we spread joy to others? Do we remember to thank God every day for something wonderful that happened today?

Sharing our joy with others can create a ripple effect, brightening not only our day but for those around us.

Just like a dancer who gracefully moves through the raindrops, we can find joy and growth even in difficult times.

Let us "Keep Dancing"!



BIRTHDAYS

3	Betty	Griffin
4	Travon	Stepney
6	Jerry	Cook
7	Caleigh	Campbell
13	Carissa	Ullery
	Maria	Moleski
14	Jennifer	Ullery
16	Jeanette	Morgan
18	Laney Jo	Bender
23	Pastor Ron	Bowman
25	Jacob	Cook
27	Margaret	Pierce
28	Kendra	Metcalf
	Jacob	Pyfer
29	Darin	Metcalf
	Robin	Richard
30	Patti	Hochstetler

ANNIVERSARIES

4	Jon & Tami	Pyfer	2007
7	Brian & Becky	Metcalf	1982
	David & Joyce	Polston	
9	Marty & Robin	Richard	1997
24	Tim & Kristin	Farwig	1991



Prayer Requests

Would you like to be added to our "Prayer Request emails". Emails go out every week with the Joys & Requests given on Sunday. Let the office know so we can add your name.



Missing Keys

We are still missing 2 keys. One for the elevator which is on a lanyard and the other for the Table & Chairs closet. Please check your pockets.



Position Needed

A Piano accompanist is needed for our weekly Wed. night choir rehearsals, Sunday morning services and special programs.

Please help spread the word! Anyone interested may call Deb Beehler 574-596-7624

or

Sharon Shinn
574-293-3905



A GARDENER'S LEGACY

*I'd like to leave but daffodils to mark my little way,
To leave but tulips red and white behind me as I stray;
I'd like to pass away from earth and feel I'd left behind
But roses and forget-me-nots for all who come to find.*

*I'd like to sow the barren spots with all the flowers of earth,
To leave a path where those who come should find but gentle mirth;
And when at last I'm called upon to join the heavenly throng
I'd like to feel along my way I'd left no sign of wrong.*

*And yet the cares are many and the hours of toil are few;
There is not time enough on earth for all I'd like to do;
But, having lived and having toiled, I'd like the world to find
Some little touch of beauty that my soul had left behind.*

--Edgar A. Guest

Thank you from Pastor Bette and Rich

It is hard to find words that fit.

I am overwhelmed with the caring and love which has enveloped Rich and me during these past months! I want you all to know that we have felt nothing but the deepest caring and love from all of you!!! As I have been healing and setting aside time to listen and be still with God, there is an overwhelming sense of God's presence throughout this time and God's love is shown most vividly through the love and care of the faithful people of Jamestown UMC.

Many, many thanks for your prayers, cards, food, well-wishes, visits, and many gifts, text messages... for both me and for Rich. I am feeling stronger every day and looking forward to being back in worship very soon. I am praying for each one of you individually. Let us continue to care for one another, in body, mind and spirit, holding one another in the Father's ultimate care.

Blessings and peace,
Pastor Bette

PLAGUES

Arrange the ten plagues in order by matching each plague with its proper number of occurrence.
Read Exodus 7 – 12 to find your answers.

1.	The 1 st plague		a. Boils
2.	The 2 nd plague		b. Cattle
3.	The 3 rd plague		c. Darkness
4.	The 4 th plague		d. Death
5.	The 5 th plague		e. Frogs
6.	The 6 th plague		f. Flies
7.	The 7 th plague		g. Lice
8.	The 8 th plague		h. Hail
9.	The 9 th plague		i. Locusts
10.	The 10 th plague		j. Pollution of the Nile

NAME _____

Return Quiz August 25th

Answers for "Promises"; 1. J, 2. E, 3. G, 4. F, 5. B, 6. A, 7. H, 8. I, 9. C, 10. D. Those persons challenging themselves: Lana Berg, Marta Clark, Doug Cook and Jane Lechlitner.



We are also hard at work preparing for this year's **Soup of Success fundraiser** - Bubbles, Bites & Bids. Please mark your calendars for Thursday evening, **September 5, at 6:00 pm**. Join us at the beautiful Lex 530 event center in Elkhart. Yummy hors d'oeuvres, champagne, wine pull, live music by High Gravity and over 50 items up for silent auction. Tickets are \$75 with proceeds benefiting Church Community Service's women's empowerment program, **Soup of Success**.

MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: Jamestown Preschool. Jamestown preschool has been operating for 23 years under the direction Kathy Hinegardner. Sometimes they like to take the "littles" on a field trip; sometimes a family is going through a rough time and finding it hard to pay tuition every month. Your donation will help fund these things and keep our Preschool operating for our community.

You may give anytime during the month. Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". Thank You for your generosity.

CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

August giving... Canned meals (Chef boy-R-D) canned meats, boxes to complete a meal (hamburger helper). We (CCS) leverage every donation. For example, a \$100 donation gives us the leverage to purchase \$600 worth of food for the pantry!

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Guest Speaker
4 th	LuAnn Pontius	Steve & Roberta Mann	Judy Walther	Bill Walther
11 th	Roger Matthews	Mark & Carolyn Landis	Carolyn Landis	Pastor Bette
18 th	Gail Greenlee	Carl & Jane Lechlitner	Pastor Bette	Pastor Bette
25 th	Jeff Clark	Doug & Irene Cook	Linda Vest	Pastor Bette
USHERS: Jim Angel, Jeff Clark, Tom Cook, Randy Beehler				



STRONGER TOGETHER Saturday, August 10, 2024

11:30 am – 2:00 pm (EDT)

Join us for a time to gather, connect, worship, and be STRONGER TOGETHER.

The event will include food trucks, face painting, worship & praise bands, the onsite playground, and the option to go to the Potawatomi Zoo (open from 10 am – 5 pm).

Churches or individuals can purchase zoo tickets in advance for a discounted rate of \$9.00/adult and \$8.00/senior/child (regular day-of tickets are \$14/adult, \$12/child/senior). Senior is adults 62+ and children are 3-14 years old.

Avoid cash-only sales and limited sizes on-site by pre-purchasing your Stronger Together t-shirt online this year too!

Presale zoo tickets and t-shirt sales will be available from June 12th-July 23rd.

Register here:

<https://inumc.swoogo.com/stronger24/begin>

We would like to have several members attend this event.

CARD MINISTRY

Are you a person that likes to send cards to people? Do you find joy in making others smile? Call the church office and we can give you some names of people that could use a little, "Hello", in the mail. Or maybe you would rather give them a call. Just let us know how or if you can help.

TRUSTEES

Trustees did not meet during July, due to the 'Cousins Cruise'. Half of our committee plus Pastor Bette were out so we will hit the ground running in August. At the Parsonage, painting should be completed as well as light fixtures installed and miscellaneous finished up by the first full week this month. Floor reconditioning will be the last phase that should be started and hopefully completed by early September at latest. The center railing in the sanctuary that has been engineered and crafted by Lyle Shinn, has had many positive reviews! Thank you for the support and patience given us to work and complete many projects around the church and Parsonage!

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Next breakfast, August 4th. Invite your neighbors.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

We will be going to breakfast on August 17th. Meet us at OC Café at 8:30.

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

August Carry-In is Tuesday the 6th at Noon.

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

Some of you may know we have one(1) couple and the Pastor that take Communion to some of our homebound members every month. If we had more volunteers, we could take to more people. Or we could switch months. No one would need to do this every month.

This is a ministry of our church. 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, call the church office, 574-293-3905.




Is God giving you a nudge?



BY THE SEASHORE

The sea and its creatures are evidence of God's intention and purpose in creation.

Directions: Unscramble the words. Then copy the circled letters in order below to complete Psalm 104:24-25, NIV.

	DASN		____
	LFSELS		____
	USN		____
	ESEDAIS		____
	BHECA		____
	LALUBMER		____
	WRTEA		____
	FRUS		____
	VWSEA		____

How many are your works, Lord!
In wisdom you made them _____;
the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the _____, vast and spacious,
teeming with _____ beyond number —
living things both large and small.
Psalm 104:24-25, NIV