

# Jimtown OpenLine



*Building Bridges To The  
Families Of Our Community!*

## Jamestown United Methodist Church

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### Christmas Practices

Many people from the congregation have read the book by Robert Schnase entitled *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* and a few may have read his companion book *Five Practices of Fruitful Living*. One is for the church as a body and the other is for individual Christians. As I thought about what to share in messages during the time leading up to Christmas, I began to see the five practices lived out by the people of God at the time of the birth of Jesus. There were amazing expressions of radical hospitality from Elizabeth and Zechariah as they welcomed Mary into their home. Joseph also welcomed the expectant Mary into his love and home.

Passionate worship abounds as angels and humans celebrate the coming of the Messiah. Their joy is hardly contained as they worshiped with passion and joy. Zechariah and Elizabeth demonstrated what a life of intentional faith development produces. Their righteousness was evident before God and humans.

Many of the people involved were prime examples of risk-taking mission and service. Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds all took risks to witness what God was doing through the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. And who can deny the extravagant generosity of the magi who traveled a long distance and invested in valuable gifts to offer to the One who was born the King of the Jews.

But all of these human examples pale in comparison to God's generosity and the ways God has welcomed the world in His embrace and invested in our faith development. Jesus took the greatest risk in becoming human to give us himself. How can we not be caught up in worship that is passionate and fulfilling?

Christmas is a time of great celebration. It affords us the blessings of peace and joy which the world longs so desperately to experience. This may be a wonderful time to walk across the room, the yard, or the store to share Christ's love with people you may never meet again. But it is worth the investment as we are swept up together into the arms of our merciful and loving God. May the Lord bless you all with light and life this Christmas season.

In Christ,

*Pastor Steve*

1	Tim	Hill
2	Steve	Cook
3	Deb	Beehler
6	Paula	LaPlace
	Harold	Sherp
7	Bruce	Hirstein
9	Marlyse	Kemp
	Sheila	Stoops
11	Kristin	Farwig
	Lora	Mahler
	Loren	Mahler
12	Haydon	Richard
14	Vici	Vogel
15	Connie	Starkey
19	Brian	Hochstetler
20	Patsy	Seigler
21	Ryan	Vest
23	Gillian	Paige
	LuAnn	Pontius
24	Kathie	Nash
	Jerry	Vest
25	Linda	Squibb
26	Brad	Pratt
28	Amy	Smith
	Allison	Davis
	Braxton	Metcalf
29	Michael	Stout
30	Holly	Angel
	Jeff	Davis

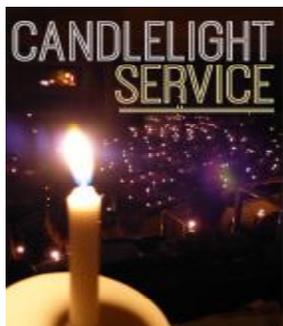


JUMC,  
We would like to take the time and say thank you for your generous donation of \$500. You may never meet the person whose life has been touched but the appreciation is significant. A life changed in our community truly speaks to your generosity. Thanks for thinking of the Salvation Army of Elkhart. Shawn B. DeBaar  
Lieutenant

JUMC,  
Thank you for the donation to the Jamestown Preschool. Your donation will help pay for field trips and keeping the cost of tuition down for our families. Thank you for the many ways you support the preschool. I always count the church & congregation as one of my many blessings. Kathy



2	Jerry & Carolyn	Cook	1967
22	Jim & Geri	Angel	1962
26	Dick & Joan	Briggs	1953
30	Lawrence & Nila	Young	1957



Christmas Eve 10:00 p.m.



Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.

Dear JUMC family & friends,  
Thank you for sending the box of goodies to me. It is nice to know you guys are thinking of me. I hope all is well in Elkhart and Jan B. isn't driving everyone too crazy.  
Love, Ryan Remaly

Dear JUMC,  
Thank you for your gift of \$100. In support of the children we serve at Bashor Children's Home. Your generosity sustains our mission and enhances the tradition of providing "help for today and hope for tomorrow" to hundreds of abused, neglected and troubled children and their families each year.  
Bashor Children's Home, Steve Riikonen  
Director of Development

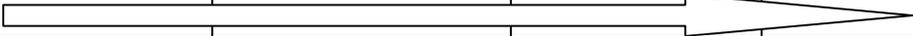
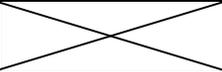
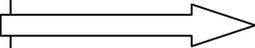
Dear Family in Christ,  
Our family in Christ on both sides of the border have a harder time this time of year with the holidays on us. Feeding there spiritual and worldly body is why we have dedicated our lives. Working with Charlie in Mexico and Nancy in the states we pooled our resources to bring happiness and joy to families in need.  
Christ is Life Ministries,  
Lynn & Rosemary Williams

Dear JUMC,  
Thank you supporting our food pantry. Your gift is so important as you can see from the following example: A gentleman came in to the food pantry. Due to diabetes, he had lost toes on both his feet and was not able to wear regular shoes. His wife asked him to leave... (see bulletin board for the rest of the letter). # 143lbs. of Food Church Community Services,  
Tom McArthur, Executive Director

JUMC,  
RETA began in 1985, 32 years later RETA is still here to let young women and men know they are not alone in the parenting journey. From verifying a pregnancy and showing a couple their child through an ultrasound, to providing birthing classes and helping parents know how to feed their children properly, RETA walks beside these parents. Your gift makes all the difference and we are so thankful for your support!  
Rod Tackett, Advancement Director

JUMC,  
When you look into the face of a person with dementia or Alzheimer's, it's impossible to know or understand the confusion going on in their brain. Your friendship enables us to give the "faces" of Elk Co (and beyond) a safe sanctuary and caregivers a peace of mind.  
Thank you for your support.  
Riverview Adult Day Care,  
Nicole Hardy=Pagels

## DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>
Welcome Center	Jim Starkey	Irene Cook	Lana Berg	Becky Buss	
Liturgist	Kristin Farwig				
Greeters	Marion Taylor, Sally Franklin, Dave & LuAnn Pontius			Randy & Deb Beehler	
Acolytes	Dave & LuAnn Pontius				
Children's Message	Pastor Steve	Steve Allen	Pam Allen	Deb Beehler	LuAnn Pontius
Cookie Fellowship	John Beggs, Mark & Cindy Campbell	Karen Miller, Dave & Joyce Polston	Steve & Linda Squibb, Steve & Kathleen Stout	Mark & Angela Cook, Randy & Deb Beehler	Rita Peat, Jim Eggleston, Ray Hochstetler
Nursery	Sharon Hirstein				
Children's Church		Andrea Loft	Deb Beehler	Andrea Loft	
Ushers	Randy Beehler, Mark Campbell, Dave Pontius & Mark Wrathell				

## FOWL

To most of us the fowl of the air add enjoyment. Underline the correct fowl in each statement.

1.	Jesus said His followers should be harmless as (doves, eagles, sparrows).	Matthew 10: 16
2.	Jesus told us to consider the (eagles, ravens, doves) who do not farm, yet God feeds them.	Luke 12: 24
3.	Jesus used the (dove, sparrow, swan) to demonstrate our value and his care for us.	Luke 12: 6-7
4.	Elijah was fed by (quail, ravens, stork).	1 Kings 17: 6
5.	When Jesus was baptized, the Spirit of God descended upon Him like a (dove, swan, eagle).	Matthew 3: 16
6.	Peter wept when the (crow, cock, hen) crowed three times.	Matthew 26: 75
7.	Jeremiah said the daughters of Zion became cruel like the (hawk, ostrich, cock) in the wilderness.	Lamentations 4: 3
8.	Solomon said riches fly away like (sparrows, doves, eagles).	Proverbs 23: 5
9.	God told Moses to tell the Israelites, "I bare you on (eagles', owls', cocks') wings.	Exodus 19: 4
10.	Jesus over threw tables of the sellers of (quail, pigeons, doves).	Mark 11: 15
11.	Hosea likened Ephriam to a silly (hen, dove, owl).	Hosea 7: 11
12.	An Israelite not able to bring a lamb to offer to the Lord could bring two (hens, turtledoves, swans) for a sin offering and two (pigeons, quails, cormorants) for a burnt offering.	Leviticus 5: 7

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Return Quiz by December 24th

Answers for "Actions": 1. D, 2. F, 3. K, 4. B, 5. J, 6. H, 7. A, 8. I, 9. G, 10. C, 11. E,

Those that were up for a challenge were: Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Doug Cook and Jane Lechlitner.

### TRUSTEES

**November 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.**

**Sound System:** Working on the Digital Board, takes time.

**Parsonage:** Landscaping in Spring 2018 Also;

Mold test: Completed

**Church:** leaves raked, repairs in preschool room, added bell for preschool upstairs.

**Chair Lift Permit:** Had it inspected free of charge.

**Incorporation:** Papers ready to sign.

**Teen Center:** Three boats & trailer storage rentals.

**Apartments:** inspected both, need minor repairs in both.

**Boiler:** Sanctuary boiler control not working well. Motion to purchase electronic ignition, \$1,000.

### DECEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tues	5 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Finance
Thurs	14 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Evangelism
Thurs	21 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 pm	Trustees

### SENIOR LUNCHEON

Our next meeting will be December 5th at Noon. We will not meet again until March 6<sup>th</sup>. Bring a dish to share and enjoy some good fellowship time.

### 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.



### 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.

### DECEMBER FUND BALANCES

Air/Heat Replacement	\$14,170.79
Building & Improvements	\$ 3,956.04
Club 52	\$ 181.12
Evangelism & Growth	\$ 420.61
Electronic Sign	\$ 6,591.01
Families in Need	\$ 1,074.63
Church Music Dept	\$ 955.00
Audio/Video	\$ 1,458.46
Carpet - Sanctuary	\$ 7,061.52

### MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Our December loose coin offering will go to purchase a meat item for our Christmas Baskets. The offering of \$81.58 went to Christ is Life Ministries, Lynn Williams. Thank you for your generosity with these projects.

**Susanna's Kitchen:** We are in need of two volunteers to help once a month. If you can help, please call **Kathleen Stout at 584-4130**.

Our December date is Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to everyone that has volunteered this year!

**Feed the Firemen:** We need people to sign up to provide a meal for our Baugo Firefighters the night of their training session. We usually feed about 15 people. You can sign up for Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>. Take your course to the Fire station by 6:30 p.m. Thanks for all you do.

### CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

This month we are encouraging each family to bring any PASTA, SAUCES & MAC-N-CHEESE. Remember, we will take any non-perishable food item you bring. Let's continue to work together to show God's love to our community.

### FOR OUR CHILDREN

During a recent Craft night, nine activity bags were made and filled with supplies for children attending church before the Children's Message. They are available at the Welcome Center. Stop by and pick one up for your child to enjoy during our Worship service.

### CHRISTMAS BASKETS

We are helping provide Christmas Food & Gifts for five local families. The Missions funds, December Loose coin and money from the Penny jug will provide the meat for our baskets. The canned goods and non-perishable food items will be provided by the Jimtown Food drive in our schools. The wrapped personal gifts are provided by you, JUMC members. If you want to help, but don't want to go shopping, we have several ladies who enjoy shopping. You may give a monetary donation to help with the gifts. Please have all gifts wrapped, labeled and delivered to the church office by Thursday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, by 1:00 p.m. **If you can help pack food boxes, we will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Baugo School Administration building on CR 22. Thank you for all your help and generosity. Jackie Ullery**

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our Christmas gift exchange and Carry-in dinner is Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Christmas Wonder

*I want to see into the heart of a thing ... I want the God-given way of seeing life, not to possess and to control, but to stand back in wonder and gratitude.*

—Esther de Waal



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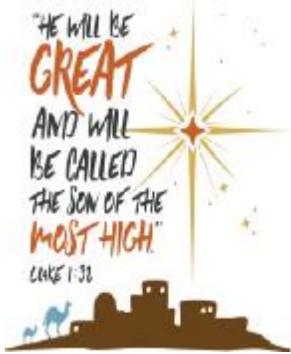
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Return Postage Requested

A large rectangular area containing a maze puzzle. On the left side, the word "PUZZLE" is written in a large, stylized, blocky font with a star above the letter 'P'. Below it are two crayons. To the right of "PUZZLE" is the text "JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM" in a bold, sans-serif font. Below this text is a small star icon and the word "START" in a bold font. The maze itself is a complex network of black lines forming a path. At the end of the maze on the right side is a small illustration of a town with a church steeple, and the word "BETHLEHEM" is written below it. The entire puzzle area is enclosed in a double-line border.