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*Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!*

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Jamestown United Methodist Church

Let Earth Receive Her King

I recently saw a video in which a pastor was introducing his theme for Advent and Christmas. I was surprised to hear that they were using a theme that came from a familiar Christmas carol. It surprised me because that is similar to what we will be doing. That other church will be using multiple carols for Sunday themes leading up to Christmas. Our theme comes from one line of a single song, "*Let Earth Receive Her King.*" It is the third phrase of "Joy to the World."

Joy to the world, the Lord is come, *let earth receive her king...*

Let Earth Receive Her King! It is a great sentiment. But more than that, it is a great hope, that all of the people of the earth would receive their King, the King of kings and Lord of lords – King Jesus! So, let's lead the way by *opening our heart's door* to receive our King.

Let's Open *Our Heart's Door*:

To God's Plans for Us (11/29/2020)
To Friends and Strangers (12/6/2020)
To Silence and Song (12/13/2020)
To Divine Encounters (12/20/2020)
To God's Love for Us (12/24/2020)
...and *To New Opportunities* (12/27/2020)

Let's Open Our Heart's Door to Receive our King – Jesus!

If there ever was a time to receive and welcome Jesus into the world, it is now!

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who *believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God*— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but *born of God*. (John 1:9-13)

Oh, let earth receive her King!

Let's make that the capstone of our prayer this Christmas season.

With an open heart,

Pastor Steve Loft

PLACES

Where are the following biblical places located today? Use a world atlas and Bible maps to match the biblical place in the left column with the modern location in the right column.

1.		Antioch of Pisidia	a. Asia
2.		Bethlehem	b. Turkey
3.		Rome	c. Syria
4.		Damascus	d. Jordan
5.		Jerusalem	e. Greece
6.		Macedonia	f. Yugoslavia & Greece
7.		Ur	g. Israel & Jordan
8.		Thessalonica	h. Iraq
9.		Goshen	i. Italy
10.		Ephesus	j. Egypt

NAME _____

Return Quiz December 20th

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

TRUSTEES November Report

Met via Zoom November 19th

Restroom remodel: Discussed a small "cover-up" in the Ladies restroom on the stall paneling.

2021 Budget: Discussed the following budget items and made decisions as stated.

Trustees Misc Maintenance Expense	
Custodial Supplies Expense	\$ 800
Church Building Expense	\$ 4900
Church Grounds Expense	\$ 6000
Church Equipment Expense	\$ 1000
Parsonage Building Expense	\$ 2200
Parsonage Grounds Expense	\$ 3000
Parsonage Equipment Expense	\$ 500
Teen Center Building Expense	0
Teen Center Grounds Expense	0
Total Trustees Maintenance	\$ 18,400

Next Trustee meeting December 17th at 7:00 pm

Senior Citizen's Carry-In Luncheon

We hope to begin meeting in February 2021.

MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: Our December collection will go to help purchase meat items for our Christmas Basket families. Last month our collection of \$64.90 went to C.R.O.P. of Elkhart County. Thank You.

Baugo Food Drive: Help the Creative Homemakers collect food for the Baugo food drive. With school not in session in our Baugo Community, the normal food collection may be low. A drop off box is 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. Last one of 2020 is December 7th.

A Fresh Look

Just when everything is bearing down on us to such an extent that we can scarcely withstand it, the Christmas message comes to tell us that all our ideas are wrong, and that what we take to be evil and dark is really good and light because it comes from God. Our eyes are at fault, that is all. God is in the manger, wealth in poverty, light in darkness, succor in abandonment. No evil can befall us; whatever men may do to us, they cannot but serve the God who is secretly revealed as love and rules the world and our lives. —Dietrich Bonhoeffer, God Is in the Manger

December Meetings

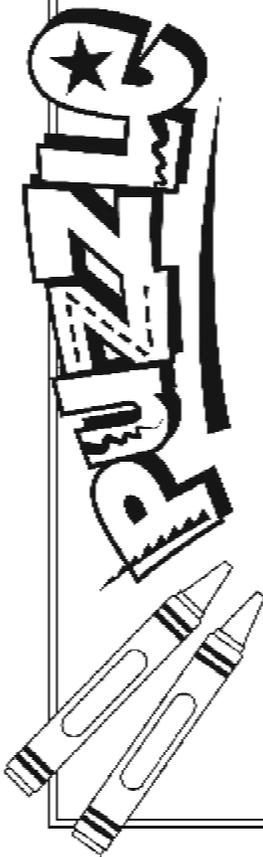
Thurs 10 th	7:00 pm	Nominations & Leadership
Thurs 17 th	7:00 pm	Trustees



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Return Address Correction Requested



WHITE AS SNOW

Jesus, our Savior, came to earth to purify sinners.

Directions: Figure out which path through the puzzle is correct. Choose one to try, starting at the first picture under the "Path" box. Follow each picture's directional cues to see if the words make sense when placed in order in the blanks below. If not, try a different path until you figure out the Bible verse.

	MOVE →	MOVE ←	MOVE ↑	MOVE ↓	
PATH 1	PATH 2	PATH 3	PATH 4	PATH 5	PATH 6
for	give	come	together	around	after
self	into	settle	eternal	thanks	forgive
God	Lomo	says	without	Christ	warmth
love	slits	scarlet	other	light	praise
red	star	white	snow	winter	peace

" _____ now, let us _____ the matter," _____ the
 _____ . "Though your _____ are like _____ ,
 they shall be as _____ as _____"

ISAIAH 1:18, NIV