

JAMESTOWN TODAY



Building Bridges To The Families Of Our Community!

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- **Sharon Shinn**
Administrative Assistant
- **Kristin Farwig**
Choir Director
- **Sandra Metcalf**
Organist/Pianist
- **Diana Cook**
Pianist
- **Geri Angel**
Custodian

A Word from Our Pastor:

In this season of giving thanks, and giving to one another, I am reminded that love is an action word. Our command to love one another, and to love God with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and with all our strength, which is quoted from Deuteronomy 6, reminds us of the magnitude of this task set before us. People are being inspired by our words and actions. Friends, what we do really matters! I saw these words on a family member's social media page and wanted to share it. This quote speaks quite strongly, but also gives us an idea of how we influence others by sharing the love of God with all God's people both believers and non-believers.

These words give me a lot to think about. I am so grateful to be able to serve as your pastor and walk this journey with all of you! Rich and I are wishing you all a very blessed Advent and Christmas season, and Happy New Year!

Blessings and love,

Pastor Bette

"DON'T SPEAK TO ME ABOUT YOUR RELIGION; FIRST SHOW IT TO ME IN HOW YOU TREAT OTHER PEOPLE. DON'T TELL ME HOW MUCH YOU LOVE YOUR GOD; SHOW ME IN HOW MUCH YOU LOVE ALL GOD'S CHILDREN. DON'T PREACH TO ME YOUR PASSION FOR YOUR FAITH; TEACH ME THROUGH YOUR COMPASSION FOR YOUR NEIGHBORS. IN THE END, I'M NOT AS INTERESTED IN WHAT YOU HAVE TO TELL OR SELL AS I AM IN HOW YOU CHOOSE TO LIVE AND GIVE."

CORY BOOKER

And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' -- Matthew 25:40 NRSVUE

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

2	Steve	Cook	18	Randy & Deb	Beehler	1976
3	Deb	Beehler	22	Jim & Geri	Angel	1962
6	Paula	LaPlace	26	Randy & Heather	Denton	2012
9	Sheila	Ianneralli				
11	Kristin	Farwig				
	Lora	Mahler				
12	Haydon	Richard				
20	Patsy	Seigler				
23	Polly	Brown				
	LuAnn	Pontius				
25	Linda	Squibb				
28	Braxton	Metcalfe				
30	Holly	Angel				



UPCOMING EVENTS

Movie – Les Miserables Everyone is invited

December 1st we are showing the movie Les Miserables in the downstairs meeting room. The musical version will be shown Saturday, December 7th @ 2 p.m. also in the downstairs meeting room. All are welcome to join, either or both showings. Snacks are encouraged. Feel free to bring a comfy chair.

Monday 9:30 a.m. **Advent Bible Study “Almost Christmas”**. Follow Christ wholeheartedly during Advent, connecting the Wesleyan heritage with traditional Advent themes of Love, Hope, Joy, and Peace.

December 10th @ 6:30, the **Jamestown Preschool** will be performing their Christmas program. All are welcome to attend.

Longest Night Service, December 19th @ 6 p.m. more information to come.



Retirement Recognition

Retirement recognition for Sharon our Administrative Assistant Sun., December 8th following our Worship Service.



Thank you note from SPA women's ministry is on the bulletin board.



**Christmas Eve
Worship at 10:00 p.m.
Candlelight service**

Bible Bags: Bible bags, lovingly created by Linda Vest, are located in the fellowship hall for those that would like to take one.

Hi Everyone,

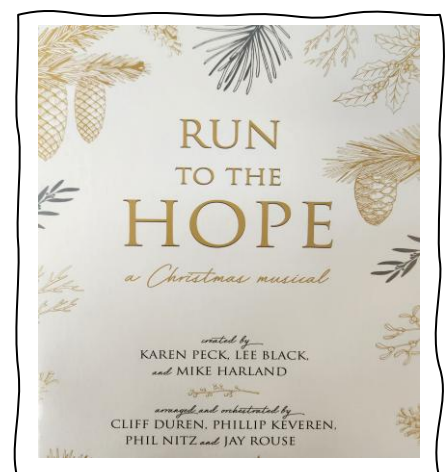
I want to thank all who send me cards. They mean so much to me! I am not able to do much so shopping or anything like that. Really I am house Bound. My daughter takes me to my DRs. And home. I sit 15 minutes then get up a little and do the same thing again. I have been falling a lot. I have restless legs and they really hurt at times. I think of you folks and miss you! May I say Go Bless to All and have a Happy Thanksgiving! God Bless & Love, **Betty Griffin**

Susanna's Kitchen is looking for a new chief. Judie is retiring after many years of cooking for them. She will help the new person. In God's Love,

Dale McDowell, Director
574-522-2487 or 574-215-6485

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CANTATA **RUN TO THE HOPE**

Sun., December 15th at 6:30 pm



WHO?

People are often known for something they did.
Match each person or persons with what they did.

1.		The Ephraimites	Judges 12: 5-6	a. Built a fire under a tower and killed about a thousand people
2.		Jehoiakim	Jeremiah 36: 22-28	b. Brought the shadow of the sun backward ten degrees
3.		Joshua	Joshua 1: 1-2	c. Cut Jeremiah's scroll in pieces with a penknife and burned it
4.		Elisha	2 Kings 5: 9-10	d. Could not pronounce Shibboleth and died because of it
5.		Beelzebub	Matthew 12: 24	e. Had an ear cut off by Peter
6.		Malchus	John 18: 10	f. Had his head cut off and thrown to Joab over the wall
7.		Abimelech	Judges 9: 48-49	g. Hid a hundred prophets from Jezebel
8.		Sheba	2 Samuel 20: 20-22	h. Succeeded Moses
9.		Isaiah	2 Kings 20: 11	i. Offered 30 men, 30 sheets and 30 changes of clothing for the answer to a riddle
10.		Obadiah	1 Kings 18: 4	j. Told Naaman the cure for his leprosy
11.		Samson	Judges 14: 12	k. Also called the prince of the devils

NAME _____

Return Quiz by December 24th

Answers for "Three Things": 1. Judah, 2. Issachar, 3. Zebulun, 4. Reuben, 5. Gad, 6. Simeon, 7. Ephraim, 8. Manasseh, 9. Benjamin, 10. Dan, 11. Asher, 12. Naphtali.. Those that were up for the challenge: Jim Angel, Lana Berg, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Paula LaPlace and Jane Lechlitner.

"It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child himself." -- Charles Dickens

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

We need you to volunteer to help lead our children during the worship service. Our children are dismissed following the Choir Anthem to go downstairs to participate in Children's Church. So it is only about 20 – 25 minutes. Lesson plans are chosen and ready for you. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall entry. Thank you for prayerfully considering helping!

Remember to turn in your Poinsetta order forms by December 5th! Thank You.

MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offering for December: Susanna's Kitchen: Is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the hungry in Elkhart. You may donate anytime this month. Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". Thank You for your generosity. November's L.C. went to Baugo Christmas Baskets \$267.86

CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

December giving... paper products, tissues, toilet paper, personal care items, shampoo, deodorant, soap....

DECEMBER VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Children's Church
1 st	Steve Squibb	LuAnn Pontius & Lola Bickel	LuAnn Pontius	<i>NEED YOU</i>
8 th	Steve Squibb	Brian & Becky Metcalf	Pastor Bette	<i>NEED YOU</i>
15 th	LuAnn Pontius	Jill Biller & Linda Vest	Linda Vest	<i>NEED YOU</i>
22 nd	LuAnn Pontius	Mark & Carolyn Landis	Pastor Bette	<i>NEED YOU</i>
29 th	LuAnn Pontius	Doug Cook & Maria Moleski	Marta Clark	<i>NEED YOU</i>
Ushers	Marcia Cook, Jimmie Johnson, Dave Pontius & Jon Pyfer			



Bishop's Christmas Offering Jesus Loves Children

Jesus loves children. We can read countless stories in the Bible of the special affinity Jesus had for little ones. Mark 10:14 tells us, "He took the children in His arms, placed His hands on them and blessed them."

The Bishop's Christmas Offering for Children is collected each year by participating Indiana churches. This annual offering seeks to strengthen ministries around the world by financially supporting their efforts to reach out to and improve the lives of young people.

We will be collecting this offering in December.

POSITIONS OPEN AT JUMC
A Piano accompanist is needed for our weekly Wed. night choir rehearsal, Sunday morning services and special programs. Please help spread the word! Anyone interested may call Deb Beehler, 574-596-7624 or the church office, 574-293-3905.



To you:

Just a reminder to conserve energy and keep us safe. The Church building belongs to all of us and we need to take care of it.

- If you unlock it, Lock it back up.
- If you turn it on, Turn it off.
- If you open it, Close it.

Thank You!!

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Next breakfast, Dec. 1st at 7:30 a.m.

Invite your neighbors.

Following month breakfast, January 5th.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

We are making Soup on Saturday, Dec. 7th at 10:00 a.m. We will not have a regular meeting in December.

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

December Carry-In is Tuesday the 3rd at Noon.
January Carry-In is Tuesday the 7th at Noon.

COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

Some of you may know we only have 2 people and the Pastor that take Communion to some of our homebound members every month.

This is a ministry of our church. This is a chance for you to be included in our busy family of volunteers. 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, sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office, 574-293-3905.

Is God giving you a nudge?

This newsletter is edited and information was gathered by Sharon Shinn & Tammy Bainter

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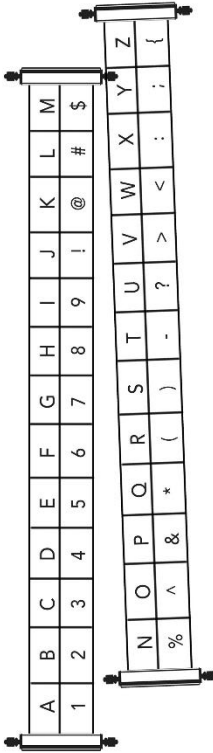


PUZZLE

CLUES ABOUT CHRISTMAS

The Old Testament contains many details about Jesus' birth.
Can you uncover what Isaiah prophesied?

Directions: Use the code to write the letters and complete Isaiah 9:6-7, NIV.



For to us a 3 8 9 # 4 is 2 ^ (% , to us a) ^ %
is 7 9 > 5 % , and the government will be on his shoulders.

And he will be called Wonderful 3 ^ ? %) 5 # ^ (,

5 9 7 8 - ; God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the

greatness of his government and & 5 1 3 5 there will be no 5 % 4 .

He will reign on David's - 8 (^ % 5 and over his @ 9 % 7 4 ^ \$,
establishing and upholding it with ! ?) - 9 3 5 and righteousness

from that time on and 6 ^ (5 > 5 (. Isaiah 9:6-7, NIV

