

Jimtown OpenLine



Building Bridges To The Families Of Our Community!

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CHURCH STAFF

- **Steve Loft**
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- **Steve Allen**
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Music Director
- **Pam Allen**
Organist
- **Sharon Shinn**
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- **Geri Angel**
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In All His Glory

On the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, many Christian churches celebrate the Transfiguration of Our Lord. After telling his shocked, uncomprehending disciples that he would die and rise again, Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain. Suddenly Jesus appeared to be glowing! "He was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light" (Matthew 17:2, ESV).

Moses and Elijah appeared, and a voice said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (verse 5). Jesus' disciples fell to the ground, overcome by fear. But Jesus touched them, told them not to be afraid and led them down the mountain.

The disciples witnessed firsthand the glory and Godhood of Jesus, who would soon die for the sins of the world and rise again to give us life.

--Author Unknown



TRANSFIGURATION

Ash Wednesday Service
February 14th 7:00 p.m.

The Limited Power of Ashes

"The cross, with which the ashes are traced upon us, is the sign of Christ's victory over death," wrote Thomas Merton. "The words 'Remember that thou art dust and that to dust thou shalt return' are not to be taken as the quasi-form of a kind of 'sacrament of death' ... It might be good stoicism to receive a mere reminder of our condemnation to die, but it is not Christianity."

Perhaps we should structure Ash Wednesday worship with the imposition of ashes early on. Then their dusty symbolism can be supplanted by the forgiveness-flavored bread and wine of Holy Communion. Yet even if the service you attend is laid out differently, remember that ashes mark you only temporarily. Jesus' resurrection — and the empty cross of victory — assures you already of everlasting life, which begins now.

--Author Unknown



19	Damen & Jennifer	Ullery	2011
22	Jim & Helen	Wernicke	1948
27	Don & Nancy	Miller	1993



1	Delaynee	Haitsma
2	Kirk	Weesner, JR.
3	Don	Miller
	Alecca	Wininger
4	Keith	Berg
7	Brian	Metcalf
	Marion	Taylor
8	Ruth	Kaser
11	Taylor	Angel
	Jennifer	Denton
12	Jana	Risemas
	Sherry	Smith
	Michelle	Tierney
13	Tyler	Pappas
	Adam	Steele
14	Geri	Angel
	Randy	Greenlee
	Jacob	Ward
16	Regann	Cook
17	Mark	Lewinski
	Sandra	Metcalf
18	Jonathan	Nash
	John	Beggs
	Barb	Dunker
	Nicole	Young
19	Kami	Metcalf
	Linda	Vest
20	Scott	Gordy
	Steve	Mann
21	Dennis	Miller
	Mark	Wrathell
22	Brock	Logan
	Adri	Skibbe
23	Nicholas	Logan
	Zachary	Richard
	Bill	Young
24	Allison	Angel
	Ray	McCuddy
25	Susi	Allender
	Amber	Campbell
	Margaret	Neely
	LeRoy	Schrock
	Becky	Zorn
26	Carolyn	Landis
27	Steve	Allen
	Kurt	Siebert
	Emma	Sheets
28	Cade	Campbell
29	Erin	Kennedy
	Brandon	Squibb

“What Do I Have?”

What do I have, Lord, that you would need me as a servant?
Eyes, he said,
to see the beauty in all that I’ve made —
and my children as they travel life’s highway.
Hands, he said,
to reach out and touch hurting souls,
to give a hug or encouraging pat on the back.
Feet, he said,
to lead my children through this world of strife
and to help them run from sin and follow me.
Mouth, he said,
to lift up your voice and sing praises to me
so others may hear the joy in your heart.
Ears, he said,
to listen to my still, small voice of love
and to hear my children when they cry for help.
Heart, he said,
so you may know the full love of my Spirit
and love my children as I have loved you.
 —Thomas Butler

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Greetings from Florida! Hope everyone is staying warm.
 See you late April. God Bless. Clo & Doug

Volunteer Opportunities

Don’t forget to volunteer to help on Sundays. We are always looking for Acolytes, Greeters, Nursery workers, Children’s Church leaders, Fellowship time helpers and Welcome Center attendants. See LuAnn Pontius or Ray Hochstetler

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Baugo Lion’s Club Adopt-A-Family Committee which provides help at Christmas for families in need, I would like to thank you for the part you played in our project. Through the efforts and contributions of so many unselfish families, businesses, and organizations in our community, a total of 53 families with 154 children in Baugo Township were helped. Each family was given a ham, boxes of food, Christmas gifts, and a grocery store gift card this holiday season. We know their Christmas was a little brighter because of people like you who cared enough to make a difference! Here is a quote that I received from one grandmother this year:

“Thank you for the wonderful Christmas my grandchildren received this year! They were so blessed. Everything fit perfect and the toys were perfect. They have never had so many gifts. They have had a hard life being so young and your “Santa” help brought Christmas for them. Thank you!”

In the 33 years of record keeping, we have served 1,591 families and have been “Santas” for 5,938 children! How amazing! We hope you and your families had a memorable holiday season. We wish you health and happiness in 2018 and look forward to working with you again next Christmas.

Sincerely,
 Carol Denton, Chairperson

ORGANIZERS

People who get things done are usually good organizers. In the Bible there are examples of people who organized. Match the person with what he organized.

1.		Jethro	Exodus 18: 9-24	a. Suggested Moses organize judges to help him
2.		The Twelve	Acts 6: 1-7	b. Organized his family when he went to meet his brother
3.		Jesus	Luke 10: 1	c. Organized a census of the children of Israel
4.		Jacob	Genesis 33: 1-4	d. Organized seventy followers in pairs
5.		Joshua	Joshua 6: 1-7	e. Organized deacons to assist them
6.		David	2 Samuel 24: 1-2	f. Organized for the defeat of Jericho
7.		Moses	Exodus 13: 17-20	g. Organized soldiers for battle by using water
8.		Gideon	Judges 7: 4-7	h. Organized a mission trip
9.		Nehemiah	Nehemiah 2: 17-18	i. Organized the Israelites for a trip into the wilderness
10.		Paul	Acts 15: 40	j. Organized the rebuilding of the Jerusalem wall

NAME _____

Return Quiz February 24th

Answers for "STRUCTURES": 1. k, 2. i, 3. e, 4. a, 5. c, 6. d, 7. j, 8. g, 9. h, 10. b, 11. f.

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

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

	4 TH	11 TH	18 TH	25 TH
Welcome Center	Irene Cook	Greg Clark		
Liturgist	Sharon Hirstein			
Greeters	Paula LaPlace, Tom & Diana Cook	Cub Scouts	Connie Howard, Mark & Robin Wrathell	Connie Howard, Karen Miller, Jan Bender
Acolytes	Greg & Tanner Clark	Cub Scouts	Cheryl Cabanaw & Nancy Mahler	Mark & Cindy Campbell
Children's Message	Pastor Steve	Steve Allen	Gail Greenlee	Marta Clark
Cookie Fellowship	John Beggs, Tom & Diana Cook	Jane Rapp, Rita Peat, Jim & Connie Starkey	Tim Leatherman, Ray Hochstetler, Randy & Gail Greenlee	Karen Miller, Irene Cook, Marcia & Marta Clark
Nursery		Joyce Polston		Lana Berg
Children's Church	Andrea Loft	Deb Beehler, Marcia Clark, Andrea Loft	Marcia Clark	Marcia Clark
Usher's	Jim Angel, John Beggs, Tom Cook & Paul Slabaugh			

TRUSTEES

January 18th, 6:00 p.m.

Jim Eggleston was re-elected Chairperson.

Inspections: Elevator & chairlift to be inspected soon

Boiler: parts are in.

Sound System: Would like two more volunteers to assist in running sound board.

Bridge/Tree: Tree is down

Vacuum: Thank you for donation.

Snow removal: Are keeping sidewalks and nearby area cleared and salted.

Carpet Fund: Committee to look at carpet samples

Estate money: Not yet decided how to spend it

Electronic sign: getting more quotes.

Made a list of "Things to do"

Next meeting: February 15th at 6:00 pm

If you would like to voice your preference in carpet for the Sanctuary, see Gail Greenlee.

FEBRUARY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wed	7 th	7:00 pm	Emergency Man. Comm.
Thurs	8 th	6:30 pm	Evangelism Committee
Thurs	15 th	6:30 pm	Trustees
Wed	28 th	7:30 pm	Worship Committee

WELCOME CENTER

Please sign up at the Welcome Center to work at the Welcome Center. Instructions are available. Thank You.

10 Biblical Ways to Love

1. Listen without interrupting. "To answer before listening — that is folly and shame" (Proverbs 18:13).
2. Speak without accusing. "Be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry" (James 1:19).
3. Give without selfishness. "The righteous give without sparing" (Proverbs 21:26).
4. Pray without ceasing. "We have not stopped praying for you" (Colossians 1:9).
5. Answer without arguing. "Better a dry crust with peace and quiet than a house full of feasting, with strife" (Proverbs 17:1).
6. Share without pretending. "Speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of ... Christ" (Ephesians 4:15).
7. Enjoy without complaining. "Do everything without grumbling or arguing" (Philippians 2:14).
8. Trust without wavering. "[Love] always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres" (1 Corinthians 13:7).
9. Forgive without punishing. "Forgive as the Lord forgave you" (Colossians 3:13).
10. Promise without forgetting. "A longing fulfilled is a tree of life" (Proverbs 13:12).

—From various websites; all Scriptures NIV

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Loose Coin: We have chosen our JUMC supported Cub Scouts. The offering of \$69.28 went Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Center. Thank you for your generosity with these projects.

SUSANNA'S KITCHEN

We are in need of two volunteers to help once a month. Our week to serve is the 3rd Monday of the month.

CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

This month we are encouraging each family to bring any RICE AND BEANS. Of course we will take any non-perishable food item you bring. Let's continue to work together to show God's love to our community.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We will be meeting on February 25th at 7:45 a.m.

SCRAPBOOKING/CRAFT NIGHT

We have changed our night for this fun evening. We have begun to meet the 4th Tuesday of the month. If you have projects you can't seem to complete, bring them here. We enjoy being able to work side by side, helping and encouraging each other. Sometimes it is easier to work on a project while you are visiting with other people while working with your hands.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

We will not meet again until March 6th. Stay warm and Safe.

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.

CUB SCOUTS

Webelos: Our Webelos are collecting aluminum cans and tabs for recycling and fundraising projects. If you can help, leave your clean cans in the Fellowship Hall. They will be collecting through February. Thank You!

ALSO: Sunday, Feb 11th is Scout Sunday. Our troops are collecting any non-perishable food items for CCS. If you can help them by bringing some food items, they would appreciate your help.



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.

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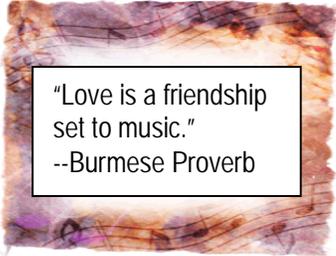
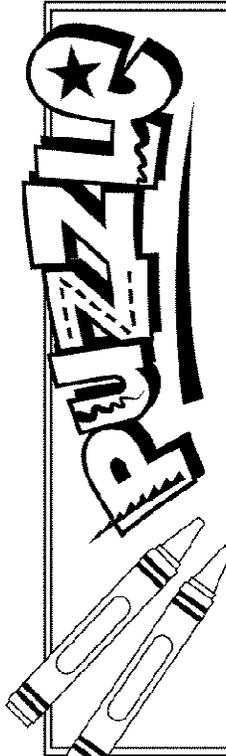
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A NEW COMMANDMENT

In John 13:34, Jesus offers important instructions for his followers.

Directions: Figure out the pattern in each vertical line of letters. Then add the next letter in the sequence to the blank underneath, completing John 13:14, NIV.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMN O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z A B C D ...

F L S Y F K Y X E I O B V O O J F
 H M T A I L A Y H K R D Y P S M G
 J N U C L M C Z K M S F B Q W P H

E X M B C L M B U V F R P L V F R
 F Y P C F M P C X W I S Q M W I S
 G Z S D I N S D A X L T R N X L T

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JOHN 13:34, NIV