

JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!*

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Jamestown United Methodist Church

Love God and Love One Another

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and... asked Jesus, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

²⁹ "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.' ³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' ³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

When He was asked "which is the most important commandment," Jesus went immediately to the issue of love. We might have thought to go to one of the Ten Commandments like, you shall have no other gods, you shall not make idols or worship them, or you shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. But Jesus went right to the issue of loving God and loving others.

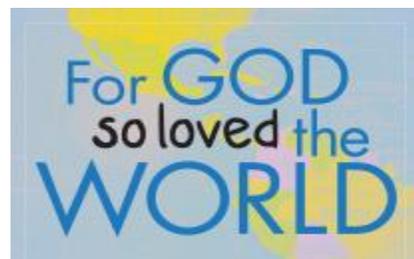
One of the things many people think about in the month of February is Valentine's Day, a special day for expressing love, especially for your sweetheart. That tends more toward a romantic kind of love. But February is also Black History Month. It is a month to celebrate the history and contributions of black people. Thus, it is a month that reminds us to focus on loving all people, not just our sweetheart, and not just during February, but all year.

For the people of God, love begins with our relationship with God. As the Apostle John put it, "We love because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). The love of God motivates us to love others. The love of God abiding within us empowers us to love others.

This February, as we think about loving our sweethearts, let's think also about God's love for each of us, our love for God, and our love for our neighbors, especially those who are different than ourselves.

Love,

Pastor Steve Loft



BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

1	Delaynee	Haitsma	1	Paul & Jan	Slabaugh	1958
3	Don	Miller	7	Rod & Marilyn	Bender	
4	Keith	Berg	19	Damen & Jennifer	Ullery	2011
7	Brian	Metcalf	27	Don & Nancy	Miller	
	Marion	Taylor				
11	Taylor	Angel				
12	Jana	Risemas				
	Michelle	Tierney				
13	Tyler	Pappas				
14	Geri	Angel				
	Randy	Greenlee				
	Jacob	Ward				
16	Regan	Cook				
17	Sandra	Metcalf				
18	John	Beggs				
	Barb	Dunker				
	Nicole	Young				
19	Kami	Metcalf				
	Linda	Risser				
20	Scott	Gordy				
	Steve	Mann				
21	Dennis	Miller				
	Mark	Wrathell				
22	Brock	Logan				
	Adri	Skibbe				
23	Myrna	Clark				
	Nicholas	Logan				
	Zachary	Richard				
	Bill	Young				
24	Allison	Angel				
	Ray	McCuddy				
25	Susi	Allender				
	Margaret	Neely				
	LeRoy	Schrock				
26	Carolyn	Landis				
27	Steve	Allen				
29	Erin	Kennedy				



JUMC, Thank you for the box of snacks. I (and my roommates) enjoyed them. Thank you for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers.
Roe Skibbe

Jamestown United Methodist Church,
Thank you so much for the donation to the preschool. It is especially helpful this year while fighting COVID. You are all so kind and thoughtful. I appreciate you all so much; on behalf of the preschool.
Thank You! Kathy & Jamestown Preschoolers

Dear Partners in Ministry,
One of the most amazing sparks has been the overwhelming generosity of our community in supporting the work of Center for Healing & Hope as we worked to serve the wellbeing of our community. We adapted our urgent and chronic patient care to telemedicine in March, ensuring that those most in need of care could still receive it. Your contributions have: supported testing people for coronavirus; provided food to immigrant families; provided backpacks full of supplies to local school children; provided medical services to those whose first language is not English. Your legacy in 2020 at CHH will be one of light and life for those of us on the front lines and for those we serve. Thank You.
Missy Schrock Mark Regier
Exec Director Board Chair

There is a lot of information in February's newsletter! Some you'll be interested in, some you won't. You will see *letters from local missions* we support. Why? So you can see how your contributions are put to work in our local community. There is also a listing of the *Committees for 2021*. Why? So you will know who to talk to if you have a compliment or concern in a certain area of the working of your church. A *quiz*. Why? To help you pick up your bible and do some research. Perhaps sparking a curiosity concerning the text surrounding the reference given. And in some cases, to see what you already know. *Birthdays & Anniversaries* for the month. Why? So we can celebrate each other's special days! *Thank You notes*. Why? To see the appreciation others have for your gifts and support. A few committee notes and reminders. Just to help keep you informed. An *activity for our younger members* (and young at heart). Why? To help everyone stay in the Word, and have fun doing it.

What kinds of information would like to see in your newsletter? I will do my best to accommodate your wishes.

"We love because [God] first loved us" (1 John 4:19, NIV). Valentine's Day is fun, but I pray, God, that you show me how to share your love every day of the year.

Mark your calendar:
Friday, March 5th 7:00 p.m.
Super Trivia
A virtual event benefitting
Soup of Success
Register before Feb 22nd & receive \$5 off your next online order. More info:
<http://bit.ly/triviasos2>
574-523-1551

SEAFARERS

The following people were associated with Paul. Match the proper statement with the person.

1.	During a storm, _____ predicted that no life would be lost but the ship would be destroyed.	Acts 27: 22-26
2.	_____ took a ship to Tarshish to flee from God.	Jonah 1: 3
3.	Jesus found _____ and _____ with their father in a ship mending nets.	Matthew 4: 21
4.	Jesus was in a ship asleep when _____ awoke him because of a storm.	Acts 24: 26-27
5.	_____ left a ship to walk on the water to Jesus.	Matthew 14: 24-29
6.	_____, _____, _____, _____, _____, and two disciples fished all night but caught no fish.	John 21: 2-5
7.	_____ was instructed by God to build a ship to save him and his family from a flood.	Genesis 6: 13-14
8.	_____ was shipwrecked three times.	2 Corinthians 11: 25
9.	_____ sent ships to Tarshish to bring back gold, silver, ivory, apes and peacocks.	2 Chronicles 9: 21

NAME _____

Return Quiz February 24th

Answers for "PLACES": 1. F; 2. K; 3. H; 4. A; 5. I; 6. C; 7. J; 8. B; 9. E; 10. G; 11. D.. Those that were up for the challenge: Lana Berg, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Doug Cook & Jane Lechlitner.

Feed the Fireman

For several years now, our church has provided monthly meals to our Baugo Fire dept. during their training meeting. This happens the 1st Monday of the month with meals provided by 6:30 pm. It has been increasingly hard to get church members to sign up for these meals. This is not a committee or Sunday school commitment, but a Jamestown UMC commitment. So far just a few individuals are consistently helping out.

We need our church's help. March 1st is the next meal, we still someone to sign up for a salad. The sign-up sheet is on the Missions bulletin board.

If we don't start getting volunteers for this valuable community service, we may have to reconsider this important community outreach. That would be SAD indeed! Each month we provide an entree, salad, & dessert for 10-12 firemen. If you would like to help, please let Sharon or Becky Buss know. I would love to fill in all the upcoming Mondays! If you don't want to cook, monetary donations would be accepted; or purchase something from one of our grocery stores.

Thanks for your help!

Becky Buss & Missions Committee

Call Becky with your questions: 574-536-7355

Meeting information

Loose Coin Offerings: February Loose Coin will go to the JUMC Boy Scouts. Scouts hope to begin meeting at JUMC very soon. **Thank You for your generosity.**

TRUSTEES December Report

Elected: Jim Angel: Chairperson, Debbie Scoggins: Vice Chair & Jill Biller: Secretary. Parsonage: Discussed progress of siding & windows installed.

Church: Update to video system: A new HD camera in sanctuary will give ability to live stream to the fellowship hall.

Reviewed projects from 2020.

Next Trustee meeting February 18th at 6:00 pm

United Methodist Men's Group

We will see you February 7th. We need to elect a vice-president and discuss our upcoming port a pit.

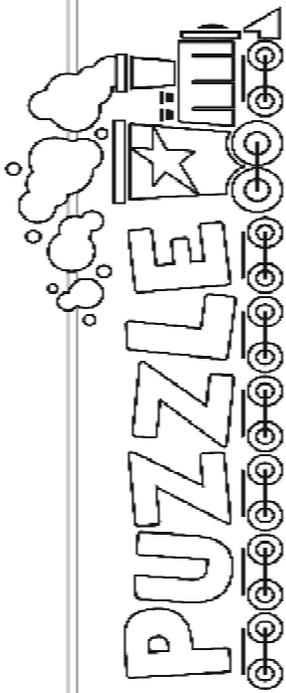
February Meetings

Mon 8 th	6:30 pm	Evangelism Comm
Wed 10 th	7:00 pm	Worship Comm
Thurs 11 th	7:00 pm	S/PPR
Tues 16 th	6:00 pm	Nominations & Leadership Comm
Thurs 18 th	6:00 pm	Trustees

**First meetings for 2021*



Return Address Correction Requested



A famous friendship

In the Bible, Ruth and Naomi are known for their loving friendship.

Directions: Using the key, fill in the blanks to see what Ruth says to Naomi.

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 J E O B S E ' U N O J O W O W
 B E O N L U O E J E O O
 N L U O B E E O O N W E N O W
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 N W E N O W U N O
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. . . RUTH 1:16, NIV