

JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!*

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A few words from Pastor Bette....

Relationships. They can be beautiful. They can be messy. Confusing. Turbulent. Calm. Breath-taking. Exasperating. We spend our entire lives developing our understanding of how to be in relationship with others. We can find it a struggle when relating to people who are different looking, or that think differently. Our Lord Jesus is our best example when it comes to learning what it means to be in relationship with one another.

We have all experienced times when a good friend or family member moved. Maybe not far away, but far enough that you will not be able to call and say, "let's go have lunch." While it is not easy to consider the adjustment, it is true that through the distance you both will learn new ways of relating to each other.

During the time of the pandemic in 2020, we had to learn to relate with one another differently. We were thrown into situations which forced us to re-think how we can relate to people, and we discovered how creative we truly are! I witnessed so many wonderful acts of kindness, courage, and unimaginable beauty in how we related to one another. Especially when we encounter people with differing ideas, religions, and political beliefs.

Relating to one another in a way that does not injure the other person is a skill we can always develop. In seminary, we had lots of practice in writing and articulating our differing theological understandings. However, we were required to do it in a way that clearly expressed our opposing beliefs with dignity and respect for the other individual.

The differences of skin color and our natural assumptions based on outer appearances, have often led us to doubt and even fear someone who is different than us. This goes back to the beginning of our existence where we read the stories of our biblical ancestors who had experienced many of the same relationship challenges we experience today.

The examples we see in scripture are too numerous to name here, where care for the other – even if they are different than us – is the prime example Jesus models.



Bible Study Mondays @ 9:30am, and Tuesday evenings @ 6:30pm. We will be studying the book of Philemon.



BIRTHDAYS

1	Delaynee Haitzma
4	Keith Berg
7	Brian Metcalf
	Marion Taylor
10	Polly Brown
11	Taylor Angel
14	Geri Angel
	Randy Greenlee
16	Regan Cook
17	Sandra Metcalf
18	John Beggs
19	Kami Metcalf
	Linda Vest
20	Steve Mann
21	Sandy Clark
	Dennis Miller
22	Adri Skibbe
23	Myrna Clark
	Zachary Richard
	Bill Young
26	Carolyn Landis

ANNIVERSARIES

19	Damen & Jennifer Ullery	2011
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My friends, it isn't easy – but it is an imperative. Jesus is our role model of how to live. Today's world is in need of good role models – people who live according to Jesus' command to love, but it is surely centered in relationship, and in our constant growing understanding of communicating in the midst of opposition.

This passage inspires me:

“Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” - John 13:35 NLT

Won't you join me on this path? It can be a path of struggle and demands our perseverance. It becomes a battleground. It is a battle in the interior of our own souls, as the knowledge that the way we always thought was right, could need a re-alignment. An alignment with the principles and examples in our Lord and teacher, Jesus Christ. Take a minute to think about it. How will we demonstrate our love?

Grace and peace,

Pastor Bette

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 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!



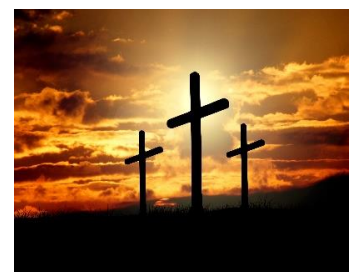
MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: February Loose Coin will go to our Cub Scout Pack. Cub scouts continue to be a part of our ministry here at JUMC. Your donation helps offset some of their expenses for camp, and other events,... Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". January donations of \$303.28 went to Riverview Adult Day Center. Thank You for your generosity.

CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

February... Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Soups, Hot or Cold Cereal, Hamburger Helper, Peanut Butter and Jelly....

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 1
Corinthians 13:4-5





CHURCH

WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

ALTAR
 BALCONY
 BELIEF
 BELL
 BENCH
 BIBLE
 BOOKS
 BULLETIN
 CANDLES
 CHOIR
 COMMUNITY
 CONGREGATION
 DOORS
 FAITH
 FLOWERS
 FOYER
 GOSPEL
 GUESTS
 MINISTER
 PEACE
 PEW
 PIANO
 PRAYER
 TRAY
 WORSHIP

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

The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.
Find and circle each word.



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NAME _____

Return by February 28th

Answers for "The Apostles": 1. D; 2. B; 3. D; 4. B; 5. B; 6. B; 7. C; 8. B; 9. B; 10. B; 11. C;
Those that were up for the challenge in January: Lana Berg, Marta Clark, Marcia Clark, Jim Angel and Doug Cook.

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Children's Church
2 nd .	Steve Squibb	Marta & Marcia Clark	Kristin Farwig	Gail G. & Jill B.
9 th	Scouts	Scout Sunday	Scout Sunday	Gail G. & Jill B.
16 th	Deb Beehler	Jim & Geri Angel	Deb Beehler	TBD
23 rd	Deb Beehler	Jeff Clark & Roger Matthews	Pastor Bette	TBD
Ushers	Tom Cook, Jeff Clark, Jim Angel and Randy Beehler			

Remember in Prayer

Home Bound & Care Facilities: Jean Green, Margaret Pierce, Patsy Seigler, Jan Bender, and Arletah Hochstetler

Ongoing Health Concerns: Kathy Eggleston, Betty Griffin, Betty Hershberger, Lora Mahler, Wanda McCartney, Ed & Sue Raab, Jan Slabaugh, Linda Squibb & Marti Stickel.

Prayer Requests

- Jan Bender is dealing with health concerns
- Cheryl's granddaughter, Alexia, is doing better, but now the entire family is sick.
- Prayers for all in Texas.
- Paula Adams is dealing with health concerns.
- The family of Don Davis, who passed away this last week.
- Lana Berg's sister was in a car accident w/3 broken ribs.
- Friends and family of Wayne McClellan who has passed.
- Becky Buss' sister diagnosed with Leukemia.
- Frank and Carol Fisher, Kevin and Stacy Fisher and Carol Denton.
- Family and friends of Wilma Plotner, who passed.
- Family and friends of Dick Kauffman, who has passed.
- Mike Fisher's family needs prayers.
- Jessica Siebert broke her arm.
- Ed & Sue Raab as Sue is back in hospital.

Please join Pastor Bette in decorating cookies with our young worshipers, February 15th from 9am to Noon. Cookies will be taken to our homebound church family. Please see Pastor or call the office with any questions and to sign up. Thank you! 💜



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, Feb. 2 at 7:30 a.m.

Invite your neighbors.

Following month breakfast, March 2nd.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

SAVE THE DATES: Sunday, February 9th

the United Women in Faith will be having their annual **Superbowl Subs fundraiser** after church.

Sandwiches can be eaten at church or taken "TO GO" – Sign up sheets and more information at the Welcome Center. Also looking for donations of snacks/items for the **College Care Packages** (approximately 7) that will be put together at the church on Feb. 12th, at 7:00 p.m. Items they are looking for include cookies, granola bars, microwave popcorn, crackers, etc. We already have chips to include in packages. Drop off area is in the kitchen. Please call the office with any questions. Thank you for your participation!

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

February Carry-In is Tuesday the 4th at Noon.

March Carry-In is Tuesday the 4th 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 nudging you?



Crayon Ministry at work at the Preschool.

POSITION 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.



The deadline is coming soon! We need people from the North District to be Equalization Members at Annual Conference this June.

The District Equalization Members' Willingness to Serve form gathers names of those willing to serve as an equalizing member at the 2025 Annual Conference Session. The application deadline is February 2 at 11:59 p.m.

The deadline is coming soon!. We need people from the North District to be Equalization Members at Annual Conference this June.

To express your willingness to serve and find more information, fill out the form here:

<https://inumc.swoogo.com/eqserve2025>

OUR MISSIONS AT WORK...

We have received words of thanks from the following:

Miss Kathy and the preschool
Betty Griffin

Bashor Homes

Church Community Services

Elkhart Jail Ministry

Spa Ministries

Susanna's Kitchen

New Life International

The Salvation Army

Guidance Ministries

The Waters of Wakarusa

Please see posted thank you cards.

Announcements/Acknowledgements

- Jeff Clark gave an update on Devotions & Drumming. 1,562 people attended drumming in 2024 and thanked Gary for fixing the PA system in the fellowship hall.
- There are still a few offering envelopes that need to be picked up in the welcome center.
- Jackie Ullery thanked everyone for the kind cards and gifts that had been sent to her. She is doing great!
- Kathy Moyer's friend, Joanna, is cancer free!
- Sue Raab would like to thank some people: Women in Faith for the wonderful soup and cards. Becky and Gary for showing up every month to give her and Ed communion, and Pastor Bette for everything!
- Jackie Ullery would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the Baugo Christmas family gifts.
- Zach, Katy & Denver Dubois welcomed Judson into their family on 1/16/25. Judson weighed in at 7# 1oz.
- Gary and Becky Buss celebrated their 53rd anniversary.



A community coming together to help their neighbors!



Pastor Bette w/Dr., Rev. Kent Lundy on his podcast.

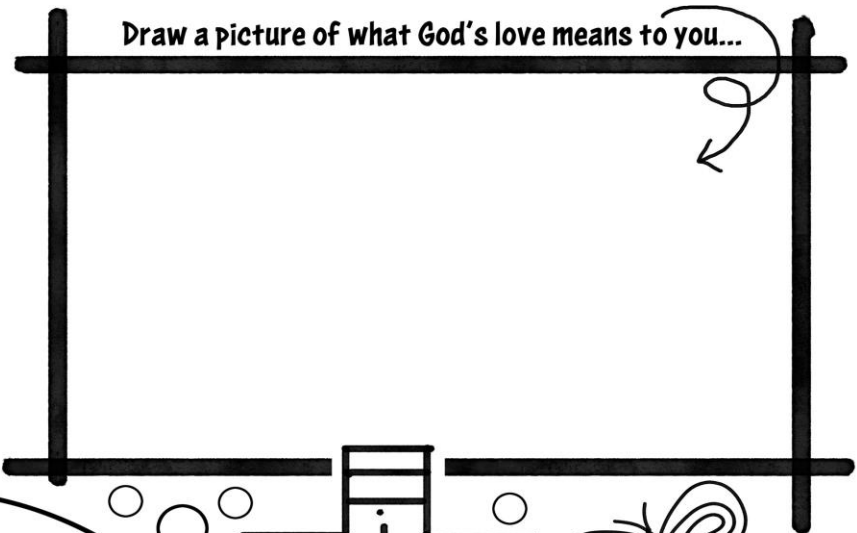
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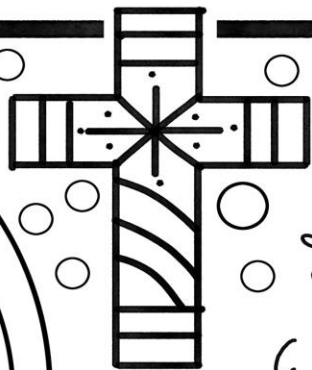
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verse about God's love...



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God's love is...

