

JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!*

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Baggage – Good and Bad

People tend to carry baggage around with them. Some of the “bags” we carry can be helpful containers, others can become excess weight that slows us down and wears us out. There are all kinds of baggage.

There are Book Bags, Messenger / Courier bags, Back packs for hiking, Hand bags, Burlap Seed bags, Computer bags, Garbage bags, Laundry bags, Lunch bags, Thermal bags, Tote bags, Body bags, Gift bags, Zip Lock bags, Diaper bags, Sand bags, Grocery bags, Garment bags, Golf bags, Saddle bags and Haversacks, Camera bags, and Mystery bags. There are many kinds of bags and the list goes on and on.

If you were to select some of your favorite bags or least favorite bags, what would they be? What bags do you tend to carry around with you? Obviously we cannot carry all of these bags around with us all of the time. Some are needed for special applications or special days. But all have a use.

Several months ago Pastor Tim Burchell, the lead pastor at Trinity on Jackson, told a small group of pastors about plans they were making at Trinity UM Church to have a series of services dealing with baggage. They were planning to use six or seven types of “bags” as themes for their Lenten services.

Another time of the year when we might think of baggage is at the beginning of the year. What kind of baggage do we carry as we think about starting a new year? Are we carrying around excess baggage? Do we have helpful containers / bags available to assist us in upcoming endeavors?

It got me thinking. So I am inviting you to think with me about the bags people might carry. How can they encourage us in our walk with the Lord through life? As we begin the new year, let's not continue to carry the baggage of disappointment or frustration. Instead, let's greet the blessings and challenges of the new year with the resources God abundantly supplies.

So – may the grace of the Lord Jesus, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you through the coming year!

In Christ,

Pastor Steve Loft



BIRTHDAYS

1	Allen	Angel	19	Adam & Stacie	Remaly	1992
	Pam	Hochstetler	22	Ed & Sue	Raab	1956
3	Jill	Biller	30	Gary & Becky	Buss	1972
	Jenny	Starkey				
6	Brooklyn	Johnson				
	Brooke	Stout				
8	Nancy	Mahler				
11	Isabella	Ullery				
12	Mike	Beehler				
14	Eula Lee	Geyer				
	Meghan	Vest				
17	Roger	Stoops				
18	Marci	Struble				
	Erica	Young				
23	Jackie	Ullery				
26	Jeff	Starkey				
28	Steve	Squibb				
29	Roe	Skibbe				
31	Betty	Stout				

ANNIVERSARIES**Indiana United Methodist Children's Home, INC**

Thank you for your generosity, support and dedication to the children's mission supported by the IUMCH, Inc. The financial contributions provided by thoughtful United Methodist churches like yours allow our Home in Lebanon to provide quality services, in a caring environment to the children we serve – helping them to develop valuable life skills. This gift further demonstrates the commitment of your members. We are so grateful to have you as a partner in our mission to build better lives for our youth!

Christy Huston, Executive Director

Salvation Army

We have received your generous donation. It means a lot to me that you wanted to support the work of The Salvation Army and appreciate your kindness in giving to support our mission locally. Your donation will enable us to be there for vulnerable people who come to us. It will help us transform lives by bringing comfort and support to people who have no one else to turn to. Often, The Salvation Army is the "safety net" for people in need, giving them encouragement and support.

Lieutenant Wayne Benedict

Guidance Ministries, INC.

Thank you for your donation. Because of the increased COVID-19 numbers in Elkhart County we are only doing carryout meals from God's Kitchen on Tuesday & Thursdays. Last week Guidance Ministries' staff helped three people secure jobs and two others apply for and receive affordable housing. We are excited to see so many each week progress in fulfilling their goals.

Pastor Lori King

Jail Ministry

Thank you for your generous donation to the Jail Ministry. I am grateful for all of you and hope you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Faith Mission of Elkhart

Thank you for your gift to Faith Mission. Because of your generosity, we are able to impact more lives in our community.

Church Community Services

Thank you for all your donations both canned goods and monetary. Consider ST RET CH ING your donation giving financially. With \$1.00, CCS can buy 6 pounds of food.

**"Given
for
you."**

**SPA Women's
Ministry Home**

Chili Supper Fundraiser
Saturday, January 9th
2:00 – 5:00 pm \$10.00
Per meal. Take out only.
Meal includes: Chili,
Cornbread, Coleslaw & a
Brownie
Pick up locations:
Nappanee 1st Brethren
Church, 1600 N. Main St.,
Nappanee
SPA Women's Ministry
Homes, 3404 Toledo Rd.
Elkhart

PAUL'S ASSOCIATES

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

1.	Asked, "What must I do to be Saved?"	Acts 16: 25-30	a. Felix
2.	Said, "Almost thou persuades me to be a Christian,"	Acts 26: 28	b. Julius
3.	Led the silversmiths in protest against Paul	Acts 19: 24-25	c. Barnabas
4.	Left Paul in prison in an effort to gain favor with the Jews	Acts 24: 26-27	d. Tertullus
5.	Sent Paul to Caesar	Acts 25: 12	e. A nephew
6.	Sent with Paul a settle a dispute in Jerusalem	Acts 15: 2	f. Jailer
7.	Arrested for harboring Paul	Acts 17: 5	g. Publius's Father
8.	Guarded Paul on trip to Jerusalem for trial	Acts 27: 1	h. Demetrius
9.	Told Paul of a plot to kill him	Acts 23: 16	i. Festus
10.	Paul healed him of a fever	Acts 28: 8	j. Jason
11.	An orator who accused Paul before Felix	Acts 24: 1-3	k. Agrippa

NAME _____

Return Quiz JANUARY 24th

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

TRUSTEES December Report

Did not meet in December.

Next Trustee meeting January 21st at 7:00 pm

United Methodist Men's Group

Will **not** be meeting in January. Hope to see you all in February.

Bible Quiz

In the story of the Magi, what word is used to give a sense of Jesus' age when the wise men visited? What does it tell us?

- A. "baby"; Jesus was still a newborn in a manger
- B. "child"; when the wise men visited, Jesus had grown past infancy
- C. "youth"; Jesus was probably between 10 and 14
- D. No word is used to suggest Jesus' age at the time of the wise men's visit.



Answer B (See Matthew 2:1-12.)

MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: Our January collection will go to help RETA support groups and services to our community: Abortion regret, Pregnancy Loss Support, Pregnancy testing & ultrasound, Men's coaching, Moms' coaching. They also help with many baby items to those in need of a little extra help. Last month our collection of \$64.90 went to purchase meats for our Christmas families. Thank You.

Firefighter's Dinner: Don't forget to sign up to provide dinner for our firefighters following their training sessions. Our 1st one for 2021 is January 4th. Let Becky Buss know if you can help. 574-536-7355.

January Meetings

Thurs 14th	6:00 pm	Finance
	7:00 pm	S/PPR
Thurs 21 st	7:00 pm	Trustees
Thurs 28 th	7:00 pm	Church Council

If you accepted a position on a committee for 2021, this will be your first meeting. There will be other "1st time" meetings, for 2021, in February.



**Happy
New
Year!**

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Return Address Correction Requested

Puzzle!

Complete each saying below. Then place the words from those blanks in the correct order to complete Proverbs 23:4.

1. When the going gets tough, the tough _____ going.
2. People who live in glass houses should _____ throw stones.
3. If the shoe fits, _____ it.
4. "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is _____ to enter the kingdom of God."
5. Good things come _____ those who wait.
6. When in Rome, _____ as the Romans do.
7. Don't wear _____ your welcome.
8. If you want something done right, do it _____.

Write the unscrambled proverb here:

PROVERBS 23:4