

Jimtown OpenLine



*Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!*

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July Celebrations

July is one of the great months for celebrations in our family. It begins with Independence Day celebrations. Andrea and I celebrate our anniversary in July. This year will be our fortieth. Andrea also celebrates her birthday in July (this year she will celebrate a birthday beyond her fortieth). It is a good month for our family to celebrate.

We are celebrating some excellent things about our faith in the month of July this year. We began a series of messages celebrating the excellence of Jesus using the letter to the Hebrews the last Sunday of June.

That week we celebrated *The Excellence of the Son* and noted how Jesus, the Son of God, was more excellent and superior to the message of the angels and prophets. Then through July we will celebrate *The Excellence of the New Covenant*, *The Excellence of Our Great High Priest*, and *The Excellence of Holiness*. All of these themes come from the New Testament letter called Hebrews.

The last two Sundays of July we will celebrate *God's Remedy for Anxiety* and then the sacrament of *Baptism*. These last two themes are the result of an opportunity given to the congregation to request a message on a topic or section of the Bible. (Surprisingly, when we offered the option for "you asked for it" there were only three people who made a sermon request and a couple who made music requests.)

When it comes to the message on baptism, we will be offering baptism to anyone who desires to declare their faith in Christ during the service. We are also planning an afternoon or evening service for those who would like to experience baptism by emersion. Warren and Susi Allender have agreed to host a gathering at their home where people will be able to be baptized by emersion in their swimming pool. Plans are still being formed for a possible meal at this gathering, so keep your ears open for more information.

In the meantime, let's celebrate God's goodness and grace together in Christ.

Pastor Steve



1	Sue	Struble
2	Raiden	Leedy
3	Ryan	Ullery
4	Adam	Kennedy
	Jon	Starr
	Whitney	Young
5	Justin	Squibb
6	Jacob	Biller
	Dawson	Pontius
7	Nancy	Miller
8	Tami	Pyfer
10	Todd	Clark
12	Bodie	Bender
	Shannon	Richard
	Alexander	Wilk
13	Sarah	Owen
14	Alex	Pyfer
16	Brock	Bender
17	Andrea	Loft
18	Betty	Stickel
	Makaya	Young
21	Mark	Campbell
	Lucille	Stickel
23	Ruth	Trotter
25	Tim	Farwig
	Marilyn	Judson
26	Diana	Cook



Sunday, July 16th – Thursday, July 20th
6:00 pm – 8:15pm
 At VBS kids discover that God made them – and for a purpose! There will be Bible stories, songs, games, crafts, snacks & Bible memory buddies. Kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day ends with the Funshop Finale that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for this special time at 8:00 p.m. Maker Fun Factory is for kids from preschool to 5th grade. There are registration forms at the Welcome Center, or you can go to our website to sign up. www.Jamestownumc.org



1	Brent & Traci	Stewart	2000
9	Pastor Steve & Andrea	Loft	1977
27	Larry & Marti	Stickel	1991

My JUMC Family,
 Thank you for the wonderful card and gift! Thank you all for your continued love, support & prayers as I take this next step in life! I am not fearful, for I have learned that God has a tremendous plan for my future, and all I need is to listen to His Word & follow His guidance!
 Thank you all again!

Your friend,
 Jake Biller

Hello from the Williams,
 Just a quick note to say all is well down here, had some illnesses but by the grace of God we are up and running again...the pastor's house in Reynosa is in need of some repairs but we are trusting in God his will be done...as you know the border is a bit sketchy these days but by the hand of God we are still spreading his word through some locals and pastors contacts...continue to keep us in your prayers that God's will be done. Can't Thank you enough for your years of love and support. May God bless everyone of you ..
 Thank you..
 Lynn, Rosemary and Troy

Our kids will also be joining in a missions project for Church Community Services, CCS. They may bring in canned goods to help this faith based agency in helping people of Elkhart County weather life's storms and build more secure futures through emergency assistance and intensive job and life skills training.

LEADERS

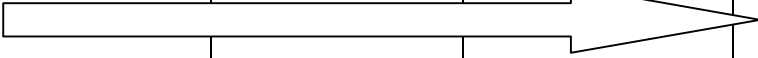

Every cause has a leader. Match the leader with the event in which he led.

1.	Revival in Nineveh	a. Aaron	Exodus 32:35
2.	Rebuilt Jerusalem walls	b. Absalom	2 Samuel 15: 31
3.	Construction of golden calf	c. Noah	Genesis 6: 13
4.	Exodus	d. Solomon	1 Kings 6: 1
5.	First missionary journey	e. Jonah	Matthew 12: 41
6.	Slaughter of Hebrew children	f. Moses	Exodus 14:: 27-31
7.	Construction of Temple	g. Gideon	Judges 7:7
8.	Conquest of Jericho	h. Joshua	Joshua 6: 20-26
9.	Conspiracy against his father David	i. Paul	Acts 13: 2
10.	Three-hundred-man battle with the Midianites	j. Nehemiah	Nehemiah 3: 16
11.	The Flood Era	k. Pharaoh	Exodus 1: 22

NAME _____

Return Quiz by July 24th

Answers for "Houses": 1. Martha, 2. Simon, 3. Mary, 4. Justus, 5. Jason, 6. Paul, 7. Priscilla and Aquilla, 8. Jacob, 9. Obed-edom, 10. Solomon, 11. Joab. Those that were up for a challenge were: Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Doug Cook, Arletah Hochstetler, Jane Lechlitner and Sue Raab.

	2 nd	9 th	16 th	23 rd	30 th
Liturgist	Kristin Farwig				
Greeters	Larry Stickel, Larry & Sue Struble	Jean Green, Irene Cook, Jill & Jake Biller	Steve & Kathleen Stout, Al & Joan Stealy	Marion Taylor, Sally Franklin, Jim & Connie Starkey	Dick & Joan Briggs, Randy & Gail Greenlee
Acolytes	Carl & Jane Lechlitner	Sharon Hirstein & Liz Starr	Steve & Kathleen Stout	Jill & Jake Biller	Al & Joan Stealy
Children's Message	Pastor Steve	Steve Allen	Deb Beehler		
Nursery	Jill Biller	Sharon Hirstein	Andrea Loft		
Children's Church		Marcia Clark	Marcia Clark	Andrea Loft	Andrea Loft
Cookie Fellowship	Doug & Clo McIntosh, Mark & Angela Cook	Steve & Linda Squibb	Dave & Joyce Polston, Mark & Robin Wrathell	Sandra Metcalf, Don Wilson, Nate & Julie Koets	Gary & Becky Buss, Steve & Roberta Mann
Ushers	Tanner Clark, Mark Cook, Jim Starkey & Larry Stickel				

TRUSTEES

March 20th, 6:00 p.m.

- Sound system: Greg made a motion to purchase a backup microphone for Pastor Steve. Seconded and carried. Moving sound system upstairs, on hold. Getting another quote
- AED: Need to schedule another training session.
- Electronic sign: Put on hold
- Entrance carpet: Finished, approx. \$1,800
- Playground: Equipment ordered. Delivery July.
- Septic system, Parsonage: Motion to move forward with this major project. Seconded, carried. Checking on permits needed.
- Apartment A trampoline: She has not given proof of insurance. Letter to be given; must be gone 7 days; Our Insurance Co. recommended removal.
- Signs; are done for Fire extinguishers and First aid kits.
- Curtains in Pastor's Office: Lane will replace not exceed \$250.

Next meeting Monday, July 24th.

JULY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wed	12 th	7:00 pm	Emergency Team
Thurs	13 th	6:00 pm	Finance
Thurs	20 th	6:00 pm	Trustees
Wed	26 th	7:00 pm	Emergency Team
Thurs	27 th	6:00 pm	Staff/Pastor Relations
		7:00 pm	Church Council
Sun	30 th	4:00 pm	Worship Committee

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Our next meeting will be August 1st at Noon. Bring a dish to share and enjoy some good fellowship time.

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.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Our next meeting will be July 23rd at 7:45 a.m.

WELCOME CENTER VOLUNTEERS

2 nd	Lana Berg
9 th	Jane Rapp
16 th	Becky Buss
23 rd	Keith Berg
30 th	Jim Starkey

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Our July loose coin offering will go to JUMC Vacation Bible School. This is a great opportunity for outreach in our community. Thank you for helping. Our May offering of \$86.18 went to I.M.O.G.H. Pastor Steve took this offering with him to Annual Conference. Our June offering of \$57.02 went to Campus Crusade for the Fults'. This is the couple that visited us on May 28th. 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 help is the 3rd Monday of every month. Some of the duties are serving meals, cutting desserts or other minor things to prepare for the meal. You would need to arrive at 10:20 a.m. The meal is served from 11:00 am – 12:00 pm. Then possibly help wipe tables afterwards. You would be done about 12:30 pm. Susanna's Kitchen is located inside First Congregational Church, 431 S. Third St. If you can help, please call Linda Rodman at 294-1708.

Here are the dates for the rest of 2017:

July 17 th	October 16 th
August 21 st	November 20 th
September 18 th	December 18 th

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Our Kettle Fund giving this month will go to our Sanctuary Carpet fund. This is going to be a very big expense someday. We currently have \$6,662.58 in this fund. Remember, the change in your pocket helps make a difference.

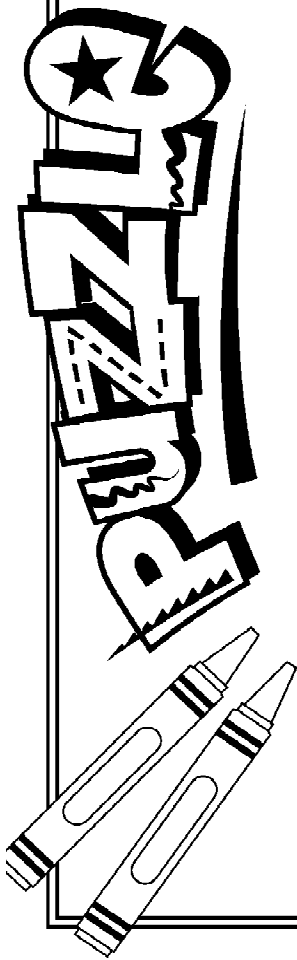


Your ticket is stamped

On a train trip, a pastor struck up a conversation with a seatmate who thought character and good works led to salvation. The pastor wasn't making progress but had a realization when the conductor collected tickets, quickly checking the date before stamping each one.

After the conductor passed by, the pastor told his fellow passenger: "All the conductor looked at was your ticket. He did not inquire about your character. He didn't care who you were — whether you were a good or moral man or a criminal. So it is with salvation. You need only God's 'ticket to heaven' stamped by the blood of Jesus Christ."

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Friends in the Lord

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV) says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." It's important to choose friends who help us be more like Jesus. How many words can you make from the word *friendship*?

F R I E N D S H I P

2-letter words: _____

3-letter words: _____

4-letter words: _____

5-letter words: _____

Words with 6 or more letters: _____