

Jimtown OpenLine



**Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!**

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America – God Shed His Grace On Thee

It is a beautiful song that swells the heart. It is one of the songs scheduled for Sunday, July 1st. It reminds us to pray for God's blessing on our country and its leaders. There are multiple places in Scripture that remind us to pray for leaders throughout the world. Some of my favorites are from one of Paul's letters to Timothy.

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— for kings (*and queens*) and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and people, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all people — the testimony given in its proper time. (1 Timothy 2:1-6)

I appreciate it for a number of reasons. First it reminds us to pray for *all those in authority*. That means praying for the ones we agree with and the ones with whom we disagree. Second it contains the goal of our prayer which is the same goal of our lives as Christians – godliness and holiness. Next, we are told that these kinds of prayers are pleasing to God. That sounds promising. I like the idea of pleasing God.

Other verses give us additional guidance on how to pray for leaders and places.

...seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper. (Jeremiah 29:7)

...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)

I know that these promises were written specifically for Israel. But I believe there are principles that apply to Christians as well. Some of the reasons I believe this is because "all the promises of God find their Yes in him (Jesus Christ). That is why we utter the Amen through him, to the glory of God" (2 Corinthians 1:20). And also, "we (*Christians*) are the true circumcision, who worship God in spirit, and glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:3). In addition, God still "causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous" (Matthew 5:45). When God blessed the people of God, he blesses those who live nearby. We might call it *blessing overflow*. Could that not be for "America" as well?

So, I will continue to pray that God will shed his grace on America, seeking America's peace and prosperity. I will seek to humble myself, seek God's face, and turn from wicked ways that God would hear from heaven, forgive sin, and heal our land. I know that you will be praying as well.

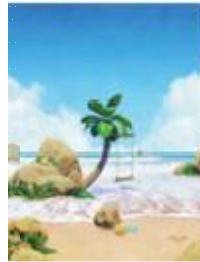
For the glory of God...

Pastor Steve

1	Sue	Struble
2	Raiden	Leedy
3	Ryan	Ullery
4	Adam	Kennedy
	Jon	Starr
	Whitney	Young
5	Justin	Squibb
6	Jacob	Billier
	Dawson	Pontius
7	Nancy	Miller
8	Tami	Pyfer
10	Todd	Clark
12	Bodie	Bender
	Shannon	Richard
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



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



Vacation Bible School

VBS was a great success this year because of you! Thank you to everyone that contributed in some way, no matter how big or small; time, donations, sharing your creativity, enthusiasm, support & prayers... We had an average of 24 children each night and many adult volunteers. VBS is a great outreach ministry for us and we may never know the impact it will have on any child or adult. Thank you again! Andrea

NOTICE:

NO

SENIOR

LUNCHEON

THIS

MONTH!

See

You

In

August

Children's Department
 Thank you for signing up to help in the Nursery and Children's Church. Thanks to you we only have one date in July to fill: July 22nd for Children's Church.

Devotions & Drumming
 Exercise your body and your spiritual mind. Join us for Devotions and cardio Drumming beginning Wednesday July 11th at 9 a.m. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9-10 a.m. through August 31st. This class is open to all ages and all levels of fitness. You will need an exercise ball, bucket and drumsticks. I hope you can join us for some lively music and fun exercise. Contact Roberta Mann if you have any questions.

JUNE 30 th Totals	
Air/Heat Replacement	\$ 14,220.79
Building & Improvements	\$ 37,488.74
Club 52	\$ 247.12
Evangelism & Growth	\$ 699.61
Electronic Sign	--\$ 7,703.99
Families in Need	\$ 832.21
Audio/Video	\$ 1,379.90
Carpet - Sanctuary	\$ 26,093.52



Housecleaning: We received a call this week from a gentleman asking if we would have someone interested in cleaning their house. They have a 2-story home not far from Jamestown Church. He thinks it might take an average of 3.5 hours each time. If you are interested, call the office and we will give you more information. 293-3905

ALTARS

Altars have played important roles in worship throughout history.
Match each person with the proper altar name or location.

1.	Abraham	Genesis 12: 6-7		a. Araunah's threshing floor
2.	Jacob	Genesis 35: 1		b. Beersheba
3.	Moses	Exodus 17: 15		c. Ebal
4.	Reuben & Gad	Joshua 22: 34		d. Ed
5.	Isaac	Genesis 26: 23-25		e. Bethel
6.	Balak	Numbers 23: 14		f. Gibeah
7.	Joshua	Deuteronomy 27: 4-5		g. Jehovah-nissi
8.	Gideon	Judges 6: 24		h. Jehovah-shalom
9.	Samuel	1 Samuel 7: 17		i. Ramah
10.	Saul	1 Samuel 14: 2 & 35		j. Sichem
11.	David	2 Samuel 24: 18-19		k. Pisgah

NAME _____

Return Quiz July 25th

Answers for "WASH": 1. Ahithophel, 2. Absalom, 3. Judas, 4. Jesus, 5. Haman, 6. Joseph, 7. Joshua, 8. David, 9. Mephibosheth, 10 Moses. Those that were up for a challenge were: Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Arletah Hochstetler and Jane Lechlitner.

JULY VOLUNTEERS

	1st	8th	15th	22nd	29th
Welcome Center		Marcia Cook	Irene Cook		
Liturgist	LuAnn Pontius				
Greeters	Carl & Jane Lechlitner, Randy & Deb Beehler	Margaret Neely, Irene Cook, Keith & Lana Berg	Marcia & Marta Clark, Jim & Connie Starkey	Tami Pyfer, Larry Pappas, Jan Bender & Karen Miller	Marcia Cook, Joyce Cook, Steve & Roberta Mann
Acolytes	Carl & Jane Lechlitner	Keith & Lana Berg	Marcia & Marta Clark	Jeff Clark & Larry Pappas	Marcia Cook & Roberta Mann
Children's Message	Pastor Steve		Kristin Farwig	Pam Allen	Deb Beehler
Cookie Fellowship	Mike & Vici Vogel, Keith & Lana Berg	Gary & Becky Buss, Jim & Geri Angel	Jake Biller, Tim Leatherman, Ray Hochstetler	Sharon Hirstein & Liz, Polly Brown, Lois Wilkinson	Sandra Metcalf, Don Wilson, Jim & Connie Starkey
Nursery	Marcia Clark	Marcia Clark	Lana Berg	Becky Buss	Becky Buss
Children's Church	Andrea Loft	Cindy Campbell	Rita Peat		Deb Beehler
Ushers	Tanner Clark, Mark Cook, Jim Starkey & Larry Stickel				

TRUSTEES

June 21st, 6:00 p.m.

Carpet: Ordered, install July

Pew Upholstery: Ordered, install July after carpet

Electronic Sign: Have building permit, met with Todd from Sign Tech about preliminary work.

Parking lot resealing: Filled some holes done, resealing soon.

Teen Center: Tried Wet & Forget; seems to work.

Parsonage Chimney: On hold.

Sanctuary Lights: Waiting on quote from Swartz Electric.

Sidewalk Repair: Do this coordinating with the base for the electronic sign.

Cleaning Tiled floors: Mitch will be stripping and waxing the Fellowship hall & downstairs hall in the fall.

Preschool room Carpeting: Voted to accept bid from Yoder's for \$1,376. (now to Church Council)

Stump Grinding: On hold.

Grass Seeding: Additional needed at Parsonage.

Sanctuary Locks: Bought and will be installed soon.

Apt A.: Working on water damage repairs.

JULY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wed	11 th	6:00 pm	Worship Committee
Thurs	12 th	6:00 pm	Finance Committee
		7:00 pm	S/PPR (if necessary)
Tues	17 th	7:00 pm	Legacy Committee
Thurs	19 th	6:00 pm	Trustees
Thurs	26 th	7:00 pm	Church Council

WELCOME CENTER

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

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. You never know what will be on the breakfast menu.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We will **not** meet in July! See you August 18th for Breakfast and some Visitation. More details to come.

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.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

We will **NOT** be having Senior Lunch this month. We will be gathering **Tuesday, August 7th at Noon!**



MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Loose Coin: We have chosen LOVEWAY for our July offering. LoveWay works on "Enhancing the lives of individuals with special needs through comprehensive therapeutic equestrian services." The June offering of \$123.44 went to our own VBS. 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. Please sign the paper when you know you will be able to help. This will help others know the date is filled.

CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

This month we are encouraging each family to bring...

Breakfast food; Pancake Mix, Syrup, Cereal, Granola Bars....

RETA

Golf Outing

August 25, 2018

Meadow Valley Golf Club

57600 SR 13, Middlebury

Four person Scramble

More information on the bulletin board

SCRAPBOOKING/CRAFT NIGHT

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. We are tentatively meeting July 24th.

You've Got Mail!!


"What a wonderful thing is the mail," someone has said, "capable of conveying across continents a warm human hand-clasp." I remember the excitement of getting an "aerogram" from a grade-school pen pal in Sweden, or a letter from Mom when I was in college. How different from the instantaneous, typed messages we send today. Can you imagine, then, how meaningful the letters of Paul, Peter and other apostles were to early Christians? Painstakingly handwritten, carefully delivered by a courier or friend — so different from emails, texts and even postal delivery! Think how elated the recipients must have been to read warm greetings, news from afar, teachings, even reprimands — and then words such as these: "My love be with you all in Christ Jesus" (1 Corinthians 16:24, ESV). The next time you read or hear a New Testament letter, imagine a time when such communication was rare and precious. Hear the writer's words — which are also God's words to you — from that perspective, and hold them fast.
—Heidi Mann

Omnipresent

We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade, the presence of God. The world is crowded with him. He walks everywhere incognito. And the incognito is not always hard to penetrate. The real labor is to remember, to attend ... in fact to come awake. Still more, to remain awake. —C. S. Lewis

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Wonders of creation

Our Creator is in control of the entire universe!

Directions: Beginning with column 1, go down each column until you come to a dot. Write the letter that's found to the left of the dot on the blank below to complete Psalm 147:4, NIV. (Some columns have more than one letter.)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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