

# Jimtown OpenLine



*Building Bridges To The  
Families Of Our Community!*

## **Jamestown United Methodist Church**

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### **CHURCH STAFF**

- **Steve Loft**  
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- **Pam Allen**  
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- **Sharon Shinn**  
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- **Andrea Loft**  
Children's Ministry



### **Holy Week**

The mere mention of the term "Holy Week" brings a variety of thoughts and memories. I remember Palm Sundays as a child singing with the adult choir and processing with palms waving, sticking them in a pot of sand at the front of the sanctuary. I also remember Good Friday services hosted by the Methodist and Presbyterian churches in Dayton, Indiana (the only two churches in the town). I also remember the culmination of Holy Week on Easter and the new clothes we might be excited to wear. I do not remember people talking about the term itself – *Holy Week*.

*Holy Week...*

In recent years I have become more aware of how we highlight things on special days or special seasons that we, as followers of Christ, are called to live out every day of our lives – like *holiness*. We were created in God's image to be holy creatures, reflecting the holiness of God. And so we would not forget it, God calls us to be holy.

I am the LORD your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy. ...I am the LORD who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy. Leviticus 11:44-45

The Lord said to Moses, "Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy". Leviticus 19:1-2

Peter wrote to all the Christians scattered throughout the region of Asia Minor...

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy."

1 Peter 1:15-16

During the season of Lent, we have been focusing on some of the themes of the Wesleyan tradition. They have included prevenient grace and justifying grace. The first Sunday of March we will focus on the assurance God gives when we trust in Jesus. Then the second Sunday of March we will focus on Sanctifying Grace – God's amazing desire to make us holy. That is amazing grace.

As we approach the Easter celebration, let's prayerfully consider God's desire to transform us into the likeness of His Son. "Be holy."

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth – in my life – as it is in heaven. Amen.

Pastor Steve

3	Darin	Miller
4	Cheryl	Cabanaw
	Charlotte	Haggard
	Jane	Lechlitner
	Brittany	Saunders
7	Dave	Pontius
9	Becky	Metcalf
14	Lilliana	Clark
	Jim	Heminger
	Nate	Koets
	Fran	Price
17	Doug	McIntosh
18	Hannah	Polston
	David	Sylvester
20	Bob	Judson
21	Shane	Stoops
	Kathleen	Stout
22	Gary	Buss
23	Shawn	Angel
24	Bret	Miller
26	Meaghen	Farwig
	Roberta	Mann
	Larry	Struble
27	Ryan	Remaly
28	Tony	Cabanaw
31	James	Owen



4	Ray & Arletah	Hochstetler	1961
8	Jeff & Angela	Davis	
22	Tom & Jean	Green	1969
30	David & Lisa	Sylvester	2007

### Volunteer Opportunities

Don't forget to volunteer to help on Sundays. We are always looking for Acolytes, Greeters, Nursery workers, Children's Church leaders, Fellowship time helpers and Welcome Center attendants. See LuAnn Pontius or Ray Hochstetler

### Elkhart County Right to Life

A spaghetti dinner to benefit Elkhart County Right to Life will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 112 E. Lexington Ave, Elkhart. This will be on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$9.00 for adults; \$4.00 for children ages 6 – 12 years; children age 5 and under eat free! Tickets may be purchased at the door.

### Church Women United

Lenten Coffees

Faith United Methodist Church

22045 CR 18 (near CR 17)

Mondays beginning March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

5 <sup>th</sup>	World Day of Prayer --Audrey Shaffer
12 <sup>th</sup>	
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sherry Houghton – Speaker
26 <sup>th</sup>	JoAnn Gundy - Speaker

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:30 pm Jamestown UMC

### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES

12:00 pm Trinity UMC  
2715 E. Jackson Blvd

6:30 pm Servant's Heart Church  
516 S. Main St, Elkhart

### January 31<sup>st</sup> Totals

Air/Heat Replacement	\$14,170.79
Building & Improvements	\$ 6,331.04
Club 52	\$ 187.12
Evangelism & Growth	\$ 699.61
Electronic Sign	\$ 9,806.01
Families in Need	\$ 983.29
Church Music Dept	\$ 1,594.30
Audio/Video	\$ 1,458.46
Carpet - Sanctuary	\$ 27,681.52



**March 13<sup>th</sup> Tickets (Adults Only) \$20**

Purchase tickets at [soupofsuccess.com](http://soupofsuccess.com), click on Get Involved and then Donate, Buy 500 tickets or call 574-523-1551

Soup Of Success Graduates' powerful and inspirational stories of hope in a monologue style performance.

An Event to Benefit  
**Soup of Success**  
A Program of Church Community Services

Doors Open 6pm • Show 7-8pm • Desserts & Discussion 8-9pm  
AWBS Chapel of the Serran on the Mount - 3003 Berham Ave. Elkhart.



It's that time of year again!

Saturday Night  
March 10<sup>th</sup>

## SMALL THINGS

A once popular song stated, "Little things mean a lot".  
Match each person with the "little thing" associated with them.

1.	Moses	Exodus 17: 9	a. Two mites
2.	David	1 Samuel 17: 50	b. Leftover grain
3.	Elijah	1 Kings 17: 12-13	c. Bowl of pottage
4.	Widow	Mark 12: 42	d. Plumbline
5.	Jesus	John 2: 6-7	e. Muddy water
6.	Ruth	Ruth 2: 2	f. A rod
7.	Gideon	Judges 7: 6	g. Water in pots
8.	Esau	Genesis 25: 34	h. Bright light
9.	Naaman	2 Kings 5: 14	i. Handfuls of water
10.	Paul	Acts 26: 1-13	j. Handful of meal
11.	Amos	Amos 7: 7	k. Sling

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Return Quiz March 24th

Answers for "ORGANIZERS": 1. a, 2. e, 3. d, 4. b, 5. f, 6. c, 7. i, 8. g, 9. j, 10.h.

Those that were up for a challenge were: Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Arletah Hochstetler, and Jane Lechlitner.

## MARCH VOLUNTEERS

	4 <sup>TH</sup>	11 <sup>TH</sup>	18 <sup>TH</sup>	25 <sup>TH</sup>
<b>Welcome Center</b>		Irene Cook		
<b>Liturgist</b>	LuAnn Pontius	LuAnn Pontius	Deb Beehler	Deb Beehler
<b>Greeters</b>	Jim Starkey, Larry & Marti Stickel	Margaret Neely, Irene Cook & Sally Franklin	Brad & Elizabeth Stacy	Rita Peat, Jeff Clark, Maria Moleski, Doug Cook
<b>Acolytes</b>	Steve & Kathleen Stout	Mark & Cindy Campbell		Maria Moleski & Doug Cook
<b>Children's Message</b>	Pastor Steve	Steve Allen	Jane Rapp	
<b>Cookie Fellowship</b>	Keith & Lana Berg, Mark & Robin Wrathell	Connie Howard, Pat Seigler, Al & Joan Stealy	Warren & Susi Allender, Mark & Cindy Campbell	John Beggs, Connie Howard, Pat Seigler
<b>Nursery</b>		Lana Berg		
<b>Children's Church</b>	Andrea Loft			Andrea Loft
<b>Usher's</b>	Randy Beehler, Mark Campbell, Dave Pontius & Mark Wrathell			

## TRUSTEES

January 18th, 6:00 p.m.

**Inspections:** Elevator & chairlift done

**Boiler:** Noisy pump repaired. Elec. Parts in.

**Sound System:** One person volunteered to help. Voted to get computer for Sound system.

**Bridge/Tree:** Money received from tree removal at Parsonage.

**Carpet Fund:** Final decision tabled next month. (not balcony). Checking on replacing pew cushions also..

**Electronic sign:** Received quotes, will go with Sign Tech. Will start with permits.

**Apartment B:** Dryer repaired

**Receiving quotes for:** Tree removal beside parsonage, checking of chimney at parsonage, parking lot resealing.

**Parking Lot light repair:** checking with Schwartz Electric  
Next meeting: March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

## MARCH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wed	7 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Emergency Man. Comm.
Thurs	8 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Finance Committee
		7:00 pm	S/PPR
Thurs	15 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Trustees
Wed	21 <sup>st</sup>	7:30 pm	Worship Committee
Thurs	22 <sup>nd</sup>	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.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM

We will launch a new Policy where we will introduce our *Emergency Preparedness Policies and Procedures*. This is information everyone will want to hear. This will take place on Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> following our Fellowship time, 10:45 a.m.

## 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.



## Day by Day

Let every dawn of morning be to you as the beginning of life, and every setting sun be to you as its close. Then let every one of these short lives leave its sure record of some kindly thing done for others, some goodly strength or knowledge gained for yourself.

—John Ruskin

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

**Loose Coin:** We have chosen the Jimtown backpack program for our March offering. The February offering of \$135.34 went to our Cub Scout Pack. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.

## CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

This month we are encouraging each family to bring any "Hamburger helper" style box dinners, Mac-N-Cheese, Tacos.... Of course we will take any non-perishable food item you bring. Let's continue to work together to show God's love to our community.

**CCS is always in need of Volunteers** for: 3-4 hour shift in food pantry; Help with Soup of Success production; Experienced sewers for textile production; March thru May help in greenhouse for Seed to Feed.

## UMCOR, SUNDAY MARCH 11TH

Supporting UMCOR paves the way for humanitarian relief when war, conflict or natural disaster disrupts life to such an extent that communities are unable to recover on their own. Teams were in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria and partnered with local churches to distribute supplies, hope and love to people facing a slow recovery process. Participate in UMCOR Sunday on March 11 to ensure that everyone can receive help when it's needed most.

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

We will be meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m.

## SCRAPBOOKING/CRAFT NIGHT

We have changed our night for this fun evening. We have begun to meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month. 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. Next gathering, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

## SENIOR LUNCHEON

Welcome back everyone to our Monthly Senior's Carry-In Luncheon. **Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at Noon!**

## 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.

## Set Free

*"Christ's death becomes the rod, the cudgel that breaks the necks of the fears that are the enemies of my peace; his Word becomes the staff by which he holds on to me and rescues me from danger."*

—Sinclair B. Ferguson, *Deserted By God?*

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# Spring's Beauty

During springtime, the beauty of God's creation emerges in many ways.

*Directions: Use the vowel code below to complete Psalm 8:1, MV.*

A = E = I = O = U =

"L \_ RD, \_ r L \_ rd, h \_ w

m \_ j \_ st \_ c \_ s y \_ r

n \_ m \_ n \_ || th \_

\_ rth!"

Ps \_ lm 8:1, N \_ V

