

JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!*

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Jamestown United Methodist Church

Change Is In the Air

As the snow melted, I noticed the daffodils and crocuses peeking through the snow. After a couple of weeks of snow cover, it is good to see the promise of spring appearing. Change is in the air, and it is good to see.

Another change is happening for Andrea and me and the Jimtown congregation. In January, Andrea and I announced our retirement. We will be retiring as of the end of June 2021. It was not an easy decision at which to arrive, but we feel it is the right time. Change is in the making.

Recently, Greg Clark, Pastor-Parish Committee chairperson, announced the appointment of Pastor Ed Fisher as the incoming pastor, to begin the first of July 2021. Pastor Ed has been serving a three-point charge in southern Indiana. That means he has been serving three churches at once. This will represent a significant change for him as well.

When I think about his arrival, I remember when Andrea and I came here almost six years ago. We were here on a day when several people were sprucing up the parsonage, inside and out. In addition, we were the beneficiaries of several acts of kindness including a gift certificate to the Essenhaus restaurant. It was good to meet several people, even before we moved in and to experience the acts of love and kindness.

Of all the things that are unknown about the coming change, I am confident that the JUMC congregation will welcome their new pastor and family with open arms. Andrea and I will also do all we can to make the transition go well.

Change is not always easy. It represents new challenges and new opportunities. I am confident that the Jamestown congregation will rise to the challenges. I am also confident that God...
...who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:6)

In Christ,

Pastor Steve Loft



BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

2	Brad	Ullery	4	Ray & Arletah	Hochstetler	1961
3	Darin	Miller	8	Jeff & Angela	Davis	
4	Cheryl	Cabanaw	22	Tom & Jean	Green	1969
	Jane	Lechlitner				
7	Dave	Pontius				
9	Becky	Metcalf				
14	Lillian	Clark				
	Nate	Koets				
	Fran	Price				
18	Hannah	Polston				
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				



Dear Steve,
 We want to express our deep gratitude of Jamestown UMC for your support throughout the year. Your generosity has helped ease the burden of those who are the most financially desperate in our community. We've seen many people over the last few months who never expected to need our help. Lindy writes, "The food you give me is such a blessing. I hope to be able to repay your kindness when this thing is over. Thanks so much for all that you do."
 We thought you might like to see how generous your congregation was in 2020:
 Monetary donations: \$355.00
 Food donations: 90 pounds
 Non-food items: 40 pounds
 Thank You.
 Church Community Services,
 Tom McArthur Executive Director

*"If we dwell upon the harms that have been wrought on us by humankind, we amputate from our mind the power of dwelling upon God."
 - Macarius of Egypt (4th century)*



Dear Jamestown UMC fellowship,
 Thank you so much for the generous donation recently to The Council on Aging. This came at a much needed time when our services are increasing with results in more expenses.
 Sincerely,
 Celesta Vaughan
 Board President

We want to thank you so much for allowing us to meet in the fellowship hall this year. With our last meetings of the year approaching (May), we wanted to let you know that this was lifesaving for us. We were not able to meet at the school due to Covid restrictions. Thank you for being a beacon in our community.
 Deb Pepple & Melissa Sanchez
 Girl Scout Troop # 00624

*Side note from Sharon:
 Don't forget to buy your Girl Scout cookies!*

We are missing items:
Please check your pockets for the key to the Table and Chair closet. It is missing!
Also, did you borrow tables from the church? Please return them. We are having requests from members to be able to use the tables.

It will soon be Easter Morning!

Would you like to order a Lily or Tulip to decorate our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 4th?

The cost is **\$7.50 for a 6" pot**. Please include a separate payment with your order, and be sure to write "Easter flowers" on the check or envelope. **The deadline for ordering is Wednesday, March 22nd.** You may designate your flower to be in honor of or in memory of a loved one.



Lily _____ Tulip _____ Amount Enclosed _____

Given by _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

REBELS

Each of the following people rebelled against someone. Match the rebel and the other person.

1.		Cain	Genesis 4: 5-9	a. His father, David
2.		Korah	Numbers 16: 1-3	b. King of Assyria
3.		Absalom	2 Samuel 15: 14	c. Abram (Abraham)
4.		Jehoiakim	2 Kings 24: 1	d. David
5.		Hezekiah	2 Kings 19: 10-19	e. Hagar
6.		Saul	1 Samuel 20: 32-33	f. Abel
7.		Esau	Genesis 27: 41	g. God
8.		Pharaoh	Exodus 8: 19	h. Potiphar's wife
9.		Lot	Genesis 13: 5-8	i. Jacob
10.		Joseph	Genesis 39: 1, 7-8	j. Nebuchadnezzar
11.		Sarai (Sarah)	Genesis 16: 8	k. Moses

NAME _____

Return Quiz February 24th

Answers for "PLACES": 1. Paul, 2. Jonah, 3. James & John, 4. The disciples, 5. Peter, 6. Peter, Thomas, Nathaniel, James & John, 7. Noah, 8. Paul, 9. Solomon Those that were up for the challenge: Lana Berg, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Doug Cook, Arletah Hochstetler and Jane Lechlitrer.

TRUSTEES February Report

Elected: Jim Angel, Chairperson, Debbie Scoggins Vice Chair & Jill Biller Secretary.

Parsonage: Siding & Windows complete

Church: Update to video system: A new HD camera in sanctuary has been installed.

Next Trustee meeting March 18th at 6:00 pm

United Methodist Men's Group

We will see you March 7th. Our Chicken BBQ and Pork Chops fundraiser is Saturday, March 20th at Smith's on US 933. Cost is Pre-sales \$7.00 per half or 3/\$20. The day of sale is: \$7.50 per half & \$8.00 per Chop and \$4.00 Pit-Tatoes©

March Meetings

Thurs 11 th	6:00 pm	Finance Committee
	7:00 pm	S/PPR
Mon 15 th	7:00 pm	Evangelism Committee
Thurs 18 th	6:00 pm	Missions Committee
	6:00 pm	Trustees
Thurs 25 th	7:00 pm	Church Council

MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: February Loose Coin will go to the Habitat for Humanity. Last month's Loose Coin collection of \$23.00 went to our Boy Scouts. **Thank You for your generosity.**

Firefighter's Dinner: Don't forget to sign up to provide dinner for our firefighters following their training sessions. April's date is the 12th. This is the second Monday (just for April). We still need someone for the Main course and Dessert. Sign up at the Missions bulletin board in the Narthex or let Becky Buss know if you can help, 574-536-7355.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR

Easter Egg Hunt: Would you be able to donate one bag of individually wrapped candy for our Easter Egg Hunt? If so, please bring your donations to the church by Sunday, March 28th. Thank You!

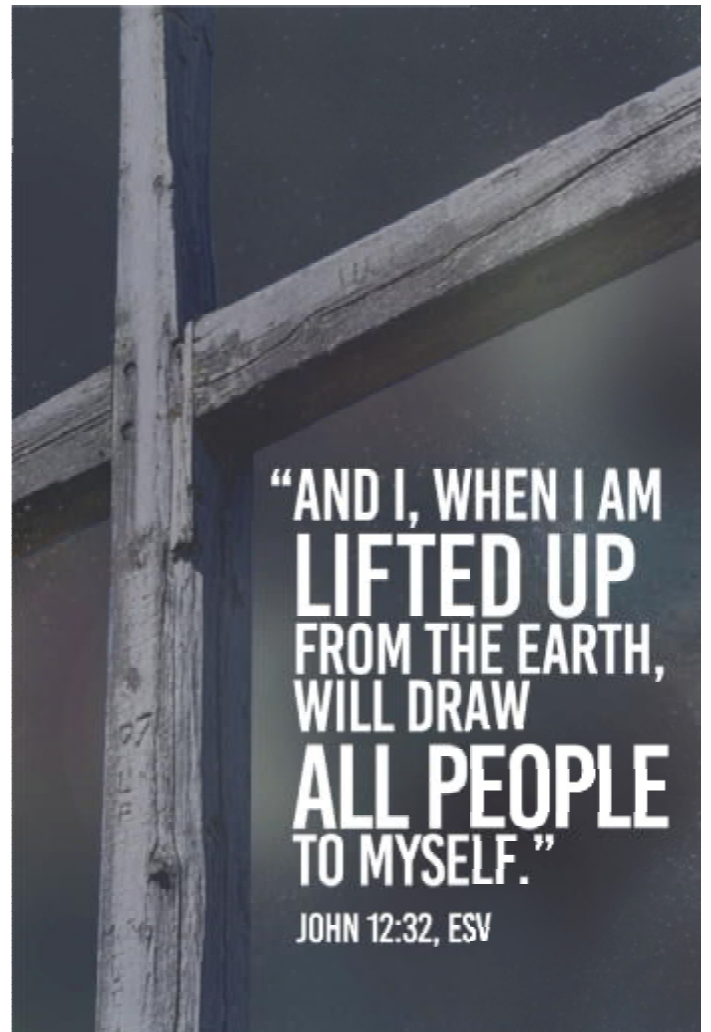
CHILDREN and Parents
Our Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday, April 4th after our Worship Service. See you then!!





So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns
and the purple robe. Pilate said to them,
“BEHOLD THE MAN!”

John 19:5, ESV



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Return Address Correction Requested








PUZZLE

BIRDS IN THE WORD

The Bible mentions many kinds of birds. How many have you seen?

Directions: Unscramble the bird names, using the Bible references and pictures as clues. Then insert the final unscrambled bird name to complete the passage below.

-  VDEO _____ (Genesis 8:8)
-  LWO _____ (Psalm 102:6)
-  GEELA _____ (Isaiah 40:31)
-  TOKRS _____ (Jeremiah 8:7)
-  APROSWRS _____

"Are not five _____ sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. ... Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many _____."

LUKE 12:6-7, NIV