

Jimtown OpenLine



*Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!*

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Have Mercy!

Do you remember the character "Uncle Jesse" on full house? Do you remember what his favorite expression was? "Have mercy." Most of the time, he would say it after kissing a woman. It meant something like "that was awesome" or "wow" or "amazing." "Have mercy."

Obviously that was not the original meaning of the term. To have mercy is to express compassion, forgiveness, and leniency. Mercy can motivate compassion. Compassion can lead to leniency.

Mercy is one of the predominant themes of the Bible. In the King James translation, the word "mercy" is used about 280 times in 42 different books of the Bible. That does not include similar words like mercies, mercies', merciful, or mercyseat. Nor does it take into account other companion words such as compassion, forgiveness, kindness, lovingkindness, favor, and pity.

The prophet Micah says about God...

Who is a God like you,
who pardons sin and forgives the transgression
of the remnant of his inheritance?

You do not stay angry forever
but delight to show mercy. Micah 7:18 NIV

Isn't it good to know that God delights to show mercy?
Jesus spoke of mercy in the Sermon on the Mount.

"Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy."

Not only is God merciful, but God also calls us as God's representatives to the world to "have mercy." I wonder if seeing us be merciful to others causes God to say "that was awesome" or "wow" or "amazing" or "have mercy."

In these weeks following Easter I plan to share messages about "Amazing Mercy." This might be a good time to invite someone you know who does not attend worship or maybe does not have a church home to join you in learning more about amazing mercy.

God delights to show mercy. Let's delight to invite others to *experience God's amazing mercy.*

Pastor Steve

Mercy



1	Daniel	Wirt
6	Sharon	Hirstein
	Arletah	Hochstetler
7	Nick	Tierney
8	Brenda	Salmander
10	Darin	Cook
	Stephanie	Tierney
12	Regan	Cox
13	Mark	Landis
	Jim	Starkey
	Nila	Young
14	Joan	Stealy
15	Joyce	Cook
19	Josh	Clark
	Kylee	Vogel
20	Brandon	Cook
24	Cindy	Campbell
	Kiersten	Mahler
	Alexis	Miller
26	Clo	McIntosh
	Sally	Franklin
27	Rhonda	Clark
	Ed	Raab
29	Nathan	Miller
30	Bruce	Clark
	Jon	Pyfer



6	Doug & Clo	McIntosh	1989
7	Jordon & Katy	Patterson	2016
10	Keith & Lana	Berg	1969
14	Al & Joan	Stealy	1957
19	Jeff & Cheryl	Cabanaw	1987
22	Bob & Marilyn	Judson	

WORK DAY: The Trustees are inviting you to join them on Saturday, May 13th to a special work day here at JUMC. Come out to help make our grounds look appealing and show our community, we care. You could bring rakes, gloves, etc. anything you would use to clean and freshen up around your own home. We want our church home to look nice also.



Stamp Out Hunger Saturday, May 13th
 This is the largest one-day food drive in the nation. Bags are on the Welcome center for you to take home and fill. Simply put the bag out by your mailbox by 9:00 am Saturday the 13th.

Dear JUMC Family and Friends,
 Thanks for sending the box of goodies. I always enjoy digging through the box and seeing all the snacks I get to devour. Hope all is well in Jimtown.
 Ryan Remy

The Indiana Miracle Offering for Global Health (IMOGH) supports the efforts of *Imagine No Malaria* and *UM Global Aids Fund*. Bishop Trimble is calling for the IMOGH to be received at the 2017 Annual Conference session. Each of our 1,120 congregations are encouraged to begin preparation for this miraculous expression of God's love in action as we raise awareness and funds to impact thousands of lives around our world this year.



Imagine No Malaria (IMA) is helping to make a disease that was eliminated in the US in the '50s a thing of the past in Sub-Saharan Africa where Malaria once killed one person every 60 seconds, but has been reduced to one person every two minutes through the work of INM. So there is hope! INM is part of a global partnership and together with our partners; our generation can beat Malaria once and for all. Through INM and the predecessor, *Nothing But Nets* campaign, we have cut the death rate from this deadly, but preventable and treatable, disease in Sub-Saharan Africa in half.

The United Methodist Global AIDS Fund Committee (UMGAF) combats HIV and AIDS through education, advocacy, training and addressing stigma and discrimination. Through our work we've discovered that people simply don't know enough about the infection. Global Ministries, a member of this interagency committee, awards grants, through the UMGAF Advance, for global projects focused on reaching at risk youth and young adults, and pregnant women and their newborns. Because of these efforts – mostly through denominational partners – more people have access to knowledge, HIV counseling and testing, support and referral to life-saving drugs.

Learn more about UMGAF: <https://umgaf2014.wordpress.com/donate-and-just-save-one/>

HOUSES

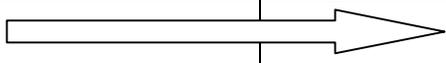
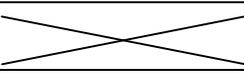
The place where we live is important to us, whether it be a house, tent, apartment, mobile home or what. Fill in each blank with the occupant of the house.

1.		Received Jesus into her house	Luke 10: 38
2.		The tanner, housed Peter	Acts 10: 5-6
3.		The mother of John, held a prayer meeting in her house	Acts 12: 12
4.		Had a house next door to a synagogue	Acts 18: 7
5.		Had a house which the Jews assaulted while looking for Paul and Silas	Acts 17: 4-6
6.		And company were housed by Philip on their way to Jerusalem	Acts 21: 8
7.		And _____ had a church in their house	Romans 16: 3-5
8.		Went to the house of Bethuel to find a wife	Genesis 28: 1-2
9.		Housed the ark of the Lord three months	2 Samuel 6: 11
10.		Built a house overlaid with gold	1 Kings 6: 21-22
11.		"was buried in his own house in the wilderness	1 Kings 2: 30-34

NAME _____

Return Quiz by May 21st.

Answers for "Visions": 1. D, 2. F, 3. J, 4. G, 5. K, 6. E, 7. H, 8. B, 9. C, 10. I, 11 A. Those that were up for a challenge were: Jim Angel, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Doug Cook, Arletah Hochstetler and Jane Lechlitner.

	7 th	14 th	21 st	28 th
Liturgist	LuAnn Pontius	Gail Greenlee		
Greeters	Joyce Cook, Marcia Cook & John Beggs	Kristin & Maggie Farwig, Jake & Jill Biller	Carl & Jane Lechlitner, Al & Joan Stealy	Connie Howard, Pat Seigler, Dave & LuAnn Pontius
Acolytes	Keith & Lana Berg	Kristin & Maggie Farwig	Carl & Jane Lechlitner	Dave & LuAnn Pontius
Children's Message	Pastor Steve	Steve Allen	Kristin Farwig	
Nursery	Andrea Loft		Sharon Hirstein	Shannon Cabanaw
Children's Church				
Cookie Fellowship	Marcia Cook, Renee Wenger, Jim & Geri Angel	Keith & Lana Berg, Dick & Joan Briggs	Sandra Metcalf, Don Wilson, Gary & Becky Buss	Doug & Clo McIntosh, Carl & Jane Lechlitner
Ushers	Jim Angel, John Beggs, Tom Cook & Paul Slabaugh			

TRUSTEES

March 20th, 6:00 p.m.

- Sound system: Motion to hire someone to install TV in narthex
- Parking lot lights: Done in April or My
- AED: passed by Church Council; will purchase
- Long term study for use of Apartments & Parsonage: two appointed for this committee
- Electronic sign: discussion for May
- Entrance carpet: Suggested get quote for epoxy coating instead of carpet
- Lawn; pre-emergent & fertilizer done in May
- Teen Center; will power wash & clean gutters
- Fire extinguishers: signage to be done soon
- Scout trailers: Moving trailers inside Teen center after boats are removed.
- Facilities Audit; list compiled for church, parsonage, teen center & apartments
- Painting; Fellowship hall to be done in June
- Insurance; additional \$450. For Workman's comp following their audit
- Work day: May 13th, rain date May 20th
- Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Thursday, May 18th at 6:00 p.m.
- Big Projects: Priority order;

1. Electronic Sign
2. Upgrade Sound system
3. Sanctuary Carpeting
4. Upgrade Playground
5. Air Conditioner for Fellowship hall
6. Re-do Parking Lot

MAY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Thurs	11 th	6:00 pm	Finance
Thurs	18 th	6:00 pm	Trustees
Wed	24 th	7:30 pm	Worship Committee
Thurs	25 th	6:00 pm	Staff/Pastor Relations
	25 th	7:00 pm	Church Council

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Our next meeting will be May 2nd 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

May 16th is our Mother/Daughter Banquet at 6:30 pm. Bring a dish to share. You do not have to have a daughter to come. (Borrow someone else's). After all, you are a daughter to your mother.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Our May loose coin offering will go to *Indiana Miracle Offering for Global Health*. The I. M. O. G. H. supports the efforts of *Imagine No Malaria* and *UM Global Aids Fund*. In one day, more than 2,000 lives are lost to malaria and HIV/AIDS. Those most susceptible are women and children. It is our hope that we impact more than 50,000 lives from our I. M. O. G. H. offering. Our April offering of \$81.84 went to Susanna's Kitchen. 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:

May 15 th	September 18 th
June 19 th	October 16 th
July 17 th	November 20 th
August 21 st	December 18 th

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Our Kettle Fund giving this month will go to our Furnace/Air Cond. fund. This is going to be a very big expense someday. We currently have \$14,129.93 in this fund. Remember, the change in your pocket helps make a difference.

EVANGELISM/HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

We are looking for individuals interested in volunteering at the Welcome Center. Some training will be provided. Please see a member of our Evangelism team to volunteer.

Reason Enough to Act (RETA)

Please pray in 2017:

- Salvation of Clients
- That RETA will be the first place people turn to when facing an unplanned pregnancy
- For strength in body, mind, and spirit for our staff and volunteers; that we would "not grow weary in well-doing".
- For diligent focus on Christ, Who is most important in the midst of a lost world.
- For God's continued provision to continue the work of the ministry.

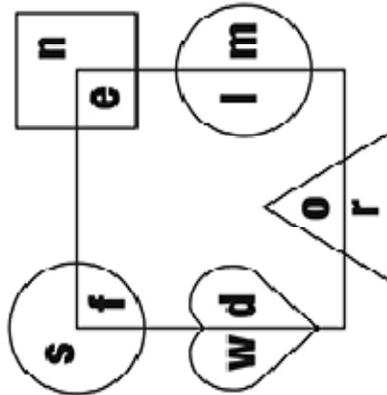


GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs.
 What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

Directions:

To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match
 the shapes under each blank with
 the letter shapes shown to the right.



"Consider how the wild _____
 grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even _____
 in all his splendor was _____
 like one of these." Luke 12:27, NIV