

# JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The  
Families Of Our Community!*

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## Her Children Rise Up And Bless Her

We are entering the month of May, and one of the main things that jumps to mind is Mother's Day, that is celebrated on the second Sunday – this year May 10. One of the ways that I prayed for our sons as they were young and growing up is with Proverbs 31:28. Here are verses 25 through 28:

Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
And she smiles at the future.  
She opens her mouth in wisdom,  
And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
She looks well to the ways of her household,  
And does not eat the bread of idleness.  
Her children rise up and bless her;  
Her husband also, and he praises her...

NASU Proverbs 31:25-28

When our sons were young, I prayed that they would rise up and call their mother blessed, or as the translators of the New American Standard Updated Version put it, that they would "rise up and bless her." I prayed that they would bless her; not only with their words, but by the ways they live their lives. This was more of a prayer for our sons, but I pray that they will do this because it is her due. You can imagine how much grief she has endured over the years of living in a household of five males and one female.

Thank you, God, for the woman I am blessed to call my wife and the mother of our children. Strength and dignity are her clothing, she smiles at the future, opening her mouth in wisdom, and bearing the teaching of kindness on her tongue. Thank you for the ways she looks well to the ways of her household, and that she does not eat the bread of idleness. May her sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren rise up and bless her by their words of respect and by their lives.

I hope you have had women in your life for whom you can give thanks.

If so, do so. Give thanks.

*God Bless You All,*

*Pastor Steve*

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

**MAY**  
Birthdays & Anniversaries



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

**ANNOUNCING "ROCKY RAILWAY"  
JESUS' POWER PULLS US THROUGH**

Due to recent national conditions, we have pushed the date for Vacation Bible School back to July 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> in the evenings. This is Sunday – Thursday with the program on the following Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping that things will be more normal then.

In order to get things rolling, I am asking you to read over the following list of positions needed to make VBS a success. If you are willing to help in any of these spots, please call me at 765-702-3352, text at the same number or email me at [andrea17loft@gmail.com](mailto:andrea17loft@gmail.com).

As soon as you sign up, I will arrange to forward any material you might need. You can make arrangements to pick it up at my office, Sharon's office, the parsonage, or if needed, I can deliver them.

If you are unsure about the different positions, feel free to contact me and I will explain them to you.

Please prayerfully consider how you might help make JUMC's VBS a blessing to all the children we hope to reach. It takes many people to have a great Bible School experience. Thanks for considering how God can use you to be a blessing to children in our community!

Thank you! Andrea Loft 765-702-3352

**I am publishing this newsletter in an attempt of a form of normalacy. Obviously most of our scheduled events, activities, meetings will not be happening. The calendar reflects what our "normal" schedule would look like. Thank you for understanding. Questions? You may call me at home or on my cell, Sharon 848-9171 or 238-5396**

**OF PATIENCE and PRUNING**

*In many parts of America, Mother's Day is the recommended date for planting flowers outdoors. Subjecting blooms to the elements any sooner is risky, though sunny spring days sure make waiting tough. Perhaps that's why poet May Sarton calls gardening "an instrument of grace," for it "slows us down and forces patience."*

*Courage is also required. Gardeners "must be brave enough to cut back the old and sit with bare branches, awaiting new growth," writes Cheryl Richardson (Waking Up in Winter). "And we must trust that it will come." When God prunes us, we too must trust that new growth and new life are in store ... and then patiently wait.*

**List of Staff needed for VBS**

Sing & Play Music	Bible Adventure <sup>1</sup>
KidVid Cinema	Imagination Station-Arts/Crafts
LocoMotion Games	Chew Chew Snack
Decorating Sanctuary	Publicity
Crew Leaders (5+)	Decorating Story Room
Spotlight Photographer	Crew Ldr Assistant (5+)
Registration <sup>2</sup>	Sound & PowerPoint Tech

1. tells Bible story each night. Can use 1 person for each night, or you can do more than one night.
2. Registration – we could use 3-4 on Sunday & Monday night, and possibly 2 on Tuesday & Wednesday night.

We also need helpers for each of these stations. Youth group, we can use you, too! You were such a great help to us last year.

**\*Important -** Everyone will need to take the Child Protection class, *this needs to be repeated every year.* This is necessary for anyone wanting to work with children of any age. I will let you know when this can be set up.

# GOD COMMANDED

Often God's will is not easy to obey. These people experienced some of the hard-to-obey commands of God. Match the person with what God told him to do.

1.	Abram (Abraham)	Genesis 12: 1	a. To name his unborn son "John"
2.	Jonah	Jonah 1: 1-3	b. To anoint someone else king while Saul lived
3.	Hosea	Hosea 1: 2	c. To enter a Gentile's home & preach
4.	Moses	Exodus 14: 14-16	d. To cross a sea on foot
5.	Joseph	Matthew 2: 13	e. Leave his father's house and move to a new land
6.	Zechariah	Luke 1: 13,18	f. To take a harlot for a wife
7.	Ananias	Acts 9: 10-15	g. to preach to his enemy
8.	Peter	Acts 10: 19-20	h. To help a man who killed Christians
9.	Noah	Genesis 6: 13-14	i. To build a boat on dry land
10.	Samuel	1 Samuel 16: 1-2	j. To take his wife and infant son to Egypt

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Return Quiz May 24<sup>th</sup>

Answers for "Fishermen": 1. Andrew, 2. James, 3. Peter, 4. Jesus, 5. Noah, 6. Zebedee, 7. Thomas & Nathaniel. Those that were up for the challenge: well, you know who you are.

## TRUSTEES April RECAP

**Annex:** Approved TBC to demolish annex.

**Elevator:** Waiting for estimates for repairs. Inspection approved

**Carpet Cleaning:** Done

**Lawn Mowing:** Carl Lechlitrner will be taking care of all lawn maintenance.

**Paul Slabaugh,** thank you for all your years of service by mowing and upkeep of all our lawns.

**Next meeting May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm**

## UNITED METHODIST MEN'S BREAKFAST

Our President, Dave Polston, is looking forward to greeting you. Time is the first Sunday of the month at 7:00 a.m. The place is the Fellowship Hall. The reason, as our theme song says, is to "help out where we can". The meal comes from the skillful paws of two of our members. These veteran cooks can really do their thing. A very worthwhile resolution would be to attend whenever possible. Everyone would love to see you. **Hope to see you in June!**

## UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Hope to see you May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m.

*"Where flowers bloom, so does hope."  
-- Lady Bird Johnson*

## SENIOR LUNCHEON

We will not be meeting until June. Hopefully!

### **PLEASE Understand:**

***As our meetings together are not happening, please contact your committee chairperson. They may be planning an online/phone/email "meeting".***

***I am simply informing you of what would normally take place in the life of Jamestown UMC. Do not plan to come to church for any of these events unless you have been contacted by this office or your chairperson.***

### REGULAR APRIL MEETINGS

Mon	4 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Missions Comm
Thurs	14 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Finance
		7:00 pm	Staff/Pastor Parish (?)
Thurs	21 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 pm	Trustees
	28 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm	Church Council

## More Thoughts from Pastor Steve

Even before I wrote the opening article of the Newsletter, I thought of other women who have had an impact on my life. I am blessed to have been raised by a loving and godly woman in my mother. Mom shared in raising six children, three daughters followed by three sons. Each of her first five children were about two years apart in age. Her last son came after a 13 year gap. Surprise!

For much of my childhood, Mom labored at home, caring for her family. But she also became a successful professional woman in an insurance company in Lafayette, Indiana. I remember mom taking on all kinds of work. She cared for the household by doing the laundry, cleaning and cooking. But she also spent hours in the garden, raising food to feed her brood. I often picture her with a flushed face from the heat and exertion of her labor. She also invested time in the church. For decades, mom played the organ for the congregation where we worshiped, which meant playing or the choirs. She was a part of the women's ministry, Sunday school classes, and Bible study groups.

Other women who impacted my life were my grandmothers. Mom's mom, Olive Tucker Downey Light, had an impact on my life and faith in significant ways. Granny was a school teacher and the children's choir director as I was growing up. Just before starting first grade, my parents bought the farm that my grandmother owned. Bought a mobile home and lived beside us for a number of years before remarrying and moving to town. She was a strong woman who could hand out disciplinary action with the best of them. But some of my most significant memories of her are with her eyes closed. When she listened to the sermon, she almost always closed her eyes. She commented that it helped her focus on the message rather than the messenger. In addition, I remember her trying to get a dozen elementary children to think about the words they were singing in the children's choir. She would occasionally pause and ask us to think about what we were singing. And as she would talk, she would momentarily close her eyes. (It was not a good idea to close one's eyes for an extended time with that many youngsters present.) My grandmother's passionate faith had an impact on my life.

My dad's mother, Dorothea Hoshaw Loft was a quiet woman. Grandpa did not have much time for the church, so I do not remember seeing grandma at church until he died. But shortly after he passed, she sold the farm and moved to a small house in Dayton, Indiana. When I became a licensed driver, we would arrive at the church building early so Dad could get the building ready and Mom could get ready for choir and organ playing. After a few minutes, I would drive to the little house and pick up grandma for worship. We did not talk a lot, but I knew she appreciated the lift and she would join the church in worship. Grandma Loft raised 13 children and had 43 grandchildren, 48 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild at the time of her death. Grandma was never very vocal about anything, but the peace of her life was a testimony of her faith in Jesus.

There have been several other women who have had a positive impact on my life, including Dr. Roberta Rice, M.D., who was a missionary in Korea for many years and who led me to Christ. These are some of the people whom God has used to touch my life with His grace and truth.

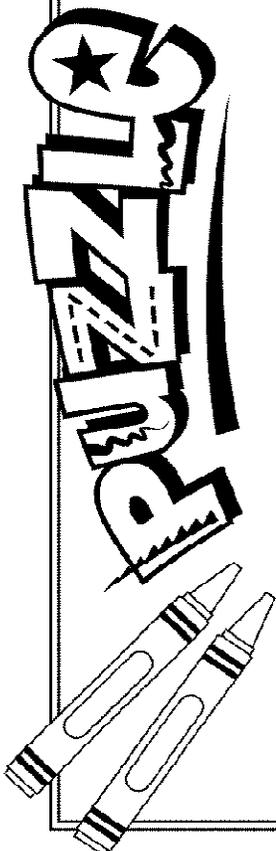
It would be a good idea to write a bit about some of the women who have had an impact on your faith and give thanks to God for the way he uses people to draw us to himself.



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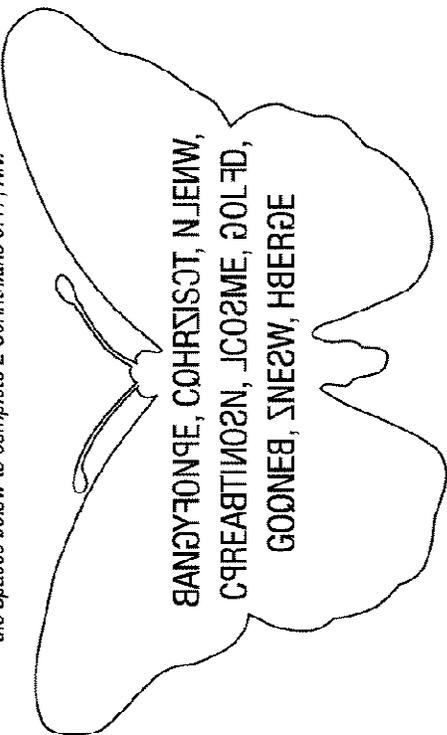
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# Transformation POWER


 Just as the caterpillar becomes a butterfly,  
 God transforms us from old to new.

*Directions: Cross out the backward letters. Write the remaining letters in order in the spaces below to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV.*



BANVYONPE, COHRISOT, N JEIW,  
 CPREABTIWQSN, ICOSME, QOL ID,  
 GOONEB, SNEZW, HBERGE

Therefore, if \_\_\_\_\_ is in \_\_\_\_\_,  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_:

The \_\_\_\_\_ has \_\_\_\_\_,  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_!

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17, NIV