

# JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The Families Of Our Community!*

## Jamestown United Methodist Church

Corner of CR 3 & CR 22

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### CHURCH STAFF

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Pastor
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*A word from our pastor...*

*Last Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, we studied about Jesus' words of him being the Vine, and we are the branches. Jesus tells us that in order to accomplish anything, we must stay connected to him, our True Source. The idea of being connected to the source is one in which Jesus modeled to his disciples (and us) over and over again. He showed by example what it looks like to stay connected with God, and therefore being a faithful follower who produces much fruit for God's Kingdom.*

*One of the most important aspects of being connected, is in the art of listening well. We listen not only to one another, but we also listen for God's leading in our lives. How well do you listen?*

*Have you ever had someone declare to you, "You aren't listening!" One of the most important ways of connecting with others is through listening well.*

*When we find ourselves attempting to connect with new people in our community, church members, or those in close relationships, listening is vitally important. We spend our lives learning to do it well.*

*5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."*

*-John 15:5*

*Maybe there are reasons why we don't always listen well. It's easy to get distracted, in thinking about other thoughts and getting prepared for what we will say next. What is so important is that we listen with intention. We place our minds and hearts in a place where we offer grace and a desire to really know the other person. Our sense of curiosity will go far in helping the other person know we value what is being said, and that we will try to be open to receiving their thoughts, ideas, and will be open to the possibilities of finding new information in the truth that is there for them. It could be different than the truth as we know it. But we can give the gift of our attention and grace. We learn to listen and respond. We learn to be quiet, so we can receive. Through this exchange, we are made known to one another, and we help others grow and become what God has created them to become. Through and with Jesus, we can do all things! Read John 15. A great gospel – a great chapter – a great lesson! Praise be to God!*

*Amen!  
With Love,*

*Pastor Bette*

## BIRTHDAYS

## ANNIVERSARIES

6	Sharon	Hirstein	10	Keith & Lana	Berg	1969
	Arletah	Hochstetler	14	Al & Joan	Stealy	1957
8	Brenda	Salmander	15	Mark & Carolyn	Landis	1982
13	Mark	Landis	19	Jeff & Cheryl	Cabanaw	1987
	Nila	Young	30	Pastor Bette & Rich		1998
14	Joan	Stealy				
15	Joyce	Cook				
19	Josh	Clark				
	Kylee	Vogel				
24	Cindy	Campbell				
26	Clo	McIntosh				
	Sally	Franklin				
27	Rhonda	Clark				
	Ed	Raab				
30	Bruce	Clark				
	Jon	Pyfer				



**Guest Preacher**

Pastor Bette is scheduled for open heart surgery the morning of Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>. She will be on medical leave for 6 weeks. Guest speakers will cover our Sunday services during this time. On-call Pastors will be available for any pastoral emergencies. Feel free to call the church office with any needs you might have. Please keep Pastor Bette, Rich and her medical team in your prayers.

### Position Needed

A Piano accompanist is needed for our weekly Wed. night choir rehearsals, Sunday morning services and special programs.

Please help spread the word! Anyone interested may call

Deb Beehler  
574-596-7624

or

Sharon Shinn  
574-293-3905



### Our "new" Communion Table

The table is from Becky Metcalf's family, the Reefs. The table was constructed with the memorial funds after Velma Reef's death on August 18, 2003, and was hand crafted in Berne, IN for Spring Hill Church located in Berne, IN. The church will be closing due to a decline in membership and the family was given the option of what to do with the table. It was decided by the six of us children to move the table to Jamestown United Methodist Church for continued use as we wanted to keep it where there was a family member.

### What is a Bookbox?

Our Girl Scout troop has decorated this newspaper box to hold "books to lend". This is a fun thing to share with the community. You may take a book or leave a book to share with someone in the community. This is a fun way to encourage reading. So you may take advantage of this box at any time.



### United Women in Faith



### Moments at JUMC in APRIL



### MAY VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Children's Church
5 <sup>th</sup>	LuAnn Pontius	Mark & Carolyn Landis	Luann Pontius	Franki Bender
12 <sup>th</sup>	LuAnn Pontius	Jon & Tami Pyfer	Pastor Bette	Franki Bender
19 <sup>th</sup>	LuAnn Pontius	Steve & Roberta Mann	Linda Vest	Franki Bender
26 <sup>th</sup>		Jackie & Jameson Ullery		Franki Bender
USHERS: Jim Angel, Jeff Clark, Tom Cook and Randy Beehler				

## NEEDLEWORK

Fill in the blanks with the associated with needlework.

1.	Sisera received _____ of many colors of needlework	Judges 5: 30
2.	The Tabernacle curtain had needlework of blue, purple, and scarlet on _____.	Exodus 36: 37
3.	Aaron and his sons had coats with _____ of needlework.	Exodus 28: 39
4.	The prophet said, "Woe to the women that _____ pillows to all armholes.	Ezekiel 13: 18
5.	Abram told the King of Sodom, "I will not take from a _____ even to a shoelatchet, ... lest thou shouldst say, 'I have made Abram rich'."	Genesis 14: 23
6.	Jesus said it was easier for a camel to go through the eye of a _____ than it was for a rich man to get into heaven.	Matthew 19: 24
7.	The Israelite women _____ goat's hair as an offering for the tabernacle.	Exodus 35: 25-26
8.	Goliath had a spear like a weaver's _____.	1 Samuel 17: 7
9.	Adam and Eve sewed clothes of _____.	Genesis 3: 7
10.	The _____ shows God's handiwork wrote the psalmist.	Psalms 19: 1

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

Return Quiz May 26<sup>th</sup>

Answers for "Spies"; 1. Moses, 2. Joshua & Caleb, 3. Elisha, 4. Rahab, 5. Micah, 6. David's servants, 7. Joseph, 8. Absalom, 9. Priests & Scribes, 10. Herod, 11. Delilah. Those persons challenging themselves: Jim Angel, Lana Berg, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Doug Cook and Jane Lechlitrer.

### TRUSTEES

Minor signage on the fence at the playground has been put up.

Our Spring workday was a big success.

Fellowship hall floor – still working on this.

Book Box – The Girl Scouts decorated a newspaper box to use for "book exchanging".

It is on the front lawn NW corner.

Parsonage – plastering almost completed; getting quotes for painting inside; quotes for finishing the wood floors.

Ballroom Dancing – approved a request for 6 weeks. Participants to sign a waiver.

#### UNITED METHODIST MEN

May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

Next month June 2<sup>nd</sup>, Invite your neighbors

Chicken BBQ on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

(Formerly United Methodist Women)

We will be hosting a Lunch beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

### MISSIONS

**Loose Coin Offerings:** May Loose Coin will go to *Seed to Feed*. Jimtown is starting a Seed to Feed garden. Throughout Elk. Co volunteers work diligently every summer to grow produce for the guests who visit our pantry. S to F shares 100,000 – 300,000 lbs. of local produce and protein to our pantry guests and community and organizations throughout the county. You may give anytime during the month. Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". April donations of \$102.00 went to our Guidance Ministries. Thank You for your generosity.

#### CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

May giving: Canned goods, a can opener, veggies, fruit, meat. We (CCS) leverage every donation. For example, a \$100 donation gives us the leverage to purchase \$600 worth of food for the pantry!

#### COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

Hope to see you on May 7<sup>th</sup> at NOON





**IMPACT 2818: Outdoor Ministries**  
of the United Methodist Churches of Indiana



### Kids and Parents!

It's time to start thinking about Summer Camp! Check out our website to see when and where the camp is that fits best in your schedule. Remember, students do not need to be members or attend a United Methodist Church. So, if you want to bring a friend, they are welcome to attend.

We also have scholarship funds available. Tell us what you want/hope to do at camp and when you are planning to attend. We might even be able to help your friend.

At this website you will find a list of camps and how to register. Registration is open.  
<https://impact2818.org/summer-camps/>  
More information on Welcome Center.

### General Conference

If you have an email address you have been receiving articles and helpful ways to find out what is going on at General Conference. If you do not have email, (or have not shared that with us), there are copies of it on the Welcome Center.

It is Pastor Bette's desire to keep you all informed about what is happening at General Conference.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

FREE!

## STRONGER TOGETHER

11:30 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)  
Potawatomi Park and Zoo | South Bend, IN

AUG 10

### JOIN US FOR A TIME TOGETHER INCLUDING

- Live Music
- Activities for Kids & Adults
- Optional Discount Tickets to the Zoo
- Food Trucks
- Fun & Fellowship

SEPT 14

## FALL LEARNING EVENT

"Reclaim, Revive, Renew"  
with Rev. Chris Danielson

Participants will have the opportunity to restore their soul and learn practices for the journey ahead. Be prepared to reclaim, revive and renew. Both sessions at the two sites are identical.



**SOUTH BEND CLAY UMC, FIREHOUSE CAMPUS**  
17646 Cleveland Road  
South Bend, 46635  
9 AM-12 PM (ET)

**CHURCH OF THE FOUR SEASONS UMC**  
9100 E 109th Avenue  
Crown Point, 46307  
2 PM-5 PM (CT)

MORE INFO:

[inumc.org/districts/north-district](https://inumc.org/districts/north-district)

### MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

May is Mental Health Month. Here are 5 simple things you can do for your #mentalhealth this week to make your mental health a priority.

1. Make a list of 5 things you're grateful for today.
2. Practice positive affirmations.
3. Start a conversation about mental health.
4. Stay hydrated!
5. Take a break from screens.

→ WHERE TO START ←

### five mental health tips for the week

#### Monday

Make a list of 5 things you're grateful for today.

#### Tuesday

Practice positive affirmations.

#### Wednesday

Start a conversation about mental health.

#### Thursday

Stay hydrated!

#### Friday

Take a break from screens (phone, computer, etc).



Explore free Mental Health Month resources and learn more at [mhanational.org/may](https://mhanational.org/may).



## BETTER WAY YOUTH TRIP

an interreligious, cross-cultural immersion experience  
\*for graduates of 8th-12th grade\*

JULY 17-21, 2024

### We are going on this trip (among other things), to:

- Build healthy relationship with those different from us
- Create new connections throughout the district/conference
- Deepen our commitment to live the "better way" of Jesus Christ

Some of our interfaith and intercultural experiences include Hindus for Human Rights, Baha'i Temple, Green Muslim for Peace, Faith in Place, a Sikh Gurdwara, Urban Village Church, and more!

FOR MORE INFO & REGISTRATION FORMS, SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT [WWW.INUMC.ORG/2024/01/22/BETTER-WAY-TRIP-2024](https://www.inumc.org/2024/01/22/better-way-trip-2024)



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# PUZZLE

## UNFADING BEAUTY

Peter says beauty shouldn't come from outward adornment.  
How does a godly woman adorn herself on the inside?

**Directions:** From each list, write the word that doesn't belong.  
Then insert the circled letters in order below to complete 1 Peter 3:4, NIV.

- flower, stem, bee, leaf
- pink, red, yellow, blue
- mother, sister, brother, aunt
- purple, dress, skirt, blouse
- necklace, ring, bracelet, braid
- diamond, emerald, heart, ruby
- orange, cherry, potato, kiwi
- my, our, she, your
- faith, family, love, hope
- sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature
- cookie, cake, pie, sandwich
- silver, white, gold, bronze

"Rather, it should be that of your inner self,  
the unfading beauty of a g\_\_\_\_\_  
and qu\_\_\_\_P\_\_\_\_\_, which is  
of great worth in God's sight." 1 Peter 3:4, NIV