

# JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The Families Of Our Community!*

## Jamestown United Methodist Church

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### CHURCH STAFF

- **Bette Thompson**  
Pastor
- **Sharon Shinn**  
Administrative Assistant
- **Kristin Farwig**  
Choir Director
- **Sandra Metcalf**  
Organist/Pianist
- **Diana Cook**  
Pianist
- **Geri Angel**  
Custodian

### *A Word from Our Pastor:*

*October was so full of prayers, cards, little gifts, a special luncheon, and joys. It is difficult to measure all the ways that I have been blessed by this congregation!*

*I thank you and the Staff Parish Relationship Committee for the many ways they have encouraged the congregation to remember me and Rich. Being a pastor has been a blessing in my life. Sharon Shinn and Becky Buss have also made my month great!*



*The everyday duties of a pastor include doing ministry with people as they are hurting, confused, saddened, perplexed, lonely, overjoyed, celebrating, and just going through the everyday activities. We talk together about our families, gardens, our travels, tragedies that have happened in our world....and find ways to make it all make sense to us. In all things, we witness to others what Jesus has done for us in our lives. We turn to scripture, hymns, our Christian friends, prayer, and many other ways. It is through our mingling together that we find our way. But it is ordinary times that we learn deep valuable lessons.*

*It is through these mundane and ordinary times, that we discover the power of God's love to lead us, speak to us, and give us comfort in hard times.*

*We have seen some horrendous scenes from hurricanes Helene and Milton.*

*And this has created angst among us as we see so many people face tragedy and uncertain times.*

*We are facing uncertain times in the upcoming days toward Election Day. But in everything we face, in those events that are extraordinary and ordinary, we learn how to best love one another. It is in these times we learn how to care for one another. And this is life-giving!*

*We know people who are remembering important dates and anniversaries.*

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## BIRTHDAYS

4	Heather	Denton
	Gail	Greenlee
6	Jacob	Koets
10	Jackson	Cook
	Paul	Slabaugh
11	Bob	Tierney
12	Hilary	Ward
13	Jim	Eggleston
16	Erin	Miller
18	Lana	Berg
21	Frankie	Bender
23	Jane	Rapp
24	Tim	Leatherman
26	Keith	Bainter
27	Sarah	Miller

## ANNIVERSARIES

6	Carl & Jane	Lechlitner	1966
21	Mark & Angela	Cook	1998



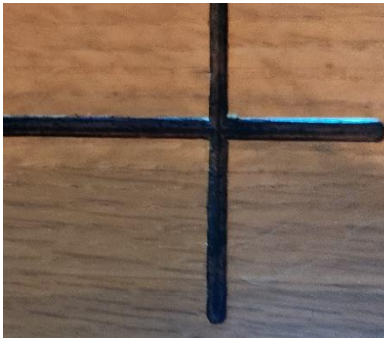
*Cont. from page 1* It is most often in these ordinary times, that God shows up for us, to help us learn a lesson, or guide us to help each other.

Let us not forget these ordinary times, my friends. I thank God for helping me to slow down and see the ordinary events of my life, and of those around me. Praise be to God! Let us take time for one another, and be ready to celebrate the ordinary, and also to look deeper, let us look carefully for those that are helping, and for those who need help. Pray and ask God to help you know what you can do. Are the words I need to share going to bring solace and peace? Do the words I need to share bring about necessary awareness and change?

We think of the word ministry and think this is for pastors. But we are all called to be in ministry together. We are called to the work of ministry, of sacrifice for the other. We listen, and lead people to accept Christ. It may be for the very first time, second time or the 600th time. We lead people back to Christ, back to discipleship, back onto the road of faithfulness, and then...the ordinary becomes extraordinary.

We find that by taking a hard look at ordinary things, we find the beauty of the living power of the Good News. Friends. Thank you for all the ways you give and show you care about others. Thank you to God that I am given these glimpses of extraordinary beauty in small ways. What sacred, holy times we live in. Slow down, give God thanks for the ordinary and spectacular!

*Pastor Betto*



**Where in the church is this picture taken? Call the church office for a hint.**

*"Let gratitude for the past inspire us with trust for the future."  
- Francois Fenelon*

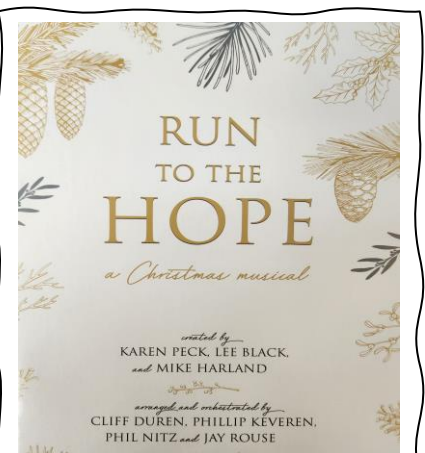
**A BIG Thanks!**

*I got your box today!  
Tell everyone who helped put it together I said "Thank You"!!  
Love and miss you all,  
Caleb Koets*

## CHRISTMAS CANTATA RUN TO THE HOPE

Please join us for practice Wednesday Nights from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. And if you know someone in our community that would like to join us, please invite them also.

We will share this Cantata on Sunday, December 15th at 6:30 p.m. Of course you may also join us for Choir practice from 6:00 – 6:30 as well!



## TWELVE TRIBES

**The names of the twelve tribes of Israel are found in Numbers 1: 5-15.  
Unscramble each of the following letters to spell the name of a tribe.**

1.	A d u j h	
2.	A c h a s s i r	
3.	B u l e n u z	
4.	B e e n u r	
5.	D a g	
6.	M e s o n i	
7.	P a e r i m h	
8.	S a e m a h n s	
9.	J e a n m i b n	
10.	A n d	
11.	R a e s h	
12.	T a a l i p h n	

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

Return Quiz by November 24<sup>th</sup>

Answers for "Three Things": 1. K, 2. D, 3. A, 4. C, 5. B, 6. F, 7. E, 8. I, 9. G, 10. J, 11. H. Those that were up for the challenge: Jim Angel, Lana Berg, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Doug Cook and Jane Lechlitrner.

**Be prepared ... to wait** My husband always keeps a book handy. When he picks up our kids or heads to an appointment, a current title is tucked securely under his arm. He expects to wait — and is prepared to do so. What could have been a frustrating delay turns into extra time to delve further into the story. I, on the other hand, get caught off-guard if a doctor runs late or a meeting runs long.

As the minutes tick by, my down time gets wasted — unless I quietly reflect on God's goodness, return an email, take a short walk or chat with the person next to me.

"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord," says Psalm 27:14 (NIV). That's an important reminder as Advent nears. Scripture advises us to use our waiting time wisely, preparing for God and drawing closer to him. What will you do while you wait for Jesus? —Janna Firestone

### MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Are you interested in becoming a member of Jamestown United Methodist Church? Pastor Bette would like to begin an Adult class ASAP. What day and time work for you? Contact Pastor Bette 574-229-7810

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

*We need you* to volunteer to help lead our children during the worship service. Our children are dismissed following the Choir Anthem to go downstairs to participate in Children's Church. So it is only about 20 – 25 minutes. Lesson plans are made and ready for you. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall entry. Thank you for prayerfully considering helping!

### MISSIONS

#### **Loose Coin Offering for November:**

**BAUGO FAMILIES CHRISTMAS BASKETS** to provide Ham or/and Turkey. Every year we sponsor several families in the Baugo area. We give them gifts, food, meat. You may donate anytime this month. Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". Thank You for your generosity. Septembers L.C. went to Bashor Children's Home \$106.00

*UMCOR offering in October \$1,175.00 went to benefit Hurricane Helene victims.*

#### **CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES**

November giving... sugar, spices, hot cereal, and Canned Meat

## NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Children's Church
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gail Greenlee	Jeff Clark & Roger Matthews	Becky Metcalf	<i>NEED YOU</i>
10 <sup>th</sup>	Gail Greenlee	Steve & Kathleen Stout	Pastor Bette	<i>NEED YOU</i>
17 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Clark	Larry Pappas & Steve Squibb	Carolyn Landis	<i>NEED YOU</i>
24 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Clark	Marcia & Marta Clark	Becky Buss	<i>NEED YOU</i>
Ushers	Jim Angel, Randy Beehler, Jeff Clark & Tom Cook			



### Bishop's Christmas Offering Jesus Loves Children

Jesus loves children. We can read countless stories in the Bible of the special affinity Jesus had for little ones. Mark 10:14 tells us, "He took the children in His arms, placed His hands on them and blessed them."

The Bishop's Christmas Offering for Children is collected each year by participating Indiana churches. This annual offering seeks to strengthen ministries around the world by financially supporting their efforts to reach out to and improve the lives of young people.

We will begin collecting this offering in December.

**POSITIONS OPEN AT JUMC**  
A Piano accompanist is needed for our weekly Wed. night choir rehearsal, Sunday morning services and special programs. Please help spread the word! Anyone interested may call Deb Beehler, 574-596-7624 or the church office, 574-293-3905.



### To you:

Just a reminder to conserve energy and keep us safe. The Church building belongs to all of us and we need to take care of it.

- If you unlock it, Lock it back up.
- If you turn it on, Turn it off.
- If you open it, Close it.

Thank You!!

### UNITED METHODIST MEN

Next breakfast, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 a.m.

Invite your neighbors.

Following breakfast, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

We will be meeting at the church  
November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 a.m.

### COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

November Carry-In is Tuesday the 5<sup>th</sup> at Noon.  
December Carry-In is Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> at Noon.

### COMMUNION TO HOMEBOUND

Some of you may know we have one(1) couple and the Pastor that take Communion to some of our homebound members every month.

This is a ministry of our church. This is a chance for you to be included in our busy family of volunteers. A way to take care of our people, to let them know we are thinking of them.

Will you please prayerfully consider helping take Communion to some of our members.

If you want more information or would like to volunteer, sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office, 574-293-3905.

*Is God giving you a nudge?*

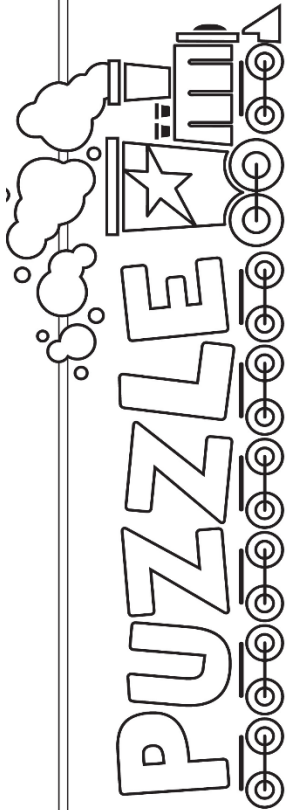
***How else can you volunteer?*** Helping teach our little ones; help serve refreshments, help during the worship service...

*This newsletter is edited and information was gathered by Sharon Shinn*





Did you remember to turn back your clocks?



## BECAUSE OF WHO GOD IS

Thanks to who God is, we can talk to him in prayer.

Directions: Unscramble the descriptions of God, using the Bible references as clues. Then write the circled letters below to complete Psalm 109:26, NIV

Psalms 145:8	SGAICURO	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Job 36:5	HGIYMT	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Psalms 90:2	LTAVREENISG	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
2 Peter 3:9	INETTPA	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
1 Thessalonians 5:24	FUFHIATL	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Isaiah 40:25	OYHL	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Help me, Lord my \_\_\_od;  
 save \_\_\_e \_\_\_ccording \_\_\_o  
 your un\_\_\_ailing I\_\_\_ve.

Psalm 109:26, NIV