

JAMESTOWN TODAY



Building Bridges To The Families Of Our Community!

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Pianist
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*A word from our pastor:
I can remember a time when the phrase "what would Jesus do?" was super popular and we would often see the letters W.W.J.D. on jewelry, bumper stickers, clothing, etc. Nowadays, when I look back. I think WOW, I now know why these acronyms seem to hold tight in our memory banks. It helps us to keep focus and to align our actions with those we associate with Jesus.*



To examine the tension we encounter between the letter and spirit of God's commands and to learn ways of navigating those tensions in a way that honors Christ

In his book, "Finding Grace in Les Misérables" Matt Rawle talks about just one of the many stressor that we deal with in our lives, and in seeing the truth of scripture in the play "Les Misérables."

He writes about the tension involved with living according to the "letter of the law," and the "spirit of the law." He then wrote these words:

We look to Jesus as the model for how to treat one another, how to live in community together. The ultimate lesson is how to love one another. Tension is evident in the story, and also in our world. How do we honor Christ by the way we live?

How do we walk alongside those who are suffering? Lonely? Hungry? How do we honor Jesus through our words and acts of love?

"By this, everyone will know you are my disciples."

— John 13:35 NIV

*These are excellent words and questions to live by. We are witnesses to the world through our actions. May people see Christ in you and be illumined by his presence and love!
Love and Blessings,*

Pastor Bette

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

2	Pam	Jackson	8	Keith & Tammy	Bainter	1988
5	Hailey	Crampton	25	Jeff & Rhonda	Clark	1985
7	Jeremy	Greenlee		Ryan & Carissa	Ullery	2003
	Wayne	Dunker		Randy & Gail	Greenlee	1978
8	Maiah	Ullery				
9	Jeff	Clark				
11	Tom	Cook				
12	Linda	Miller				
	Randy	Beehler				
	Margaret	Wenger				
14	Mark	Cook				
	Al	Stealy, JR				
15	Dick	Briggs				
	Grace	Sciba				
18	Braden	Ullery				
19	Dustin	Cabanaw				
20	Bronson	Metcalfe				
24	Angela	Cook				
25	Stewart	Hill				
28	Zach	Clark				
	Marti	Stickel				
31	Larry	Pappas				



Pastor Bette,
Bless you for your generous support. We are truly only possible thanks to you! Your faithful hearts for our students is just the blessing we need. With Gratefulness,
Shelly & Team at LoveWay



ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

at Trinity United Methodist Church
2715 E. Jackson Blvd. 2:00 p.m.
Yes, it will be over in time for you to come to the Harvest Party later in the afternoon.
Hope to see you there!

*Not seeing results?
Feel like giving up?
Consider this:
The last thing to grow
on a fruit tree ...
is the fruit*



**Where in the church
is this picture
taken?
Call the church
office for a hint
NO ONE GUESSED
CORRECTLY YET!
We will give you
one last chance.**

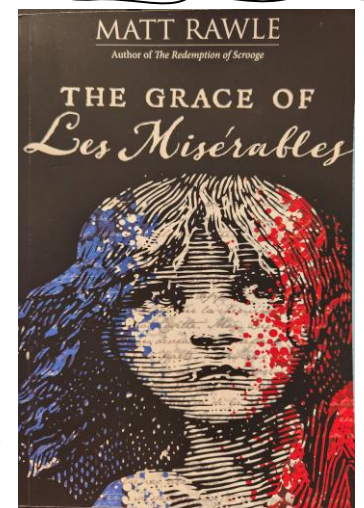


Have you always wanted to learn Ballroom dancing? Now you can start. And you do not need a partner. Instructions at JUMC: Wednesday October 9, 16 & 23. 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. the cost is \$5.00 per person per night.

BIBLE STUDY STARTING TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Whether you have read the novel, seen the Broadway musical, heard its soundtrack, or seen the screen adaptations, you already know the power of Les Miserables. In this 8 week study, author and pastor Matt Rawle explores six themes – grace, justice, poverty, revolution, love and hope – each represented by a character in Hugo's story. Rawle draws parallels between the iconic story and musical and our Christian calling, inspiring us to understand our faith and live it out in the world.

Matt Rawle's passion for musical theater and scripture has led him to create an insightful spiritual exploration of Victor Hugo's Les Miserables. Rawle connects the spiritual journeys of the main characters to the Gospels while also sharing from his life as a pastor, parent, student and actor.
–taken from John O'Boyle, Broadway producer and composer



THREE THINGS

Match each person with the three things associated with him.

1.	Jonathan		1 Samuel 20: 18-20	a. 3 transgressions
2.	Daniel		Daniel 6:2	b. 3 tabernacles
3.	Amos		Amos 1: 3	c. 3 shepherds
4.	Zechariah		Zechariah 11: 8	d. 3 presidents
5.	Peter, James, John		Luke 9: 28-33	e. 3 months' reign
6.	John		Revelations 6: 6	f. 3 measures of barley
7.	Johoahaz		2 Kings 23: 31	g. 3 gifts
8.	Isaiah		Isaiah 20: 3	h. 3 companies
9.	Hannah		1 Samuel 1: 22-24	i. 3 years barefooted
10.	Bezaleel		Exodus 37: 1, 19	j. 3 bowls
11.	Gideon		Judges 7: 20	k. 3 arrows

NAME _____

Return Quiz October 25th

Answers for "Promises"; 1. Heart, 2. Eye, 3. Tongue, 4. Mouth, 5. Mouth & Lips, 6. Face, 7. Tooth & foot, 8. Hand & hand, 9. Lips, ear, tongue, 10. Mouth, Lips Those persons challenging themselves: Jim Angel, Lana Berg, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Doug Cook and Jane Lechlitner.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Are you interested in becoming a member of Jamestown United Methodist Church? Pastor Bette would like to begin an Adult class the week of October 20th (approx.) 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 Offerings:

BASHOR CHILDREN'S HOME

Bashor's Vision: This is a mission driven organization passionately supporting children being raised by healthy families in the community, one that is committed to inspiring others through innovative service. You may give anytime during the month. Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it "loose coin". Thank You for your generosity. Septembers L.C. went to R.E.T.A., \$ 151.00

CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

October giving... boxes; cereal, meals, pancakes, noodles, ...

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message	Children's Church
6 TH	LuAnn Pontius	Alex & Jake Pyfer	Jeff Clark	LuAnn & Maria
13 TH	Kristin Farwig	Marty & Robin Richards	Kristin Farwig	<i>NEED YOU</i>
20 TH	Linda Vest	Jim & Geri Angel	Pastor Bette	<i>NEED YOU</i>
27 TH	Deb Beehler	Dave & LuAnn Pontius	Deb Beehler	<i>NEED YOU</i>
Ushers	Keith Berg, Lana Berg, Mark Cook & Maria Moleski			



Save The Date
October 13, 2024
Preaching South Bend First UMC
9:30 AM EST
333 N Main Street South Bend IN
&
Valparaiso First UMC
6:00 PM CT
103 Franklin St.
Valparaiso IN 46383
Bishop Malone on the move
in the North District!



North District
of the United Methodist Churches of Indiana

HURRICANE HELENE UPDATE

As countless families and communities face the overwhelming aftermath of this storm, UMCOR is supporting the efforts of conference disaster response ministries across the region. Cleaning and hygiene kits are being delivered. Early Response Teams are removing debris, tarping roofs and cleaning homes.

Pray for all those impacted by this disaster, as well as first responders and volunteers. The road to recovery will be long, but together, we can bring hope and healing.

There are envelopes available in your bulletin, October 6th, you may put your donation inside and put it in the offering plate.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING
 IN ANY WAY YOU CAN**

TRUSTEES

The LED lighting project spearheaded by Carl Lechlitrer has been completed. An approximate 75% rebate was achieved and was a huge success for the future reduction of lighting expenses. Parking lot resurfacing was discussed, perhaps next spring will be a better time to go forward. We will be looking for an individual to care for the grounds for next season. Anyone interested can see Mark Landis for details. Work is wrapping up on the Parsonage project. Special thanks to Gail Greenlee for her efforts in making it a success. No date has been selected for the congregation to tour but hope to open it up by late October OR early November.

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Next breakfast, Oct. 6th at 7:30 a.m.
 Invite your neighbors.
 Next meeting, November 3rd.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

We will be meeting at the church
 October 27th at 7:45 a.m.

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

October Carry-In is Tuesday the 1st at Noon.
 November Carry-In is Tuesday the 5th 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.

**My name is Sharon Shinn, I am your
Office Manager/Bookkeeper/
Maintenance Secretary/ Keeper of
Secrets/Helper in any way I can.**

That being said, I want to let all of you know that I will be retiring as soon as you hire a new person, or at the end of December, whichever comes first.

Many of you have entered my "corner of the world" to say Hi, chit-chat, Give me instructions to pass on to the powers that be. Ask for an announcement to be put in the bulletin or newsletter, sat down to talk, share with me your prayer requests, some of your private stories and I have shared mine with you.

I have made many friends here. I have loved, laughed, cried and felt lose with you. I have seen the Lord take many people from this world. Some of them unexpected and heartbreaking.

When my mother got sick in February of 2023, you gave me time and patience. Then when she passed away, you gave me understanding and kindness.

I tried to tell each Pastor, this congregation is like family. They are loving and want to help you, they will embrace you if you let them. Even the people some would call stand-offish, will do what they can to help.

Lyle and I are entering a new chapter in our life. He will be retiring from his day job of 30 years the middle of 2025. I will be retiring soon in 2024. (As soon as you hire someone new!)

I am looking forward to spending more time outside working in my flower beds and vegetable garden. Also visiting our girls and their families, Jennifer & Tim in Naples, FL and Jamie & Dustin in Noblesville along with our 2 grandchildren.

My hope and prayer is that whoever sits in that office chair downstairs gets to feel the kindness and caring that you have given to me. Thank you for accepting me, caring for me, praying for me and lettina me learn from you.



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.



Office Manager is needed to work approx. 20 hours per week, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Must love people. Anyone interested may call Deb Beehler, 574-596-7624 or the church office, 574-293-3905.



OCTOBER IS



October 13th we will be celebrating Pastor Bette by having a carry-in luncheon after our Worship service. We will begin about 11:30. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

If you feel so inclined, send Pastor Bette a thank you or letter of encouragement.

Something else we can do and should do often is pray for our pastor. How do we pray for our pastor?

1. Her spiritual life! For her to have wisdom, strength and guidance on how to lead our church family. Pray for the Holy Spirit to work through her as she serves our congregation and community.
2. Time Management - With all of Pastor Bette's responsibilities she must be a master of the calendar. Pray for her to use her time wisely, including blocking out time for her Sabbath rest, prayer time, work and her family.
3. Many more ways including: Her Family, Preaching the Word, Strength both spiritual and emotional, Her Leadership & Guidance with wisdom, Decision making, Communication, Vision for our congregation, to see where God is leading us, Finances, Health taking care of herself and Encouragement that comes from her feeling in her heart that she is making a difference in people's lives.

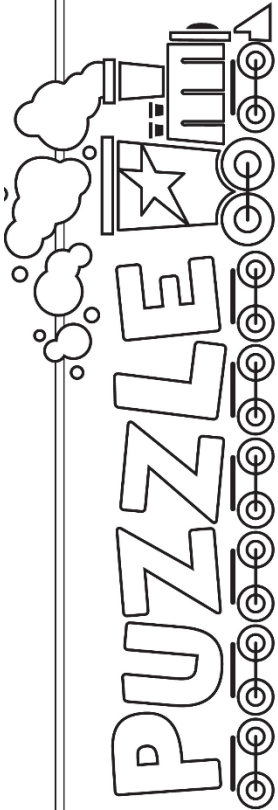
Her home address: 22259 Woodside Drive, Bristol, IN 46507

Her cell #: 574-229-7810

Her email: bette.thompson@inumc.org



PUZZLE



SAVED BY GRACE

Leaders of the early church discussed whether newly converted Gentiles must keep the Law of Moses. How did Peter answer?

Directions: Cross out every third letter. Then write the remaining letters in the blanks below to complete Acts 15:11, NIV.



N O / W E G B E K L I B E V G E I T I Y S
T U H R C O U J G H R T H O E G P R A H
C E I O F X O U K R L H O R C D J S E S P
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_____ " Acts 15:11, NIV

