

# Jimtown OpenLine



*Building Bridges To The  
Families Of Our Community!*

## **Jamestown United Methodist Church**

Volume 19 issue 9

**September 2017**

### **Inside this issue:**

Quiz	Page 2
Birthdays & Thank you's	Page 3
Calendar	Page 4
Committee Reports	Page 5
Hurricane Harvey News	Page 7



### **CHURCH STAFF**

- **Steve Loft**  
Pastor
- **Steve Allen**  
Choir Director  
Music Director
- **Pam Allen**  
Organist
- **Sharon Shinn**  
Administrative  
Assistant
- **Geri Angel**  
Custodian
- **Andrea Loft**  
Children's Ministry

### **Disaster Relief**

I am sure that everyone has been watching the news about the devastating impact of Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey. The gulf coast of Texas, especially the Houston area, has been hit hard by massive amounts of rain and wind damage. In this time of great concern about crime in our country and terror around the world, it is heart-warming to see reports of people who have traveled great distances to rescue people from great danger.

Assistance is being offered in "rescue mode" and will be turning toward "recovery" in the days, weeks, months, and years to come. This congregation has been a part of recovery in the past and I am sure that we will do so now and in the future. Even before the storm hit, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) was at work preparing for the coming disaster. Here is a list of things we can do in response to the disaster.

#### **THINGS YOU CAN DO:**

- Please pray for those whose lives have been impacted by Harvey. Please also pray for Early Response Teams, disaster coordinators, and the many volunteers who are working tirelessly to provide relief.
- Make relief kits. Download the packing list and shipping label at [umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies](http://umcor.org/UMCOR/Relief-Supplies). Donate only those items requested or to keep relief supplies in stock, give to Material Resources Advance #901440 at [umcor.org/donate](http://umcor.org/donate).
- Give to UMCOR's relief and recovery efforts: U.S. Disaster Response Advance #901670 at [umcor.org/donate](http://umcor.org/donate). You can also make a donation to Jamestown United Methodist Church and mark it for disaster relief and we will forward it to UMCOR immediately.

Your love and concern will touch the lives of many people impacted by this storm.

Together in Christ,

There is more information in this newsletter concerning Hurricane Harvey.

1	Caitlyn	Wenger
2	Ron	Mahler
4	Sue	Raab
5	Kathy	Eggleston
6	Anna	Farrell
8	Regena	LaPlace
9	Glen	Cook
	Rene	Haitsma
10	Steve	Stout, JR
12	Alec	Remaly
	Faye	Culp
	Jean	Green
13	Jan	Slabaugh
14	Donna	Swoverland
15	Jim	Angel
	Janice	Salmander
	Dennis	Wirt
16	Brianna	Cook
18	Marilyn	Bender
	Morgan	Kern
	Max	Smith
19	Hannah	Gaugler
	Adam	Remaly
24	Chelsea	Denton
	Stacy	Struble
28	Doug	Cook
	Emma	Stahl
29	Lawrence	Young
30	Janice	Bender
	Dave	Polston



1	Larry & Sue	Struble	1963
4	Steve & Kathleen	Stout, SR	1976
6	RB & Anna	Mahler	1953
17	Adam & Erin	Kennedy	2011
20	Greg & Melanie	Clark	1980
	Jim & Nina	Heminger	1951
21	Steve & Roberta	Mann	1968
	David & LuAnn	Pontius	1974
22	Tylor & Brittany	Saunders	2012
25	Steve & Betty	Stout, JR	2010
30	Kirk & Celeste	Weesner	



When you have a sense of calling — whether it's to be a musician, soloist, artist, in one of the technical fields or a plumber — there is something deep and enriching when you realize it isn't just a casual choice; it's a divine calling. [That's] not limited to vocational Christian service, by any means.

—Charles R. Swindoll

### FINANCE COMMITTEE Fund Balances as of August 2017

Air/Heat Replacement	\$14,170.79
Building & Improvements	\$ 1,711.04
Club 52	\$ 120.12
Evangelism & Growth	\$ 770.92
Electronic Sign	\$ 6,411.01
Missions/Families in Need	\$ 1,177.58
Church Music Dept	\$ 682.00
Audio/Video	\$ 1,058.46
Carpet - Sanctuary	\$ 6,791.52

Dear Friends,  
Thank you for making 2016 yet another great year for Riverview ADC! That's right, Riverview Adult Day Center has been serving adults and seniors in need for over 25 years now! I am proud to present this salient features and activities of Riverview ADC during the year 2016. Your support and contribution in the success of Riverview ADC is appreciated.  
Sincerely, Nicole Hardy-Pagels  
Executive Director

# STRIPPINGS

Things other than clothing are stripped.

Fill in each blank with the proper person associated with the thing stripped.

1.	_____ was stripped of his priestly garments in preparation of his death.	Numbers 20: 26
2.	_____ was called a stripling by Saul.	1 Samuel 17: 55-56
3.	_____ was stripped of his colorful coat and placed in a pit.	Genesis 37: 23-24
4.	_____ told the Israelites to strip themselves of their ornaments and wait for God's judgment.	Exodus 33: 5-6
5.	_____ stripped off his robe and gave it to David, because of their friendship.	1 Samuel 18: 4
6.	_____ stripped off his clothing and prophesied before Samuel.	1 Samuel 19: 24
7.	_____ was stripped of his "armour" by the Philistines who put the "armour in the house of Ashtaroth".	1 Samuel 31: 8-10
8.	_____ stripped off the jewels of the dead inhabitants of Seir.	2 Chroniciles 20: 23-25
9.	_____ was stripped of his glory and said he was destroyed "on every side".	Job 19: 9-10
10.	_____ said, "I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the dragons, and mourning as the owls".	Micah 1: 8
11.	_____ was stripped of His clothing and given a scarlet robe to wear at His trial.	Matthew 27: 28
12.	_____ stopped to help a man who fell among thieves who stripped him of his raiment and wounded him.	Luke 10: 30-33

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

Return Quiz by September 24th

Answers for "Feet": 1. Mary, 2. Ruth, 3. Abigail, 4. Mephibosheth, 5. Asa, 6. Jairus, 7. Jesus, 8. Mary, 9. Peter, 10. John the Baptist, 11. Agabus. Those that were up for a challenge were: Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Doug Cook, Arletah Hochstetler, Jane Lechlitner and Sue Raab.

## Elkhart County C.R.O.P. Hunger Walk: What does CROP stand for?

When CROP began in 1947 (under the wing of Church World Service, which was founded in 1946), CROP was an acronym for the Christian Rural Overseas Program. Its primary mission was to help Midwest farm families to share their grain with hungry neighbors in post-World War II Europe and Asia.

Mark your calendars for Sunday October 1st. This is the Elkhart County C.R.O.P. Hunger walk. Church Community Services will receive the local share of funds and the remaining share benefits people domestically and globally through Church World Service and their partners. CROP Hunger Walks are interfaith hunger education and fundraising events sponsored by Church World Service and organized by CWS local offices across the U.S.

Those persons we know are walking are: Jane Rapp, Marta Clark & Larry Pappas. You may sponsor any one of them.

## TRUSTEES

August 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.

**Ants:** Inside church & playground sprayed for ants.

**Playground:** Grass seed in September

**Sound system:** System will not be moved upstairs. Checking into a digital board.

**Parking lot lights:** expecting \$300 rebate from NIPSCO

**Electronic sign:** \$5,000 donation coming soon.

**Septic system:** Church council approved for \$11,700. Work in late September

**Security for church:** getting more details.

**Apartment A:**

**Apartment B:** Had a gas leak. Repaired water heater and range.

**Sanctuary carpet:** Estimate \$21,000 from Yoder's. Narthex not included. Discussed work day to clean carpets and tile.

Next meeting Thursday, September 21st.

## SEPTEMBER COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesdays		7:00 pm	Emergency Team
Thurs	7 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 pm	Evangelism Committee
Thurs	14 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	Finance Committee
Sat	16 <sup>th</sup>	900 am	Education Committee
Thurs	21 <sup>st</sup>	6:00 pm	Trustees
Wed	27 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 pm	Worship Committee
Thurs	28 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 pm	S/PPR
		7:00 pm	Church Council

## SENIOR LUNCHEON

Our next meeting will be September 5th at Noon. Bring a dish to share and enjoy some good fellowship time. We are hoping to have a speaker.

## 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

Our next meeting is September 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 a.m.

***"Don't worry about failures. Worry about the chances you miss when you don't even try."***  
—Jack Canfield

## MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Our September loose coin offering will go to Habitat for Humanity. The offering of \$178 went to help our JUMC preschool. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

September 18<sup>th</sup>      November 20<sup>th</sup>

October 16<sup>th</sup>      December 18<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to everyone that has volunteered this year!

## CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

It's been a long standing tradition at JUMC to collect non-perishable food for Church Community Services on the first Sunday of each month. Collections have dwindled to very low levels recently. For the next few months, Missions will try a new approach to hopefully improve our contributions. Each month a designated product will be chosen and each family will be asked to bring one of that item sometime during the month which will be taken to CCS at the end of the month. For September and "Back to School" we are highlighting PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY. For October, bring CEREAL (COLD OR HOT); In November, CANNED VEGETABLES OR FRUIT will be our focus and for December, PASTA, SAUCE, or MACARONI and CHEESE. Remember, we will take any non-perishable food item you bring. Let's work together to show God's love to our community.

*What can we do for those affected by Hurricane Harvey? See pages 7 & 8.*



Our first Choir practice is  
Wednesday,  
September 6<sup>th</sup> at  
6:30 pm

## SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

	3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	24 <sup>th</sup>
Welcome Center	Roberta Mann	Jim Eggleston	Jane Rapp	Susi Allender
Liturgist	Lana Berg	LuAnn Pontius	LuAnn Pontius	LuAnn Pontius
Greeters	Karen Miller, Jan Bender, Larry & Sue Struble	Warren & Suzi Allender	Keith & Lana Berg, Jim & Geri Angel	Polly Brown, Roberta Mann, Larry & Marti Stickel
Acolytes	Greg & Tanner Clark	Mark & Cindy Campbell	Keith & Lana Berg	Jim & Geri Angel
Children's Message	Pastor Steve	Steve Allen		Pam Allen
Cookie Fellowship	Karen Miller, Irene Cook & Greg Clark	Doug & Clo McIntosh, Paul & Jan Slabaugh	Sharon Hirstein, Lana & Keith Berg	Paula LaPlace, Deb & Randy Beehler
Nursery	Marcia Clark	Lana Berg		
Children's Church		Andrea Loft	Andrea Loft	
Ushers	Randy Beehler, Mark Campbell, Dave Pontius & Mark Wrathell			



For we are God's fellow workers.  
You are God's field, God's building.

1 Corinthians 3:9, ESV

**Jamestown**  
**United Methodist Church**  
59218 CR 3  
Elkhart, IN 46517  
Phone: (574) 293-3905  
[Www.Jamestownumc.org](http://www.Jamestownumc.org)  
"Building Bridges To The  
Families Of Our Community!"

Hurricane Harvey has been described, as “one of the largest disasters America has ever faced,” by Texas Governor Greg Abbott, indicating a prolonged recovery process. The Category 4 Hurricane, which made initial landfall in Rockport, Texas on Friday, August 25, has caused at least 30 deaths, injured many, and has forced thousands of residents from their homes.

The hurricane has now taken the form of a tropical storm, resulting in aggressive rainfall surpassing 50 inches over the next several days in parts of Texas and now Louisiana. Heavy rains and flooding are expected to last through Friday, with significant damages mainly deriving from the flooding.

The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) has been working intently throughout the past several days to effectively respond to the needs of those impacted by Tropical Storm Harvey, by issuing recovery grants to the Texas and Rio Texas Annual Conferences, as well as delivering cleaning kits to be distributed to those deprived of basic essentials.

UMCOR has organized a list of five things United Methodists and anyone else who may feel called to provide assistance, through a monetary donation, organizing relief kits, or through raising those impacted by Tropical Storm Harvey in prayer. The downloadable list and a bulletin insert can be found here: [UMCOR responds to Harvey](#)  
If you wish to provide assistance to those affected by Tropical Storm Harvey, you can give in three ways:

1. Monetary donations are preferred right now, as monies are needed to help mobilize short and long-term recovery efforts, and provide aid for families that have been displaced or are incapacitated.
2. With the help your church or community, you can help supply [hygiene kits](#) and [cleaning buckets](#) (collection and distribution information available below).
3. UMCOR trained Early Response Teams are welcome to lend their efforts to help those who are experiencing immediate needs. Personnel must be trained and certified in emergency response procedures.

#### **Monetary Donations**

Give a secure gift to UMCOR Disaster Relief online:

[https://secure3.convio.net/gbqm/site/SPageNavigator/gbqm\\_donate.html?type=1001&project=901670](https://secure3.convio.net/gbqm/site/SPageNavigator/gbqm_donate.html?type=1001&project=901670)

SHORT URL: <http://bit.ly/2x5JczL>

To give by mail:

Advance GCFA

P.O. Box 9068

New York, NY 10087-9068

Please note in the memo line: [Advance 901670](#)

#### **Cleaning Kit Collection**

The following churches will be collecting UMCOR [cleaning buckets](#) and [hygiene kits](#) from now until September 24.

**St. Luke's United Methodist Church**

100 West 86th Street

Indianapolis, IN 46260

Deliver to Door 6

M-F 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (EST)

**Methodist Temple**

2109 Lincoln Ave.

Evansville, IN 47714

M-F 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (CST)

**St. Joseph United Methodist Church**

6004 Reed Street

Fort Wayne, IN 46835

M-TH 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., F 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (EST)

**Christ United Methodist Church**

3610 S 18th Street

Lafayette, IN 47909

M-F 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (EST)

**Yorktown United Methodist Church**

2301 S Broadway St

Yorktown, IN 47396

M-F 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (EST)

**Brazil First United Methodist Church**

201 N Meridian St

Brazil, IN 47834

M-Th 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (EST) (closed 12:00 p.m. to 1:00pm)

F 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Mishawaka First United Methodist Church**

201 E Third Street

Mishawaka, IN 46544

M-F 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (EST) (closed 12:30 to 1:30pm)

**Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church**

2100 Highway 150

Floyds Knobs, IN 47119

M-Th 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., F 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (EST)

**Dyer United Methodist Church**

2016 Church Street

Dyer, IN 46311

M-Th 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (CST)

**Asbury United Methodist Church**

1751 27th Street

Columbus, IN 47201

M-F 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Closed 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.) (EST)

**Volunteer Opportunities**

**For UMCOR Early Response Teams (*only* those trained with badges):**

The Rio Texas Conference is ready now for **only ERT trained volunteers with badges**. Given the severity of the situation and magnitude of their response needs, the Conference is currently not accepting volunteers who are NOT ERT certified.

Register your ERT team here: <https://riotexas.org/ert-volunteer-team-registration>

The majority of the state of Texas is probably two weeks away from being able to accept ERT trained volunteers.

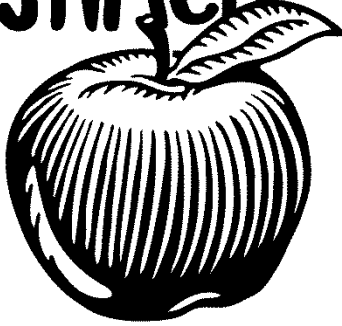
**Other Volunteers:**

We encourage you to be patient. There will be plenty of opportunities to serve in the days, weeks, and years to come. At the moment, Texas is not yet ready to handle a lot of volunteers but check back regularly to stay updated on volunteer opportunities and recovery information.

For questions, please contact Allison Curts, Associate Director of Missions and Justice Ministries, at [allison.curts@inumc.org](mailto:allison.curts@inumc.org), or (812) 236-1092



# APPLE SNACKS



These healthy chips make a yummy back-to-school snack.

## What you need:

- 4 apples, cored and cut into 1/8" rings
- Large bowl
- Spoon
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- Baking sheets (sprayed)

## What you do:

1. Place apple slices in the bowl. Add cinnamon and sugar. Stir so apples are coated evenly with the mixture.
2. Place apple slices on the sprayed baking sheets in a single layer.
3. Bake at 200 degrees for two to three hours, until chips are dry but still slightly soft.



# APPLE OF HIS EYE

Start each school day by remembering God's loving care for you.

*Directions: Starting at the K by the stem and going clockwise, circle each word. Then place the words in the blanks to complete Psalm 17:8.*



“ \_\_\_\_\_ ;  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.”

PSALM 17:8, NIV