

JAMESTOWN TODAY



*Building Bridges To The
Families Of Our Community!*

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*Greetings Jamestown UMC family and friends!
Many of you may know that I am in the ninth week of recovery from open heart surgery. Many thanks are due to this congregation for the many cards and gifts and words of encouragement Rich and I have received. Praise be to God that things are slowly getting back to a new kind of normal as those pieces from before the surgery come back to life, and a new sense of normal arises.*

One thing that I am looking forward to is returning to our Monday morning bible study times. And I am looking forward to our study guide, which was written by a United Methodist pastor Matt Rawle. Finding Grace in Les Miserables. Matt's book uses the classic novel by Victor Hugo, of the same title. Together we will examine the lives of the characters in Hugo's story and studying the scriptures. We will find many of our Biblical truths, especially about grace. I am so excited about this bible study!

I guess I am just so excited to be starting back to regularly meeting with friends, and sharing stories, and digging into scripture to find out more about God's love for me - for us - for his whole Creation!

We will have an evening class also, if there is enough interest. I am also excited about being back in worship and fellowship in meetings and gatherings. But, so often, I find myself (maybe you do also) going through life's events, and not even realizing God is right here.

A few nights ago, we were able to witness nature and God's handiwork in the nighttime sky, as countless lightning strikes streaked across the summer sky and lit up the darkness with flash after flash of beautiful lightening.

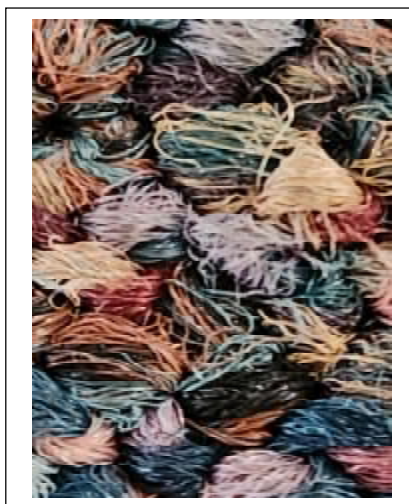
**BE STRONG
AND
COURAGEOUS
DO NOT BE AFRAID
DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED
FOR THE
LORD YOUR GOD
WILL BE WITH YOU
WHEREVER YOU GO.
JOSHUA 1:9**

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BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

2	Ron	Mahler	4	Steve & Kathleen	Stout, SR	1976
4	Sue	Raab	21	Steve & Roberta	Mann	1968
5	Kathy	Eggleston		David & LuAnn	Pontius	1974
12	Jean	Green	23	Bruce & Sandy	Clark	2017
13	Jan	Slabaugh				
15	Jim	Angel				
17	Braxton	Stacy				
19	Hannah	Gaugler				
24	Chelsea	Denton				
28	Doug	Cook				
30	Janice	Bender				
	Dave	Polston				



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

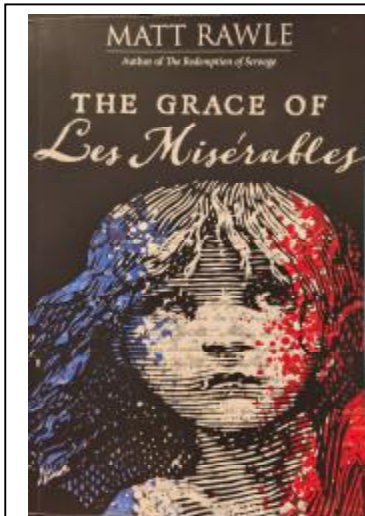
Cont. from page 1 It was fabulous to watch! It reminded me of how much we can take for granted. And how much we have to be thankful for...even if it may seem small or unimportant. God is present to us in the little and the mundane, but also God is always faithful. God reminds us in the details that he is in control, and we can count on this to be true even when we may not experience his presence in a strong way. We can know him and learn continuously about our relationship with him. Through regular attendance in worship, bible study, visiting those who are lonely and sick, grieving, and in serving others. It is my prayer that you all will find comfort in experiencing a renewed sense of God's presence in the weeks and months that follow. And do share your story. With friends, neighbors, church family, with all of us – your witness and story blesses us all! I am so thankful for all you share with me! I love being your pastor, and love serving alongside every one of you! I love to hear from you as well! Thank you for your patience and prayers. I look forward to hearing from you in the weeks ahead!

Pastor Betto

BIBLE STUDY STARTING MONDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 9:30 A.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



PARTS OF THE BODY

Different parts of the body were used to teach biblical truths.

Fill in each blank with the proper part of the body.

1.	“The _____ is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?”	a. Jeremiah 17: 9
2.	“If thy right _____ offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell”	b. Matthew 5: 29
3.	“But the _____ can no man tame: it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison”	c. James 3: 8
4.	“Out of the same _____ proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be”	d. James 3: 10
5.	“For my _____ shall speak truth: and wickedness is an abomination to my _____”	e. Proverbs 8: 7
6.	“A wicked man hardeneth his _____: but as for the upright, he directeth his way”	f. Proverbs 21: 29
7.	“Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a broken _____ and a _____ out of joint”	g. Proverbs 25: 19
8.	“He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack _____: but the _____ of the diligent maketh rich”	h. Proverbs 10: 4
9.	“A wicked doer giveth heed to false _____: and a liar giveth _____ to a naughty _____”	i. Proverbs 17: 4
10.	“A fool’s _____ is his destruction and his _____ are the snare of his soul”	j. Proverbs 18: 7

NAME _____

Return Quiz September 25th

Answers for “Promises”; 1. J, 2. E, 3. G, 4. F, 5. B, 6. A, 7. H, 8. I, 9. C, 10. D. Those persons challenging themselves: Jim Angel, Lana Berg, Marcia Clark, Marta Clark, Doug Cook and Jane Lechlitrer.

CHURCH COMMUNITY SERVICES

September giving... personal care items; shampoo, deodorant, soap, diapers, rash crème,...

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Are you interested in becoming a member of Jamestown United Methodist Church? Look for more information coming soon. Whether student or adult Pastor Bette would like to hear from you.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Would you like to help out with our children? We are needing some extra volunteers to help out to lead our children during the worship service. Lesson plans are made and ready for you.

MISSIONS

Loose Coin Offerings: *R.E.T.A.*

RETA Pregnancy Clinic & Family Resources is committed to providing free, discreet, non-judgmental services for those facing a pregnancy - planned or unplanned, parenting challenges, or regret following an abortion decision. Among the helps and tests they offer mentorship for women, men, couples, & teens, mental health counseling, family resources, and abortion recovery support. RETA has served the Michiana area since 1985. You may give anytime during the month. Simply write a separate check or cash and mark it “loose coin”. Thank You for your generosity. August L.C. went to Jamestown preschool, \$ 109.00

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

	Liturgist	Acolytes	Children's Message
1 st	Steve Squibb	Marcia & Marta Clark	Pastor Bette
8 th	Steve Squibb	Jackie & Jameson Ullery	LuAnn Pontius
15 th	Linda Vest	Jill Biller & Gail Greenlee	Gail Greenlee
22 nd	Jeff Clark	Nancy Mahler & Cheryl Cabanaw	Marta Clark
29 th	Luann Pontius	Keith & Tammy Bainter	Jane Rapp
Ushers	Marcia Cook, Jimmi Johnson, Dave Pontius and Jon Pyfer		

FALL LEARNING EVENT

"RECLAIM, REVIVE, RENEW"
with Rev. Chris Danielson

SEPT 14

Participants will have opportunity to restore their soul and learn practices for the journey ahead. Bring a team and 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)

SCAN QR CODE HERE TO REGISTER

FREE!

MORE INFO: inumc.org/districts/north-district

"Reclaim, Revive, Renew" led by Rev. Chris Danielson, Retired Elder in the Indiana Conference, will lead both clergy and laity through a time of focusing on our identity in Christ and the peace that passes all understanding. Participants will have opportunity to restore their soul and learn practices for the journey ahead. Bring a team from your church and be prepared to reclaim, revive and renew. Both sessions are the same and it's FREE.

TRUSTEES

Happy September!

Turning of the calendar into Labor Day means Fall is almost upon us. Boiler repair work, Parsonage furnace ductwork modifications and tune-up means we are prepping for chillier conditions. Parking lot improvement quotations are being received, plans for snow removal and general grounds maintenance options will be on the agenda for discussion this month. Parsonage flooring is in progress and we are somewhere in the 7th inning or so of our project. We are trying to pack in as much work as possible now to alleviate the need in the future!

UNITED METHODIST MEN

Next breakfast, Sept. 1st. at 7:30 a.m.
Invite your neighbors. October 6th

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

We will be meeting at the church
Sept 22nd at 7:45 a.m.

COMMUNITY CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

September Carry-In is Tuesday the 3rd 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 at 574-293-3905.

Is God giving you a nudge?

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PUZZLE

AMAZING ILLUMINATION

God grants us knowledge and understanding through his holy Word, which is like a flashlight.

Directions: Arrange the words from Psalm 119:105 (NIV) in order. Then unscramble the circled letters to complete James 1:5 (NIV).

PATH IS LIGHT WORD

YOUR A FEET

MY FOR LAMP A ON MY

Psalm 119:105, NIV

If any of you lacks _____, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. James 1:5, NIV

