

A Message from David

There's a wonderful story about Jimmy Durante, one of the great entertainers of a generation ago. He was asked to be part of a show for World War II veterans. He told them his schedule was very busy and he could offer only a few minutes, but if they wouldn't mind his doing one short monologue and immediately leaving for his next appointment, he would do it. Of course, the show's director agreed happily. When Jimmy got up on stage, something interesting happened. He went through the short monologue and then stayed on stage. The applause grew louder and louder and he kept staying. Pretty soon, he had been on stage fifteen, twenty, then thirty minutes. Finally, Jimmy took a last bow and exited the stage. Backstage someone stopped him and said, "I thought you only had a few minutes to give. What happened?" Jimmy replied, "I did have to go but I can show you the reason I stayed. You can see for yourself if you look down on the front row." In the front row were two soldiers sitting next to each other, both had lost an arm in battle. One had lost his right arm and the other had lost his left. What had touched Jimmy so much was that each of these two soldiers were using their good arms together to clap loudly and cheerfully. Jimmy explained, "Every time I looked at that, I couldn't quit. It just grabbed me when I saw what they were doing together.

I love Durante's story because it is about teamwork. And teamwork is key for an organization's effectiveness and success. I am fortunate to be part of a great team at Jamestown UMC. We are blessed as a congregation to have a staff that is dedicated and willing to go the extra mile to ensure ministry is done effectively and efficiently. Over the coming weeks, though, you are going to see some changes to our staff.

First, the Rev. Tony Kindred will be joining our team as a nonpaid staff member assisting me with congregational care. Tony is a Licensed Local Pastor in the Western North Carolina Conference, and he did his graduate work at Pfeiffer University and completed a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem. Tony also serves as a chaplain to several men and women's athletic teams at High Point University. Tony and his wife, Ellen, are long-time members of JUMC.

Second, it is out of sense of both sadness and appreciation, to share that Linda Schumacher will no longer be on staff effective as of April 30th. Linda's position will be eliminated, and her work will be distributed to other administrative staff. This will then enable us to hire a part time communications manager. This difficult decision was made by SPRC and is inline with the vision strategy adopted last year. A reception for Linda will be held on Sunday, April 13th at 9:30am in the Welcome Center.

Lastly, during my upcoming renewal leave Rev. Wendy Barnes will provide oversight to the staff and the ministry of JUMC. She will also officiate at funerals and oversee congregational care together with Tony Kindred and our CCM team led by Linda Stine. A Pastor's Leadership Team, consisting of a few key lay leaders, will be assembled to provide guidance to Pastor Wendy if something unusual happens in my absence. Erin Betlej will be coordinating the guest preachers who will be filling in while I am way. I have absolute confidence that our staff and lay leadership team will continue performing at a high level during my renewal leave.

Thank you for all the well wishes and support that I have received since the announcement of my leave was made. Some have asked if this is the prelude to my retirement. Be assured there is still plenty of fire in the belly for doing the work of God in this wonderful place!

Holiday Office Hours | April 21st

In observance of the Easter holiday, the church offices will be closed on Monday, April 21st. We will reopen on Tuesday morning, April 22nd at 8:30am.



Care

Prayer Requests...

Danny Brown	Sharon Page	<u>Military Personnel:</u>
Charlene Worthy	Carol McGuire	Josh Luty
Harlan Kebel	Charlie Allred	Stephen McDaniel
Virginia Henry	Pete Moffit	Anthony Luquer
Claude Jackson		Jeb Baker

Condolences to these families and other losses since our last publication

Joe Horne on the passing of his wife, Ruth McCollum Horne on 2/25/25.

Linda Fabrizio on the passing of her husband James A. Fabrizio on 2/24/25.

Treva Fisher on the passing of her husband, Lisa (Buddy) Thornton's father and Garrison Thornton's grandfather, Glenn James Fisher Jr. on 3/15/25.

Celebrations

Congratulations to Joan Wellman on her 3rd grandchild, Anna Leigh Wellman. She is the baby sister of Emma & Thomas Wellman.



The GriefShare ministry is a 13-week session and has been beneficial to many of our members as well as their family members. This ministry is open to the community, as well. If you or someone you know is struggling with the loss of a loved-one, we invite you to join us. We meet Monday mornings 9:30am -11:00am. Refreshments will be available.

The meetings are a combination of video and sharing/discussion. Each participant has a workbook. Sessions are led by Linda Stine, Sam Huffman, Susan Huffman, and Marilyn Yocum.

For more information contact: Linda Stine 336-681-8006; or online at Griefshare.org.

Jamestown Alzheimers & Dementia Caregiver's Support Group | Tuesday, April 1st at 2:30pm

This group is open to the community and focuses on those caring for a loved one with any form of dementia. We are a group of caring, open individuals who share, support, and learn from each other. Just in case you need to bring your loved one with you, we will have a room set-up just for them. Trained volunteers will provide appropriate activities and a light snack.

Hope you can join us here at Jamestown UMC, the first Tuesday each month. We meet in the church library. The respite room, for loved ones, is Room 101.

For more information please contact Melissa Moore at mamamelissa911@gmail.com or (336) 209-3335.

A Moment in Time / Memory Café | Tuesday, April 15th | 1:30pm

A Moment in Time, JUMC's chapter of The Memory Café, is a social gathering of people with any form or stage of dementia as well as their Care Partner. It is a stigma free environment to gather, share and enjoy activities and refreshments with people who are going through the same thing. Come, fellowship, get out and have a little fun!

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of every month between 1:30pm - 3:30pm in the Rooks Room.

Reservations are requested but not required. To register or ask questions, contact Laura Gullledge at (336) 906-0430 or lauragullledge@gmail.com | <https://www.facebook.com/jumcmemorycafe>.

Love

Average Monthly Attendance

March 2nd—23rd

Average Adult Sunday School attendance.....	70
(Based on the numbers submitted)	
8:30am Worship Attendance.....	41
9:00am Worship Attendance.....	45
11:00am Worship Attendance.....	<u>159</u>
Average for onsite worship.....	245
Average online viewership.....	58
Avg. Rock@5 attendance.....	35

Financials for December 2024 & January, February 2025:

Budgeted: \$306,114.36
Actual: \$402,748.52

Compared to Last Year December 2023 & January, February 2024:

Budgeted: \$302,488.81
Actual: \$335,538.80

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Thank you JUMC Family! We appreciate your faithfulness in getting your contributions to us. Ways to give:

1. JUMC Mobile APP
2. Online at JUMC.ORG
3. Text "Give" to (336)594-2717
4. Mail checks to: Jamestown UMC, PO Box 339, Jamestown, NC 27282

Please consider Jamestown United Methodist Church in your estate plans through our Permanent Endowment.

Finance Committee

If you have questions about Finances please call Bob Wilson (336) 336-253-5120.

Memorials & Honorariums

Jamestown United Methodist Church Received Gifts In February/March...

In loving memory of:

Mr. John C. Abernethy

Mrs. Ruth M. Horne

In loving memory and honor of these individuals, our church members and friends have given to...

Building Maintenance/Capital Reserve

Handbells

Outreach Thrift Center

A Simple 'Thank You'

Your gracious spirit touched my grateful heart, and I want to thank you for the flowers, cards, phone calls, texts, emails, and especially prayer support during my 31 days of three hospitalizations during December, January & February. God's faithfulness has me on a track to wellness and restoration.

Most Gratefully,
Claudia Murray

More Appreciation...

Please accept my thanks and love to the church and those who gave in the memory of my husband, Robert "Bob" Fischer.

With love, Anne Fischer

Thank you to everyone who came out to help spruce up the campus for spring this past Saturday. The weather was a bit misty but that didn't dampen the great time of fellowship. A big thanks to Lew and Sue Moore who spent countless hours prior to the workday cleaning out all the flower beds and natural areas!

"Undie Sunday"
April 20th



Missions Committee Collection

Sunday, April 20th is "Undie Sunday." The Missions Committee will be accepting donations of NEW packaged undergarments for those in need (all sizes); men, women, children and toddlers. We invite everyone to support a great cause!

Undergarments are one of the most important needs for the less fortunate, especially in the cold weather. Donation bins will be available to drop off items in the Narthex or bring to the Welcome Center any time between April 1st-April 21st.

THANK YOU for your support of our Local Homeless Ministry!



Baskets of Love | Return by April 9th

All Baskets have been selected. Remember to fill the basket with items of your choosing, for someone who does not get out much. Also included should be a "handwritten" note and something depicting Easter. Baskets need to be returned by Wednesday, April 9th for members of the circles to deliver. Remember to attached the name and address card of the recipient, to the outside of the basket.

A Communion Invitation for Home Members



The Caring Congregation Ministry of JUMC visits Home Members to celebrate communion. Teams of lay members are commissioned and will come in pairs to share the Lord's Supper with you. The same team will visit each time. Visits include liturgy and prayer. The elements in the kits are consecrated during our church's communion worship services.

If you are a Home Member who would like to be visited through this outreach ministry or would like more information, please contact Laurel Purvis at lpurvis42@gmail.com or 336-689-3959.

General News

Easter Candy Donations Needed

Help make the Easter egg hunt fun and exciting for the children by donating Easter candy to fill the eggs. We are collecting candy through April 6th. There is a donation bin in the Fellowship Hall and one outside the back doors of the church. Please bring candy that is small enough to fit inside a plastic egg (no lollipops please). We have plenty of eggs, so no egg donations are needed.



Have you downloaded the Mobile App yet??

The mobile app is the fastest, easiest and most convenient way to access “Events” and registrations, virtual worship, giving, push notifications, your database profile and NOW the JUMC Digital Directory!

First you will need to know your Google Play or Apple ID password or have facial recognition to complete the download.

Scan the QR Code for the link for the app. You will need to select the Apple App store or the Google Play app store. You can also search the app store for “JUMC.NC”

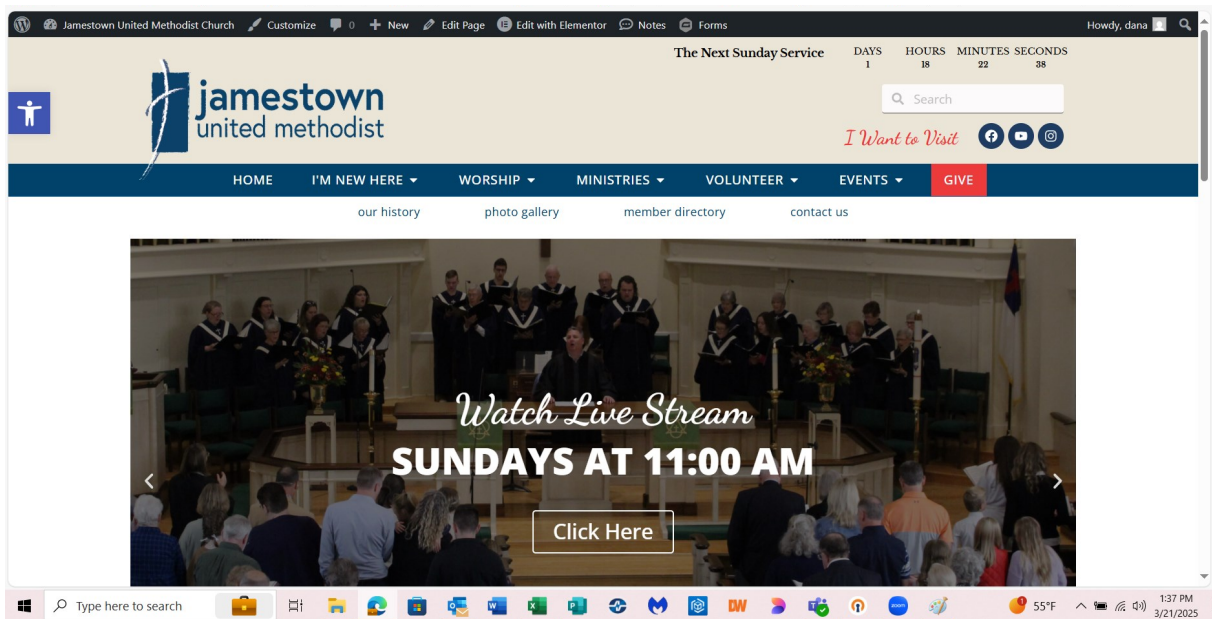


Once you download the app, you may need to search for “Jamestown United Methodist Church.” Click “submit.” Our church should show up. You will then need to “Choose this church” at the bottom of the screen. The app is now on your phone.

NEW Jamestown United Methodist Church Website at www.jumc.org

After 2 years of discussions, planning and many meetings, we are happy to announce that we will be launching our NEW JUMC website on April 1st! We have worked very hard to make the website site informative, functional and very user-friendly. We hope that this newly designed website will provide a welcoming presence to new comers as well as assist our members with access to the information you need on a regular basis.

The website is new and exciting but one thing we are very excited about is our NEW Digital Membership Directory. You will be able to access the “digital” membership directory through the website as well as through your mobile app.



The New Digital Directory

ShelbyNext is our online portal for church members, which provides you with secure access to the church directory, your personal ‘profile’ and your personal contribution history. The ShelbyNext Portal also allows you to update your information, upload your picture, and connect with other members.

The ShelbyNext Portal is accessible exclusively by church members who have a valid email address that matches the one in our database. Rest assured that your personal data is secure. The only information that is shared between members is your immediate contact information (i.e., Name Email, Address, etc.) and you can set restrictions on what you would like visible to others as well.

Through the membership audit performed in 2024, our goal was to verify that we have the most up-to-date information in our membership database for the release of the Digital Directory database. It is important to note that we haven’t received updates from everyone.

New Digital Directory Is Here Too! (cont'd)

The new online membership directory, you will...

- Be able to update your own profile, i.e., address, phone numbers, email address, etc.
- Be able to upload your own picture.
- Have access the directory through the mobile app, as well as the new website.
- Determine what information is available to others.

In order to access the membership directory, you:

- ⇒ Must be a member or affiliate of Jamestown United Methodist Church.
- ⇒ Must have a valid email address on file with us.
- ⇒ Must be added to the "Online Directory" group in the membership database.

If you do not fall with these criteria, you will only have access to your own profile and information within the database.

Other essential information

As a default, the information initially visible to the directory will be your name, address, and email address. You may choose to share your phone number/s, birthday, or any other information once you gain access to your profile.

Please respect the privacy of others. If information isn't visible to you, they do not want it shared. We ask that you check the directory for information prior to contacting the church office.

If changing the visibility of these items is important to you, we recommend you sign-in as soon as possible. (See Instructions)

It will be the responsibility of the member to keep their profile up to date. You can contact the church office for assistance.

Access

If you, as a JUMC member, have registered for an event through the mobile app you already have access to the directory.

To access the directory through the website, click Membership Directory (pic 1). Then "Click here" below (pic 2). If you are signing in for the first time, enter the email address you have on file and click "forgot password" (pic 3). You will receive an email providing login credentials and a link to login. Once you are in your profile, you will be able to change your password.

Once you access your profile, please confirm that all information is correct. To edit your information, click the pencil in the top right corner. Remember to "save."

If you have issues, for now, please email Dana Bird at dana@jumc.org. We ask that you not call the church, for now. We will offer a time for training and troubleshooting in the near future.

The image shows two screenshots of the Jamestown United Methodist Church website. The top screenshot shows the main navigation menu with the 'MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY' link circled in red. The bottom screenshot shows the 'Membership Directory' login page with a 'Click here' button circled in red. Below the login page is a 'LOGIN' form with fields for 'Email address' and 'Password', and a 'Forgot Password' link circled in red.

Coffee with Pastors | Sunday, March 30th | 2:00pm



If you are interested in learning more about Jamestown United Methodist Church and all that we have to offer, join us for Coffee with the Pastors on March 30th at 2:00pm in The Welcome Center.

This event will allow you to meet the pastors of JUMC. You'll have the opportunity to ask questions and learn about various areas and aspects of the church. We'll also show you how to get more involved. If you are interested in joining the church, we'll help you with that as well!

If you're interested in attending, we'd love to have you. Contact Dana Bird at dana@jumc.org so we can plan accordingly. Childcare will be available if needed.

New Member Sunday | Sunday, April 27th

If you have been attending worship with us and would like to join our church family, we'd love to have you! We will have an opportunity for you to join at one of our 3 services on Sunday, April 27th. Contact Dana Bird in the church office for more information.

Children's Ministry

Fill Easter Eggs | April 6th | 5:00 pm

Come to ROCK@5 on April 6th and help fill the Easter eggs with candy. Parents, this is a great opportunity to spend time with other ROCK@5 parents.

ROCK@5 will not meet on April 13th & 20th. Have a wonderful spring break!

Save The Date! Vacation Bible School is June 23rd-26th.

Easter Egg Hunt | April 20 | 10:00 am

Join us on the front lawn of JUMC for an Easter egg hunt on Sunday, April 20th at 10:00am. Don't forget to bring your Easter basket with you!



Community Breakfast

Saturday, April 12th
8:00am - 10:00am

403 East Main St.
Jamestown, NC 27282

For more information, please visit:
www.jumc.org



Evening Easter Cantata | Sunday, April 13th | 7:00pm

"Once Upon A Tree," under the direction of Dr. Marc Foster will be presented at 7:00pm on Sunday, April 13th.

The original words and music by Pepper Choplin will immerse you in the passion and intensity of the events of Holy Week. As the character of Luke is deeply touched by the story he is recording, the choir and soloist assume his role in the drama. Starting with Palm Sunday, it eloquently moves through the major events up to Good Friday and finally Easter.

Young at Heart | April 2nd | 11:30am



Join us for this gathering on April 1st at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. The Rah Rah's from the Culler Senior Center will be there to entertain with skits, storytelling and singing. Our mission focus for April is Agape Cafe. Please bring with you one of the following items:

Mac-n-Cheese (family size and individual)
Canned Vegetables
Applesauce (plastic jars) (family size and indiv. cups)
Bag of Rice
Spaghetti Sauce (plastic jars)
Peanut Butter (plastic jars)
Breakfast Cereals

Canned Soups and Stews
Canned Fruit (family size and individual cups)
Canned Chicken or Tuna
Box of Pasta Noodles
Ravioli/Beefaroni (cans or individual cups)
Jelly (plastic jars)
Poptarts

Young at Heart | May 6th | 11:30am

Join us for the end-of-year party on May 6th at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. There will be lots of time for fellowship and we'll play a short trivia game, so bring your thinking caps! Lunch is a salad bar --potato salad, chicken salad, coleslaw, pasta salad, fruit bowl, and mini-muffins. There will also be an ice cream sundae bar for dessert. Register by May 1st at noon to reserve your spot. Don't forget to invite a friend or neighbor to come with you! The cost is \$5.00 per person. You can pay in advance here or pay at the door.



Our mission focus for May is JUMC's ministry to serve those with dementia in our community--A Moment in Time. To help support this ministry, please bring a \$5.00 gift card to one of these restaurants : Chick-Fil-A, Zaxby's, Starbucks, Wendy's, Burger King, Biscuitville.

NOTE: Registration opens April 1st.

Easter Worship Opportunities

Weekly Virtual Vespers | Tuesdays at 7:00pm

Facebook and YouTube

Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 13th

Three services 8:30am, Nine on Main and 11:00am
Christ's Kids Choir will sing at the 11:00am service.

Evening Easter Cantata, "Once Upon a Tree"

Palm Sunday, April 13th at 7:00pm

The JUMC Chancel Choir will perform this dramatic choral work
by Pepper Choplin

Holy Thursday, April 17th | 7:00pm

A Holy Week Journey: Communion & Stations of the Cross

Easter Sunday, April 20th

Sunday Morning Worship

at 8:30am, 9:00 on Main and at 11:00am

Easter Egg Hunt

10:00am on the Front Lawn

403 East Main St. | Jamestown, NC 27282



Sincere Appreciation from the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church

Rev. Dr. John Boggs, from the Bishop's office, visited on Sunday, March 2nd. During his visit, he presented this "Log Cabin" quilt block to JUMC in appreciation for the ways that we contributed in response to the needs following Hurricane Helen. It will be on display at the seating area outside the sanctuary near the church office.

Bidding David Farewell | Sunday, April 27th | Pot Luck Luncheon

Please join us on Sunday, April 27th as we prepare a send-off for David's Renewal Leave. We will offer one service at 10:00am and Sunday school will begin at 9:00am. We will have the opportunity for new members join that day followed by another one of our favorite events, a pot luck luncheon! Be on the lookout for more details to come. In the meantime, get those recipe books out and start thinking about what you will be bringing to the table!

Serve

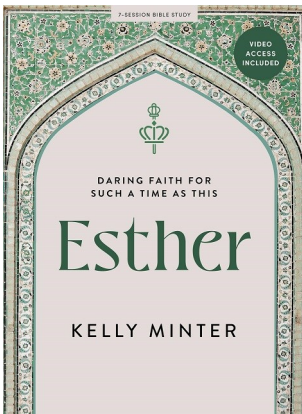
Volunteer seamstress needed for one time sewing project.

After almost 20 years of use, our columbarium paraments (a 34" x 36" tablecloth and a 13" x 34" niche curtain) have become worn and need replacement. Please contact Tammy (tammy@jumc.org or call the church office) if you can help with this much needed project.

Still In Need of a Nursery Coordinator

If you are organized, enjoy calendars, and love children then this is the position for you! The Nursery Coordinator position has opened up and we are looking for someone to fill it. The position is responsible for scheduling childcare workers to work in the nursery on Sunday mornings and during special services, keep track of time cards for nursery workers, and help Rev. Wendy Barnes recruit and interview childcare workers. The commitment for this position is from January 2025 – December 2025. If you're interested, or would like more information, email Rev. Wendy Barnes at wendy@jumc.org.

Grow



Thursday Morning Bible Study | New Study Begins March 27th

Please join us for the next Thursday Morning Bible study as we delve into God's word in the book of Esther, by Kelly Minter.

We meet Thursday's at 9:30 am in the Rooks room. Please purchase your Bible Study Book through Lifeway or Amazon: [Esther: Daring Faith for Such a Time as This](#).

The 7 session study begins March 27th. All are welcome!

If you have any questions please contact: Lynda Thompson at: 336-307-1735; Libby Lanier at: 336-855-5126, or Connie Lawson at: 336-880-8613



Virtual Lenten Vespers Continue on Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm

Lent is a time to strip down the frills and to key into the minimalism as we focus our attention on God. For this Lenten season of vespers, we will use Cole Arthur Riley's latest book "Black Liturgies: Prayers, Poems, and Meditations for Staying Human." Riley is a writer and a poet who dreams of a more human, more liberating expression of faith. Join us for Lenten Vespers as we slow down, breathe, and listen for God.

Vespers will be available through our Facebook Page, YouTube channel, JamestownUMCnc and will be sent out through mobile app notifications.

Note: If you [subscribe](#) to our YouTube channel and [click the "bell,"](#) you will be notified anytime we go live or release a video.

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TIME DATED MATERIAL



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Brandy Dobbins - Housekeeping **Glen Atkins** - Security

Worship Schedule

Adult Sunday School is at 9:45am

General Sunday Morning Worship Times

8:30am	9:00am	11:00am
Traditional Sanctuary	Contemporary Fellowship Hall	Traditional Sanctuary

Worship will be available at 11:00am
on our Facebook page & YouTube channel.
YouTube: www.youtube.com/c/JamestownUMCnc

Sunday Morning Childcare

Childcare is available from 8:15am to 12:15pm for
children ages 6 weeks to 4 years (pre-K). You can
drop your children off in rooms 107 and 109.

For more information, visit us at www.jumc.org

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