

## *Vacation Bible School*

*Rain Forest Explorers-Jesus Leads the Way* is the theme for this year's VBS. The rainforest is a wild place. To make it through this unknown world safely, kids need a guide who can keep them on the right path. At Rainforest Explorers VBS, learn how Jesus is our ultimate guide in the rainforest and throughout our lives. We might feel lost, but He'll show us the way. He'll never leave us.

Storytelling scripts are designed to involve every child in the group, so Bible learning is memorable, active, and fun! There will be fun, games, snacks and interaction with each other to make this a memorable time in learning more about God's ways and his Word. Your child/children won't want to miss this!

Vacation Bible School will be held August 1-5 from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. Children aged 3 to just completed 5th grade are invited to attend and bring a friend.

You may register in the church office by dropping by or phone (252-1748). We want to make sure we have enough supplies for each child.

**Theme Verse: Oh, the depth of the riches . . . of God! Romans 11:33**

## *Live Streamed Worship Services*

Each Sunday the 9:30 AM worship service is live streamed on Facebook and Youtube. For those of you that have Facebook search for **United Presbyterian of Jamestown** and click on the latest video. You will also find videos of past sermons so you never have to miss one.

For those of you that don't use Facebook you may watch on Youtube. Go to youtube.com and search for **United Presbyterian Church of Jamestown** and you will find the service there as well.

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### **SUMMER WORSHIP HOURS**

**Sunday Worship 9:30 AM  
Sanctuary  
Facebook and Youtube 9:30 AM**

### **PASTOR & SECRETARIAL HOURS**

**10:00 AM-2:00 PM  
Monday-Thursday**

*For corrections or additions to the newsletter please call the church office—252-1748*

# *The Communicator*

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## *Our Mission*

*Sharing Christ's Love Through Service*

## *From the Pastor...*

August 1st heralds the beginning of the Vacation Bible School here at United Presbyterian Church. This is a 5-day fellowship of learning and fun, of reflection and appreciation of the word of God. We will meet every afternoon at 5:30 PM and end at 8:00 PM each evening. Please make ready your plans for your children aged 3 and up to those who just completed 5th grade to join. For this ministry, we certainly welcome volunteers. If you wish to, please contact Tammie Keesee at [tdsprrott@gmail.com](mailto:tdsprrott@gmail.com) or 903-399-5690. Please also consider sharing a VBS flyer with a Jamestown family with children or grandchildren. If you are on Facebook, please share with your friends the Rainforest Explorers VBS post and follow up personally with them.

September 12th at 9:00 AM will also usher in the face-to-face classes for our Sunday school. There will be classes available for people of all ages – preschool, children, teens, and adults. We encourage everyone to get to know Jesus in a more profound way through our Sunday school classes. For information on adult offerings this fall, please contact Steve Reed, who is planning a study of the Book of Hebrews; Jeff Enger, who uses the Right Now Media library of which the church has a subscription; or myself, Pastor Bob. For information on preschool, children, and teens, Tammie Keesee is more than willing to help you with your queries.

We also request prayers for Erica and Hanna Tarr, who will attend Clearwater Forest camp the week of August 1-7. Erica and Hanna are excited to return to the Endless camp that they enjoyed so much before. Please pray for them as they continue to grow in their faith.

This Fall I plan to pave the way for those who are entering 7th grade or older to join a Confirmation class. This is a school-year long class meeting weekly that prepares students to confess their belief in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and prepare them to become members of the church. Topic highlights will include compassion, kindness, forgiveness, gentleness, and other Fruits of the Spirit and how to apply them to their lives. We will also discuss the Christian Year (Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Holy Week, Easter, Ascension, Pentecost) and the different Christian Holy Days and seasons. Learning methodologies will also include discussions about the Apostles' Creed and other teaching tools. We will present what Christians believe with the intent of having the class members think through what they believe.

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*From the Pastor (continued from page 1)*

So far this summer the Mission Committee met twice to consider mission projects that we can support financially, through prayer, and by actively partnering with the mission projects people. The two projects were brought forward by members and people associated with United Presbyterian Church. You may want to know more about the work of the mission committee and want to be part of our next meeting please contact Sylvia Pringle or myself, Pastor Bob, for more information.

May we all find ourselves in worship at 9:30 AM in-person or online on Facebook or YouTube. Together we will know the story in the book of Ephesians in the New Testament which I will be preaching. We are way past half the year already and we continue to count our blessings despite circumstances and faithfully we continue to show God’s love through our service.

Pastor Bob Boyar

***Stress Relief***

Elizabeth Scott writes, *We all face stress in our lives to varying degrees—some of it can be foreseen and minimized, some takes us by surprise and is unavoidable, and some of the stress we face is chronic and predictable but not completely avoidable. The best we can do is to manage the stress that comes our way and find different ways to relieve it.*

One way to relieve stress is to focus on elevating your mood and practice happiness.

**Scripture Passages focusing on Happiness which brings relief from Stress**

1. Proverbs 15:13 - “A happy heart makes the face cheerful.” (NIV)
2. Proverbs 15:15 – “. . . a cheerful heart has a continual feast.” (NIV)
3. Isaiah 35:10 – “. . . everlasting glory shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.” (NRSV)
4. Luke 6:21 – “. . . Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.” (NIV)
5. Jeremiah 31:13 “. . . I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.” (NRSV)



**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**



<b>Dianna Johnson</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Olivia Orn</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Pastor Bob Boyar</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Clyde Young</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Bonnie Schmitz</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Jeff Enger</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Kevin Koehn</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Jackie Tarpinian</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Roger Pringle</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Linda Brown</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Bernie Thompson</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Elvera Divers</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>Dennis Divers</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Norah Leigh</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Janet Holaday</b>	<b>29</b>



**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

<b>Jim &amp; Susan Bond</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Mark &amp; Elizabeth Sherfy</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Dean &amp; Kathy Wegner</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Mark &amp; Dixie Lee</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Randy &amp; Janet Miller</b>	<b>20</b>

**CHURCH NEWS**

- ◆ We are still actively seeking a full-time Christian Education and Family Ministries Coordinator. Tammie Keese is part-time staff. Please call the church office at 252-1748 if interested, or you know someone that is interested.
- ◆ Summer Worship hours continue with worship at 9:30 AM in the sanctuary. You may also watch the live stream on Facebook and Youtube at 9:30 AM.
- ◆ Please place your offering in the plate at the usher tables. You may still mail your offering or drop off in the church mailbox located by the glass doors.
- ◆ Vacation Bible School will be held August 1-5 from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. Please make plans for your children aged 3 to just completed 5th grade to attend.
- ◆ The United Presbyterian Church will be hosting the Come to the Table Meal at St. John’s Lutheran Church on Tuesday, August 17. If you would like to help (cook or serve) please contact Diane Witzig.
- ◆ United Presbyterian Church will be participating at the University of Jamestown Block Party to welcome the new freshman class on August 25.
- ◆ St. John’s Lutheran/First Congregational UCC/Basilica of St. James Catholic Church 3 Church Rummage Sale! Thursday, August 5 from 8:00 AM-6:00 PM and Friday, August 6 from 8:00 AM-2:00 PM. Friday is Brown Bag Day—\$2.00. See bulletin board for more information.