

ST. JAMES WEEKLY E-NEWS

"Putting Christ first in all that we do."

Join us for worship every Sunday at 8:45 am

100 W. Capitol Drive, Appleton

www.umcsj.org

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:

9 A.M. – 2 P.M., MONDAY – WEDNESDAY

The week of March 12-18, 2025

Announcements

This is the last week for the 'Help for the Homeless' collection.

All are welcome to attend the Lenten Bible study class at 2pm on Wednesdays beginning today.

There are free **Daily Bread** devotionals at the Connection Center.

Laity Team for this Sunday

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| Usher | Wayne DeGrand |
| Reader | Carol Carlson |
| Counters. | Deb Ebben & Rich Stewart |
| Music. | Praise Team |
| Sound | Bill Kraemer |

Here is a link to the [Lenten Devotional](#), "Bread of Life".

All are welcome to join the Lenten Bible Study which will begin on Wednesday, March 12 at 2pm.

Henderson Settlement Information Meeting

Are you interested in learning more about Henderson Settlement?

What about information on how to join the mission team?

Would you like to support Henderson Settlement and the mission team?

Would you like to meet the mission team members and join in fellowship?

What exactly does the mission team do?

You are invited to "the Gathering" for fellowship and information: March 29, at 6:00 p.m. (LouAnn will be making chili for us)

Tom and LouAnn Graf's house
2404 W. Seneca Dr. Appleton, WI
920-740-2330 / fivesuisse@sbcglobal.net

All are welcome, even if you will not be joining the mission team, but just want to support and fellowship with each other. Our mission trip is planned for October 12 – 18, 2025. Any questions, see Gary Linstad.

Spring Cleaning?

As spring arrives, we turn our thoughts to opening the windows and shaking out the winter air. As we breath in the fresh, our thoughts turn to spring cleaning and getting rid of items that are no longer needed.

While doing your spring cleaning think about donating your gently used items to the June **Rummage Sale!** Items can be put in the former game room at church. (At the end of the Sunday school wing.) **Please**, NO car seats, magazines, bed mattresses or electronics that do not work.

All left over items are donated to area thrift shops and Restore.

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

You can submit your prayer requests at any time by using this link, [prayer request](#).

Joys, Prayers & Concerns...

- For all the prayers of your heart, shared with God on your personal journey each day and may we give thanks for all answered prayers.
- Prayers for our country.
- Gary reported the joy that his niece Maggie, had a healthy baby girl, Scarlet Ann.
- Lois B asked for prayers for her friend Gloria, who had a stroke.
- Prayers for the future of our country, and especially for our immigrants and others who are oppressed.
- Continued prayers for Jack and Lori Larson and their families at the passing of both Lori's sister, Cindy and Jack's sister Carol. They want everyone to know how thankful they are for the prayers and concerns from the congregation.
- Continued prayers for Kay C's brother Mark, who is home recuperating from surgery and has more health issues to contend with ahead.
- Prayers for those dealing with seasonal illnesses and the many variants.
- Continued prayers for Ukraine.
- Continued prayers for the people of California for the loss of life and homes due to the recent raging fires.
- We offer prayers for all those who are dealing with a cancer diagnosis.

Ongoing intercessory prayer...

- Joys for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.
- Prayers for all those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.
- Prayers for all who serve or have served in the civil service areas and for our soldiers.
- Continued prayers for our church family, and special prayers for our shut-ins.



Thank you to Mary and Tom Schemm for hosting hospitality this past Sunday, March 9th. Also, thank you to those who donated delicious treats!

Thank you to Bill Kraemer for clearing last week's snow from the sidewalks.

Thank you to all the un-named, who share of their time and talents for the ministries of St. James.

Please *email the [office](#) or call at 920-734-5371, if you know of someone who does something special at the church. Thank you.*

NE District Facebook Page

DS Park shares photos and videos, and highlights of the [North East District on FaceBook](#). See how other churches engage in worship and mission, learn about our corner of Wisconsin, and celebrate what God is doing amongst us! Check it out! (<https://www.facebook.com/people/NE-District-of-the-Wisconsin-UMC/100085269946128/>)

A New Way of Thinking

Non Perishable Food Collections will now be given to Emmanuel's Neighborhood Pantry. For your convenience and higher visibility, we have moved the collection container to the back of the sanctuary.

No pressure, give as the spirit moves you.

There is a box in the area where the collection container was, that can be used for the egg cartons. If anyone has a better idea, please let the office know. Someone will still take the cartons to St. Joe's as needed.

"Like" us on Facebook

You will find video of Sunday worship and much more. *If you "follow" us you will get automatic notifications to your phone or computer, whenever something new is posted.*

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."


ROMANS 12:12

**This is the last
week of collection!
A collection box is
in the narthex near
the nursery.**

Trash bags
Deodorant
Toilet paper
Paper towels
Disposable razors
Wipes (baby, cleaning)
Diapers (sizes 4-6 and Pull-Ups)
Feminine supplies (tampons, maxi pads)
Soaps: laundry, dish, hand, shower gel, 2-in-1 shampoo

**Most
needed
items**

www.TheFamily.net


Help for the Homeless
HYGIENE DRIVE™
February 23 - March 16, 2025

Helping Local Crisis Programs

Motown Mission 2025

June 22 - June 28, 2025
Leave 7 am Sunday June 22
Return 5 pm Saturday June 28

Inter-generational Group: Youth, Young Adults & Adults welcome! Grades 7 and up.
Price: \$650 - discount to \$600 if we get 40 people - discount to \$550 if we get 50 people

Includes: transportation, insurance, lodging, meals

Lodging: Michigan church has beds and shower/restroom facilities.
Pre-Trip Meeting Attendance in person or by zoom required.
Group will get to know each other and prepare spiritually for the trip.

Daily devotions + Evening Worship every day during trip.

Bonus: one evening cultural event for entire group.


[Trip insurance](#) through United Methodist Volunteer in Mission
includes medical evacuation and hospital coverage.

Trip Leader: Rev. Anna-Lisa Hunter, Suamico United Methodist Church
Reservations or Questions - Email: pastor@suamicoumc.org

Reserve your seat: \$100 upon registration

Payments: go to suamicoumc.org scroll down to Motown Mission area and follow the links,
or you can mail to Suamico UMC, 3266 Lakeview Dr. PO Box 323, Suamico WI 54173

March

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 Communion Sunday Transfiguration Sunday 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship  | 3 4-11pm Gamer club | 4 6:30pm Praise Team Practice | 5 Ash Wednesday 7pm worship at Emmanuel 10am to noon Vets & Friends Brunch No Bible Study | 6 Office Closed 9:00am Ladies Breakfast Mary's Family Restaurant | 7 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast | 8 Spring your clocks ahead one hour - before you go to bed. |
| 9 1st Sunday of Lent 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship Sunday School 9:45 am Fellowship | 10 4-11pm Gamer club 6:30pm Laity zoom with the District Superintendent | 11 6:30pm Praise Team Practice | 12 8:00am Men's Breakfast Black Bear 10am to noon Vets & Friends Brunch 2pm Lenten Bible Study | 13 Office Closed | 14 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast | 15 |
| 16 2nd Sunday of Lent 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <i>*Help for the Homeless collection ends...</i> </div> | 17 4-11pm Gamer club  | 18 6:30pm Praise Team Practice | 19 10am to noon Vets & Friends Brunch 2pm Lenten Bible Study 6-9pm Embroiderer's Guild | 20 Office Closed | 21 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast | 22 |
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Here is a hyper-link (*you just need to click on it*) to the Thompson Center Newsletter which is filled with all kinds of activities for those over 50 years of age.
[BUZZ Newsletter – Thompson Center on Lourdes \(thetcol.org\)](http://BUZZ Newsletter – Thompson Center on Lourdes (thetcol.org))

Did You Know?

If you have an old pair of **eye glasses** that are no longer useful to you, you may donate them to the Lion's Club. Place them in the square bucket that is on the shelf next to the Connection Center table. If you need help finding it, ask Deb K.



Medical Equipment Needed

The Lions Clubs of the Fox Valley have joined together to open a place that will loan out medical equipment. We need to gather gently used and clean medical equipment listed below.

- Wheelchairs
- Rollators
- Gait Belts
- Walkers
- Ice Machines
- Grabbers
- Canes
- Travel Chairs
- Crutches
- Toilet Risers/Commodes
- Bed Rails
- Knee Scooters
- Transfer Benches
- Shoe Horns
- Incontinence Supplies

Take to:
312 W. Northland Avenue, Appleton

Scam Awareness

Please be aware of **text and email scams** using Pastor Ben's name. If you receive one of these, please delete it immediately! Pastor Ben would never "ask a favor," for a "gift card," or "cash."

We are now a collection site for plastic grocery bags etc. The collection box is in the coat room. Details can be found at the Connection Center.

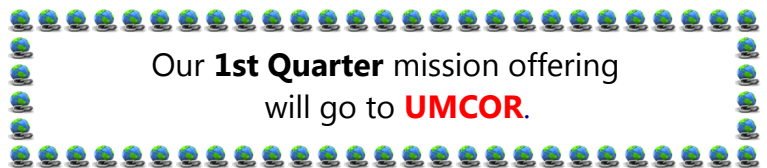
Cans for COTS

(Community Outreach Transitional Shelter)

Did you know that St. James collects aluminum beverage cans? If you find that you don't know what to do with yours, you may bring them in and we will recycle them. There is a collection container near the furnace room. All proceeds will go into the **COTS** mission.

Thanks to Chris & Rick Bahr for cashing in our cans and always looking for the best value. To date we have collected **\$143.25** since we began cashing in cans.

New participants are welcome to join this ministry at any time. Each person makes a component of the meal (such as dessert) at home, and then someone delivers the completed meal. For more information, contact Kay Christenson at christenson4@live.com.



Our **1st Quarter** mission offering will go to **UMCOR**.

Repurposed Pill Bottles

We are collecting clear pill bottles for "Doctors without Borders." It does not matter what color they are as long as you can see through them. Just remove the label, which will usually peel off, and bring to church. A white basket on the shelf near the Connection Center table is available to deposit them.



What Is Phone Pals

Are you looking for volunteer work to fill the winter days? Are you in need of companionship? Phone Pals is a confidential telephone outreach program for homebound adults, people with disabilities who live alone, and people who lack a social support system.

Calls are from trained and vetted volunteers. You and your volunteer agree on a time and how often to call. There is no charge.

If you would like to volunteer to be someone's Phone Pal, or sign up to receive calls from a Phone Pal, call Volunteer Fox Cities at 920-832-9360. All volunteers are vetted.