

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 19-25, 2025

Announcements

See page 3 for **mission** trip opportunities.

Please note that **Ladies Nite Out** has been moved to March 24th due to the St. Patrick's holiday. We will be meeting at Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen 4531 W. Wisconsin Ave. There is a sign-up sheet at the Connection Center.

The next Ladies Breakfast is Thursday, April 3 at Galvan's. There is a sign-up sheet at the Connection Center.

Due to scheduling conflicts there will be no Sunday School in April. The next **Sunday School** class is May 11th. Then we will break for summer.

Spring Cleaning?

As spring arrives, we turn our thoughts to opening the windows and shaking out the winter air. As we breath in the freshness of spring, 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.

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

All are welcome to join the Lenten Bible Study in person at 2pm on Wednesdays or via zoom at 6:30pm <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8985653369>

Holy Week Schedule

Joint **Maundy Thursday** Worship at St. James **7pm**

Ecumenical **Good Friday** worship at Unitarian

Universalist Fellowship (2600 Philip Ln) at **Noon**

(There is also an online **Good Friday** service in the evening. More info coming.)

Laity Team for this Sunday

Usher	Carol Carlson
Reader	Cal Christenson
Counters.	Deb Ebben & Rich Stewart
Music.	Praise Team
Sound	Bill Kraemer



Thank you to Mary and Tom Schemm for hosting hospitality this past Sunday. Also, thank you to those who donated delicious treats especially Ethel's delicious scotcheroo bars!

Every once-in-a-while I think it is worth saying a special thank you to the St. James Praise Team. This includes our sound board people. Well done good and faithful servants.

A very sincere thank you to all the un-named, who share of their time and talents week after week for the ministries of St. James. You may not always be named but please know how much you are appreciated.

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

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.
- Tom Graf asked for prayers for his sister Elizabeth, at the loss of her husband Dave.
- Lois B asked for prayers for her friend Gloria, who had a stroke.
- Charlie lifted up prayers for Peggie who fell Sunday morning. After being checked out in the hospital, she returned to her home .
- Ethel asked for prayers for the family of her brother John and his wife Joan. Both passed away recently within weeks of one another.
- We have been in prayer for Carol's cousin Earl. Earl has now gone to be with God.
- Janet asked for prayers for her great-granddaughter, Amari who has been hospitalized with RSV.
- Mary F asked for prayers for a friend's brother, Chris, who drowned after falling through the ice in Menasha.
- Continued prayers for Kay C's brother Mark for his health issues.
- Prayers for the family of Nancy Adkins, an active former member of St. James. Nancy passed away on March 14 in North Carolina.
- 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.

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

Romans 12:12



Birthdays to Celebrate

3/23 Rich Galster

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/>)

Just for pun!

- Every calendar's days are numbered.
- A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.
- Acupuncture is a jab well done.
- A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.
- Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?
- Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.
- When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.
- A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- The worker who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
- Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

"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.

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.

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. For any questions, see Gary Linstad.



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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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
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We are excited to share that St. James UMC received **\$225** through the ThriventChoice® program from **April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025**.

Want to learn more about Thrivent Choice or Thrivent's other generosity programs?

Contact **Chris Bahr**, your local Thrivent financial advisor, at chrisbahrumc@gmail.com or go to thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

If you have Thrivent Choice dollars you would like to contribute to any of the St. James ministries, here is how we are listed on the Thrivent site.

**St James United Methodist Church
100 W Capitol Dr, Appleton, WI 54911**

(The search is very particular. Please note there is no period after St and UMC is spelled out.)



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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.

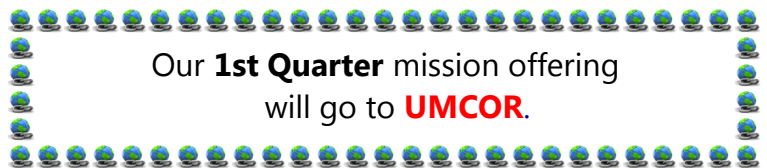
Cans for COTS

(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.