

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 26– April 2, 2025

Announcements

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

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.

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

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 on Tuesdays <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	Jeannine Schinke & Lois Bodam
Reader	Kay Christenson
Counters.	Gary Linstad & Carol Carlson
Music.	Praise Team
Sound	Bill Kraemer

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.



Thank you to Mary and Tom Schemm and Diane and Gary Linstad for hosting hospitality this past Sunday. Also, thank you to those who donated delicious treats including Paul Countney for his delicious blueberry treat! And to Bryley (one of our young visitors) for the birthday cookies.

Thank you to Bill Kraemer for the side walk snow removal over the weekend.

Thank you to Dave Hegg for shoveling the snow in front of the entrance door on Monday.

Thank you to Mary Schemm for taking some items over to the Lions Club used medical equipment drop-off.

Thanks to Rick Bahr for taking the snow-blower in

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

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



Birthdays to Celebrate

3/30 Diane Linstad

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.
- Lois B asked for prayers for her niece Stephanie who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
- Barb D asked for prayers for her brother Tom who has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Sherry K. asked for prayers for healing after carpal tunnel surgery, and also asks for prayers at the loss of her dad.
- Ruth lifted prayers for her friend Maria who is unable to walk after a procedure for her heart.
- Janet has a joy that her great granddaughter is now home from the hospital after having RSV.
- Continued prayers for Kay C's brother Mark who started cancer treatment this week.

Ongoing intercessory prayer...

- Joys for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week.
- Prayers for all those who are mourning the loss of loved ones.
- Continued prayers for Ukraine.
- Prayers for all who serve or have served in the civil service areas and for our soldiers.
- Prayers for our shut-ins.
- Prayers for the future of our country, and especially for our immigrants and others who are oppressed.
- Continued prayers for our church family, and special prayers for our shut-ins.
- Continuous prayers for our nation and our neighbors at home and around the world.
- We offer prayers for all those who are dealing with a cancer diagnosis.

New Church Start at St. James

We would like to welcome **Iglesia Bethel Pentecostal Church** to St. James. Beginning April 1, they will be worshipping on Sundays from 11am to 2pm. They will also be using the building on Thursday and Friday evening for prayer times and bible study, as well as the last Saturday of the month from 6am to noon.

This is a Spanish speaking church out of Green Bay and they are hoping to expand in the Appleton area. Welcome Iglesia Bethel.

They are having an inaugural celebration on Saturday April 5th at 2pm We have been invited to attend the worship and fellowship event and meet the new congregation.

Our Stain Remover

From sanitizers and soaps to solutions and sprays, many products promise to eliminate germs and grime. Unfortunately, they often fall short. Just think how many items in your closet or kitchen have been ruined by stubborn stains.

What if we were that concerned about ridding our lives and hearts of sin? What if we spent as much time confessing and repenting as scrubbing and laundering? The good news is that with one "application" (the cross), Jesus makes us "whiter than snow" (Psalm 51:7). Praise be to our unblemished Lamb, the perfect stain remover!

NE District Facebook Page

DS Park shares photos and videos, and highlights of the [North East District on FaceBook](https://www.facebook.com/people/NE-District-of-the-Wisconsin-UMC/100085269946128/). 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/>)

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

Romans 12:12

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: Saturday, 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
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	17 4-11pm Gamer club 	18 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	19 10am to noon Vets & Friends Brunch 2pm Lenten Bible Study 6-9pm Welcome back Embroiderer's Guild	20 Office Closed	21 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast	22
23 3rd Sunday of Lent 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship	24 4-11pm Gamer club COTS delivery 5:30pm Ladies Nite Out	25 6:30pm Praise Team Practice 3:00pm Accountable Leadership mtg	26 10am to noon Vets & Friends Brunch 2pm Lenten Bible Study	27 Office Closed	28 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast	29
30 4th Sunday of Lent 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship	31 4-11pm Gamer club	1 6:30pm Praise Team Practice 6:30pm Laity zoom with the District Lay Leader	2 10am to noon Vets & Friends Brunch 2pm Lenten Bible Study	3 Office Closed 6-9pm Iglesia Bethel	4 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast 6-7pm Iglesia Bethel	5 2pm Iglesia Bethel Gathering fellowship



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Thank you, Thrivent clients, for directing your
Choice Dollars® to St. James!

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

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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.



Used 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.