

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 April 2-8, 2025

Announcements

The 1st quarter giving statements are now available for pick up in your church mailbox.

The next Ladies Breakfast is Thursday, April 3 at Galvan's (tomorrow). Contact Mary Schemm if you have not already signed-up at the Connection Center.

We are looking for someone to usher the Maundy Thursday worship service on Thursday, April 17 at 6:30pm. Let Deb know if you can help.

See page 3 for information on Easter flowers.

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.

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>

Spring Cleaning? Think Rummage Sale.

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.

Holy Week Schedule

Joint **Maundy Thursday** (April 17)

Worship at St. James - **7pm**

Ecumenical **Good Friday** (April 18) worship at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (2600 Philip Ln) at **Noon**

(An online **Good Friday service** will be posted at 5pm)

Laity Team for this Sunday

Usher Joan Clark
Reader Charlie Christenson
Counters. Rich Stewart & Chris Bahr
Music. Praise Team
Sound Bill Kraemer
Communion Prep. Deb Ebben
Communion Server. . . . Tom & Mary Schemm



Thank you to Mary and Tom Schemm for hosting hospitality this past Sunday. Also, thank you to those who donated delicious treats including Paul Countney for his treats and to Bryley McIntosh (one of our young visitors) for again providing chocolate chip cookies.

Thank you to Bill and Gary for clearing out some items from the parsonage in preparation for our new tenant.

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.

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

You can submit your prayer requests at any time by using this link, [prayer request](#).
This link goes directly to Pastor Ben.

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.
 - Continued prayers for Lois B's niece Stephanie who was recently diagnosed with cancer.
 - Prayers for healing for Barb D who had a procedure done for a blood clot.
 - Prayers for all those who are suffering because of the earthquake in Myanmar.
 - Lori L asked for prayers for her friend Becky who lost her father to cancer last week.
 - Continued prayers for Kay C's brother Mark who is starting cancer treatment.
 - **Prayers that we always choose kindness and compassion over hate and fear.**
- 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 and their families.

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

ROMANS 12:12



Birthdays to Celebrate

4/6 Chad Olson

Anniversaries this Week

4/5 Jim & Sherry King (39)

Henderson Settlement Fundraisers

There will again be two brat-fry fundraisers for the Henderson Settlement team. Both will be at Festival Foods on Northland. Fri. May 16, & Sat. Aug. 16 from 9am-4pm.

Zoom with the District Superintendent



North East DS Park Hunter offers an open Zoom devotion and Q&A time for laity in the district. The next one is **April 14 at 6:30pm**. The Zoom link is...
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5027449756>

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.

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/>)

Easter Altar Flowers



Wow! The Lenten season is flying by. Easter will be here before we know it, April 20th. We are looking for altar flower donations of Lilies and Tulips for the Easter morning service.

As always, please let the office know if you plan to donate and who you are honoring or memorializing. As in the past we find it more economical to purchase at a place of your choosing. Please have flower donations to the church between April 13th and 16th, but no later than Wednesday, April 16th during a time when the church is open. (M-T-W, 9am-2pm) We will have Maundy Thursday worship on the 17th at 7pm which gives you another opportunity. They may be left in the library. Flowers may be taken with you after the Easter Service.

Looking to the future, we are seeking people willing to help with displaying **altar flowers** at Easter and Christmas time. Perhaps you would like to assist with changing the paraments (altar cloths) throughout the year. If this is a gift you would like to share, please talk with Deb Kraemer for more information.

Flowers will be given: (Please **print** clearly) Emailing this information is preferred. Office@umcsj.org

In honor of: _____

or **In memory of:** _____

Donated by: _____

your name goes on this line ↑



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



April



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		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 9am Ladies Breakfast Galvan's 6-9pm Iglesia Bethel	4 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast 6-7pm Iglesia Bethel	5 2pm Iglesia Bethel Gathering fellowship
6 Communion Sunday 5th Sunday of Lent 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship 11am-2pm Iglesia Bethel 	7 4-11pm Gamer club	8 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	9 8:00am Men's Breakfast Black Bear 10am to noon Vets & Friends Brunch 2pm Lenten Bible Study 6:30pm V&F board mtg	10 Office Closed 6-9pm Iglesia Bethel	11 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast 6-7pm Iglesia Bethel	12
13 Palm Sunday 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship 11am-2pm Iglesia Bethel	14 4-11pm Gamer club 6:30pm Laity zoom with the District Superintendent	15 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	16 10am to noon Vets & Friends Brunch 2pm Lenten Bible Study 6-9pm Embroiderer's Guild	17 Office Closed Maunder Thursday 6:30pm St. James/ Emmanuel Joint Worship at St. James	18 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast Noon Good Friday Ecu. Worship at 2600 Philip Ln 5pm online worship posting 6-7pm Iglesia Bethel	19
HOLY WEEK						Easter Eve
20 Easter Sunday 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship 9:45 am Fellowship 11am-2pm Iglesia Bethel	21 4-11pm Gamer club 5:30pm Ladies Nite Out	22 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	23 10am to noon Vets & Friends Brunch 2pm Bible Study	24 Office Closed 6-9pm Iglesia Bethel	25 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast 6-7pm Iglesia Bethel	26 6am-Noon Iglesia Bethel Prayer vigil
27 2nd Sunday of Easter 8:10 am Praise Practice 8:45 am Worship Baptism 9:45 am Fellowship 11am-2pm Iglesia Bethel	28 COTS delivery 4-11pm Gamer club	29 3:00pm Accountable Leadership mtg 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	30 10am to noon Vets & Friends Brunch 2pm Bible Study	1 Office Closed 6-9pm Iglesia Bethel	2 Office Closed 8am-10am Vets & Friends Breakfast 6-7pm Iglesia Bethel	3

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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 **2nd Quarter** mission offering will go to **Henderson Settlement**.

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.