

ST. JAMES WEEKLY E-NEWS

April 21, 2021

Announcements

It's time! We are looking for people who are willing to be readers on Sunday morning, like the praise team has been doing. Please contact Deb at office@umcsj.org if you are interested.

First quarter giving statements can still be found in your church mailbox this week. Please pick yours up when you are in the building. Thank you.

We are looking for an usher for the in-person worship on the fourth Sunday of the month. Ushers take a head count, and direct the congregation where to find bulletins, offering plates and seating when needed. Please let Deb know if you can help.

Reminder: Please wear your nametags on Sunday morning. They can be found in your member mailbox.

Worship Information

Worship is now available in-person at **8:45 am**. You will also find a version of the worship service on our [Facebook](#) page, and posted to the website at umcsj.org. Although this will be a different service than when you attend in-person, you will get the same great message.

Bulletins will no longer be emailed, or posted on the website, but will be available at in-person worship.

If you would like to make an online contribution to St. James, you can do so by clicking on this link, [online giving](#).



Thank you to all the un-named, who share of their time and talents being the hands and feet of Christ for the ministries at St. James and beyond.

The All Church Rummage Sale

June 11 & 12

You may begin bringing items for the rummage sale.

You may put things in the game room, or the storage room on the left side of the fellowship hall.



Stewardship Moment

This week marks the 51st anniversary of Earth Day (April 22). We recognize our calling as "**stewards**" means we are care-takers of the creation God has provided. From Genesis right through the rest of the Bible and on to today, people of faith recognize God's good gifts include earth's land, air and water on which our lives depend.

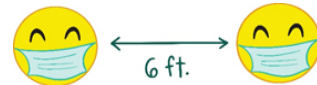
In this Easter-tide, we continue to rejoice in the new life of the resurrected Jesus. Yet our own lives so often ignore the actions we can take to be stewards.

So, we pray for our own lives to be raised up and inspired to the point that we might willingly become witnesses to God's love made known in Jesus.

As we continue to give our offerings, which allows St. James to thrive, may we also dedicate ourselves to take actions of restoration and resurrection for our Earth.

Creating God, thank you for the creation which you freely gave to us.

Tom Schemm, Stewardship Chair



In-person Worship!

Reminder, here are the basic protocols...

1. You are required to properly wear a face mask over your mouth and nose.
2. Physically distance from each other.
3. Bulletins and offering plates will be on tables at the back of the sanctuary to minimize contact with one another. You can pick up a bulletin and make an offering at the same time.
4. There are roped off designated seating spaces ready to help with distancing in the pews. Ushers can assist in leading you to a seat if needed. We ask that you begin by filling the seats farthest from the door. In this way those who come after you will not have to pass you to get to their seat.
5. The service will continue to be about the length it has been on-line in order to minimize exposure to one another.
6. Please observe proper hand washing etc.
7. Please do not attend if you are not feeling well. We will continue to provide some form of online worship.

Joys, Prayers & Concerns...

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

- For all the prayers of your heart, shared with God on your personal journey each day and we give thanks for all the answered prayers.
- Prayers for a stop to all the gun violence across the nation.
- Continued prayers for the neighbor of Ed and Sharon Ramsaroop, Lance, who is struggling with health issues.
- Continued prayers for John and Wendy Lind's brother-in law, Steve, who was diagnosed with melanoma bone cancer.
- Continued prayers for Rachel, Goddaughter to Chris Bahr, who is in heart failure at the age of 41.
- Continued prayers for our nation.
- Continued prayers for all the essential workers.
- Continued prayers for our church family.
- Continued prayers for all our shut-ins.
- Joys for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. May you find a special way to celebrate.

Ongoing intercessory prayer ...

- For the United Methodist Church and it's leadership.
- For those in the 'sandwich' generation and the challenges that can occur.

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12

A Mission Opportunity for St. James

COTS is looking for volunteers to help provide, prepare, and drop off meals for 20 or 40 men or women. You may choose to schedule a meal prep, which you can do in your own home. The need is for Monday, or Wednesday, or Friday.



Pastor Ben or Kay Christenson can answer questions you may have about this valuable program.

For more information click on this link, [COTS](#).

Our 2nd Quarter Mission Offering
(April to June) **goes to assist with the Henderson Mission trip**

Birthdays this week

4/22 Deb Kraemer
4/27 Jim King

Anniversaries

4/22 Rick & Chris Bahr (43)

APRIL



We are looking for volunteers to help with Salvation Army on **June 13th.**

Please contact Bev and Rich Stewart at 920-739-4889, if you can help.



St. Joe's Food Pantry

Click on the logo for the most up to date list for St Joe's. Some needs do change.

We invite you to bring your non-perishable donations to the church and drop them off either on Sunday mornings, or during regular office hours (M-Th 9am-1pm). They may be left in the usual wooden box in the Narthex near the big bulletin board.

Help others by donating. St Joe's clients are very appreciative. Thank you.

Henderson Settlement News

This year's Henderson Settlement mission trip to Frakes, Kentucky is scheduled for **October 10-16, 2021**

We are once again making plans to go to Henderson. Most of the projects are housing repair, maintenance, or improvement. If you are interested in going or wanting to know more, please see Tom Graf or Gary Linstad.

We need funds to finance the repairs we will do at Henderson. This year our projects will cost about \$4,125. **To help** with this, we will have a brat fry fundraiser at **Festival Foods** on Northland on **June 5th**. Help is needed from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Again, contact Tom or Gary if you can assist or have any questions.

If you are unable to help, but would like to donate to this mission outreach project, donations can also be made by check or cash. Be sure to mark your donation, "Henderson."

In-Gathering 2021

Drop off deadline is fast approaching

St. James is one of the drop-off points for our area of the North East District



Drop-off is from 9a.m. to 1p.m. Monday to Thursday.



Annual Conference is June 18 & 19, virtually.

Items must arrive before June 17th, so they may be delivered to a central drop-off area. This will come before we know it. In this time of Covid-19 we are shopping less often, thus the reason for promoting early.

Requirements

- **All items must be NEW.**
- **Kits should contain only the requested items.**
- **They are concentrating on two kits this year. You may also give any of the items listed, individually.**

Another Option

You may also help by donating funds. For **every \$1 donated**, \$6.33 in relief supplies are sent to support those in need during a time of man-made or natural disaster. If this is your preferred method of contributing to In-Gathering, please make any checks out to:

Wisconsin Annual Conference,
and put either
MMDC or In-Gathering
on the memo line.

Personal Dignity Kit

- 1 Bath Hand Towel - No kitchen towels.
- 1 Bath Washcloth - No kitchen towels.
- 1 Adult Toothbrush - No multipacks.
- 1 Bar Soap – 3 - 4 oz.
- 1 Shampoo – 15 - 18 oz.
- 1 Deodorant – 2 - 3 oz. - stick, roll on, or pump.
- \$2 for toothpaste and razor.

Place items in a 1-gallon re-sealable plastic bag
Video at [midwestmission](http://midwestmission.org) (scroll down to video)
These items may also be donated individually.

Homecare Kit

- 2 Liquid Household Cleaners 16 - 40 oz.
(no spray bottles)
 - 2 Dish Soaps 16 - 34 oz.
 - 2 Liquid Laundry Detergents 32 - 64 oz.
 - 1 scrub brush with or without handle
- Place items into a 5-gallon re-sealable bucket with a re-sealable cover.

These items may also be donated individually.

Other Drop-Off Sites In Our Area

Oshkosh Wesley - 761 Florida Ave.
wesleyumc761@yahoo.com

Contacts: Church 920-235-3070 or Vernita Green 920-235-2702
Please call to confirm your drop off time.

Green Bay Bethany - 1110 Echo Lane
Permanent drop-off/pick-up site

Contact: Church 920-494-8801 / office@bethanygreenbay.org or
Ron Vinger @ 920-499-7948, rkvinger@gmail.com
Open: Saturday 8:00 – noon. Please call to confirm your drop off time.