

# ST. JAMES WEEKLY E-NEWS

April 28, 2021

## Announcements

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](mailto:office@umcsj.org) if you are interested. In addition, Pastor Ben is looking for those who would be willing to participate in being a part of the online worship experience.

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.

## LAWN ROLLING

Last summer's use of the lawn for worship brought to our attention that we have a very bumpy lawn. This is something that those who mow our lawn have known for a while. In order to make it easier on our new riding lawn mower and maybe save a few ankle twists if we have more outdoor worship services, we are going to hire someone to roll our lawn.

It is estimated to cost less than \$500. If you would like to contribute towards this effort, please mark your offering as, "lawn rolling." Thank you.

## Worship Information

This Sunday we will celebrate **communion** at our in-person worship service at 8:45 am. We continue to offer online worship on our [Facebook](#) page, and posted to the website at [umcsj.org](http://umcsj.org). Although this will be a different service than when you attend in-person, you will get the same great message.

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 Tom Graf for mowing our lawn in the months of April and May.

Thank you to Charlie Christenson for doing an exchange of our furnace air compressor .

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.



**FIND OUT HOW 1 HR. OF YOUR TIME CAN CHANGE A LIFE**

Outagamie County is seeking volunteers to help with three important programs that can make a positive impact for our neighbors in need:

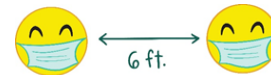
**Outagamie County Volunteer Driver:** This very flexible volunteer role makes sure every child can visit their parents by providing rides to Health & Human Services clients for parent/child visitations. Volunteers choose how often they want to drive, and which rides they want to provide, based on a list of options they receive. While most trips are local, some out-of-town destinations are optional. Mileage is reimbursed.

**Supervised Visit program:** Help families rebuild their relationship in a safe environment by supervising the visits of children in alternate care with their natural parent(s) at an agreed upon site (options include their home, the library or a park). Volunteers can choose their schedule and the assignments. Average time commitment is 1-2 hours a week. Once assigned a case, the schedule is generally consistent. First-time volunteers will shadow veteran volunteers until they feel comfortable with the role.

**Guardianship Program:** Some folks who live in their own home, group home or long-term care facility do not have family or friends willing to help them make important life decisions. That is why we are seeking court-appointed legal guardians – compassionate advocates who help make everyday living/health decisions for people who need them the most. Volunteers are not live-in or hands-on caregivers and do not provide financial assistance.

For more information on these opportunities, contact Penny Jane at [pennyjane.strauss@outagamie.org](mailto:pennyjane.strauss@outagamie.org).

**In-person**



**Worship!**

## Our most basic protocols...

1. You are required to properly wear a face mask over your mouth and nose.
2. Physically distance from each other.
3. Please observe proper hand washing etc.
4. 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.
- Continued prayers for Rachel, Goddaughter to Chris Bahr, who is in heart failure at the age of 41.
- Continued prayers for a stop to all the gun violence across the nation.
- Prayers for Nathan, a neighbor to the Christensons, who is 31 years old and awaiting a life-saving liver transplant at Froedert.
- Continued prayers for the neighbor of Ed and Sharon Ramsaroop, Lance, who is struggling with health issues.
- 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 ...

- Continued prayers for our nation.
- Continued prayers for all the essential workers.
- Continued prayers for our church family.
- For the United Methodist Church and its leadership.
- For those in the 'sandwich' generation and the challenges that can occur.
- Continued prayers for all those who are going through various health issues.

*Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.*

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

### 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.

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

## Birthdays this week

4/28 Heather Davis  
4/28 Luka Cruz  
4/30 Tyler Lind  
4/30 Devon Griesbach  
5/1 Emma Price



## Anniversaries

4/29 Frank & Donna Potter



We are looking for 2 volunteers to help serve bag lunches at the Salvation Army on **June 13th from 10:45 –12:30**. 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](mailto:rkvinger@gmail.com)  
Open: Saturday 8:00 – noon. Please call to confirm your drop off time.