

ST. JAMES WEEKLY E-NEWS

January 13, 2021



Worship Announcements

Sunday worship can be found on our [Facebook](#) page, and posted to the website at umcsj.org on Sunday. It is removed from the website around noon each Thursday.

For your convenience bulletins are posted on the website home-page on Thursdays as well as emailed.

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

Reminder: Clicking on any blue underlined words, will take you directly to the site being referenced.

A Word About Worship Attendance...

Worship attendance is a challenge in this time of COVID-19. You can help! If you watch via Facebook, simply giving a thumbs up, or making a comment allows me to count you as being in worship. If you watch only via the website, perhaps drop the office a quick email indicating that you watched the service. It does not matter when you are tuning in to watch. It is great feedback, that we are making a difference on your spiritual journey with God. Your help is very much appreciated.



Thank you to Ali and Lil Lind for also helping with the switching out the sanctuary Christmas decorations.

Thank you to Bill Kraemer for changing out our switchbox in the office, allowing us to have the appropriate internet speed that we pay for. This was an equipment upgrade.

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

If you know of someone who does something special at the church, please let the office know so we may mention them here. Phone number, 734-5371 or email the [office](#). Thank you.

Other Announcements

Check out our [Facebook](#) page for weekly Sunday school lessons.



NEW FUNDRAISER!

We are looking for jigsaw puzzle donations for a puzzle sale.

It has been decided that conditions are not right for our usual Used Book & Home-baked Pie Sale.

Instead, from **January 6th to March 4th**, (note, time has been extended) we are offering our used puzzles available for sale during regular office hours, Monday through Thursday from **9am - 1:30pm**. This should help to fill some of these long winter days.

The plan is to attempt the Used Book Sale in September. More details coming about that at a later date.



A New 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 would love to answer any questions you may have about this valuable program.

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

Our 1st Quarter Mission Offering

(January to March)

goes to [UMCOR](#)

United Methodist Committee on Relief

"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.

Birthdays

1/16 Gannon Griesbach
1/17 Chet Luce

Anniversaries

None this week



Joys, Prayers & Concerns...

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

The link goes directly to Pastor Ben. Let us know by noon on Thursdays, so we are able to mention your prayers in worship should you choose.

- For all the prayers shared with God on your personal journey each day.
- Prayers for all our shut-ins.
- Prayers for the families of those who have lost their life in the Jan. 6th riot on the Capitol. Prayers for peace.
- Prayers for this nation. May our elected leaders, who were entrusted to uphold the constitution they swore an oath to, have the courage to fulfill that oath.
- Prayers for national unity. May we be able to set aside our anger and frustrations, and agree there is much work to be done.
- Continued prayers for *all* the essential workers.
- Continued prayers for our church family.
- Continued prayers for the Zion UMC congregation for the recent damage to their building. Progress is being made on the repairs.

Ongoing intercessory prayer ...

- Joys for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. May you find a special way to celebrate.
- Continued prayers for this nation and the world, that soon we can slow down the spread of Covid19.
- For those in the 'sandwich' generation and the challenges that can occur.
- For the United Methodist Church and its leadership.

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

Romans 12:12



Let It Snow



Create a winter wonderland with this fun craft.



What you need:

- Glass jar with lid but no label
- Laminated photo (that will fit in the jar)
- Small plastic trinkets
- Hot or waterproof glue
- Container with spout
- 1 cup distilled water
- 3 tsp. glycerin
- Glitter



What you do:

1. Unscrew lid and flip jar upside down. Glue the photo and trinkets to the inside of the lid, standing upright.
2. In a container, mix water and glycerin. Pour the mixture into the jar, leaving space at the top.
3. Spoon in some glitter.
4. When glue is dry, attach the decorated lid tightly. Shake the jar to see "snow" swirl and settle.

There are now 5 ways to give to St. James:

1. When you attend an in-person worship service.
2. Mail in your gift or pledge to:
St. James UMC
100 W. Capitol Drive
Appleton, WI 54911
3. Donate on our website by clicking on: umcsi.org
4. Give on your phone through the Give Plus+ App. Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus+ Church" to download for FREE. You can also find St. James on the Give Plus+ App on your smartphone or tablet! Search by our zip code (54911) and we are the 2nd church listed!
5. Set up auto withdrawal giving with LuAnn Van Handel. **Note:** The same company that handles our auto withdrawals, also does the online giving.

