

# ST. JAMES WEEKLY E-NEWS

*The week of July 14 to July 20, 2021*

## Announcements

Pastor Ben will be on vacation beginning July 12th and will return on July 19th. Ed Ramsaroop will present the message on July 18th.

Ladies Nite Out has been changed to Wednesday July 21st for July only, due to GingeRootz not being open on Mondays. Just as a reminder, there is a sign up sheet on the Connection Center table. We need to know how many are attending, because some restaurants need reservations.

The Golf Outing to support Senegal is set for August 25th. More details can be found on page 5.

## This Sunday's Laitly Team

**Usher** .....Wayne DeGrand  
**Reader** .....Charlie Christenson  
**Counters**.....Deb Ebben & Tom Schemm  
**Sound & Projection**.....Bill Kraemer

## Worship Information

Our in-person worship is at 8:45 a.m. For those who are still concerned about meeting in person, a worship service will also be posted on **Facebook** and our website **umcsj.org**.

We are still 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. In addition, Pastor Ben is looking for those who would be willing to participate in being a part of the online worship experience.

## Upcoming Events (see a full calendar on page 4)

July 18 Guest speaker, Ed Ramsaroop  
July 19 Video Game Group 4-10 pm  
July 21 Ladies Nite Out 6pm.  
July 21 Embroiderer's Guild 6-9 pm  
July 26 Video Game Group 4-10 pm  
July 31 Brat Fry for Henderson, see page 3.



Thank you to Rich Stewart and Tom Graf for trimming the hedges around the church.

Thank you to Tom Graf for repairing the trim on the garage side of the parsonage.

Thank you to Chris and Rick Bahr for going to Fond du Lac to purchase a small shed to store the new snow blower in. If you would like to contribute to this project, please mark the memo line, "storage." Thanks.

Thank you to all the un-named, who share of their time and talents for the ministries of St. James.

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



## A Mission Opportunity for St. James

The COTS (**C**ommunity **O**utreach **T**ransitional **S**helter) mission is going very well at St. James! We have already prepared and delivered 2 meals with great success.

The next planned meal preparation and drop-off is scheduled for Monday August 2nd.

If you are interested in being a part of this group, contact Kay Christenson, or Pastor Ben.

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



## St. Joe's Food Pantry

Click on the graphic for a current list of needed items for St Joe's.

(Some needs do change from time to time.)

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.**

## REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:

**9 A.M. – 1 P.M., MONDAY – THURSDAY**

**Bulletin & E-News information are due on *Mondays***

Please be respectful of the deadlines. Thank you.

## What are Apportionments? (part 3)

An outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. These words come to us from one of our Communion litanies. It reminds us that every spiritual experience contains both an inward and an outward manifestation. Echoing the sentiment expressed in the letter of James, "...faith without works is dead" (James 2:26), we are challenged to make sure that our actions speak more loudly than our words. What we do matters as much as what we believe.

Paying apportionments is a decision, made mindfully and intentionally. It is a promise we make to show our love in action. It is an act of solidarity, proclaiming to the world that we are proud to be United Methodist; proud to be connected in a synergistic way that allows us to do much more together than we can do alone.

Paying apportionments in full is rarely easy or simple, but few things of lasting value are easy or simple. Sacrificial and faithful stewardship stretches us and demands a deep level of commitment. With everyone's commitment, St. James can meet its goal. To give generously is a choice. And we choose to do so freely, because we believe in the power of connectional ministry, blessed by the Holy Spirit, to change the world!

If everyone in the United States had opportunities to see where in the world The United Methodist Church has made a difference, we would hear that many think of us as "a very good church!" Apportionments make such acclamation possible. And not just in one small village, but in locations all over the world.

Some of the things The United Methodist Church helps support through apportionments...

- ◆ 309 Hospitals, Clinics and Health Centers
- ◆ 158 Schools, Colleges, Universities and Seminaries
- ◆ 300+ Commissioned Missionaries; 500+ Volunteers in Mission (projects)
- ◆ 850+ Global Mission Projects ... New faith communities through Mission Partnerships all over the world and here at home.

We are but a puzzle piece of the grander picture. Alone, one person can do little in the world. In small clusters and communities, we might see better results, but to bring about true change, the entire body of Christ must mobilize. Our apportionments are our best tool for the mission and ministry of peacemaking.

Some things that undermine these efforts are ignorance, poverty, over-population, greed, prejudice, and the threats of war, disease, hunger and violence. Economic injustice, and racial inequality, are toxic influences, poisoning the global well, leaving millions living in fear and want. Our Christian scriptures are rife with instructions on how we should treat one another. "Who is my neighbor?" is an eternal question. Our answer is fairly straightforward and simple: if God created him or her, then he or she is our neighbor! And it is our privilege and obligation to live in peace with every one of God's blessed children.

You may ask, "but who are we responsible for?" Surely we cannot be expected to care for everyone everywhere! Again, alone or in the small group of our local congregation, we can do very little, care for very few. But we are a connectional church, and through our shared giving and collective contributions, there are very few places on earth we cannot reach and very few lives we cannot touch and improve.

One key apportioned fund of The United Methodist Church is the *World Service Fund*. This money prepares and trains clergy worldwide, as well as missionaries, lay servants, doctors and nurses, counselors, and community organizers. This money provides the foundation and infrastructure for the work of our General Board of Global Ministries and funds a large number of programs. It allows us to do children's and youth ministry around the globe. It makes sure that our United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is prepared and able to be among the first responders to a wide variety of natural and human-caused disasters. The hungry are fed, the sick are healed and cared for, the homeless are given shelter, and the hopeless are given hope. All because of the few dollars we share through our apportionments. Who wouldn't want to be a part of showing such compassion for our neighbors?

More to come next week.

Deb Kraemer, Finance Chair.

## Birthdays this week

7/16 Kathy Krein  
7/20 Gary Linstad



## Anniversaries

7/15 Larry & Sherri Gyron (21y)  
7/18 Chet & Rose Ann Luce (68y)

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Email: [office@umcsj.org](mailto:office@umcsj.org)  
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We continue to offer free **Daily Bread Devotionals**.  
Found at the Connection Center in the narthex.

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 Chris Bahr's niece, whose 2-year-old daughter, Amira, has been diagnosed with leukemia, and prayers for Amira's parents Brianna and Jordan.
- Prayer for all who are affected by the wild fires out west.
- Continued prayers for the community of Surfside FL, as they continue to seek closure on those who are missing, for those families who have lost loved ones, and for those working on the rescue efforts.
- Continued prayers for New Hope UMC in DePere as they discern how to rebuild moving forward after a fire that destroyed their place of worship.
- Joys for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. May you find a special way to celebrate.

### Ongoing intercessory prayer ...

- Continued prayers for a stop to all the distressing gun violence across the nation.
- Continued prayers for our nation.
- Continued prayers for our church family, especially our shut-ins.

*Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.*

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

BE ALERT  
AND ALWAYS  
KEEP ON PRAYING  
FOR ALL THE  
LORD'S PEOPLE.

EPHESIANS 6:18, NIV



## 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 contact Tom Graf at 740-2330 or Gary Linstad at 731-5645.

Check out [this link](#) to see a message from 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 one more brat fry **fund-raiser at Festival Foods** on Northland on **July 31st**. Help is needed from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Please contact Tom or Gary if you can assist.

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."

## There are many 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 at:  
[umcsj.org](http://umcsj.org)/Give Online
4. Give on your smart phone or tablet through the Give Plus+ App. Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus+" by Vanco Services LLC and download for FREE. Search by our zip code, 54911. We are near the top of the list.
5. Set up auto withdrawal giving with our Financial Secretary, LuAnn Van Handel.

**Note:** Vanco Services LLC handles all online giving through the GivePlus+ app and our auto-withdrawal option.





<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
<b>27 June</b> 8:00 a.m. Praise Practice 8:45 a.m. <b>Worship</b> 10:15 a.m. GCC Worship	28 June 6:00 p.m. Finance 4-10 p.m. Video Game group <u>COTS</u> Meal Ministry	29 June 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	30 June 1:30 pm Bible Study	1 July	2 <b>Office Closed</b>	3 National Compliment Your Mirror Day
<b>4 Communion</b> 8:00 a.m. Praise Practice 8:45 a.m. <b>Outdoor Worship</b> 10:15 a.m. GCC Worship  	5 <b>Office Closed</b> In observance of Independence Day 4-10 p.m. Video Game group	6 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	7 1:30 pm Bible Study	8	9 <b>Office Closed</b>	10 National Kitten Day
<b>11</b> 8:00 a.m. Praise Practice 8:45 a.m. <b>Worship</b> 10:15 a.m. GCC Worship	12 4-10 p.m. Video Game group	13 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, <u>Mary's Restaurant</u>  6:30pm Praise Team Practice	14	15	16 <b>Office Closed</b>	17 National Toss Away the "Could Haves" and "Should Haves" Day
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<b>18</b> 8:00 a.m. Praise Practice 8:45 a.m. <b>Worship</b> Ed Ramsaroop will be delivering the message 10:15 a.m. GCC Worship  <b>Pastor Ben is on vacation.</b>	19 4-10 p.m. Video Game group 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	20	21 5:30 p.m. Ladies Nite Out, at <u>GingeRootz</u> 6-9 p.m. Embroiderers Guild	22	23 <b>Office Closed</b>	24 National Tell An Old Joke Day
<b>25</b> 8:00 a.m. Praise Practice 8:45 a.m. <b>Worship</b> 10:15 a.m. GCC Worship	26 4-10 p.m. Video Game group 6:00 p.m. Finance	27 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	28	29	30 <b>Office Closed</b> International Day of Friendship	31 <b>Brat Fry for Henderson</b> at Festival Foods on Northland

**Returning in August:** Lunch Bunch (Second Monday of each month.)

## FOX VALLEY CIRCUIT UMC GOLF OUTING 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL – Supporting Senegal Mission

Wednesday August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

High Cliff Golf Course – Sherwood

9 Holes with cart / lunch & prizes

\$ 50 golfer

Contact – Kurt Shook – Emmanuel United Methodist

920 763-3778 or local pastor for info

Turn in reservations by August 18<sup>th</sup>

COME OUT FOR A DAY OF FUN , GOLF , LUNCH & PRIZES



It's that time of year to dust off the clubs and participate in the Senegal Golf Outing at High Cliff Golf Course. All skill levels encouraged! Come for a day of golf, lunch, fellowship and prizes.

\$50 covers 9 holes of golf with a cart and lunch. Prizes are given for events on every hole and all proceeds go to Senegal Mission. Door prizes and a silent raffle will be included along with the lunch.

Each church is asked to donate 6 'baskets' for the golfer prizes.

See below for more details. For additional questions, contact Kurt Shook, 920-763-3448.

## SENEGAL MISSION CHARITY GOLF- August 25<sup>th</sup> , 2021

As part of the Fox Valley Circuits Mission , we will hold our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Senegal Golf Charity Outing at High Cliff Golf Course in Sherwood on August 25<sup>th</sup> , from 8:30-2:00 PM for the 9 hole golf outing.

Last year we had 54 golfers and raised over \$5000.00 for our Senegal Mission and to honor the work of Gwen and Bill Gibson from Appleton Emmanuel, who worked there for 4 years.

To make this event happen we need your help !

FIRST , recruit golfers ! We hope to have one team from each of our 9 churches. We can field multiple foursomes and join people together from various churches to complete foursomes. So recruit as many as you can for golf outing

SECOND, We ask that all golfers try to raise \$250 for the cause. At Neenah First it worked well to have a table in the Narthax with the recruitment letters and people of the congregation gave money to support their friends. This saved those who are shy about asking and we surpassed the goal for all the golfers.

THIRD, We need prizes for the golfers! We had prizes for the top 3 teams of 9-hole golfers and prizes for everyone that participates ,so everyone goes home with something. We suggest prizes in the \$25.00 range for top prizes and \$10.00 range for general gifts. Tony supplied quarts of maple syrup which were a big hit !

WE ARE ASKING THAT EACH CHURCH BRING 6 PRIZES. You can drop them off at Emmanuel or let us know how many you will be providing and bring them to the outing.

Our purpose is to support the Senegal Mission Initiative of the United Methodist Church. We allocate the money raised among the missionary support and support of the projects in Senegal. This includes the pastor/church support, Women's Skill Center, Wellness Program, Prison Ministry and Agriculture.

So, as a member church of the Fox Valley Circuit , please help support our charity golf event by recruiting golfers, helping them raise sponsorships ( \$250 golfer ) and joining in the fun !

Kurt Shook  
Senegal Partnership Coordinator  
Emmanuel United Methodist Church