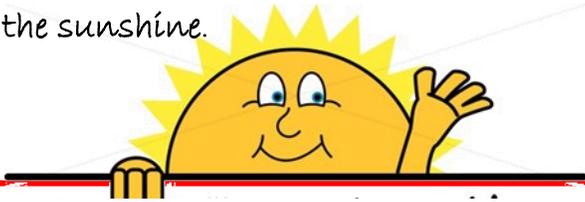


ST. JAMES WEEKLY E-NEWS

Be the sunshine.



The week of July 21 to July 27, 2021

Announcements

Ladies Nite Out has been changed to **TODAY**, Wednesday July 21st, **at 5:30 pm**, for July only, due to GingeRootz not being open on Mondays.

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



Thank you to LuAnn VanHandel and her grandson, Conner, for all their work spreading mulch on the cross garden.

Thank you to Rich Stewart for spreading the mulch around the entrance sign.

Thank you to Ed Ramsaroop for presenting the message this past Sunday.

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

This Sunday's Laity Team

UsherCarol Carlson
ReaderMary Thomas
Counters.....Deb Ebben & Gary Linstad
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 **umcsi.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@umcsi.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.

If you would like to make an online contribution to St. James, you can do so by clicking on this link, **online giving**.

Upcoming Events (see a full calendar on page 4)

July 21	Ladies Nite Out 5:30 pm .
July 21	Embroiderer's Guild 6-9 pm
July 26	Finance Committee 6 pm
July 26	Video Game Group 4-10 pm
July 31	Brat Fry for Henderson, see page 3.
Aug. 2	COTS meal delivery



A Mission Opportunity for St. James

The COTS (**C**ommunity **O**utreach **I**nternational **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 4)

A familiar refrain in The United Methodist Church is that our apportionment costs are too high and prohibitive, therefore, we can't afford them. Couldn't we do more if we kept the money ourselves and spent it closer to home? I hope that through reading the other articles, you realize that the answer is no.

In addition, every year the finance committee puts together a budget which is brought before the administrative council and the charge conference. That budget, which is voted on for approval, always includes paying our apportionments in full. It is not, ever presented as an optional expense.

Consider this, let's say a person puts one dollar in the collection plate on a Sunday morning. What actually happens to that dollar; how much goes to pay apportionments, and how much gets used locally?

First, eighty-four cents (\$.84) of every dollar stays right in the church where it is given. For the average United Methodist church, half of that amount pays salaries and benefits, a fourth pays insurance, building, and maintenance costs, 15% covers programs, equipment, and ministry expenses, 7% goes to material costs, and 3% goes to missions. If apportionments stayed in the local church, there is little evidence that it would be spent on missions.

Of the remaining sixteen cents (\$.16), approximately 80% (\$.13) stays in the annual conference - paying for conference programs and staff, district superintendents, and specialized missions and ministries. Two cents (\$.02) goes to general church apportionments, and a penny (\$.01) goes to Advance Specials, Special Sunday offerings, and other miscellaneous funds.

Too often people misunderstand where apportionment money goes. But, as you can see, the vast majority of apportioned funds stay within the annual conference where the local church is located. For all those who feel we could do a better job with our mission giving if we spent it locally, well, good news! We do. Conference apportionments pay the salaries of the men and women who organize, develop and promote a plan for living our mission and performing our ministry. We offer to the local church and each community, ministries, programs and projects that individual congregations cannot manage alone. Conference camps and retreat programs, campus ministries, mission projects, new congregational development, social justice opportunities, celebration events, archive and history preservation, and a host of other services are paid for by all of our local churches to benefit everyone. Health and welfare ministries that offer healing, counseling, safety, training & education, assisted living, disaster relief, food and clothing receive critically important support. When we don't give, they suffer - and the people they serve suffer most.

In Wisconsin, our apportionments fund fifteen health and welfare ministries. We fund two camps and dozens of camp programs. We help fund nine campus ministries many are life-changing. We support ministries that fight domestic violence, racism, sexism, economic injustice, alcoholism, gambling, drug abuse, educational inequality and bullying. We train laity and clergy leadership for ministry, as well as church planters, social workers, cross cultural and multicultural leaders, and chaplains. We support efforts to combat hunger, homelessness, mental illness, and violence. We champion and support efforts to defend the elderly, the disabled and challenged, the marginalized, and the oppressed. We educate and advocate for immigration justice, the elimination of institutional racism and sexism, and community organizing. Through our apportionment giving, the state of Wisconsin is transformed in meaningful and positive ways.

Each of the ministries we provide and support translates to pennies a day per member. Over eight hundred ministries are supported locally, conference-wide, nation-wide, and globally through United Methodist giving. The cost per member per week to fully fund our apportionments is about \$1.80. (This figure assumes that every 'member' faithfully participates in the ministries of this church with their gifts, as well as their prayers, presence, service and witness.)

Think about it, for about what a cup of coffee, or a snack at Kwik Trip costs, each of us can support more than eight hundred expressions of Christian love, mercy, kindness, justice and compassion. This is what being a member of The United Methodist Church is about. This is who we are; kind, compassionate, mercy filled, loving Christians. Why would we not want to support making sure our apportionments are paid in full?

More to come next week.

Deb Kraemer, Finance Chair.

(Portions of these articles will draw on material provided by the Wisconsin Annual Conference.)

Birthdays this week

None this week

Anniversaries

7/21 Gary & Diane Linstad (48y)



Website: UMCSJ.ORG

Email: office@umcsj.org

Like us on [Facebook](#)

Here is another fun video from "Chuck Knows Church"

The [Narthex](#)

(Just click on the link) 

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 both Marshall and Bonnie Behling who are recovering from possible food poisoning.
- Continued prayers for all who are affected by the wild fires out west.
- Joys for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. May you find a special way to celebrate.
- Prayers for those silently going through some tough issues.

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.
- For those in the 'sandwich' generation and the challenges that can occur.
- Continued prayers for all those who are going through various health issues.
- For the United Methodist Church and it's leadership.

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

God answers prayers for those who faithfully wait upon the answer and are alert to hearing it.

When God places something upon your heart, it could be the answer to someone's prayer. So, be mindful not to ignore those nudges, it could be God using your talents to further His kingdom.

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/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.



JULY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 June 8:00 a.m. Praise Practice 8:45 a.m. Worship 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 Office Closed	3 National Compliment Your Mirror Day
4 Communion 8:00 a.m. Praise Practice 8:45 a.m. Outdoor Worship 10:15 a.m. GCC Worship 	5 Office Closed 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 Office Closed	10 National Kitten Day
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Pastor Ben is on vacation this week.						
18 8:00 a.m. Praise Practice 8:45 a.m. Worship Ed Ramsaroop will be delivering the message 10:15 a.m. GCC Worship Pastor Ben is on vacation.	19 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 Office Closed	24 National Tell An Old Joke Day
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FOX VALLEY CIRCUIT UMC GOLF OUTING 9th ANNUAL – Supporting Senegal Mission

Wednesday August 25th, 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 18th

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 25th , 2021

As part of the Fox Valley Circuits Mission , we will hold our 9th Annual Senegal Golf Charity Outing at High Cliff Golf Course in Sherwood on August 25th , 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