

# ST. JAMES WEEKLY E-NEWS

*The week of June 23 to June 29, 2021*



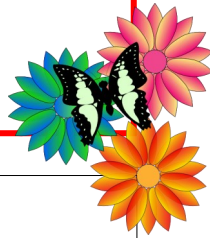
## Announcements

Things are picking up at St. James! See page 3 for the Calendar of Events.

The Golf Outing to support Senegal is set for August 25th. More details can be found on page 4.

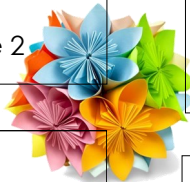
If you have generously donated baked goods to the rummage sale, please pick up your dishes from the kitchen.

The office will be closed on July 5, in observance of Independence day.



## Upcoming Events

June 27	Trustee meeting after worship
June 28	Finance Committee, 6pm, in-person
June 28	Gaming Event 4-10pm
July 4	Outdoor worship with Communion 8:45am
July 5	Office Closed Gaming Event 4-10pm
July 12	Gaming Event 4-10pm
July 13	Men's Breakfast, Mary Place
July 21	Ladies Nite Out 6pm. (Changed to Wednesday for July only.) Gaming Event 4-10pm
July 21	Embroiderer's Guild 6-9
July 26	Gaming Event 4-10pm
July 31	Brat Fry for Henderson, see page 2



Thank you to Gary Linstad for assisting with a plumbing issue at the parsonage. He was able to solve the problem without having to contact a professional.

Thank you to Chris Bahr for being here when Fox Valley Thrift picked up left over rummage and to Chris B. and Ben High for assisting when Habitat Restore came to pick up what remained.

Nancy VDO would like to extend a BIG thank you to LuAnn Van Handel for all her help with the gardens.

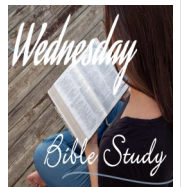
Thank you to all the un-named, who share of their time and talents being the hands and feet of Christ for the ministries at St. James and beyond.

## This Sunday's Laity Team

**Usher** .....Lois Bodam  
**Reader** ..... Kay Christenson  
**Counters**..... Deb Ebben & Nancy VDO  
**Sound & Projection**..... Bill Kraemer

## A Bible Study & Sermon Series

Pastor Ben is leading a 6-week, in-person, study on the Book of Job on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. This will go with the Job sermon series. You are welcome to attend even if you miss a week.



## Worship Information

Worship is at 8:45 a.m. We also post a version of our service on [Facebook](#) and our website [umcsi.org](#).

Outdoor worship services with communion are planned for the first Sundays throughout summer. Our next outdoor worship service will be July 4. This will give those who are not yet comfortable coming inside a chance to share communion with us. For those services, please bring a lawn chair.

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](mailto: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.

## Protocols For In-person Worship

1. If you are fully vaccinated, you may attend worship without using a mask. If you wish to continue to wear a mask, that is okay too. Based on the CDC guidelines that are being followed by the Annual Conference, and the City of Appleton, for your own safety, if you are not vaccinated you should continue to wear a mask.
2. If you are fully vaccinated, you may sit together, but feel free to physically distance from each other if that makes you more comfortable, we have plenty of room. For now, the ropes in the pews will remain.
3. Continue 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](#).

## Birthdays this week

6/26 Mary Thomas

## Anniversaries

6/23 Bill & Deb Kraemer (41y)

6/25 Ben Morris and Ann Pleiss Morris (16y)

6/28 Todd & Margie Trueblood (35y)



## *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 Chris Bahr's niece, whose 2-year-old daughter, Amira, has been diagnosed with leukemia, and prayers for Amira's parents Brianna and Jordan.
- 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 *all* the essential workers.
- 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 leaders.

*Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.  
"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12*

**We continue to offer free Daily Bread Devotionals.**

Found at the Connection Center in the narthex.

**Website: [UMCSJ.ORG](http://UMCSJ.ORG)**

**Email: [office@umcsj.org](mailto:office@umcsj.org)**

**Like us on [Facebook](#)**



## **St. Joe's Food Pantry**

Click on the graphic for a 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. On June 2nd Paul dropped off 105 lbs of donations from St. James. 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 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 **fundraiser 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 <a href="#">COTS</a> Meal Ministry	29 June 6:30pm Praise Team Practice	30 June 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 Bible Study	8	9 <b>Office Closed</b>	10 National Kitten Day
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<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