

ST. JAMES WEEKLY E-NEWS

The week of June 9 to June 15, 2021

Announcements

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.

Reminder: Please wear your nametags on Sunday morning. They can be found in your member mailbox.

Upcoming Events

June 9	In-person Bible study begins, 1:30pm
June 11-12	Rummage Sale, <i>help needed</i>
June 13	Serving Bag Lunch at Salvation Army from 10:45 –12:30.
June 14	Gaming group, 4-11pm
June 16	Embroiderer's Guild, 6-9pm
June 17	Final In-Gathering items collected (see page 4)
June 18-19	Annual Conference, <i>virtually</i>
June 21	Ladies Nite Out, 5:30 pm, GingeRootz

Worship Information

Worship is at 8:45 a.m. See page 2 for an update on the our Covid 19 protocols. We also post a version of our service on [Facebook](#) and our website umcsj.org.

Outdoor worship services with communion are planned 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.

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

This Sunday's Laity Team

UsherBonnie Budreau
Reader Cal Christenson
Counters..... Tom Schemm & Chris Bahr
Sound & Projection..... LuAnn Van Handel

For **updated protocols** to In-person Worship see page 2.



THE ALL CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE JUNE 11 & 12

Please help where you are able.

- ◆ Please have all donations of **baked goods** to the church by Thursday. Call or text Wendy Lind if you have questions, 920-810-3449.
- ◆ We will need help taking things down **after the sale, on June 12**. All help is much appreciated.
- ◆ You can continue bringing your rummage items through Thursday.
- ◆ We need **helpers** for both days, call or text Chris Bahr if you can assist, 920-850-5068.



Thank you those who helped with initial set-up of tables and goods for the rummage sale. Bahrs, Wendy, Lil & Ali Lind, Prices, LuAnn and others.

Thank you to Gary and Diane Linstad for organizing the June brat fry fundraiser for Henderson. \$847.73 was raised. The next brat fry for this event is July 31.

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.

Thank you to Paul Countney for delivering the St. Paul's pantry items.

Thank you to Rick Bahr for being the designated mower for the month of June.

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 New Bible Study & Sermon Series

Beginning today, Pastor Ben will be leading a 6-week study on the Book of Job on Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. This will go with the Job sermon series.

We will meet in-person for the study. You will need a Bible. When possible, we will meet outside, so you may need a lawn chair.



Unvaccinated People	Example Activities	Fully Vaccinated People
 Least Safe	Attend a full-capacity worship service	 Safest
 Least Safe	Sing in an indoor chorus	 Safest
 Least Safe	Eat at an indoor restaurant or bar	 Safest
 Safest	Walk, run, wheelchair roll, or bike outdoors with members of your household	 Safest
 Safest	Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends	 Safest
 Safest	Attend a small, outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated people, particularly in areas of substantial to high transmission	 Safest
 Less Safe	Dine at an outdoor restaurant with friends from multiple households	 Safest
 Least Safe	Attend a crowded, outdoor event, like a live performance, parade, or sports event	 Safest

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS: 9 A.M.–1:30 P.M., MONDAY –THURSDAY

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Email: office@umcsj.org
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TO MASK OR NOT TO MASK

On Monday June 7th Administrative Council met to discuss whether or not we should continue to wear masks in worship.

The Conference recommends that the CDC guidelines be followed, and because conditions vary from community to community, they recommend that if the community has stronger guidelines than the CDC, that those be followed.

Our Community recommends that we follow the CDC guidelines and strongly believes that the vaccines are working. Except for public transportation, the city dropped the mask mandate and will be discontinuing all zoom meetings.

CDC guidelines. The chart on the left is a partial list of where masks are still needed for those not vaccinated. For a full list and more information, click on this link, [CDC](#).

Given the above information and the fact that we have been hearing from many of you about when we will not be requiring masks any longer, we have decided that beginning this week, masks will no longer be **required** for those who are fully vaccinated. You may still wear them if this is something you choose to do.

We suggest unvaccinated people continue to mask for their own safety.

In-person Worship

New protocols...

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. 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

6/9 Dave Ebben 6/12 Bill Kunz
6/12 Sierra Gyron 6/15 Kurry Van Linn

Anniversaries

6/15 Mark & Shannon Melius (25y)



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.
- 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 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 its leadership.
- For all who serve or have served in the military and other civil service areas.

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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

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.

We continue to offer Daily Bread Devotionals.

Found at the Connection Center in the narthex.

Congratulations to Hunter Price, who is graduating from Appleton North High School. Hunter currently plans to enter the work force after graduation.



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. 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 920-740-2330 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."

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 at St. James before June 17th.

Just a few weeks remain to make In Gathering donations.

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

Open: Saturday 8:00 – noon. Please call to confirm your drop off time.

“Do all the good you can.
By all the means you can.
In all the ways you can.
In all the places you can.
At all the times you can.
To all the people you can.
As long as ever you can.

~John Wesley~