

ST. JAMES WEEKLY E-NEWS

March 24, 2021



HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Palm Sunday Worship 8:45am in-person.
(An online version will also be available.)

Maundy Thursday Drive-in Worship at Emmanuel
6:30pm with Communion

Good Friday Online Worship offered by St. James
Praise Team and a "Seven Words Walkthrough"
near the St James parking lot begins at noon.

Easter Sunday Worship 8:45am in-person.
(An online version will also be available.)

We are looking for two ushers for Easter Sunday service. Ushers will take a head count, and direct the congregation where to find bulletins, offering plates and seating when needed.

Worship Announcements

We begin our **in-person worship starting this Sunday!** You will also find a version of the worship service on our **Facebook** page, and posted to the website at **umcsi.org**.

Bulletins will no longer be emailed, or posted on the website, but will be available at in-person worship.

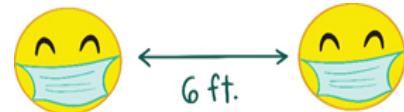
If you would like to make an online contribution to St. James, you can do so by clicking on this link, **online giving**.

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

We begin worshipping in-person on Sunday!

Reminder, here are the basic protocols...

1. You are required to properly wear a face mask over your mouth and nose.
2. Physically distance from each other.
3. Bulletins and offering plates will be on tables at the back of the sanctuary to minimize contact with one another. You can pick up a bulletin and make an offering at the same time.
4. There are roped off designated seating spaces ready to help with distancing in the pews. Ushers can assist in leading you to a seat if needed. We ask that you begin by filling the seats farthest from the door. In this way those who come after you will not have to pass you to get to their seat.
5. The service will continue to be about the length it has been on-line in order to minimize exposure to one another.
6. Please observe proper hand washing etc.
7. Please wear your name tags. This will help Pastor Ben to get to know us faster. We did not have this luxury when we worshipped outside.
8. Please do not attend if you are not feeling well. We will continue to provide some form of the pre-recorded online service moving forward.



March Birthdays this week

- 3/24 Melissa Van Linn
- 3/30 Diane Linstad
- 3/30 Brian Genke



Thank you to LuAnn Van Handel for doing such a thorough cleaning of the sanctuary in preparation for our first service in the sanctuary in over a year.

Thank you to Tom Graf for making some wood stakes to aid our Good Friday worship.

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.

A 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**.

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. When possible, notification by noon on Thursdays allows us to mention your prayers in worship should you choose to have them shared.

- 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 healing for Carol Carlson who is recovering from cataract surgery. She had her second eye done on March 16th.
- Prayers for John and Wendy Lind's brother-in law, Steve, who was diagnosed with melanoma bone cancer.
- Answered prayers for Diane DeGrand, who is healing well after her 2nd cataract surgery.
- Continued prayers for Rachel, Goddaughter to Chris Bahr, who is in heart failure at the age of 41.
- Continued prayers for our nation. There is much work to be done.
- Continued prayers for *all* the essential workers.
- Continued prayers for our church family.
- Continued prayers for all our shut-ins.
- Joys for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. May you find a special way to celebrate.

Ongoing intercessory prayer ...

- For those in the 'sandwich' generation and the challenges that can occur.

Lord, hear our prayers. Amen.

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

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 see Tom Graf or Gary Linstad.

We also need funds to finance the repairs we will do at Henderson. **To help** with this, we will have a brat fry **fundraiser at Festival Foods** on Northland on **June 5th**. Help is needed from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Again, contact Tom or Gary if you can help.

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."

For more on Henderson, go to:
<http://hendersonsettlement.com/>

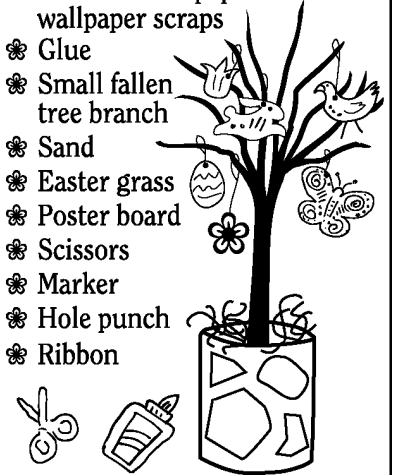
FOR THE KIDS

Make a SPRING TREE

Celebrate the season by creating a one of a kind spring tree.

What you need:

- ✿ Container (such as an empty coffee can)
- ✿ Construction paper or wallpaper scraps
- ✿ Glue
- ✿ Small fallen tree branch
- ✿ Sand
- ✿ Easter grass
- ✿ Poster board
- ✿ Scissors
- ✿ Marker
- ✿ Hole punch
- ✿ Ribbon



How to make it:

1. Use the container as a base. Decorate it by gluing construction paper or wallpaper scraps to it.
2. Place the fallen tree branch in the container and pour sand around it.
3. Place Easter grass on top of the sand.
4. Cut out of the poster board shapes that remind you of spring (eggs, rabbits, birds, butterflies, flowers, etc.). Use the marker to add details.
5. Punch a hole in each shape. Use ribbon to tie the shapes to the branches.

The All Church Rummage Sale

June 11 & 12

You may begin bringing items for the rummage sale.

For now, you may put things in the game room.

Our 1st Quarter Mission Offering

(January to March)

goes to **UMCOR**

United Methodist Committee on Relief

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 before June 17th, so they may be delivered to a central drop-off area. This will come before we know it. In this time of Covid-19 we are shopping less often, thus the reason for promoting early.

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
in 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.