

ST. JAMES WEEKLY E-NEWS

November 4, 2020

A Note from Pastor Ben...

There are scammers in our area that try take advantage of churches and pastors through email and text messages, asking for a favor or money. *Pastor Ben will never ask for things of that nature.* The best way to deal with them, is to delete them immediately. If you ever have a question that Pastor is trying to contact you, either email wisconsinpastorben@gmail.com, or call him directly at 920-252-9822, or contact the church office at office@umcsj.org or 920-734-5371.

Worship Announcements

Sunday worship this week will be found on our [Facebook](#) page, and posted to the website at umcsj.org on Sunday, and will remain there until Thursday morning each week.

Reminder: Any blue underlined words are a link that will take you directly to the site being referenced. All you need to do is click on the blue underlined word.

For your convenience bulletins are now posted on the website home-page on Thursdays as well as emailed.

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

THANK YOU

To Nancy Von Der Osten and Lois Bodam for ushering this past Sunday at the parking lot service.

To Nancy Von Der Osten for assisting with the stewardship mailing.

To all who share of their time and talents being the hands and feet of Christ for the ministries at St. James and beyond.

Pastor Ben's Contact Information

Pastor Ben's office hours are flexible, so please call or email for an appointment at 734-5371, wisconsinpastorben@gmail.com

If you are in immediate need of pastoral care, please call Pastor Ben directly @ 920-252-9822

(Please note: Deb's office hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m., M - Th. Phone messages left on the office voicemail after 1 p.m. on Thursday are not answered until after 9 a.m. on Monday. Thank you.



Love in action.

Other Announcements

Reminder: Please check out our [Facebook](#) page for weekly Sunday school lessons.

Notice: Charge Conference this year will be done virtually in conjunction with Emmanuel UMC on Tuesday, December 8th at 6pm.

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



Our 4th Quarter Mission Offering

(October to December)

goes to **Salvation Army**

Remember, the first \$100 will be matched by Ken's Sports

(see "'un' Fair" fundraiser article for details)



A New Mission Opportunity for St James

COTS, located in Appleton, is a transitional shelter for men. COTS is looking for volunteers to help provide, prepare, and drop off meals for 20-40 men. These meals are especially needed for the months of November & December. You may choose to schedule a meal prep, which you can do in your own home, for a Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

There is no person to person contact with this ministry. After you prepare the meal you drop it off, and they take care of serving the meal and clean-up.

They also have a wish list which you can view on their website.

Contact Pastor Ben if you have questions.

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](#). The link goes directly to Pastor Ben. If you let us know by noon on Thursdays, we will be able to mention it in worship.

- For all the prayers shared with God on your personal journey each day.
- Prayers for a peaceful election.
- To the family of Duane Maves who passed away on November 1st. [Obituary](#)
- Prayers for strength for Diane Ebert's family. Diane's sister, Jeanette Gugler, passed away after a long battle with cancer.
- Prayers for Sherry King and the Tyler & Darcie Lind family, who all have COVID 19.
- Continued prayers for the essential workers and all who work in the medical and social services field.
- Prayers for all our shut-ins.
- Continued prayer for Martina Olson's husband, Bob. He is currently at Manor Care.
- Continued prayers for our teachers, students, and families, as they find ways to safely and effectively hold classes.
- Continued prayers for all who are affected by the storms & fires throughout the country.
- Continued prayers for a smart, safe and humble understanding of the new normal. May we all be aware that wearing a mask in public is to protect the vulnerable around us. It is the compassionate thing for everyone to do.
- Continued prayers for all in our church family.

Ongoing intercessory prayer ...

- Joys for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week. May you find a special way to celebrate.
- Continued prayers for this nation and the world.
- Continued prayers for all those who are going through various health issues.
- Prayers for national unity, for things that are both seen and unseen. May there be positive change and true awareness.
- 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*

Birthdays

11/04 Lois Bodam
11/10 Nathaniel Miller



Anniversaries

11/04 Lee & Marianne Baehman (48)
11/08 Miles & Lonnie Milbach (34)



St. Joe's Food Pantry

For the most up to date list for St Joe's needs, click on the logo. Some needs have changed.

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.

We ask that you consider watching the grocery store ads, and donate as you are able. The needs of the pantry are great.

St Joe's is very thankful and appreciative to St James for all donations. Keep up the good work!!

Help others by donating. St Joe's clients are very appreciative. Thank you.

There are now 5 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 by clicking on: umcsi.org
4. Give on your phone through the Give Plus+ App. Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus+ Church" to download for FREE. You can also find St. James on the Give Plus+ App on your smartphone or tablet! Search by our zip code (54911) and we are the 2nd church listed!
5. Set up auto withdrawal giving with LuAnn Van Handel.



Note: The same company that handles our auto withdrawals, also does the online giving.

2020's ('UN'-FAIR) HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

As the Covid 19 numbers are increasing, like most events for 2020, the St James Holiday Fair & Craft Sale is not to be, so we have come up with an 'un'-Fair (as in, not a fair). No cookies, venders or crafts. (O my!) Instead we have put our head's together to come up with an '**un'-Fair Holiday Fundraiser**. This will involve three parts. An attempt will be made to explain below...

Part One... Soups!

We thought, what is always popular in winter? Soup of course!

So we have gathered some of the best soup makers at St James and we will be selling 3 different soups in 2 different quantities. You may pre-order your soup request beginning October 1st. Feel free to share this with your friends too, perhaps they would also like some delicious soup on a cold day. Soups are to be picked up on Saturday, December 5th between the hours of 9 and noon. The other information you need is listed on the order form below. Feel free to duplicate as needed.

(Contact the church office if you need more forms.)

Soup Pre-Order Slips by Quart or Pint

Quarts are \$10, Pints are \$5 (deadline to pre-order is Mon., Nov. 30th)

(You may pay when you order, or upon pick-up between 9am & noon on Sat., Dec. 5th.)

Your Name _____

Circle type of soup: **Chili (with noodles / without noodles)**

Number of jars ___ quart(s) OR ___ pint(s)

Cheesy potato w/ham and veggies

Number of jars ___ quart(s) OR ___ pint(s)

Chicken Booyah

Number of jars ___ quart(s) OR ___ pint(s)



Part Two... Salvation Army.

Each year the mission committee chooses Salvation Army to raise funds for, as the 4th quarter local mission. Also, a few years back we began implementing Salvation Army ringers to greet our Holiday Fair shoppers. We will combine these efforts this year. Once again Ken's Sports will do a donation match up to \$100 for the Salvation Army. So the first \$100 for the Salvation Army will be doubled, thanks to Ken's Sports. Although the bells won't be ringing this year, the spirit of bells will be present. 🎅🦌🧝🧑🦃



Part Three... 'un'-Fair Fundraising.

This one is a tricky one to explain. Remember when there used to be church salad luncheon fundraisers? After a while some churches thought members might be willing to just give a donation instead of using their funds to buy ingredients, labor over making all those salads and breads, and then turning around and buying that which they made. That is the idea here. Since we will not be making and donating all those wonderful cookies, buns, and crafts, we thought you may want to donate the \$ you would have spent making, buying, and time selling them to the 'un'-Fair Fundraiser.

To help with the Salvation Army and 'fair' donations, there will be an envelope addressed to St. James that will be mailed to you along with your quarterly giving statement. You may use this envelope to make your donations to the 'un'-Fair fundraiser and/or the Salvation Army. Just mark in your memo line how much you want to go for each.

Although you are invited to ask friends to purchase jars of soup, there will be no outside advertising for this fundraising event. Contact Wendy Lind @ 920-810-3449 with questions.