

# ST. JAMES WEEKLY E-NEWS

October 14, 2020

## Announcements

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Drop pastor Ben a note to let him how much you appreciate all he does.

We heard from a significant number of you since the Administrative Council meeting, that you would not be comfortable with an indoor worship at this time. Sighting the significant rise in the Covid 19 infection rate in the Fox Valley as the basis. For this reason, the sanctuary preparation committee decided to continue preparing, but to wait on the start date for indoor worship. We are working out the details between Pastor Ben and the Praise Team to give you the best worship experience we are able to do. Thank you for understanding that we have your safety in mind.

THANK YOU

Marshall and Bonnie Behling would like to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness and prayers on the passing of Marshall's father, Lester.

To Kay & Charlie, Bill & Deb for cleaning the mics, and the mic & music stands and staging the worship area for our online services beginning this week.

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



## 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](#).



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## Worship Announcements

Beginning this Sunday, worship will temporarily move to online. Sunday worship will be posted on both our [Facebook](#) page, and the website at [umcsi.org](#) on Sunday morning.

Bulletins are now posted on the website homepage on Thursdays. I will also mail them out our members.

We are hoping to celebrate communion via a parking lot worship service on November 1st. You will need to tune your car radios to FM 88.3.

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



## 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" Holiday Fair article for details)



← **CROP WALK donations are being taken.**

To learn more about the virtual CROP HUNGER WALK, click on this graphic.

**Checks can be made payable to "St James," please mark in the memo line, "CROP WALK."**

## 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](mailto: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.)

## 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.

- For all the prayers shared with God on your personal journey each day.
- Prayers for the essential workers.
- Prayers for Marshall Behling and family at the loss of Marshall's father, Lester.
- Continued prayer for Martina Olson's husband, Bob.
- Continued prayers for Duane Maves.
- Prayers for all our shut-ins.
- Prayers for families and individuals who are affected by COVID 19.
- Continued prayers for Charlie Christenson's sister, Anne, who fell and broke her hip. Pray for healing.
- Continued prayers for our teachers, students, and parents as they find ways to safely hold classes.
- Continued prayers for all affected by the storms throughout the country, and the fires out west.
- Continued prayers for Al Pellett's son, Dale.
- 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 those in the 'sandwich' generation and the challenges it can pose. Especially now.
- 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

10/20 Shane Bahr



## Anniversaries

10/17 Paul & Deb Countney (34)

10/20 Wayne & Diane DeGrand (47)



### 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](http://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)**  
**(orders can be paid for upon pick-up between 9am and 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.

# St James UMC 3rd qtr 2020 Income VS expense

	2020		2019		2018		2017	
	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted	Actual	Budgeted
Income +	72,247.62**	61,348.00	68,463.32	67,869.00	67,279.78	75,593.00	88,566.80	97,857.00
Salaries -	37,580.03	40,185.00	48,016.58	49,212.00	46,046.66	46,710.00	69,022.53	72,459.00
Other exp -	19,164.69	23,484.00	22,602.22	22,752.00	21,585.24	24,345.00	25,696.58	48,546.00
Actual gain (loss)	15,502.90**		-2,155.48		-352.12		-6,152.31	

\*\* income includes \$11,800 Grant

## Learning from Autumn Leaves

Every fall, I marvel at the beautiful leaves, studying the intricate shapes and God's creative, colorful displays. Despite its deterioration, the foliage reveals splendor - mere months after bursting out in spring and providing summer shade.

I often think I'm like an autumn leaf. Through many seasons, God has transformed me from a self-absorbed person to one who trusts his steadfast promises. Winter is approaching for me too. Yet the Holy Spirit keeps molding me to reflect God's goodness and beauty. During the autumn of my life, I pray that God helps me embrace changing seasons while reflecting his love and light to all.

~ MaryAnn Sundby ~

## Be careful to use your disinfectant chemicals correctly...

Due to the onset of COVID-19 and subsequent guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), organizations are using more chemical cleaners and disinfectants than ever before.

Unfortunately, this has given rise to more accidents including severe chemical burns. As an example, the product used to disinfect playground equipment at one of our insured's daycares was not diluted pursuant with the label instructions prior to application. As a result, several children sustained chemical burns. One child had significant injuries requiring multiple surgeries and treatment in the ICU burn unit.

Here are some guidelines to follow to help reduce your organization's risk of such accidents:

1. Follow manufacturer instructions and Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for proper dilution of chemicals used for cleaning and disinfecting.
2. Wear the recommended personal protection when preparing and using those chemicals.
3. Close or physically monitor treated areas to allow for recommended dry time.
4. Refresh training for maintenance personnel on proper procedures for mixing and applying chemicals.
5. Advise members, parents, guests and visitors about the increased use of cleaners and disinfectants in case of sensitivities.
6. Have a plan in place for emergency procedures and First Aid response. Refresh training for first responders to be able to react to chemical burns quickly and effectively.
7. Store chemicals properly to prevent accidental or unauthorized access by others. Keep flammables in a safe area.

### Our Risk Control experts are here to help

If you have additional questions on the proper use of chemical cleaners and disinfectants or safely cleaning and disinfecting spaces and equipment, call Risk Control Central at (800) 554-2642 (Option 4), Ext. 5213 or visit [churchmutual.com/RCC](http://churchmutual.com/RCC).

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THE GREATER  
GOOD



**St James is no longer a drop-off point, but we can still make our contributions before Annual Conference. All Contributions must be made by 1p.m. October 21st**

## Requirements

- All items must be NEW.
- Kits should contain only the requested items.
- No hand prints, foot prints, paw prints or camouflage on the fabric patterns.

There is a list of kits and patterns for either MMDC and UMCOR. Both are being accepted as everything gets distributed through the Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

**Individual pieces, as well as full kits are being accepted.**

Some sample of projects are listed at the right.

### Here is a partial list of items to donate...

- Bath Hand Towel - No kitchen towels
- Bath Washcloth - No kitchen dishcloths
- Comb - sturdy - No rattail or picks
- Band-Aids - 3/4" x 3"
- Adult Toothbrush - No multipacks
- Toothpaste - 2.5 oz. or larger
- Bar Soap - 3-4 oz.
- Shampoo - 15-18 oz.
- Deodorant - 2-3 oz. - stick, roll on, or pump
- Notebooks - 1 subject spiral 8"x 10 1/2"
- Ruler - 12" long with metric
- Pencils - unsharpened
- Pencil Sharpener
- Pencil Eraser - 2" or larger
- Box 12 Colored Pencils
- Box 24 Crayons
- Pair of Scissors - student
- One handle cloth bag (Instructions on website)

You may get more info by going to: <http://www.midwestmission.org/kits-projects-patterns/midwest-mission>

scroll down the page and click on the link that says, "KITS AND PROJECTS **BROCHURE**"

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.*



MIDWEST MISSION  
DISTRIBUTION CENTER  
midwestmission.org

## Midwest Mission Projects

For more ideas for projects visit: <http://www.midwestmission.org/kits-projects-patterns/midwest-mission>

scroll down this page link for **patterns**)

**Sewn Items:** Layette gowns, kimonos, girl/boy outfits, one handle cloth bags, diapers, quilts and reusable menstrual day and night pads. You can find all the instructions for these online. Some patterns are available online, others you will need to request by contacting Midwest Mission.

**Knitted/Crocheted Sweaters:** Patterns and instructions are available online.

**Plastic Bag Crocheted Sleeping Mats:** Instructions are available online.

**School desks:** Made from reclaimed wood school bleachers and countertops, these school desk are shipped internationally. Please notify Midwest Mission of potential bleacher wood donations.

**Bicycles and Sewing Machines:** are donated and refurbished. Bicycles are sent all over the world and the electrical and treadle sewing machines are sent internationally.