

ST. JAMES WEEKLY E-NEWS

September 23, 2020

Announcements

We are looking for people to be ushers on Sunday mornings. We want to share the load. Specifically for the 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays. All you need to do is hand out bulletins, and if you are comfortable with it, take a head count and write down names of those in attendance.

Worship Announcements

We are planning outdoor worship again for this week at **8:45 am outside**, on the **east side** of the property. This week we will have special guest musicians from Emmanuel UMC.

We ask that you **please bring a lawn chair and your own face mask**. Dress for the temperatures. If it rains unexpectedly, we have the option to do drive-in worship. We just need to tune our car radios to FM 88.3

If the weather is inclement, or you are unable to attend in person, the service will be posted on Sunday, on both our [Facebook](#) page, and at umcsi.org. **We now live stream MOST of our services at 8:45 am.**

Also, 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 VonDerOsten for placing fresh dirt around much of the building edge.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pastor Ben would like to invite some St. James folks to participate in an online Sunday School program from One Room, in conjunction with Emmanuel. The hope is that there would be some familiar faces from each church.

It is mostly online. Emmanuel already has a few videos on their website. Contact Pastor Ben if you interested in helping. Here is a link to check out...

<http://www.emmanuel-umc.org/online-childrens-ministry.html>



pillars

(Formerly Homeless Connections)

SHELTER. SUPPORT. SOLUTIONS.

Help needed! St James helps prepare and serve a meal on the second Saturday of every even numbered month from 4-7 p.m. for the homeless shelter in downtown Appleton. We are in need of people to volunteer to assist with meal prep, serving and clean-up.

If you can assist, or have questions, please contact Ed or Sharon Ramsaroop at 920-277-7165 or the church office.

The next date that we need help is **October 10th**.



CROP WALK will be different this year.

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." You may also use the **BLUE MISSION ENVELOPES** for cash donations, please indicate for "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

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.

St James is a drop-off point for our area of the North East District
October 12th - 23rd, from 9a.m. to 1p.m. Monday to Thursday

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 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.

Time is limited. Start gathering items now!!

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.
- For the essential workers.
- Continued prayers for our teachers, students, and parents as school starts.
- Prayers for all affected by current storms throughout the country, including the Iowa and Louisiana areas and the fires out west.
- Continued prayers for Marshal Behling's father, Lester, and family.
- Prayers for Martina Olson's husband, Bob who was recently hospitalized.
- Continued prayers for Duane Maves.
- Continued prayers for Al Pellet'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. If we all do it, we can help keep the spread down in our community. It is the compassionate thing 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.
- Prayers for national unity, for things that are both seen and unseen. May there be positive change and true awareness.
- Continued prayers for the leaders of this nation and the world, that the safety and unity of all people comes before anything else. We are to love our neighbor, even if we don't share the same beliefs or heritage.
- For those in the 'sandwich' generation and the challenges it can pose. Especially now.
- Continued prayers for all those who are going through various health issues.
- 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

SEPTEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

9/23 Chase Olson
9/25 Cal Christenson
9/26 Bob Thomas
9/27 Marianne Baehman

Anniversaries

9/28 Tom High & Liede Stauffer (23)
9/29 Mark & Diane Ebert (35)



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.