

A photograph of a marble plaque with gold lettering. The text on the plaque reads "EVANGELISCHE ST. JACOBI KIRCHE." in a serif font. Below the text is a decorative flourish consisting of a central diamond shape flanked by two horizontal lines with pointed ends. The plaque is set within a black frame, which is itself within a larger orange frame, all on a dark red background.

EVANGELISCHE
ST. JACOBI
KIRCHE.

Sunday, November 5, 2023
St. James United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor

Rev. William Kesting, Guest Pastor

Randy Sohn, Organist

Cindy Sohn, Choir Director and Accompanist

Mary Ann Vogel, 160th Anniversary Presenter

*"One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts." (Ps 145:4)*

Meditative Music

Bells Ring

Prelude Gathering for Worship:

Hour of Worship

Call to Worship:

("Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.")

L: God has set this day before us,

P: A day set apart, a day of rest and praise.

L: God has set our lives before us,

P: A span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.

L: God has set God's seal upon our hearts,

P: So that we might live fully in deep love.

L: Come, Holy Spirit Come!

P: Let us worship God.

Prayer:

Lord God, you are our strength. Hold our hands in our weakness and teach our hearts to fly. With you, there is nothing to fear, nothing to worry about. Hold us tightly in your embrace, so that we can be stronger than the challenges in our lives. Amen

Hymn:

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[Please Be Seated]

The Little White Church on the Hill

Young at Heart:**St. James Choral Anthem:**

Let the Song of Praise Be Heard

Prayer of Confession:

O Lord, let your Holy Spirit move within us so that when we look around, we see the wonders of your creation. Let no darkness cover our sight and no sadness overwhelm your beauty. Strengthen us that we might set aside any weakness, or attitudes of indifference or destruction. You gave us this world that we would live into it, cherish, and protect it, and receive from its bounty. No longer shall greed and selfishness drive us or be harbored within us. Our love for Christ will drive out any petty desires and bring us into a ministry which proclaims your love and justice for all your people.

Words of Assurance:

We are not alone; we live in God's world. God hears the cries of our hearts, sees our actions, knows our attitudes. In our sinfulness, God reaches out to heal and forgive us. We receive the forgiveness which God has offered so that we may live in God's love. Amen.

Hymn:

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My Country 'Tis of Thee

Scripture Reading:

Joel 1:3 ESV

*Tell your children of it,
and let your children tell their children,
and their children to another generation.*

Message:*160th Anniversary Celebration*

Mary Ann Vogel

Offering:

Offering, tithes and gifts can be made before or after worship in the offering baskets/plates at the welcome area of the church. St. James is also set up to take on-line offerings through the website (stmstjucc.org).

Offertory Music:*Where'er You Walk*

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

God of all generations, as we worship today, we offer our whole selves to you, all that we have and all that we are and all that we will be. Like your saints who have gone before us, we pray that you will help us to be bold in our mission and our witness. May we who have been given so much give freely, ministering in your compassion to the multitudes near and far, so that one day, we may stand amid the multitude that gathers at your heavenly throne. We pray this in the name of our Savior and Redeemer, Christ our Lord. *Amen.* [Rev 7:9-17]

People's Prayer ~ Lord's Prayer:*Rev. William Kesting*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

Hymn:*America the Beautiful*

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Benediction:

As you prepare to cross the threshold from this place and out into the world and as you encounter doorways and thresholds throughout your week, repeat this blessing: *May gratitude abound as I meet God and neighbor in this place. Amen.*

Postlude:*The Joyful Trumpet*

Please join us after worship for refreshments and a time of fellowship to celebrate our church's 160th anniversary!

THE LITTLE WHITE CHURCH ON THE HILL

Wm S. PITTS

Moderately

1. There's a church in the val-ley by the wild-wood, No — love-li - er place in the
2. How sweet on a clear Sab-bath morn-ing, To — list to the clear ring-ing

dale, No — spot is so dear to my child - hood As The
bell; Its — tones so — sweet - ly are call - ing, Oh —

Come to the church in the
Little white Church on the Hill
come to the church on the Hill
Oh, come, come, come, com., come, come, come, come,

valley O come to the church on the Hill
come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come, come, No

spot is so dear to my child-hood As The Lit-tle white church on the Hill.

MY COUNTRY 'TIS OF THEE

Samuel Francis Smith

Attributed to Henry Carey


1. My coun - try 'tis of thee, Sweet land of lib - er - ty,
 2. My na - tive coun - try, thee, Land of the no - ble free,
 3. Let mu - sic swell the breeze, And ring thru all the trees
 4. Our fa - thers' God, to thee, Au - thor of lib - er - ty,

Of thee I sing; Land where my fa - thers died, Land of the
 Thy name I love: I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and
 Sweet free-dom's song; Let mor - tal tongues a - wake; Let all that
 To thee we sing; Long may our land be bright With free-dom's

Pil - grim's pride, From ev - 'ry moun - tain side Let free - dom ring.
 tem - pled hills; My heart with rap - ture thrills Like that a - bove.
 breathe par - take; Let rocks their si - lence break, The sound pro - long.
 ho - ly light; Pro - tect us by Thy might, Great God our King.

Services are recorded and available on our church YouTube channel:

St. Mark's & St. James UCC

Like us on Facebook 

Check out our Website: www.stmstjucc.org

Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: stmstjoffice@gmail.com

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Katharine Lee Bates

Samuel A. Ward

1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, For am - ber waves of grain;
 2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet, Whose stern, im - pas - sioned stress
 3. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - at - ing strife,
 4. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years

For pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain!
 A thor - ough - fare for free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness!
 Who more than self their coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life!
 Thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam Un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed His grace on thee,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine
 A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed His grace on thee,

And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea!
 Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law!
 Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, And ev - 'ry gain di - vine!
 And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea!

Staying Close, Staying Connected

Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

*November 5th – Hank Reimer
6th – Amanda Henschel
7th – Brian Karstedt
9th – Allen Jones
10th – Richard Lutze
11th – Lori Roelse*

ANNIVERSARIES :

*November 6th – James & Bonnie Schuette
7th – Dave & Jackie Mueller*



***REMINDER – PASTORAL ASSESSMENTS ARE DUE TODAY!** There are paper copies of the survey in the back of the church.

FALL STUDY GROUP – Monday, November 6th, 10am/5pm at St. Mark's. Bring your Bible.

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY - Monday, November 6th, 6:30pm

ST. JAMES ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL – Wednesday, November 8th, 6:30pm.

ST. MARK'S CHOIR PRACTICE – Wednesday, November 8th, 7pm.

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY IS MISSION FEST AT ST. MARK'S DURING A JOINT 10:00 SERVICE. There is no Worship Service at St. James (come to St. Mark's) and no Sunday School at either church. A ham/meatball dinner will follow the service.

MISSION TRIP MEETING – Thurs., Nov. 9th, 6:30pm at St. Mark's.

BUNCO – Thursday, Nov. 16th, 6pm at St. James. All ladies welcome!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our joint SMJ Youth, as well as St. Mark’s Sunday School, are collecting items for girls & boys ages 5-9. This month we’re collecting toys.



- Ideas: Ball Toy cars Yo-yo *Etch A Sketch® *Slinky®
- Interactive toy Kaleidoscope Building blocks
- Other small toys and figures Small board games
- Small doll Plastic dinosaurs, animals, and action figures
- *smaller versions of these items



Sunday, November 12, 10:00 a.m.

Mission Fest

St. Mark’s UCC

Ng286 Dairyland Drive, Cleveland

Featuring...

Lisa Key

from Emmaus Homes in St Louis

Dinner to Follow

Proceeds to be used to meet OCWM Goal

\$15 - Adults --- \$5- ages 5-10
Under 5 - Free

Ham ~ Meat Balls ~ Homemade Salads
Parsley Butter Potatoes ~ Rolls ~ Corn
Homemade Desserts



2024 Mission Trip Elliott County, Kentucky

Our Trip will be: July 14-19, 2024

All are welcome!

Mission Trip meeting will be held Thursday,
November 9th, 2023
at 6:30pm at St. Mark’s UCC

To reserve your spot, please bring a \$50 (non-refundable) deposit to the meeting. I have 35 spots held until Nov. 20th (first come, first serve). After that spots are no longer guaranteed, they are dependent then on Next Step Missionaries availability.

Any further questions, please contact
Anna Marie Bramstedt @ 920.698.7656 or jaab93000@tds.net

COME & JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS!

St. James UCC

1st & 3rd Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.

2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.

~Sunday School meets 9-10am at both churches~

St. Mark’s UCC

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2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.