

The Country Church Herald

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PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

June, 2023

June 4th—Strengthen the Church
Special Offering

St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship

St. James: 10:30am Worship

June 11th—

St. James: 9:00am Worship

St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship

June 18th—Father's Day

St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship

St. James: 10:30am Worship

June 25th—

St. James: 9:00am Worship

St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship

Sunday bulletins & links to prayer requests are posted under the 'Messages' link on our church website: <https://www.stmstjucc.org/>

Worship Services are recorded weekly and uploaded to our church YouTube channel: St. Mark's & St. James UCC

Other Special Church Events this Month:

Saturday, June 3rd—Mission Trip Fundraiser Brat Fry 10am- 2pm at Howards Grove Piggly Wiggly



ST. JAMES CONSISTORY

Monday, May 1, 2023 6:30 p.m.

- The meeting was called to order by President Jackie Mueller. Members present were Jason Riesterer – Vice-President, Sheila Hemb – Treasurer, Tammy Serketich – Secretary, Wendy Meyer, Scott Henschel, and Pastor Patrick Schultz.
- Absent: Jamey Binversie
- Prayer led by Pastor
- Motion to approve the Secretary's Report made by Jason and seconded by Sheila
Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Scott and seconded by Wendy.
Motion carried.
- Pastor's Report:
Mission/Vision Committee – Pastor reported 1st session of round table meetings had been held. Jackie and Jason reported approximately 15 people attended St. James meeting and good discussion was held. Next committee meeting will be held Sat 5/6/23. NE district meeting was held in Green Lake, all 53 churches were represented. Pastor stated it was a good meeting, he reconnected with clergy and office staff.
- Building and Grounds:
 1. Weber gravestone/tree roots- The Ash tree next to the Weber gravestone is dying and the roots are raising the stone. Recommendation is to cut the roots. Tree will eventually need to be cut down as well as several other dying Ash trees. Consistory voted to replace trees as needed. Scott knows someone that will give the church a discount.
 2. Oil Church bell – Jason and Austin will take care of oiling if needed.
 3. Check North side of building for mold/power wash – Scott and Jason will inspect and Scott will take care of cleaning if needed. There may also be a piece of trim that needs to be put back up.
 4. Check gutters -Scott will look at the gutters. Some discussion held regarding gutter covers.
 5. Check kitchen supplies; dish soap, bags, bleach etc.- Jackie and Tammy checked supplies. No need to purchase any at this time.
 6. Stove Backsplash – Jason put up the backsplash, it looks great!
THANK YOU, JASON
 7. Parking lot – We decided not to try to repair the cracks ourselves and will re-tar the parking lot. Hopefully, this will give us a few more years before we need to resurface. Jackie will call Behnke & Sons in St. Nazianz for an estimate.
 8. Entry way chairs – Memorial monies, with consent of family have been purchased and are on order. The current chairs will be moved to Pastor's office at St. Marks.
 9. Sunday School room tiles – Jackie has a call into Badger floors to see if they are covered by warranty or if they will fix the loose tiles.
 10. Jason will purchase Alan wrench keys for consistory members.
 11. Elevator – should be "inspected" each month. Will do so at each meeting.

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ST. JAMES CONSISTORY—continued

- Committee Reports:

Vision of Hope: Nothing new to report.

Stewardship Committee: Next meeting will be held beginning of June

Christian Board of Education: Last day of Sunday School is May 14th

Service Committee: - Brat Fry to be held Wed., May 10th. Everything is set.

Audio Visual: Jackie will tape service Sunday; We need to look into portable mics for the United Churchmen and Women's banquet in October. Pastor will do some research.

- Old Business:

Safe Sanctuary helper – We need to move forward with this. Jackie will talk to another member about assisting. Jackie and Jason will meet with Brenda Wednesday to talk about Safe Sanctuary, complete forms and discuss Youth Fellowship

Northeastern Annual Meeting – Meeting was held at St. James. Jennie and Jackie provided bars; Mary Ann brought refreshments. Pastor contacted Lisa Hardt from the WI conference to be the guest speaker. She will talk about the Wise Program and mental health. Meal will be provided by group from Grace church- \$18 per plate. Our church will provide desserts. Next meeting Wed, August 16th at 6:30. Banquet October 19, 6:30

Mission Fest speaker – recommendation Project Angel Hugs, Plymouth. Tammy contacted Project Angel Hugs and director Jessica Jensema will be our guest speaker.

- New Business:

- ◇ Mother's Day Hats- Heidi Belitz would like to post to St. James FB page. FB page was set up in 2010. Pastor will look into who the administrator is. We will look for someone to keep our page current. We voted to again encourage hats at our Mother's Day service. Tammy will contact Karen to put an announcement in our bulletin and possible mail chimp.
- ◇ Bunco fellowship, we will host a Bunco game/fellowship night on Thurs May 18 at 6:00. Will open to St. James and St. Marks ladies. Tammy will contact Karen to put an announcement in our bulletin. Possible corn hole fellowship for men and women next?
- ◇ Adopt a Highway clean up – Jackie will contact Michelle Mauk to set up a date.
- ◇ Communion – discussion held. Congregation will come forward and partake in communion at front of church. Jackie will purchase small waste baskets for each side. Wine cups are gone, we will serve wine and juice, still using the covered cups for bread.

Congregation concerns: None

Next meeting date: Monday, June 5th at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn made by Scott and seconded by Wendy. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tammy Serketich, Secretary

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

May, 4th,2023

The meeting was called to order on May 4th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: Julie Herrmann, Glenn Grunwald, Judy Steinbeck, Linda Schroeder, Ben Grunwald, Janell Davis, Larry Perronne and Pastor Schultz. Pastor led us in prayer.

The Financial Report was read by Judy and reviewed by the consistory. Larry made a motion to accept the report and Linda seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Linda to accept the Secretary's Report and the motion was seconded by Larry. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

The Mission/Vision team has sent out surveys and will be discussing them and getting back to us with the results.

Two round tables have occurred after worship giving the congregation options to discuss the surveys with a few in attendance at both churches.

The confirmands this year are Coltin Sommer, Sierra Bramstaedt and Reid Vandoske. Judy has purchased gifts for each of them. Plans were made for communion.

The Men and Women's banquet will be held on October 19th at 6:30 at St. James. Tickets will be available to purchase. Proceeds will go to scholarships.

Projects:

Larry put in a request for quotes for repairing the bell tower and trim.

Fasse Paint has traffic paint for \$20 per gallon to paint lines on the church parking lot. Rentals are not available for painting the lines but there is a walk behind machine for sale for around \$1,000. Will continue to discuss at next meeting.

Professional carpet cleaning is on hold and Jerry Jetzer did spot cleaning.

Old Business:

The washing machine has been purchased from Bitter Neumann for the parsonage.

Judy contacted Spectrum and had one of the two phone lines deleted that were not needed.

New Business:

We discussed the safe sanctuary policy. Updates will be needed regarding background checks. Events such as VBS, confirmation class, confirmation mentors, and youth group events need two adults at each without a background check. Overnight events such as campouts would need two adults and background checks. Larry will find out how long the background checks take before approval and the process to have them done. The consistory members will oversee getting the background checks done and decide how often they should be done. Also discussed the possibility of the cost of the overnight events to include the cost of the background checks.

Will decide if the Goeke youth fund should be used for payment or include the fee when fundraising. It will be decided if checks will not be cut for the event until the background checks are done. Final details will be confirmed at the next meeting.

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Communion on 5/28/23 will be set up by Linda and Ben before 10:30 service. Julie will get the bread.

There was a suggestion to have Emmaus House located in St. Louis to be our guest speaker for Mission Fest. They are a disability support service that is supported by the U.C.C.

Our next meeting is scheduled for June 1st at 6:30 p.m.

Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Pastor Schultz seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Julie Herrmann

Consistory Secretary

Update on St Mark's Parsonage Loan

We are happy to announce that the parsonage renovation loan is almost paid off. As of the writing of this article, we owe \$1,740.64. Our June 1st payment, should bring it down to approximately \$1,300.00. The St Mark's consistory would like to thank everyone for their generosity over the last five years.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW MORE OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY, MEET OUTSIDE OF CHURCH WALLS, BE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY TO EAT OR JUST SOME SOMETHING TO DRINK?

We have just the opportunity for you! There are two groups that meet every week. Come when you are able!

For the men of our churches, on Wednesday mornings at 8:00, the men meet at Schultz's Restaurant for breakfast and talk about "guy" things. We would love to have you join us—the more we have, the more different topics of conversation can be discussed. Everyone has their own interest; we would love to hear about yours. For more information, contact Jerry Jetzer either at church or his phone number is 920-980-8865.

For the women, men, or couples....on Sunday mornings a group of women (currently) go out for breakfast or lunch on a weekly basis. We might go to Kiel, Plymouth, Sheboygan, Sheboygan Falls, or Howards Grove. We leave right from church following the end of the Worship Service. For more information contact Judy Steinbeck at 920-917-2398.

*Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to the family of Keith Sixel,
member of St. Mark's UCC,
who entered into Eternal Life on May 20th, 2023.*

Keith A. Sixel, age 63, passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 20, 2023, at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay.



He was born in Sheboygan on August 8, 1959, to the late Ralph and Betty (Cogswell) Sixel. He attended and graduated Lightfoot School in 1977. Keith was a farmhand, working at a few farms in his working career, Lakehurst Farms, Dale Clemens Farm, Mark Conrad Farm and Schnelle Farm. He was also employed at Badger Hatchery. Keith was a lifelong member of St. Mark's UCC in the Town of Mosel.

In Keith's younger years he enjoyed snowmobiling. Keith also liked playing cards and bingo, giving those around him a hard time, and heckling them was a favorite of his. He will be missed by all who knew him.



*Our hearts also join with these members of our church family
who are grieving the loss of their loved ones:*

*Julianne Luebke on the death of her sister-in-law Myra Luebke
and to Cindy Klapperich, niece of Myra Luebke on May 13, 2023.*

*Wendy Meyer, Jamie Henschel and Jody Binversie
and their families on the death of their mother Kathy Henschel on May 17th, 2023.*

*Gene & Kathy Kaestner and family on the death of Gene's sister-in-law,
Barb Kaestner, on May 22, 2023*

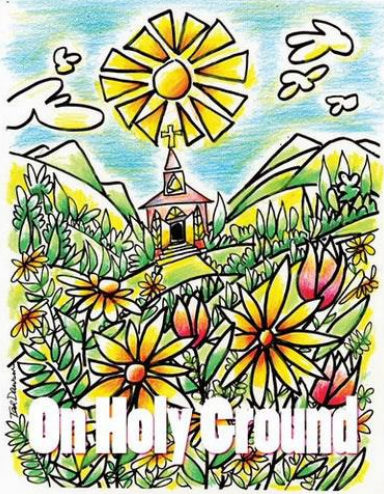
**CONGRATULATIONS TO
MICHAEL BELITZ!**

Michael Belitz graduated with his PhD in Zoology with an emphasis in ecoinformatics using analytic analysis from the University of Florida. Michael has accepted a post-doctoral fellowship with Michigan State University where he will continue his research with butterflies.



Everyone who attended had a great time visiting and playing Bunco. Ladies requested another Bunco night and would love to have more join us! An announcement will be coming soon!

Strengthen the Church – June 4, 2023



June 4 is designated for the Strengthen the Church offering. The funds raised from STC offering support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ. Special envelopes will be available at the entrance of both churches. As always, donations to this program will be accepted throughout the year. Thank you for your generosity.

Sheila Hemb, St James UCC treasurer

Judy Steinbeck, St Mark's UCC financial secretary

A big "Thank You" to everyone who attended our brat fry. The weather was perfect and the team effort by member volunteers giving of their time and talents contributed to a successful event. Thank you to those who attended the planning meeting, put up posters and banners, helped set up on Tuesday night, and the various donations along with a great assortment of delicious desserts. Thank you to everyone who worked in the kitchen, our faithful fryers, the crew that took care of the take out orders and those who did clean up.

We are blessed with a fantastic congregation of hard working people. The profit of \$1,700, will go toward our OCWM commitment.

Mary Ann Vogel, Chairman



THERE'S ROOM FOR ONE MORE!



We have 16 youth & adults going to Cleveland, OH for mission work through Next Step Ministries. The dates are July 16 to 21st, and we have one open spot we are trying to fill. Anyone may go who is 16 or older with written permission from a parent or if 18 and older, no permission form needed!

We're still doing fundraising, although the funds for 17 "missionaries" are covered—except for a \$50.00 payment you would need to make. If you are interested in joining us, or know of someone who is, let me know.

You can contact me via email: shultzpw@gmail.com or my cell phone: 608-352-9544

Thank you!

BRAT FRY

Location: Tietz's Piggly Wiggly
714 S. Wisconsin Drive
Howards Grove, Sheboygan

When: Saturday, June 3, 2023
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Also... **BAKE SALE** - Baked items will be
available for good will offering

St. Marks UCC and **St. James UCC** are raising funds for a
youth mission trip.

Our destination - Cleveland, Ohio through Next Step Ministries.

We will be serving the community by doing yard work, small
construction projects, working at the local food bank, and more.

Help us provide our youth the opportunity to
build new **relationships**, connect with the **community**, and
have an **experience** they will never forget.



Thank You to the choir and those involved, for the bouquet of flowers and gift card presented to me, as I celebrate 50 years of directing the choir at St. Mark's. You know you are of greatest importance! I couldn't do it without all of you!!

Kathy Jurk

We usually meet on the first Sunday of the month, but that is Howards Grove's graduation! We will instead meet Sunday, June 11, at St. Mark's at 5:30. Until I know what the volleyball schedule is, I can not plan an additional meet up at St. James later in June, but that will come to you in an email later!

I'm looking forward to hearing back from Reins, Inc. regarding a service opportunity for us as a group, and perhaps a bicycling adventure is in our near future :)

Happy summer!

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Schultz.



*Looking for a fun way to start your 4th of July weekend?
Come support Sheboygan's own amateur baseball team
while meeting up with area church members!*

**YOU are invited to share in
a local UCC Congregations
evening of fellowship & fun
at the Sheboygan A's
7:30pm game on
Friday, June 30th!**



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THANKFUL THURSDAY: The faith communities at St. Mark's United Church of Christ and St. James United Church of Christ made a special delivery today of cleaning supplies and bedding items. All 13 beds are full at Bridgeway, which means a few more spills and messes, but also more giggles and hugs! We are very grateful for your support! #SCIOcares #SCIOstrong #faithcommunity

This was posted on SCIO's Facebook page!



Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

Bulletin Bites

June 2023

- ⇒ Five families currently call Bridgeway home - 5 moms and 8 children! Please pray for strength and healing for our staff and residents - lots of germs seem to be in our house this season. Bridgeway is in need of twin bed comforters - donations would be greatly appreciated.
- ⇒ Summer Market opening day is Saturday, June 3rd! We are offering EBT again this year and Double Your Bucks up to \$10. We will also hand out Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers again, beginning in June. This year the senior vouchers have increased to \$35. See you at the Market! Every Wednesday and Saturday from 8-1 at Fountain Park, and **NEW LOCATION AND TIME IN PLYMOUTH** - Thursdays from 3-6pm at Riverwalk Center, 515 Mill Street, beginning June 15.
- ⇒ Mission Moment: Our client advocate took a phone call from a woman that was fleeing domestic abuse in Milwaukee. She packed her 7 and 10 year old in the car with a couple of bags of personal belongings and headed north. She was living out of her car and managed to get her kids enrolled in school and take a job transfer. She worked with the client advocate and case manager to discuss her goals and desire for change, and it was determined that this family was ready to work the program. We have a full house looking for stability, accountability, and grace.
- ⇒ It's spring and we are getting ready for fun in the sun. Help protect our families with sunscreen and aloe! We would also appreciate bug spray and anti-itch creams. Our families are looking forward to camping and are currently enjoying our backyard. Bring on the sun!

ST. JAMES USHERS

JUNE

*Mark & Kathy Stolzmann
 Allen & Eunice Stolzmann
 ValJean Marcoe
 Colton Marcoe
 Gavin Marcoe
 Clarence & Heidi Belitz
 Scott Henschel
 Raymond Henschel

JULY

*Pat Kleinhans
 Hannah Kleinhans
 Daniel & Katie Kleinhans
 Dave & Jackie Mueller
 Cheyenne Behnke
 Cody Mueller
 Linda Rozmarynowski
 Dan Sohn



VISION OF HOPE-ST. JAMES

"Application for Funding" forms are available in the narthex, from VISION OF HOPE Committee members, or under "More" on our church website. We welcome specific requests as well as your suggestions for using our semiannual gifts from the Wagner Foundation.

STUDENTS! Use this form for tuition help (currently \$1,000) each year.

ST. MARK'S GREETERS

JUNE

Ben Grunwald
 Jacob Grunwald
 John Grunwald
 Katy Grunwald
 Luke Grunwald
 Todd Grunwald

JULY

Dick Binversie
 Karen Binversie
 Judy Steinbeck

READERS

June 4— Sandy Perronne
 June 11— Scott Siekman
 June 18— Lori Roelse
 June 25— Jacob Grunwald

HOSPITALITY

June 4th — Sandy Perronne
 June 11th — **
 June 18th — Margene Reyer
 June 25th — **

**If you're interested in hosting one of these days, contact the office.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

<u>St. James</u>		<u>St. Mark's</u>	
40	April	30	59
33	May	1	85
64	May	7	70
30	May	14	42

May 28th attendance will be reported in June.

ST JAMES JUNE CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Ashley Lutzke
- 5 Thomas Heckmann
- 6 Johnathon Koenig
- 8 Morgan Henschel
- 9 William Spindler
- 10 Dean Sprenger
- 12 Michael Belitz
- 13 Henry Lutze
- 14 Amanda Wasmer
- 15 David Krause
- 16 David Gumm
Austin Emre Nye
- 17 Kathleen Hickman
- 20 David Lorfeld
- 23 Bradley Mauk
- 24 Camryn Spindler
- 25 Christine Gumm
- 28 Cheyenne Behnke
- 30 Allen Stolzmann

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Dale & Doris Sprenger
- 10 Rick & Donna
Wippermann
- 13 Jamie & Heather
Henschel
- 19 Daniel & Katie
Kleinhans
- 26 Randy & Cindy Sohn
- 28 Steven & Linda
Rozmarynowski

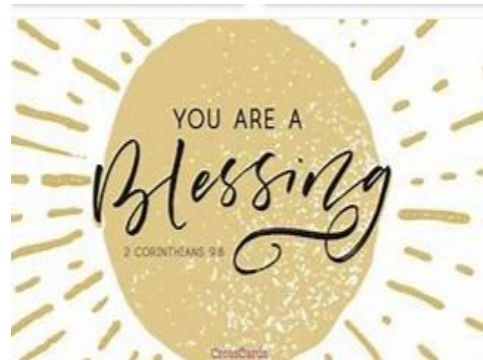
If you or a family member are in need of pastoral care, please contact Pastor Patrick at 920-693-2858 or leave a message on the church's answering machine at: 920-693-8361.

Pastor Patrick has designated Tuesdays & Fridays as his day of Sabbath and his day out of the office. During those two days each week, you may contact him in case of an emergency only at 608-352-9544.

Confidentiality laws make it difficult for pastors to obtain information about anyone in the hospital. If you or a loved one will be in the hospital, please call the church office 920-693-8361 or contact Pastor Patrick at 920-693-2858.

Please report any corrections or additions on the birthday and anniversary lists to Karen in the church office to ensure they are correct in future publications:
stmstjoffice@gmail.com

THANK YOU!



ST MARK'S JUNE CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Janet Schueler
- 4 Tim Miota
- 9 Ray Sixel
- 10 Tara Vandoske
- 11 Mike Summers
- 13 Emma Perronne
- 14 Sheri Kaestner
- 15 Finley Uttech
- 16 Steve Gabsch
- 17 Bruce Mansker
- 18 Michael Marcheske
- 19 Mary Ellen Schnelle
- 23 Daniel Schultz
- 26 Tim Schultz
- 27 Glenn Spindler

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Tim & Angel DeBlaey
- 6 Thomas & Stacy
Hermann
- 11 Todd & Stacy
Grunwald
- 15 Lee & Nancy Sixel
- 21 Mike & Roxi Bernhardt
- 28 Jim & Patty Taylor