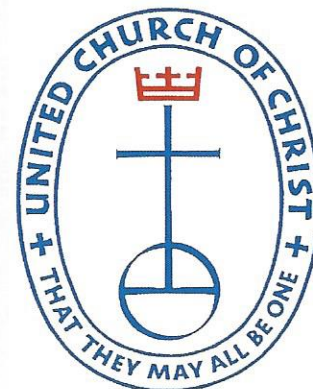


# The Country Church Herald

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Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz:

Lent will be upon us before the end of February. It begins with Ash Wednesday (held on February 26<sup>th</sup> this year) and is the six week period leading up to Easter. While Advent is a celebration and time of great anticipation, Lent is typically seen as a time of solemnity and preparation for the celebration of the death and resurrection of Christ on Easter.



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**PASTOR:**

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

## GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME!

**Feb. 2nd** St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship  
9-10:00 Sunday School  
St. James: 10:30am Worship  
9:15-10:15 Sunday School

**Feb. 9th** St. James: 9:00am Worship  
10-11:00 Sunday School  
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship  
9-10:00 Sunday School

**Feb. 16th** St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship  
9-10:00 Sunday School  
St. James: 10:30am Worship  
9:15-10:15 Sunday School

**Feb. 23rd** St. James: 9:00am Worship  
10-11:00 Sunday School  
St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship  
9-10:00 Sunday School

Lent invites us to make our minds and hearts ready for remembering Jesus' life, death and body resurrection. Often-times sermon series are developed and delivered on such themes as healing, forgiveness, or (as I did last year) the "I Am" statements found in the Gospel of John. This year I plan on sharing parts of the story of Jesus' journey to the cross.

What path he took; who he talked with; who he healed; and what he taught. Both Wednesdays and Sundays will focus on this journey with Sundays being more celebratory in nature.

I look forward to taking this journey with you!

As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" (Mark 16:5-7)



# More From Pastor Patrick...

As we begin the new year I am extending an invitation to people who have either attended our churches for a while, or who have expressed interest in membership, to take the next step in deepening their commitment.

I am hosting a Saturday morning New Members class, on **Saturday, February 29th, from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** at St. Mark's in my office, depending on how many people come. At the end of this meeting, those attending can chose to become members or remain valued guests.

Here's what you'll learn about during the New Members class:

The shared history and pastorship of our churches, which has existed for 150 years

Expectations of church membership and what it means to become a member

Opportunities to become involved and serve according to your spiritual gifts

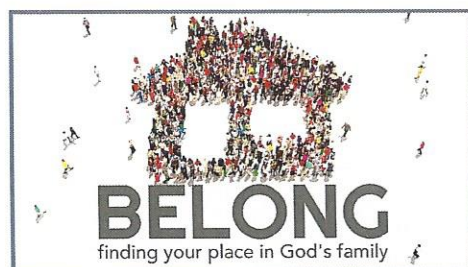
Our direction in ministry/mission/outreach

Attending to our older-generation members and planning for our younger generation

Plenty of time for questions!

I would truly like to have this conversation with you and include you, not only as very welcomed guests, but as potential church members. Please contact our church secretary, Karen Mansker, or me, if you would like to attend, and if there are certain accommodations/circumstances we should be aware of.

Refreshments will be served. Children are welcome! This will be a relaxed setting, so wear something comfortable. Be prepared to ask questions! I look forward to getting to know you better.



## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

**December 29, 2019**

St. James = not given

St. Mark's = 52

**January 5, 2019**

St. James = 42

St. Mark's = 56

**January 12, 2019**

St. James = 42

St. Mark's = 65

**January 19, 2019**

St. James = 54

St. Mark's = 78

**January 26, 2019**

St. James = 54

St. Mark's = 70



**JOINT  
CONSISTORY  
MEETING**

**6pm  
Monday, Feb. 10th  
at St. Mark's**

# St. James Sunday School News!

## COMING SOON SEROOGY'S QUALITY CHOCOLATES !!!

St. James Sunday school is taking a break from our annual raffle and bake sale. Our new fundraiser this year will be selling SEROOGY'S chocolates! We will be selling their famous chocolate bars and Easter chocolates. Christine Gumm is our coordinator and will be handling the details. Stay tuned :)



## OUTREACH.....

The St. James Sunday school will tie pillows on February 23rd which will be donated through Outreach on February 23. We continue to explore new ideas and honor our monthly commitments in Outreach.

## NEXT CHRISTIAN BOARD MEETING....

Next Christian Board Meeting will be February 16th after late service.

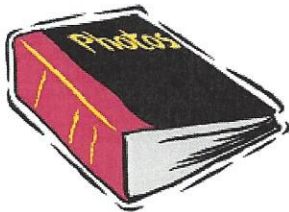
If you have any questions, contact Sandy Beiersdorf.

# PICTURES WANTED!

I am still working on the albums for St. Mark's Church items/pictures. Can you help? If you are willing to share, I can either use yours or else I can copy them and return the originals to you.

## Needed:

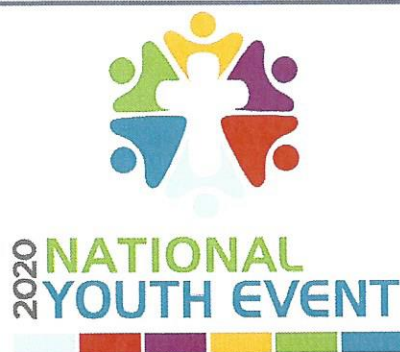
- ⇒ Group Confirmation pictures for years 2007—2009—2010— 2012—2013—2014—2015—2018—2019
- ⇒ Pictures of the church inside/outside from the beginning until the present. building improvement, etc.
- ⇒ Pictures of the Choir, Sunday School, and any other Church Activities.



If you have any items for the albums and you would to share, please give them to me or leave them in the secretary office in an envelope with my name on it. PLEASE put names & dates on the back. Also, let me know if you want them returned. Also, put your name and phone number with them so I can ask questions if needed.

Thank you for your help!

Marlene Kammann



## What Are You Doing July 22-25?

You could be having a blast at the National Youth Event held at Purdue University! Open to Youth Participants who've completed 6th grade through HS, and adults 21yr + as chaperones and to work the event.

Registration opens February

To get more information, go to:

<http://www.uccpages.org/nye2020/pillars/>

## THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

The United Church of Christ (UCC) is a distinct and diverse community of Christians that come together as one church to join faith and action. With over 5,000 churches and nearly one million members across the U.S., the UCC serves God in the co-creation of a just and sustainable world. The UCC is a church of firsts, a church of extravagant welcome, and a church where "...they may all be one"

(John 17:21).

United Church of Christ:  
<https://www.ucc.org>

St. James UCC/St. Mark's UCC:

## ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING

January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Alan Wippermann at 6:00pm, Al also led us in prayer. Members present were Alan Wippermann, President; Sue Kracht, Treasurer; Linda Lutzke; Secretary, Michelle Mauk, Colleen Lauersdorf and Tom Kleinhahns. The Secretary's report was discussed. Michelle made a motion to approve the minutes. Colleen second it. Motion carried. Sue presented the Treasurer's report. Michelle made a motion to approve the report. Tom second it. Motion carried.

### Building and Grounds

Al did monthly elevator inspection. No new Building and Grounds issues. Tom is still working on Back door latch and Clarence working on loose laminate on a kitchen cabinet door.

### Old Business

Suggestion box was empty. Vision of Hope meeting Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, Stewardship and Board of Christian Ed TBD.

### New Business

Please keep in our prayers for continuous healing for Dawn Marcoe, Robin Henschel and Rita Quast. Consistory worked on Usher List for 2020 along with 2020 budget. We are hoping the transition for our 3 new Consistory members goes well and we try to keep everything well organized. We also received a request for usage of our church for a wedding in November 2020 from a Member's Granddaughter, we feel honored to share the beauty of our church on their special day. Next meeting will be February 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Sue made a motion to adjourn and Colleen second it. Motion carried.

Linda Lutzke, Secretary



## PASTORAL CARE

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.

### ATTENTION:

Please email:  
[karenchurchsec@gmail.com](mailto:karenchurchsec@gmail.com)  
or let a consistory member know of any address, phone number, and/or e-mail changes.



**Bethlehem UCC  
Chili Supper**  
11608 Lax Chapel Rd., Kiel

**Wednesday, Feb. 5  
4:00pm to 7:00 pm  
Adults \$8, Children \$4  
5 & under—FREE**

Chili, Homemade Tortes, Fresh Bread, Cheese, Carry Outs—Bake Sale & more

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH 19<sup>th</sup>  
ANNUAL PERCH FRY**

11928 Marken Road, Kiel  
(located in School Hill)

**Friday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Serving from 3:30—7:30pm**

**Carry Outs from 11:00am to 1:00pm &**

**3:30-7:30pm Call 920-773-2380**

Silent Auction & Raffles

**Fillets: 2 pieces \$8 3 pieces \$10**

**4 pieces \$12**

Served with French fries, home made American potato salad, or baby reds, with cole slaw, home made applesauce, bread, milk or coffee.  
Also available: Grilled Cheese & Tortes

# ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

January 9, 2020

Following the takedown of the Christmas decorations, the meeting was called to order by President Jim Taylor at 6:25 pm. Members present: Jim Taylor, Tara Vandoske, Bruce Mansker, Dave Call, Judy Steinbeck, and Lori Roelse. Jerry and Louise Jetzer were guests. Lori led us in prayer.

The Secretary's report and the Financial Secretary's report were reviewed and approved.

## Buildings and Grounds:

- Cancelling church for inclement weather: Pastor and consistory presidents will make the decision. They will notify other consistory members and musicians. Tara will call WHBL and WOMT. Dave will ask pastor to put a message on the church's answering machine.
- Parking lot: ice needs to be monitored and taken care of.
- Elevator: All is good.
- Lawn care: Judy will contact the church's insurance to check on age restrictions.
- Jerry Jetzer is now cleaning the church. He and Louise came to share ideas for cleaning and maintenance. There was initial discussion on refurbishing the pew cushions.

## Old Business:

- Christmas Candy Bags: Next year we will consider having two different kinds of bags—one for children and one for others.
- Direct Deposit for church dues is going well.
- Christmas services: The children's program was excellent. Christmas Eve service and communion went well.
- A backup system for the computer has been purchased. Bruce will install it.

## New Business:

- The 2020 budget was reviewed.
- The membership list was reviewed. Members who have not attended or contributed in the last three years will be contacted and invited to renew their participation in church.
- Hygiene products will be collected for the homeless. The Flocks are coordinating this.
- Annual meeting will be January 26 after a shortened worship service.
- The next Consistory meeting will be held Thursday, February 6 at 6:00. The joint consistories will meet Monday, February 10 at 6:00 at St. Mark's. The meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lori Roelse, Consistory Secretary

*Our most heartfelt sympathy goes to the family of Joel Schnelle. He will be deeply missed in our church and in our community. Joel's funeral was held January 16th at St. Mark's.*



Joel D. Schnelle, 62, of Cleveland, passed away after a courageous battle with brain cancer, Friday, January 10, 2020 at Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on May 29, 1957 in Sheboygan, son of Mary Ellen (Lorfeld) and the late Lloyd Schnelle. Joel graduated from Howards Grove High School with the Class of 1975.

On September 27, 1980 he was united in marriage to Christine Berth at St. Mark's UCC in Cleveland where he was a lifelong member. Joel was able to follow his passion, while realizing his dream of taking over the family farm; establishing Harvest Moon Acres LLC. Joel found joy while educating his children about life on the farm; he never missed their sporting events and the chance to assist them on their fair projects. Joel loved sharing his passion with his 5 grandchildren: giving rides on farm equipment, stomping on cow pies, playing on the sand pile, and doing daily farm chores. He looked forward to the Purple Martin's returning every year and teaching their lifecycle to his grandchildren. Joel instilled his strong work ethic in his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed trying new things with a positive attitude and always wore a smile.

Joel always enjoyed vacationing with friends and family and going for rides on his Gold Wing motorcycle. Joel and Chris traveled all over Wisconsin on the Gold Wing, completing all the Wisconsin Rustic Roads. He was also proud to accomplish the Iron Butt Challenge with his brother Gene and sister-in law Sarah, a completely documented 1,000-mile motorcycle trip in 24 hours. He had dreams of driving his Gold Wing thru all of the lower 48 states, he crossed off 27 states in total.

In 2013 Joel purchased his 60<sup>th</sup> Edition Corvette. Not only did Joel love cruising with the top down, he loved learning the history of the iconic car. Joel and Chris would often go on long rides just to have an ice cream treat. Traveling to Corvette rallies and being surrounded by other corvette junkies; talking history, upgrades, and just making friends was a cherished time.

## FEBRUARY HOSPITALITY TEAM SCHEDULE\*

February 2nd —Brenda S.  
February 9th —Sandy P.  
February 16th — Margene  
February 23rd—Mike & Michelle S.

\*For publication purposes, please let Karen know if you make changes.

## ST JAMES CELEBRATIONS

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Valerie Spindler  
Mary Ann Vogel
- 6 Jeff Meyer  
Jill Schuette
- 9 Kari Langenhahn
- 10 Elliot Gumm  
Briana Riesterer
- 12 Amanda Russart
- 17 Everit Gumm
- 19 Wyatt Koenig
- 22 Tom Nye
- 25 Myron Hickman  
Jason Riesterer
- 26 Rieck Beiersdorf  
Amy Bodah
- 27 Karie Ladwig
- 29 Eunice Stolzmann

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 26 Bill & Laurie Heckmann

## Rural Church Fellowship

The Rural Church Fellowship has been very active this past year trying to fund the Back Bay Mission trip which is scheduled for June of 2020. Information about the mission trip can be found in this newsletter. Registration has been extended to April 14 so, if you have been thinking about going, there is still time to sign up.

One of the fund raisers was a Chili Cook-Off which was held at Laack's Hall in Johnsonville on January 12. We were very happy with the attendance and are thinking about making it an annual event. A good time was had by all. Karen Mansker graciously supplied a Pampered Chef raffle basket representing both St Mark's and St James. Thank you, Karen! There were 16 chilis entered in the contest and our very own Colleen Lauersdorf (St James member) won the coveted first prize award. Congratulations, Colleen! Between the entry fee, tasting fee, chili voting buckets, raffles, and other donations, we took in a total of \$1,563.75. Thank you to all who attended and/or donated!

The next event is a brat fry/bake sale to be held at Piggly Wiggly in Kiel on March 28. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Judy Steinbeck, St Mark's Representative  
Doris Sprenger, St James Representative and Crop Walk Coordinator  
Colleen Lauersdorf, St James Representative

## ST MARK'S CELEBRATIONS

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Kathryn Jaehnig
- 4 Mark Jurk
- 5 Judy Steinbeck
- 8 Trevor Schueler
- 9 Hillary Hermann  
Ron Vandoske
- 10 Jon Herrmann  
Sue Vandoske
- 16 Cole Herrmann
- 18 Karen Spindler
- 21 Linda Schroeder  
Reid Vandoske
- 22 Scott Dexter  
Peter Grunwald
- 23 Betty Sixel
- 25 Bill Roelse
- 26 Amy Summers
- 28 Gary Sixel
- 29 Walter Taylor

### FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

None

### COLLEEN LAUERSDORF'S AWARD WINNING CHILI RECIPE!

- 2 (14-ounce) cans fire roasted diced tomatoes
- 1 (14-ounce) can regular diced tomatoes
- 2 cups frozen corn
- 2 (14-ounce) cans black beans, drained and rinsed
- 2 (4-ounce) cans diced chilies
- 2 packages Hidden Valley Ranch Dressing mixes (1 regular and 1 fiesta – I used 1 1/2 regular and 1/2 fiesta for a milder taste)
- 3 (8-ounce) packages cream cheese, cubed
- 1 tablespoon chili powder (I used 1/2 tablespoon for a milder taste)
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder

- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 3 pounds cooked shredded chicken breasts
- 1 (16-ounce can) chicken broth (I used 32 ounces to make the chili thinner)
- Garnish – corn chips and shredded cheese

In a large soup kettle, pour in the tomatoes, corn, black beans, green chilies, dressing mixes, cream cheese, chili powder, and cumin. Heat chili, stirring until the cream cheese has melted. Add the cooked shredded chicken and simmer chili for at least 30 minutes until chili is hot. Serve with corn chips and shredded cheese.

# ST. JAMES

## FEBRUARY USHERS

Chairpersons:

\* Jim & Michelle Luckow

Henry & Bonnie  
Langenhahn, Sr.

Allison Luckow  
Dawson Luckow  
Ashley Lutzke  
Ethen Lutzke  
Linda Lutzke  
Randy & Cindy Sohn

## MARCH & LENT USHERS

Chairpersons:

\*Dale & Doris Sprenger

Pat Kleinhans  
Roger & Colleen Lauersdorf  
Linda Rozmarynowski  
Hannah Schmitz  
Kendra Schmitz  
Lee & Terri Schmitz  
Allyson Wasmer  
Tanya Wasmer



### REMINDER:

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

*Your Church Consistory Members would be your contact in any nonemergency situation.*

### CONFIDENTIALITY LAWS

There have been some changes to the confidentiality laws. These changes 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.

### ST. MARK'S CEMETERY FUND

We welcome your donations for maintenance of our cemetery. Simply put any amount you wish to give in an envelope marked "Cemetery" and drop it in the collection plate.

# ST. MARK'S

## FEBRUARY USHERS

Chairperson:

Mike Summers

Amy Summers

Ben Summers

Mike Scharl

## FEBRUARY CANDLE LIGHTERS

- 2- Luke Grunwald, & Grace Schultz
- 9- Brianna Miota & Rebecca Miota
- 16- Brianne Vandoske & Reid Vandoske
- 23 - Colten Sommer & Ben Summers

## MARCH USHERS

Chairperson:

Todd Binversie

Jody Binversie

Denise Heling

Larry Heling

Delmar Sommer

## MIDWEEK LENT USHERS

Chairperson:

Gary Kaestner

Richard Binversie

Karen Binversie

Steve Gabsch

## MARCH CANDLE LIGHTERS

- 1 - Grace Schultz & Annabelle Uttech
- 8 - Bryce Schnelle & Emily Binversie
- 15 - Brianne Vandoske & Reid Vandoske
- 22 - Sierra Bramstedt & Owen Bramstedt
- 29 - Rebecca Miota & Brianna Miota



The youth of our churches will be gathering on 2/23/2020 at 10:15 am at St. Marks (yes, that's during the church service) to do a service project for Manitowoc Human Services. They are in need of Tie Pillows for kids that are displaced from their homes. We are looking for helpers (young and beyond) as well as supplies to meet the needs of the project. Anyone helping is asked to bring a ruler and fabric scissors to make the work efficient. We would be done by noon-ish.

Supplies include:

- Standard Bed size pillows 20x26" (Walmart sells their Maintstays pillows for \$2.47 each)
- 2/3 yard lengths of Fleece fabric (60" wide)- available at Joann Fabrics or Walmart
- Cash donations to purchase supplies.
- Snacks for the helpers are always appreciated

\* In December a few youth met to fill treat bags. These were available at church and provided to Pastor as he made home visits.

\* We are still looking to gather interest for a mission trip. If you are interested, please meet with us on February 23 at St. Marks.

\* The Chili Dinner is planned for March 1 at St. James. Please mark this on you calendars as helpers will be needed on 2/29 and 3/1 for prep and "day of" activities.

\* We are always looking for activity ideas. If you have a talent/message to share or an idea on mission activities please contact Pastor, Sandy or Kari

Hope to see you all on February 23!!!

Sandy Perronne and Kari Langenhahn - Youth Coordinators.



**HYGIENE PRODUCTS FOR THE HOMELESS**

St. Mark's will be collecting hygiene products for Sheboygan County Homeless.

There will be a collection box beginning Feb. 16 through March 8th.

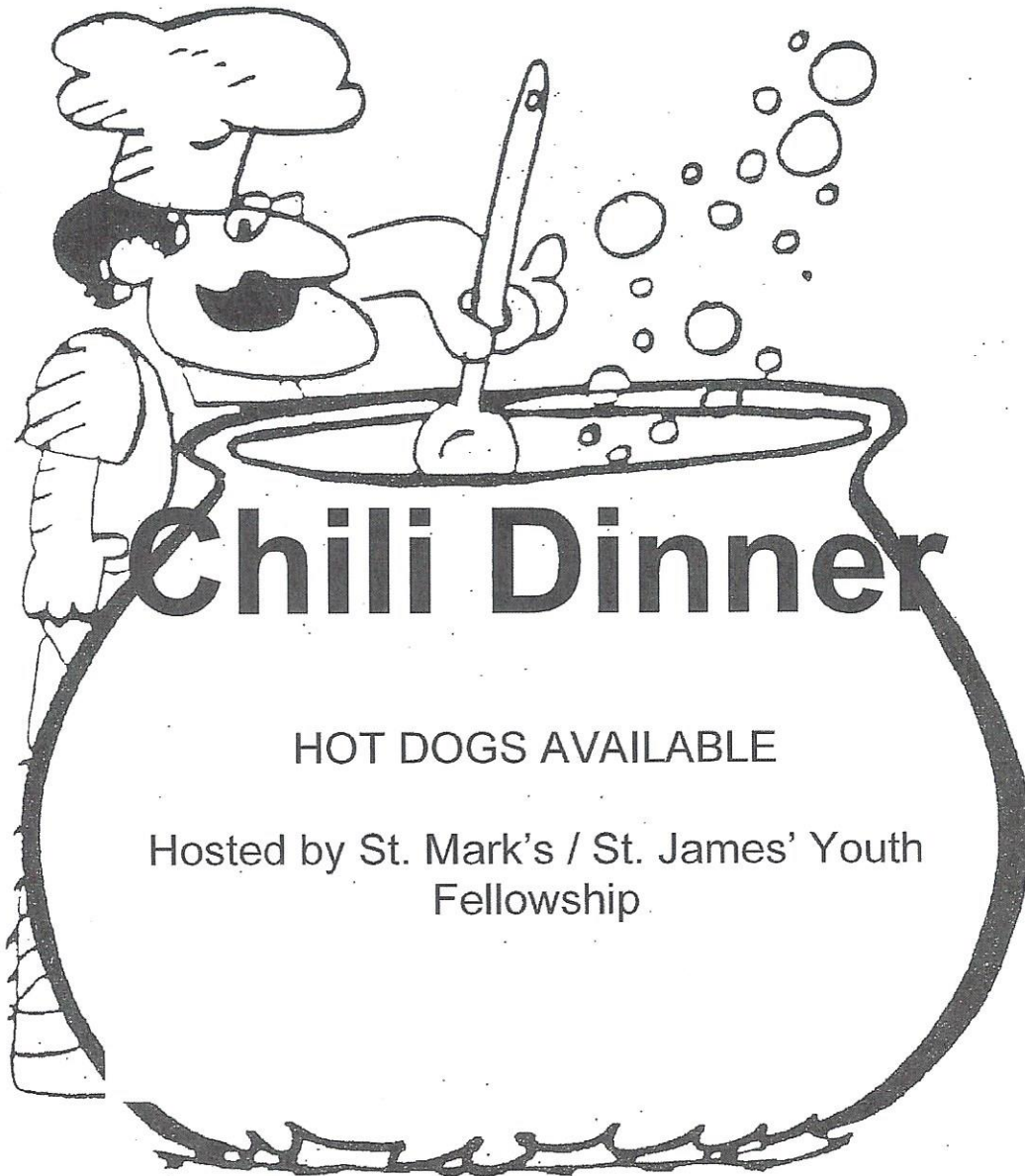
Let's share Christ's Love by easing the lives of



# St. James

## United Church of Christ

13312 Pioneer Road, Spring Valley



# Chili Dinner

HOT DOGS AVAILABLE

Hosted by St. Mark's / St. James' Youth  
Fellowship

*Sunday, March 1, 12:00-1:30 p.m.*

*ADULTS: \$8.00*

*CHILDREN 6-12: \$5.00*

*CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER: FREE*

*Carry-Outs Available*



The Church and Ministry Team of  
The Northeast Association  
of the  
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Invite  
all members, friends and clergy  
of the NEA Congregations to the

**Installation of  
Rev. Lance Lackore**

as pastor and teacher at

**Hope United Church of Christ  
8950 Alpine Road  
Fremont, Wisconsin 54940  
(920-446-2952)**

**Sunday, February 16, 2020  
3:00pm**

Clergy are invited to wear their favorite stole;  
robes are optional.

Refreshments will be served after the service.

*An offering will be received for the  
Wisconsin Conference Seminarian Fund.*

**AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE RURAL CHURCH  
FELLOWSHIP'S BACK BAY MISSION TRIP AWAITS YOU!**

**Check the next two pages for more information about this amazing opportunity!**

**Back Bay Mission Mission Trip**

**Biloxi, MS**

**June 13-21, 2020**

**Anyone ages 14 and up**

**No construction experience necessary, but if you have it we need you!**

**\$50 deposit for each participant needed by ~~Dec 15, 2019~~  
April 14, 2020**

**Another Work Project**

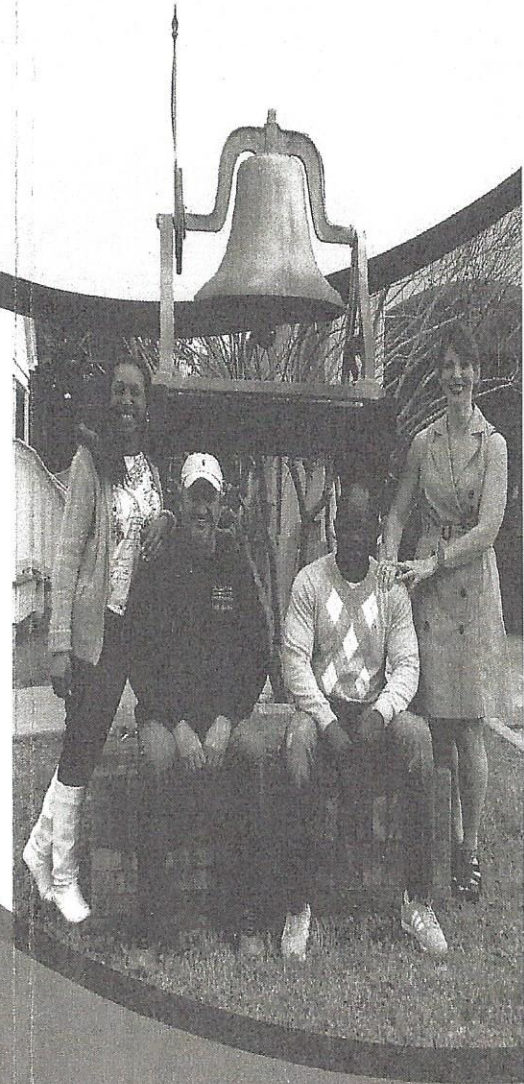
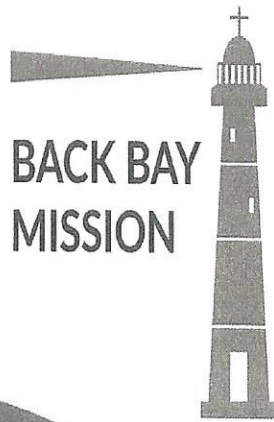
## about back bay mission

Back Bay Mission has been a lasting source of hope and help for thousands of children, adults and families along the Mississippi Gulf Coast since 1922. As one of the oldest and most highly respected organizations within the United Church of Christ and on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Back Bay Mission continues its journey of providing innovative solutions and compassionate responses to those suffering at the hands of social injustice and economic hardship.

Thanks to bold advancements by leaders, generous nationwide support and the strength and resilience that comes from weathering the storms of life, today Back Bay Mission is poised to accelerate services to those in need of homes, stability and opportunity.

## mission statement

Strengthening Neighborhoods,  
Seeking Justice,  
Transforming Lives



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Do justice, love kindness, walk humbly

# homelessness

Back Bay Mission's **Homelessness Outreach** program provides people living in homelessness with the resources necessary for survival. This includes material goods like tents and hygiene products. It also includes referrals to other programs that might help a person gain housing.

The **Micah Day Center** provides one location where homeless and low-income individuals and families can receive services. People can take showers, have laundry done, use computers, receive mail, and meet with caseworkers in a safe, welcoming, and comfortable place.

**Home At Last** provides permanent supportive housing to individuals and families who are disabled and chronically homeless. Through this program, people receive housing and support that gets them off the street and helps them work towards independent housing. Back Bay Mission commits to working with these individuals and families until they become self-sufficient.



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# housing

**Housing Rehabilitation** assists with housing rehabilitation and repair for eligible homeowners, including, seniors, low-income families and disabled persons.

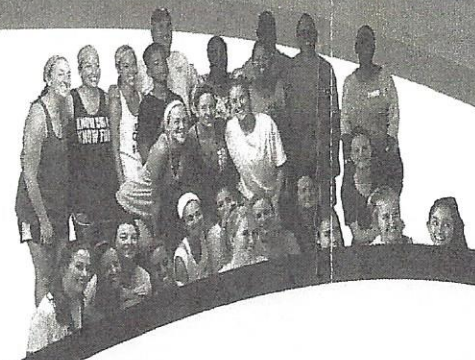
The **Gulf Coast Housing Initiative (GCHI)** is a closely related partner organization of Back Bay Mission. GCHI provides affordable, safe and dignified housing opportunities for low and moderate income people on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.



# education and advocacy

Our **Mission Trip** program provides hands-on service learning experiences for hundreds of volunteers from across the nation.

The journey out of poverty is a hard one. **Bridges Out of Poverty** helps the people we serve begin that journey through a 16-week class and two years of community mentoring. Participants can transform their economic circumstances and make their way towards self-sustainability.



Back Bay Mission's **community health initiatives** help people be good stewards of their health.

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# client support services

Our **emergency assistance** and **food pantry** programs provide essential supports such as utility relief, food and rental assistance.

# veterans

The **Veterans Support Fund** assists veterans and veteran families in need. The first of its kind in South Mississippi, **HomePort** provides permanent supportive housing for veterans.