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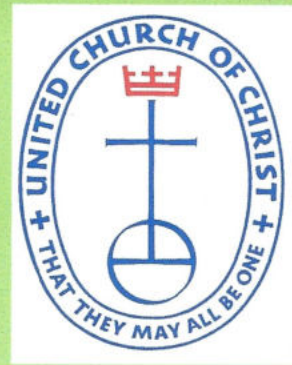
Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on how richly we've been blessed throughout the year, on how much we have, how our basic needs have been met. Unfortunately, there are many families that are not as comfortable as most of us are. Our church members have always very generously reached out to those individuals, sharing their blessings. This year, as in previous years, Manitowoc Human Services is teaming with our two congregations to give us the opportunity to brighten Christmas for families in need (their needs are so great!).

You have the option of picking a leaf off a tree at church to buy a specific gift (like last year), or if you'd like, you could write a check to your church and write "Adopt-a-Family" in the memo line on the 'other' line of the church offering envelope.

The advantage of writing a check to participate is it can be claimed on your taxes when written to the church, and if you socially distancing during these trying times and unable to get to the store to shop (or to church to get a tag, for that matter) you can still participate!

\*If you want to mail a donation to your church, see the address in the column on the right

ALL GIFTS/CHECKS NEED TO BE AT CHURCH BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13th!



ST. JAMES UCC  
13312 Pioneer Road  
Newton, WI 53063  
920.693.8100

ST. MARK'S UCC  
W1307 Orchard Road  
Cleveland, WI 53015  
920.693.8361

## PASTOR:

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz

## GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME!

IN-PERSON SERVICES WILL FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES ON THE BACK OF THIS PAGE. EVERY SERVICE WILL BE RECORDED & POSTED ON YOUTUBE.

Nov. 1st - St. Mark's : 9:00am Worship  
9:00-10:00 Sunday School  
St. James: 10:30am Worship  
NO In-Person Sunday School at St. James

Nov. 8th - MISSION FEST AT ST. MARK'S- 10:00  
Guest Speaker—no dinner this year  
NO Sunday School at St. Mark's and NO  
Worship or Sunday School at St. James  
Special Joint Meeting of Congregations  
at St. Mark's at 11:00am  
Agenda: Pastor's Salary & Benefits for 2021

Nov. 15th - St. Mark's : 9:00am Worship  
9:00-10:00 Sunday School  
St. James: 10:30am Worship  
NO In-Person Sunday School at St. James

Nov. 22nd—MEMORIAL SUNDAY  
St. James: 9:00am Worship  
NO In-Person Sunday School at St. James  
St. Mark's : 10:30am Worship  
9:00-10:00 Sunday School

Nov. 24th— Thanksgiving Eve Worship,  
7pm, with Communion at ST. Mark's

Nov. 29th—St. James: 9:00am Worship  
NO In-Person Sunday School at St. James  
St. Mark's : 10:30am Worship  
9:00-10:00 Sunday School



We are delighted to be back in worship with you.  
Here are reminders that we ask you to be mindful of as we continue to be aware of COVID-19 health concerns:

PLEASE ...

- Wear a mask. (per Governor Evers.)
- Practice social distancing.
- Wash your hands frequently or use hand sanitizer.
- Move to the sanctuary and be seated.
- Remember, we will have music during church, but will not be singing at this time.
- Exit the building immediately after service.
- Stay at home if you have an underlying condition, a fever, persistent cough, or a respiratory ailment.



**TIME TO ORDER HOLIDAY  
POINSETTIAS  
TO BEAUTIFY OUR  
SANCTUARY**



If you would like to contribute a plant for this effort, please complete the form below and put it in the offering plate, mail to church, or call the Church office (693-8361) by Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>.

To mail:

St. James UCC, 13312 Pioneer Road, Newton, WI 53063

St. Mark's UCC, W1307 Orchard Road, Cleveland, WI 53015

Plants will be ordered from:

**Millhome Nursery and Greenhouses**

**Cost: \$9.50**

Please make checks payable to your church.

**Circle one: RED or WHITE**

My poinsettia is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (honor – in memory – for the joy, etc.)

of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (printed name of honoree , as it should appear in bulletin)

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (your printed name, as it should appear in bulletin)

## St Mark's Financial Information

As I reported in church a few weeks ago, we will not be holding a Mission Fest dinner as in past years due to the coronavirus situation. The proceeds for this dinner have been used towards our OCWM goal in the past. I am asking that you consider making additional contributions towards our goal. Currently, we are \$2,650.00 short of meeting our goal. Thank you for your generosity.

If you are interested in setting up donations electronically, please contact Judy Steinbeck. A few people are participating in this program and it seems to be working out well for both the donors and the church.

Financial books will be closing on Dec 29. Please make sure that all contributions are received by that date to be included in 2020 records. Anything received after that date will be put towards your 2021 donations.

If you want a copy of your year-to-date giving information, please contact Judy Steinbeck at a church service, at 920-917-2398, or at [steinbeckjudy@att.net](mailto:steinbeckjudy@att.net)

# ST. MARK'S MISSION FEST!

**DATE: Sunday, November 8th** (no Sunday School, no church at St James that day,)

**TIME: 10:00am**

**SPEAKER: Lisa Stephan, Executive Director, from SCIO-Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization**

**\*\*No dinner this year due to the COVID restrictions.**



### Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

The Pop-up Winter Farmers Market returns for the month of November! Once again, we will meet in the First Congregational Church UCC parking lot. Market hours will be every Saturday (weather-permitting) from 9:30-11:30am. See you at the Market!

SCIO is collecting :

Multi-purpose printer paper, Paper towels and Dishwasher Pods.

You may drop the items off at either church.

Thank you for your continued support!



# JOB OPPORTUNITY

St. James UCC is seeking a part time (approximately 10-15 hours per month) church treasurer. This is a paid position. Per our church constitution this position must be filled with a St. James member.

## **Responsibilities include:**

Receive, record and document funds, bequests, gifts and donations.

Funds received electronically (on-line giving) & written check or cash.

Disburse funds in accordance with policies and procedures.

Recording disbursements and assigning to the right accounts.

Disbursing funds appropriately for in-coming bills.

Maintain financial statements via "Tithely" and Excel.

Oversee and disburse funds for staff payroll.

Including auto-payroll for pastor, insurance, retirement...

Reconcile monthly financials and report any discrepancies.

Attend monthly finance Committee meetings.

Prepare and present accurate financial reports.

Assist in preparing and managing church budget.

## Qualifications include:

Willingness to serve the church.

Two-year commitment (to complete existing term of outgoing treasurer).

Familiarity/experience with accounting and finance.

Ability to communicate with pastor, church leadership and if necessary, congregation.

Attention to detail.

Confidentiality is an absolute must.

Experience working with non-profit is helpful.

If you are interested, please contact Clarence Belitz (consistory president) or Pastor Patrick Schultz.

Clarence Belitz: [belitzoo@charter.net](mailto:belitzoo@charter.net)

Pastor Patrick: [schultzpw@gmail.com](mailto:schultzpw@gmail.com)

**Will you serve?**



# ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

October 8, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm. Members present: Pastor, Bruce Mansker, Tara Vandoske, Dave Call, Jacob Grunwald, Louise Jetzer, and Lori Roelse. Pastor led the group in prayer.

The Secretary's and Financial Secretary's reports were reviewed and accepted.

## Buildings and Grounds

- The elevator license is being renewed. The process has been slowed due to Covid.
- Water test was completed and passed.
- Spectrum still hasn't taken care of burying the cable, but they still plan to take care of it.
- Snow removal: T&L has changed from a per visit fee to an hourly fee.

## Old Business

- The secretary's computer has been ordered and should arrive soon.
- Finishing of the south side doors has been completed.
- Sunday Services since reopening:  
Names of everyone attending are being recorded in case contact tracing is needed.  
Communion was well received.
- Sunday School will follow what the Howards Grove and Sheboygan School Districts are doing with school. The first Sunday went well.

## New Business

### -Pastor's Report

All involved with confirmation met October 7. There are seven students between the two churches.

Pastor shared additions and revisions to the churches' website. These include building usage guidelines, links to YouTube videos of services, and manuscripts of sermon messages.

Vacation: November 26-December 6, back in the office on December 7.

Mission Fest Speaker: Lisa Stephen will speak at both St. James and St. Mark's for their respective Mission Fests. Our Mission Fest will be Nov. 8

- Consistory Candidates-If you are interested in serving on the Consistory, please contact a current member. Your participation is welcome!

- Karen Mansker has asked that items for the annual report be submitted to her as soon as available.

-Discussion was held to update wedding fees and building usage.

- Pre-planning for Christmas services (Original plan is Dec. 24, 7:00 at St. James, Dec. 25, 10:00 at St. Mark's.) What will need to change because of Covid? Discussion will continue at next month's meeting.

## Next Consistory Meetings

6:00, Monday, October 19, Joint Consistory Meeting

6:30, Thursday, November 5 at St. Mark's.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lori Roelse, Consistory Secretary

**A Way to  
Make  
a Difference**



## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

St James	---Date---	St. Mark's
49	10/4/2020	45
26	10/11/2020	58
28	10/18/2020	—
27	10/25/2020	38



# ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING

October 12, 2020 – 6:30

President Clarence Belitz called the meeting to order. Members present were: David Lorfeld – Vice-President, Deb La Duke – Secretary, Michelle Mauk, Jason Riesterer, and Pastor Patrick Schultz. There were no additions or corrections to the agenda and it was approved. Pastor led the group in prayer.

Motion to approve the Secretary's Report as printed was made by Michelle and seconded by David. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as printed was made by David and seconded by Michelle. Motion carried. Noted was a lower balance in total contributions comparatively with 2019. The OCWM is also at approximately 50% of our yearly goal. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Schultz has done significant work on the webpage. We are still looking for a volunteer to carry out the updates for St. James. He will be on vacation from November 26-December 6. Speakers have been booked for the two Sundays in his absence. Consistory members will support the remainder of the services. *You Tube* views have decreased by approximately 50%. Possible explanation is that church has been open and members have been attending. He has received letters of transfer from four families. The speaker for Mission Fest has decided to stay safer at home and will forward Pastor a video of her message to share with the congregation. Discussion has begun regarding Christmas Eve and Christmas services. Considering the current limitations for attendance with Covid, possibilities are being considered. Consistory members were asked to send cards of care to members of the congregation.

**Building and Grounds:** Brian Herschel will trim the bushes again for us this fall. Thank you! Clarence has been working with Jerry Jetzer to set up a TV in the basement so that we can broadcast the church service in an additional space. This will support the limited numbers we can currently have in the narthex.

## **Committee Reports:**

- Vision of Hope: Motion to approve the two recommendations from the Vision of Hope committee was made by Deb and seconded by David. Motion carried.
- Stewardship Committee: Pastor shared his experiences and ideas regarding stewardship with the committee at their recent meeting. More discussion to follow.
- Christian Board of Education: Students received packets of lessons and activities for the month of October as they practice safer at home. Teachers will reconvene at the end of October to reorganize for November.
- Evaluation process for church and pastor will be discussed at the Joint Consistory meeting on October 19th. Covid protocols continue.
- Michelle has the paperwork to submit for "Adopt a Highway." St. James will be assigned a section of highway to keep clean.

## **New Business:**

- Jason made a motion to set next year's goal for OCWM at \$6,000.00 and David seconded. Motion carried.
- Announcing birthdays and anniversaries will not be done during the service. We will instead look into posting these exciting milestones in another manner at church.
- Adding hymn words to Sunday bulletins will not occur. Singing is not in alignment with the current safety guidelines from the State of Wisconsin and the CDC.
- St. James is in need of a Treasurer. We are also looking for an organist. Both of these are paid positions. Please contact Pastor or a Consistory member if you are interested.
- We reviewed the upcoming events of the Mueller wedding and Mission Fest.
- Church is in need of updates and additions to our present audio/visual equipment. Pastor and speakers do not have opportunity to show video, slides, and computer casts in a professional manner. Weekly information can also be shared. Clarence received a quote from Extreme Sound in Manitowoc and O & W from Sheboygan for A/V equipment and installation. Discussions continue.
- Stewardship meeting November 2 at 6:30P.M.
- Michelle will pick up bulletins each week.
- Review of World Communion Sunday service – All went well for our first time using the prepacked wafers and juice.
- No members in the hospital or recuperating currently. Praise the Lord!
- Joint Consistory meeting set for Monday, October 19th at St. James – 6:00

Next Meeting Date: November 16th – 6:30

Motion to adjourn was made by Deb and seconded by Michelle. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Deb LaDuke



# ST. JAMES & ST. MARK'S JOINT CONSISTORY MEETING

October 19, 2020 – 6:00

It was decided that it was a safer option to meet from our homes considering the increased Covid activity in the immediate area. President Clarence Belitz called the Zoom meeting to order at 6:03.

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Pastor Patrick Schultz led the group in prayer. Introductions followed and members present from St. James were David Lorfeld – Vice-President, Deb La Duke – Secretary, Michelle Mauk, Tom Kleinhans, and Jason Riesterer. Members from St. Mark's were Bruce Mansker – President, Dave Call – Vice-President, Judy Steinbeck – Financial Secretary, Louise Jetzer – Treasurer, Lori Roelse – Secretary, Tara Vandoske, and Jacob Grunwald.

Motion to accept the Secretary's Reports from the October 21, 2019 meeting at St. Mark's came from Deb and seconded by David L. Motion carried.

## Business:

—Our churches continue to be able to be open because the recommended Covid protocols have been followed. We will continue to require masks, social distancing, exiting the building as soon as possible, use sanitizer for hands, and monitor the attendance so that it follows state guidelines.

—The 2021 calendar was set. Motion to continue with the "Strengthen the Church" campaign on October 25, 2020 was given by Lori and seconded by Dave C. Motion carried. This offering will go to our UCC Conference.

—The Thanksgiving Eve worship service will be at St. Mark's and the offering will go to the Salvation Army.

—There has been a change to the Sunday School Christmas programs. Both churches have decided to keep the students safer at home. They are in discussion on having an Easter program instead.

—Motion was made by Deb and seconded by David L. to increase the church Secretary's wage to \$13.00 /hour. Motion carried. It will begin January 2021.

—We continue to look to hire additional organists. We are asking people from Lakeland University and surrounding areas.

—Karen Mansker our Church's secretary completed research into printing our own bulletins. It would provide a substantial savings and she is willing to add this to her responsibilities. Motion to print our own bulletins was made by Dave C. and seconded by Tom. Motion carried.

—Pastor Schultz provided the Consistories with his annual report summary and compensation package proposal. Presidents of each church will announce a special meeting date and present details to the congregations for discussion and a vote.

Date of next meeting: February 8, 2021 at St. Mark's

Motion to adjourn was made by Tom and seconded by Dave C. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deb LaDuke, secretary of St James UCC





## St. James Sunday School Update

Due to covid, Saint James Sunday School will not reconvene until January 2021 at its earliest. November and December learning materials will be sent through the mail. We will not have a Sunday School Christmas program and will consider a spring program instead.

The covid virus has challenged us, but we will be looking to move forward. Any questions or concerns please contact Sandy Beiersdorf at 920-693-8000 or sandrabeiersdorf@gmail.com

### CROP WALK 2020

Crop Walk this year was one of the events that the Rural Church Fellowship held during the Covid-19 pandemic. The walk was held on Sunday Oct. 11, in Howards Grove. Listed below are the churches that participated. You will find the amount of walkers each church had, along with the donations that were collected by each church.

- St. James UCC-----\$3,747.00 ( 4 walkers)
- Immanuel UCC----- \$625.00 ( 3 walkers)
- St. Mark's UCC----- \$525.00 (1 walker)
- Bethel UCC ----- \$510.00 (11 walkers)
- Our Shepherd UCC----- \$395.00 (5 walkers)
- Bethehem UCC----- \$260.00 (no walkers)
- Salem Plankroad did not participated.

The total amount raised was \$6,062.00.



I would like Thank the walkers from St. James, Joe and Cindy Klapperich, Christine Gumm Doris Sprenger, also Judy Steinbeck from St. Mark's.

Special Thanks go out to all those who supported by cash, check and on-line donations. This event would not have been successful without every churches participation. Walking, Giving helps change the world. Thank You for you have chosen to help end hunger right here and around the world.

Doris Sprenger St. James; Team Captain

*From the Consistory of St. James....*

*A heartfelt*

*We would like to recognize Colleen Lauersdorf for her years of service to our church as a member of the St. James Consistory. She was an asset to our team.*



*Thank you Colleen. The St James Consistory*

*We would like to welcome Jason Reisterer as a member of the St. James Consistory. He has volunteered to finish Colleen Lauersdorf's term. Jason started his term in September. Welcome Jason, and we look forward to working with you.*



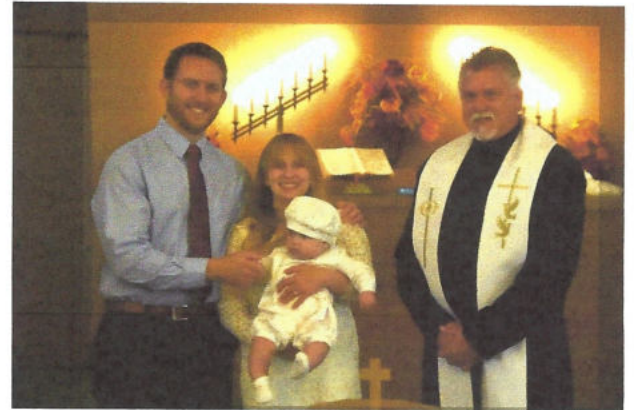
**INTRODUCING.....  
ANDREW PETERSON, JR.**

**baptized October 24th , 2020 at St. James.**

Andrew, born May 16th, is the son of Andrew & Abigail Peterson

His godparents are Allyson Wasmer & Gary Hill

Officiant was Daniel Krueger



*Congratulations  
to  
Cheyenne Mueller  
&  
Ben Behnke  
who were  
married  
October 17th at  
St. James.*



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## ST JAMES NOV. CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kim Grotegut  
Jamie Henschel
- 3 Rick Wippermann
- 5 Hank Reimer
- 6 Susan Kracht  
Amanda Henschel
- 10 Richard Lutze
- 18 Caroline Heckmann
- 21 Cheyenne Spindler
- 22 Allison Luckow  
Jonathan Meyer
- 23 Wendy Meyer  
Keri LaDuke
- 24 Vernon Henschel
- 26 Amy Christianson
- 28 Rev. Patrick Schultz
- 29 Barb Reimer
- 30 Donna Wippermann

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Warren & Sheila LaDuke
- 7 Dave & Jackie Mueller
- 21 Keith & Michelle Mauk
- 25 Henry & Bonnie  
Langenhahn

*Our most heartfelt sympathy goes to the family of Eugene Maeuser. He will be deeply missed in our church and in our community. Eugene's funeral was held October 28th at St. Mark's.*



Eugene Maeuser, 85, formerly of Cleveland, passed away on Sunday, October 18, 2020 at Sharon S. Richardson Community Hospice in Sheboygan Falls. Eugene was born in the Town of Herman on January 20, 1935 to Ewald and Roma (Conrad) Maeuser. Eugene graduated from Kiel High School with the Class of 1953. Throughout High School he was very active with FFA.

On June 2, 1962 he was united in marriage to LaVerne Handrow. She preceded him in death on May 15, 2013. Eugene worked at area Feed Mills for over 40 years.

Having a strong faith, he was a member of St. Mark's UCC in Cleveland for over 50 years. Eugene was very active at church serving as the Bell Ringer for over 40 years and on the Church Consistory. He also enjoyed playing on an area church dartball league.

Eugene had a love for nature, enjoying spending time in his garden and feeding the birds. His family will remember him keeping the popcorn bowl and candy dish full. His family was very important to him. He was always at his grandchildren's events and activities cheering them on. Playing sheepshead and tinkering in his garage were also favorite pastimes of his.

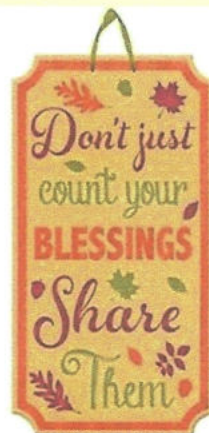
## ST MARK'S NOV. CELEBRATIONS

### BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Tyler Athorp
- 2 Benjamin Summers
- 3 Brynn Schueler  
Nathan Roelse
- 4 Michelle Scharl
- 7 Brian Karstaedt
- 11 Lori Roelse
- 13 William Dexter
- 14 Sierra Bramstedt  
Angel DeBlaey  
Pat Flook
- 21 Isabella Dexter
- 24 Alexander Perronne
- 26 Marlene Kammann
- 28 Tiffany Schnelle  
Rev. Patrick Schultz
- 30 Logan Stryck

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 James & Bonnie Schuette
- 16 Andy & Tiffany Schnelle





# ST. JAMES

**CONSISTORY MEMBERS  
WILL BE USHERING IN  
NOVEMBER.**

## TENTATIVE DECEMBER USHERS

A Consistory Member will contact the Chairperson prior to the Dec. 1st service regarding: ushering for the month. The chairperson will then notify the other ushers.

### Chairpersons:

\*\*Jon & Diane Luckow  
Karra Cina  
Jamie & Heather Henschel  
Ricard & Sarah Lutze  
Mary Ann Vogel  
Kris Zolltheis  
Scott Zolltheis

## 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.

## ATTENTION:

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



*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.*

## 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



## ST. JAMES' VISION OF HOPE FUND

"Application for Funding" forms are available in the narthex or from Vision of Hope Committee members. We welcome specific requests as well as your suggestions for using our semiannual gifts from the Wagner Foundation. **The next Vision of Hope Committee meeting is at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 7th, at St. James.**

**STUDENTS!** Use the "Application for Funding" form for tuition help (currently \$1,000) each year.

# ST. MARK'S

ST. MARK'S HOSPITALITY  
—Is postponed until further

**CONSISTORY MEMBERS  
WILL BE USHERING IN  
NOVEMBER.**

**THERE WILL BE NO  
CANDLELIGHTERS IN  
NOVEMBER.**

## TENTATIVE DECEMBER USHERS

A Consistory Member will contact the Chairperson prior to the Dec 1st service regarding: ushering for the month. The chairperson will then notify the other ushers.

### Chairperson:

\*Jason Bramstedt  
Anna Marie Bramstedt  
Olivia Bramstedt  
Tyler Bramstedt

## TENTATIVE DECEMBER CANDLELIGHTERS

- 1 Mason Scharl  
Bryce Schnelle
- 8 Grace Schultz  
Colton Scharl
- 15 Luke Grunwald  
Reid Vandoske
- 22 Brianna Miota  
Rebecca Miota
- 29 Colten Sommer  
Annabelle Uttech