



The Country Church Herald

NEWSLETTER ~ OCTOBER, 2022

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The B99 Mug Fundraiser was a Huge Success!

Between both churches, we will be able to send \$1,331.64 to the conference for Ukraine support! The total money listed for each church was derived from both the sale of B99 mugs and additional member donations.

St James: \$1,240.00 + St Mark's : \$665.00
Cost of mugs: -573.36
Total: \$1,331.64

St. James is Offering Another Way to Help Those in Need!

The featured speaker at St. James Mission Fest on Oct. 16th will be Christy Torrison, Foster Care Supervisor at Manitowoc County Human Services Department. In preparation for her arrival, St. James has coordinated a special project. They are accepting donations of NEW children's books, games and arts and crafts for the foster kids! No stuffed animals please.

Boxes will be placed at each church.

Donations at St. Mark's are due by Sunday, Oct. 9 th, and at St. James on Oct. 16th, the day of Mission Fest.



Every child deserves a family

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

October 2nd — World Wide Communion & Neighbors in Need Special Offering at Both Churches

St. Mark's: 9:00am Worship

9-10:00 Sunday School

St. James: 10:30am Worship

9-10:00 Sunday School

October 9th —

St. James: 9:00am Worship

9-10:00 Sunday School

St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship

9-10:00 Sunday School

October 16—

MISSION FEST AT ST. JAMES,

10:00 Worship Service,

No Sunday School

Carry Out Ham Dinner

St. Mark's:

No Worship or Sundry School

October 23rd —

St. James: 9:00am Worship

9-10:00 Sunday School

St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship

9-10:00 Sunday School

October 31st—

St. James: 9:00am Worship

9-10:00 Sunday School

St. Mark's: 10:30am Worship

9-10:00 Sunday School

Sunday bulletins, & links to prayer requests are posted under the 'Messages' link on our church website:

<https://www.stmstjucc.org/>

Weekly recorded church services are available on our church YouTube

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY

*A correction to the Saint James August minutes: We are not hosting United church men/ woman banquet.
Our Shepherd is hosting.*

September 12, 2022 6:30

- The meeting was called to order by President David Lorfeld. Members present were Tammy Serketich - Vice-President, Wendy Henschel - Treasurer, Deb La Duke - Secretary, Jason Riesterer, Jamey Binversie, Jackie Mueller, and Pastor Patrick Schultz.
- Absent: -
- Prayer led by Pastor
- Motion to approve the Secretary's Report made by Wendy and seconded by Jamey.
Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Deb and seconded by Tammy.
Motion carried.
- Pastor's Report:
No confirmation students at St. James this year. Pastor has remaining vacation days to use before the end of the year. He is considering taking Mondays off also to use them. St. James Consistory thought that would be an opportunity. He will be checking with St. Mark's.
- Building and Grounds:
Use of Church by Raymond Henschel on Oct. 9 for Eagle Ceremony - basement to be set for full capacity. The quote from OTIS for oil changing on the elevator was expensive. We are in the process of getting additional bids.
The urinal has been replaced. Thank you Jamey!
Five new furnaces have been installed by Neumann Plumbing and Heating in Howards Grove.
The Wi-Fi has been increased to the highest we can receive in this area.
- Committee Reports:
Vision of Hope: The Consistory received a letter from Joanne Fessler regarding a change in the language of the Vision of Hope document. Discussion was held. We are researching the protocol on how to proceed next.
Stewardship Committee: The Committee authored a comprehensive report going back to 2017 on participation and financial support of St. James. Currently, there is an "Active member list" and a "Non-active list." They will be checking in with inactive members as to their preferences and ability to support the church. As financial needs arise, accountability for all helps/eases the entire process. Those in need of spiritual support are always embraced.
Christian Board of Education: Sunday School started on September 11th with a time of fellowship hosted by the students. Several dozen members joined them for sweets and treats. Thank you to all who contributed to their Free Will Offering to support their mission! Two t.v. monitors and laptops have been purchased and installed to use in the classrooms. Currently, seven students are enrolled and we are able to use the two classrooms.
Service Committee: no meeting
Audio Visual: no meeting
- Old Business:
Please consider being a Safe Sanctuary helper with the youth group. Check with Brenda Schultz for details. Best Painting from Sheboygan will begin painting the basement on 9/19.
- New Business:
CROP Walk Oct. 9 - Doris Sprenger is our coordinator. Hooray and thank you Doris!
United Churchmen and Women's meeting is being hosted by Our Shepherd this year. St. James will host in 2023.
Mission Fest - Oct. 16 - 11:00-1:00 Carry-outs from the shed only.
Joint Consistory @ St. James - October 17, 6:00
We began discussion on replacements for Consistory and committee members. We certainly are surrounded by so many qualified and incredible people. Don't be surprised if you receive a call from one of us asking you to please take part in one of these easy, yet glamorous, positions. "It takes a village" to help this institution move into the future. It's a good way to share your talents, thoughts, and vision with others.
- Congregation concerns: none
- Next meeting date: Oct. 3 - 6:30
- Motion to adjourn made by Tammy and seconded by Jason. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb La Duke - Consistory Secretary

St. James UCC

13312 Pioneer Rd, Newton, WI 53063

Ham Dinner Carry outs only

Sunday, October 16, 2022

11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Please join us in worship at 10:00am

Guest Speaker: Christy Torrison,
Manitowoc County Foster Care Supervisor

Dinner will include: Ham, German Potato
Salad, Dinner Rolls, Corn, Applesauce,
Coleslaw, Pumpkin or Apple Pie

Cost: \$ 13.00/per meal

Thank you for supporting "Our Church's Wider Mission"

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

September 8, 2022

The meeting was called to order on September 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Members present: Julie Herrmann, Jacob Grunwald, Judy Steinbeck, Louise Jetzer, Glenn Grunwald, Janell Davis, Larry Perronne and Pastor Schultz.

The Secretary's report was reviewed and a motion was made by Janell and seconded by Jacob to approve. Motion carried.

The financial report was reviewed and a motion was made by Louise and seconded by Larry to approve. Motion carried.

St. James has two candidates for the Mission/Vision Team. There are no candidates from St. Mark's. Meetings will be starting soon.

Vacation Bible school went well with 13 children present. Thank you to all those who helped.

Confirmation class is being held on Wednesday nights and study groups have started. There are 8 members from other churches attending the study group.

Vacation time and the Call agreement between the pastor and St. James and St. Marks were reviewed. The review is to examine the priorities, visions, stresses and effectiveness of congregation ministries.

Larry received the quote of \$1,760 for replacing screens on the parsonage windows. Larry will speak to the congregation on 9/11/22 regarding funds needed for replacement.

We will announce at the September 25th service that we have new hymnals and will begin using them on that Sunday. Will note in the newsletter that old hymnals will be available for those who would like to take one. Thank you to those who donated the hymnals and thank you to the Ralph and Betty Sixel family for the new hymnals in memory of Ralph and Betty.

Louise will be subbing for Karen as secretary. Thank you, Louise!

Larry will get quotes for security camera with motion lights for church and parsonage.

When the contract is up with Otis for the elevator, we will switch to MEI Total Elevator Solutions in Cedarburg. Motion made by Larry to change from Otis to MEI. Janell seconded. Motion carried.

Mission Fest will be November 13, 2022 with a meal served afterward. Those who went on the mission trip to Tennessee will speak during the service. Sign-up sheets for help from the congregation will be posted.

Janell will check for new candle options other than the real ones we are using at Sonlight Books for the candelabras.

The crop walk is 10/9/22. Judy will be getting details.

Pilgrim Camp is the possible location for the mission trip in 2023.

There will possibly be a sheephead tournament in January or February of 2023.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Janell seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Julie Herrmann, Consistory secretary



September 2022

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are writing to you on behalf of the United Church Men and Women (UCMW).

First and foremost, we want to express our sincere appreciation to your congregation for providing financial support to the UCMW Scholarship Fund. Your support is a testament to your commitment to provide financial support to those who are studying for parish ministry, chaplaincy ministry and leadership positions in the United Church of Christ. Your financial support also makes it possible for UCMW to award pastoral care grants to active clergy serving in our local congregations, as well as those serving as chaplains and in leadership positions in the United Church of Christ.

Traditionally, United Church Men and Women has held an annual in-person Scholarship Presentation Event (Banquet). On October 20th, commencing at 6:30 p.m., there will be an in-person banquet at Our Shepherd UCC, located at 710 Ethan Allen Drive, Howards Grove. This scholarship presentation event can also be viewed on YouTube. Please check the UCMW website (www.UCMWScholarship.com) on October 27th for the YouTube video link. The keynote speaker for this event will be Reverend Kristal Klemme, who is the pastor at First Congregational UCC in Plymouth. Music will be provided by VOX. Please share this link with your members.

Thanks to the faithful generosity of the UCC churches in our region, and visionary financial gifts given by many individuals who support the UCMW Scholarship Fund, three scholarships were presented at last year's event.

Lori Roelse, Pastor Schultz, and Scott Henschel will have tickets for the in-person banquet and will be happy to sell you some. Tickets are \$18 and need to be purchased by October 14. Lori can be reached at 920-946-3540.

Thank You.

 President


United Church Men & Women Leadership Team

Reverend Nathan Athorp, Reverend Diane Cayemberg, Doug Charles, Darryl Gumm, Scott Henschel, Reverend William Kesting, Barb Post and Lori Roelse

United Church Men & Women P.O. Box 32 Kohler Wisconsin 53044



hello
little
One

Matthew John Roelse
was born Friday, August 26
to Andrew and Hannah Roelse
at Aspirus Wausau Hospital.
He was 7 lb. 12 oz and 21 1/2 inches long.
Everyone is happy and healthy.

St Mark's Financial News

Last month, I asked for your attention to Building Fund Sunday which occurred on Sept 11. As usual, you responded with flying colors. Thank you so much for your generous donations. The consistory is working very hard to beautify the church and keep up with maintenance issues. Your donations make it possible for them to do that. Please keep the Building Fund in mind as you make your weekly donations.

On September 25 we introduced our new hymnals. We would like to thank the Ralph and Betty Sixel family for their memorial which made it possible for us to purchase these hymnals. The old hymnals will be available for anyone to take if you want a souvenir. The consistory sorted through them and the better ones are on a book shelf in the entrance. Feel free to take them.

Upcoming financial events include:

Oct. 2 Neighbors in Need offering. If you miss this date, you can make a donation at any time.

Oct. 9 Crop Walk

Oct. 30 Special joint meeting of both churches at St Mark's after the worship service to discuss Pastor's salary and benefits for 2023.

St Mark's Mission Fest November 13, 2022

Due to the Covid outbreak, we have not had a mission fest dinner in three years. We are happy to announce that we will bring this tradition back. Both in-house seating and carry outs will be available. A sign-up sheet has been posted at the church entrance. Please check the list to see what you can provide. Some duties remaining are: Food Prep Chair (you would be responsible for preparing the meat & potatoes), Clean Up-Wash Dishes, Clean Up Tables, Desserts (cut & plate), Sell Tickets.

We also need volunteers to bring dessert (homemade cake, pie or torte) and large salads (pasta, fruit, lettuce or jello).

Vacant spots on the sign-up sheets will be assigned.

Remembering in Prayer and Offering Our Heartfelt Sympathy to These Church Members Who Have Lost Someone Very Special in Their Lives Last Month....

Donald Hemb, from St. James, whose son Richard L. Hemb, age 62, died on September 2nd. *“Richard’s family was his pride and joy. Especially his grandchildren, he always went to their sporting events and activities. He enjoyed their cabin up north, woodworking and 4 wheeling. Richard spent his entire career as a dedicated employee at the Piggly Wiggly Distribution Center as the facilities manager. He also served on the Howards Grove School board for 20 years.”*



Ann Rodewald, our organist, whose mom Caroline S. (Lutze) Rodewald, age 102 died on September 20th. *“God’s gift to Caroline and her husband Milton were their children and their children’s children. Caroline had a good and purposeful life, those who knew her will remember and miss her.”*



Charlie & Joanie Mohr, from St. Mark’s. Charlie’s mom Dorothy Verhage Mohr, age 102, died on September 20th. Dorothy was the wife of the late Rev. George Mohr. *“Dorothy took an active part in all the church women’s organizations and taught Sunday school during those years. Outside of the church she did volunteer work teaching in the Laubach Literacy Program. She spent thirty years as a volunteer at Sheboygan (Aurora) Memorial Hospital. She was formerly a member of the Sheboygan Women’s Club. She spent much time knitting afghans for all her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She knit over 2000 caps for the newborn babies at Memorial Hospital. Her grandchildren received many of her knit clothing items.”*



ST. JAMES: Practice will be Wednesdays, Oct. 5, 12, 19, and 26th at 6:30pm. Anyone is welcome to sing with choir.



ST. MARK'S: New members and former choir members should contact Kathy Jurk (talk with her in church or call 920 693 8603 if you are willing to sing in choir this season.



Neighbors in Need Special Offering is October 2, 2022

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. In 2022, the Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" offering focuses on economic justice.

Special offering Envelopes will be handed out with the bulletins on Sunday for this special mission. You may also designate "Neighbors In Need" if you're a St. James member who gives Online or write "NIN" on the memo line of your check or place your donation in the church offering envelope and write "NIN" on the envelope.



High school youth will gather at St. James on October 2 from 5:30-7-ish and at St. Mark's on October 16 **from 6:00-7:30 (*note the time change for this meeting)** for our regular meal, lesson and games.

On Friday, October 28 at St. Mark's we will have a costume party/movie night beginning at 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 pm. There will be no meal at this event, but snacks will be available.

We hope to see everyone at these events, and look forward to a blessed fall!

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda Schultz at schultzbrenda@gmail.com, or (920) 693-2858.



Sunday, November 13th, 10:00 a.m.

Mission Fest

St. Mark's UCC

N9286 Dairyland Drive, Cleveland

Featuring...

The Knoxville, TN Mission Team

Dinner to Follow

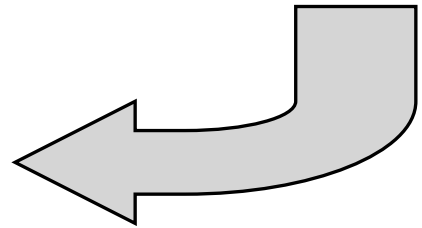
Proceeds to be used to meet OCWM Goal

\$12 - Adults --- \$6 - ages 5-10
Under 5 - Free

Ham --- Meat Balls --- Homemade Salads
Parsley Butter Potatoes --- Rolls --- Vegetable --- Corn
Homemade Pies & Tortes



Mark Your Calendars!



Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization

Bulletin Bites, October 2022



- ◆ Items that we would especially appreciate at this time are toilet paper, napkins, 13-gallon garbage bags & facial tissues.
- ◆ Bridgeway remains near capacity in our ministry to assist vulnerable women with children. They are getting into the swing of back to school and the new pace that comes with a new routine. The mentoring program has started and we are grateful for the generosity of our Bridgeway graduates to share their support and lived experiences to help current women in residency.
- ◆ Bridgeway Appeal 2022: Please be generous with your support! We are serving over 200 women and children annually through residency and outreach programs. Your support is more important than ever so we can continue to meet the needs of this vulnerable population!
- ◆ The SCIO Summer Farmers Market runs through the end of October! We will be in Fountain Park every Wednesday and Saturday from 8am-1pm, offering EBT and Double Your Bucks at every market. The Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers will only be available through the end of September. Winter market begins the first weekend in November – mark your calendars!
- ◆ Family Pathways is the only private supervised visitation program in Sheboygan County. If you or a family you know is going through a transition, please contact us about this service. There are currently openings on our schedule. familypathways@sheboygancountyinterfaith.org

ST. JAMES USHERS

October

*Galen & Deb La Duke
Keith & Michelle Mauk
Bradley Mauk
Katelyn Sibley
Julianne Luebke
Doug Luebke
William Luebke
Jared Luebke
Kelly Luebke/Handrow

November

*Mary Ann Vogel
Geraldine Scheffler
Jamie & Heather Henschel
Jon & Diane Luckow
Jim & Michelle Luckow
Karra Cina
Allison Luckow
Dawson Luckow



"Application for Funding" forms are available in the narthex, from VISION OF HOPE Committee members, or under "More" on our 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.

JOIN ST. JAMES VISION OF HOPE COMMITTEE!

There is an upcoming opening on this committee.

Questions about or interest in joining our quarterly meetings?

Ask any consistory member for details...

ST. MARK'S GREETERS

October

Anna Marie Bramstedt
Mark Jurk
Sandy Perronne

November

Lori Roelse
Mike Scharl
Chris Schnelle

HOSPITALITY

If you are interested in providing hospitality any Sunday in October, please contact the office.

**Reminder, no church at St. Mark's on Oct. 16th due to St. James' Mission Fest.*

CANDLE LIGHTERS

- 2 - Brooklyn Vandoske and Colten Sommer
- 9 - Sierra Bramstedt and Julia Uttech
- 16 - Reid Vandoske and Wyatt Scharl
- 23 - Colten Scharl and Hillary Herrmann
- 30 - Lydia Olm and Claire Clemens



ST JAMES OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jackie Mueller
- 3 Diane Luckow
- 7 ValJean Marcoe
- 8 William Luebke
- 9 Joanne Fessler
- 14 Brian Hemb
- 20 Joe Klapperich
Aric Jump
- 21 Chelsea Langenhahn
- 24 Donald Hemb
- 27 Wendy Henschel

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Lee & Terri Schmitz
- 8 Mike & Kristin Zolltheis
- 12 James & Michelle
Luckow
- 13 Jim & Karen Becker
- 14 Rieck & Sandra
Beiersdorf
- 16 Keri LaDuke-Rafeld &
Jason Rafeld
Zachary & Sadie Koenig
- 17 Ben & Cheyenne Behnke
- 19 Cameron & Marissa
Fitzgerald
- 20 Milton & LaVern
Wippermann
- 26 Clarence & Heidi Belitz
- 29 Mark & Kathy Stoltzmann

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.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

St. James	St. Mark's
19	Sept. 4 43
53	Sept. 11 36
39	Sept. 18 63
52	Sept. 25 43

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!

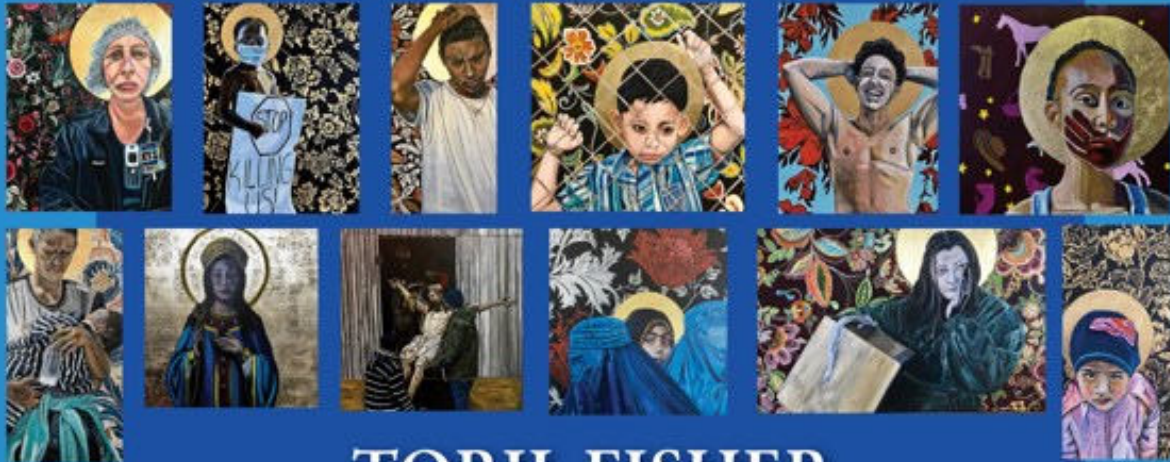
ST MARK'S OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bruce Karstaedt
Sandra Stark
- 2 Kevin Kellner
- 9 Colten Sommer
- 10 Kay Bitter
- 11 Christine Hayon
- 12 Kathy Jurk
- 14 Sandy Perronne
Wendy Schueler
- 15 Denise Heling
- 20 Todd Grunwald
- 24 Marlee Strynick
Dawson Strynick
- 25 Brooklyn Vandoske
- 26 Cindy Call
Bob Vandoske
- 29 Bonnie Schuette
- 30 Colton Scharl

ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 Jay & Kayla Sommer
- 12 Jon & Julie Herrmann
Andy & Hannah Roelse
- 22 William & Lori Roelse
- 23 Jim & Christine Hayon
- 24 Todd & Jody Binversie



TORIL FISHER

Divine Ambiguity: Reclaiming The Sacred Art Exhibition

Sunday Oct. 2 - Sunday Nov. 13, 2022

“Divine Ambiguity: Reclaiming The Sacred” promotes a celebration of humanity. If we open our hearts to compassion and understanding, we will find The Divine in everyone and everything.

Opening

Sunday October 2, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

First Congregational Church, UCC, Lucas Hall

310 Bluff Avenue, Sheboygan, WI

Comments by Toril Fisher and Rev. Julia Hollister

Open to the public - Coffee and refreshments

Exhibition is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on weekdays through Friday November 11.

Please use Bluff Avenue Doors.

Toril Fisher’s “Divine Ambiguity: Reclaiming The Sacred” body of work brings vulnerable humans to the spotlight. On a global scale, we are seeing a rising movement toward authoritarian, nationalistic, and fear-based political rhetoric that has led to the attempt to further the dehumanization of those who differ in skin color, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, or economic class. Dehumanization denies the dignity, consideration, compassion, and empathy that we typically give other people. Dehumanizing language pollutes the debate, blocks solutions to social problems, and can relax our instinctive aversion to aggression and violence.



The UCC is launching a national art contest for children and youth that will be part of a larger campaign that will generate hope in making a difference when confronting the climate crisis.

How to participate?: Draw or paint about climate hope, environmental justice, or protecting the Earth. Sunday school class and youth group participation encouraged. Winners will be selected in November!

The art contest winners will have their art displayed on the UCC's Climate Hope Postcards. UCC congregations will then collect thousands of postcards to pressure Congress and the White House to take sufficient action to combat the ongoing climate and environmental justice crises.

For more information on the National Climate Hope Cards Art Contest, including Registration Information, contact Karen in the office at: stmstjoffice@gmail.com