



**St. James Weekly for Nov. 27 - Dec. 4, 2016**  
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The Rev. Diane M. Murray, Rector 920-860-5152 (*cell*)

Amma Diane is typically in Manitowoc Tuesday and Wednesday evenings and Sundays or by appointment at other times.

**Sunday 11/27**

**1st Sunday of Advent**

8:45AM Adult Christian Formation  
9AM Kinderchurch  
10AM Worship  
Greeters/Ushers: 4th Sunday Team  
Acolyte: Mary Jean Reckelberg  
Eucharistic Ministers: Chris Eggert-  
Rosenthal Sharon Meany  
Readers : Len Coombs, Glenn  
Davidowich, Bob Feller  
11:15AM Fellowship - Disciples

**Monday 11/28**

**Tuesday 11/29**

3PM Homework Club  
5PM Worship Service  
6PM Cursillo Grouping Chapel  
6:30PM Discover & Grow Mtg  
7PM Mass Incarceration forum at  
Lakeshore United Methodist

**Wednesday 11/30**

NO Choir Rehearsal  
6:15PM Grief Support Group  
7PM Book Group

**Thursday 12/1**

3PM Homework Club  
7PM PFLAG

**Friday 12/2**

6:30AM Morning Prayer  
11:30AM St. Faith's Luncheon -  
Courthouse Pub

**Saturday 12/3**

**Sunday 12/4**

**2nd Sunday of Advent**

8:45AM Adult Christian Formation  
9AM Kinderchurch  
10:00AM Worship  
Greeters/Ushers: 1st Sun. Team  
Acolyte/Crucifer: Geri Walker  
Eucharistic Ministers: Clarence  
Carbon, Sudi JohnsonRichard Hall,  
Peggy Turnbull, Dianne Wilson  
11:15AM Fellowship - Saints

**Advent Devotionals are available!**

Sunday, November 27 marks the first Sunday of the Advent season, the beginning of the new church year. If you would like a devotional to help you reflect during this season we have them available at the rear of the sanctuary. We once again are blessed to have devotionals from the Living Compass group.

**Thank-you to Scrip purchasers!**

Our first order of Scrip was collected last Sunday, Nov. 20. St. James' Outreach Fund will receive \$150 as a result of your purchases! One of the projects that has begun as part of our Next Big Thing conversations is our participation in the Scrip program. We have gift cards available from MANY stores, restaurants and other businesses. You buy Scrip cards and get full value when you redeem them. The merchants then give St. James a percent of what your scrip card's value is at no additional cost to you! The money St. James receives from Scrip will be used to help fund our Outreach Fund. Amounts we will receive varies by vendor. If you patronize these businesses anyway, make your money work for the good of the church. Order forms are available on the back table. Simply give your completed form to Tammy McVeigh or Mike Laughrin by the 3rd Sunday of the month, and the gift cards will be available on the 4th Sunday. Be sure to include your check (or cash) for the total, make checks payable to St. James. Thank you for your support!

**RUTH presents a forum on Mass Incarceration**

Join members of RUTH (Responding with Understanding, Truth, and Hope in Manitowoc County) on Tues., Nov. 29, 2016 at 7PM at Lakeshore United Methodist Church, 411 Reed Ave., Manitowoc.

Guest speaker, Rev. Jerry Hancock, director of First Congregational UCC of Madison's Prison Ministry Project, will address the issues surrounding mass incarceration and potential alternatives that could be more humane and cost effective. The event is free and all are welcome. Flyers are available at the info station at the back of the sanctuary.

**Book Group Meets on Wednesday, Nov. 30 7PM**

The St. James Book Group will discuss *Accidental Saints - Finding God in All the Wrong People*, by Nadia Bolz-Weber, on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00PM in the church library. Bolz-Weber is the founding pastor of the House for All Sinners and Saints, a Lutheran congregation in Denver. Our group found plenty of food for thought and discussion in her 2013 book *Pastrix*. Please note that we are meeting on the last Wednesday this month because of Thanksgiving. There are 10 copies of the book on inter-library loan through the Manitowoc Public Library for use by our group. Copies can be signed out from the basket on the shelf in the downstairs cloakroom at church. Please sign out your copy and return it at our meeting. Contact Marie Hawkins (683-9032) or Anne Schuette (682-7723) with any questions.

## Milestones

### December Anniversaries

Dec. 13 Randy & Cindy Hronek

### December Birthdays

Dec. 2 Todd Reckelberg

Dec. 4 Chris Couris

Dec. 5 William Schultz

Dec. 11 Geri Walker

Dec. 14 Grace Valli

Dec. 15 Kelly Schultz

Dec. 20 Nancy Sim

Dec. 25 Sharon Meany

Dec. 27 Patrick Byrd

Is your date missing? Please tell

Amma Diane

### Quick Links...

- [E-Mail St James](#)
- [E-mail Pastor Diane](#)
- [Our Website](#)
- [Diocese of Fond du Lac website](#)
- [The Episcopal Church website](#)

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

Shop at Office Max?

Use the Max Perks #331931799 and help buy school supplies for the *KAN Cool for School* program

**To submit info for the weekly announcements, please contact Amma Diane Murray BEFORE 3PM on Thursday**

[dianemarie.murray@gmail.com](mailto:dianemarie.murray@gmail.com)

920-860-5152

### Sunday Worship Ministries:

Greeters/Ushers, Crucifer/Acolyte, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Fellowship Hosts

[Ministry Schedule Through January 1, 2017](#)

### St. Faith's Winter Luncheon Dec. 2, 11:30AM at The Courthouse Pub

This gathering is open to all women of St. James. You pay for whatever you order off the menu for lunch. We share in a time of fellowship. If you are interested in attending, please contact Judy Lavicka so your reservation can be made.

### Christian Book Circle Dec. 7, 7PM

Book Circle started last summer with the intent that anyone, men and women, could bring a Christian book(s) they are reading currently or have read, share some highlights about the book, and offer it to others to read! Last month 3 of us met- Sudi shared an Advent devotional she purchased on a recent vacation titled "The Meaning is in the Waiting" by Paula Gooder. Won't you mark your calendars for Wednesday, Dec 7, at 7PM? We gather in the Fellowship Hall of the church. Hope to see you there! Contact Sudi if you have questions! 682-4599 or at [Johnsonsudi2@gmail.com](mailto:Johnsonsudi2@gmail.com)

### St. James' Women's Breakfast Dec. 10, 9AM

All St James Women are invited to the December 10th Saturday morning women's group breakfast potluck at 9 am. Sudi Johnson will host at her home at 915 Lincoln Blvd. Sign up in the back of the church for how to help with food or contact Sudi directly. [Johnsonsudi2@gmail.com](mailto:Johnsonsudi2@gmail.com) or 682-4599

### Congregational Vitality Report (CCV) Feedback Meeting Sunday, Dec. 11 at 11:30AM

The report from the Diocesan Commission on Congregational Vitality (CCV) is available at the info center at the back of the sanctuary. Tammy McVeigh will facilitate a gathering to give feedback to the report. All are welcome to attend whether you attended the Oct. 1 meeting or not. Cathy Cowling a member of the CCV met with members of the St. James congregation on Oct. 1. Her initial feedback is now available at the info center at the rear of the sanctuary. The first 7 pages are transcripts of info we came up with and her comments begin on page 8. The Vestry is working to schedule a follow-up with Cathy in the near future.

### Homework Club Gift Tree

Our Homework Club holiday party will be Thursday, December 15. The party will include a visit from Santa, and he will distribute gifts donated by members of St. James to each of the children who attend Homework Club.

A "gift tree" for our Homework Club students will be set up in the back of the sanctuary to coincide with the first Sunday of Advent, November 27. If you would like to help out by giving a gift to one of our students, please select a name-tag from the tree and sign out the child's name on the clipboard next to the tree. Then purchase a gift for that child and return the gift to church no later than Sunday, December 11, with the gift tag attached. Gifts should have a value of no more than \$20. The tag includes the child's name and age. Please ask Mary Burckle, Anne Schuette or any of the St. James HWC volunteers if you need gift suggestions. All members of St. James are invited to attend the party on December 15, starting at 3:30PM. Our "snow date" is December 22, which will be the last day of Homework Club until January 2017.

## Greeter/Usher Teams

\* Head Usher

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday:** Liz & Jim Gordon,  
Donna Franz, Karleen & Skip Cole

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:** Pat & Dave Haefke,  
Anne Schuette

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday:** Murray Sim,  
Bob & Ellen Feller, Michael  
Laughrin

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** Steve Thuss\*,

Please talk to anyone on the  
teams to become involved in this  
ministry.

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## Fellowship Hour Teams

\*Team Coordinators

**Saints Team** (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)

Eleanor Agnew\*, Chris  
Eggert-Rosenthal, Amy Healey,  
Dan Hornung, Anne Schuette\*,  
Bob & Peggy Turnbull,  
Geri Walker.

**Disciples Team** (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sun.)

Marian Flint, Judy Lavicka\*,  
Murray Sim, Steve Thuss,  
Dianne Wilson\*, Chuck  
Wernecke.

If there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in a month  
plan on potluck or a special event.

All are welcome to add to the  
Fellowship Hour table or help set  
up or clean up on any Sunday!

Please speak to one of the  
coordinators to become  
involved in this ministry.

## Opportunities to Help Each Other

Chris Eggert-Rosenthal had  
surgery on her neck June 8 and  
she could use a bit of help with  
some of the work with having a  
home entails. If you can help,  
please give Chris a call at 334-  
546-4282 or talk to her at church

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Occasionally members of St.  
James needs a ride to church.  
Right now we are seeking St.  
James members to give Geri  
Walker a ride to church on Sunday  
mornings. Geri lives at River Hills

## Worship Feedback Sessions Dec. 18 & Jan. 18

Help shape our worship life at St James Episcopal Church! Feedback sessions are scheduled for 11:30AM on Sunday, December 18 and 6:30PM on Wednesday, January 18. All are welcome to attend either or both session; the idea is to hold these sessions monthly on a rotating schedule. Worship is something very personal in our relationship with God, yet we do it together. Sessions will be designed to help us share positively about what we have found meaningful and memorable in previous worship at St James and in other settings. We'll work to find common language as we reflect upon the recent seasons and occasions in our worship and offer ideas for upcoming seasons. This is not a committee, so you can attend whenever you are able/interested without commitment. Your feedback will help our Rector and Music Director plan liturgies and music. If you have any questions, please talk to Pastor Diane Murray or Tony Karl.

## Christian Formation Sundays at 8:45AM

A Christian formation offering and reading of the book "*Deep Relief Now*" is on Sundays Oct. 30 - Dec.18, at 8:45 in the church library. We will explore the question: How can we experience deep, permanent relief, when feeling "burnt out" emotionally as we deal with life's challenges? Join us for reading and discussion. For further info please speak with Dianne Wilson.

## Visual Arts Board--"Art Among Us"

The Visual Arts Board, located in the front foyer, presents and celebrates the seasons and lessons of the church in art. Individuals are invited to feature their creative gifts of the Holy Spirit in a variety of media (paintings, crafts, photography, etc.) to share with our community. **Our new Theme is: "Seasons in Our Lives"** For contributions and more into, please talk to: Amma Diane, Liz Gordon, Sally Hunner, Tony Karl, Chuck Wernecke, and Dianne Wilson

## St. James Prayers of the People

Let us each keep those in need in our prayers this week:

### For healing, comfort and strength, we lift up . . .

Alison, Jim, Steve and Mary Beth, Susie and Dave, Mary, Bill, Del, Steven, Bethany, Mike and Laura, Al, Dale, Karen, Pat, Matthew, Audrey, Karen, Bob, Sue, Bill, Bonnie, Ray, Janet, Joan, Richard, Johnny and his wife Sally, Ed, Audrey, Virginia, Margaret, Chris, Betty, Andy, Dave, Fr. Okkerse, Jeff, Jeanne, Judy, Robby, Marty, Nancy, Terry, Branden,

### For guidance and discernment we lift up. . .

For those serving in the military: Kyle Kurschner, Zach Truett, Jordan Rosenthal, Brady and Shannon

Also for: Bill, Tim, Kathy & family, Guy and Mary, Caleb, Lisa, Kurt, Corey, John, Tyler, Lisann, Ronald, Greg & Tiger

### Additional prayers we offer include...

Peace in our world...The people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and Sudan and missionaries. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Peter's Sheboygan Falls. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Kansas (in Prov. VII of The Episcopal Church). We pray for the people of our new companion diocese, the Diocese of Masvingo, Zimbabwe and their bishop The Right Reverend Godfrey Tawonezwi. We pray for the incarcerated in

Apts. 1500 N.3rd St. in Manitowoc.  
Geri is ready to go by 9:15am.  
There is a sign-up sheet at the  
back of church for Sundays in May  
and June. Please call Donna  
Franz 973-3017 if you have  
questions.

Wisconsin - especially those in solitary confinement. For the people living with mental illness. The people at Hope House and the men at The Haven.

**We offer thanks for...**

Diane our Rector, Richard & Dianne, our Wardens, our Vestry and other ministry leaders, staff, and every person in this congregation. Bishop Matthew Gunter, his wife Leslie and family. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and his wife Sharon

**We remember the departed...**

Paul, Tom, Joe, Myrna, Bill, John, Dorothy, Becky, Howard, Bob, Cindy, Stan, Dale, Paul, Ray, Bill, Mary, Randy, Jill, Andy, John, Michelle, Clayton

If you would like prayers to be offered as part of The Prayers of the People, please fill out the written Prayer Request Form and place it in the PRAYER BOX. All are located at the back of the church. Prayers will remain on our active prayer list for one month and can be extended by filling out a new request form.

Thanks and praises to the Lord for answers are most welcome also!

**Looking Ahead:**

Sundays Adult Formation at 8:45AM  
Sundays KinderChurch at 9AM; Main Service 10AM  
Tuesdays Homework Club 3PM  
Tuesdays Worship 5PM  
Tuesdays Cursillo Grouping 6PM  
Wednesdays Choir Rehearsal 5PM  
Wednesdays Grief Group 6:15PM  
Thursdays Homework Club 3PM  
Fridays Morning Prayer 6:30AM  
Nov. 29 Discover & Grow Meeting 6:30PM  
Nov. 29 RUTH forum Mass Incarceration 7PM  
Lakeshore United Methodist Church  
Nov. 30 Book Group 7PM  
Dec. 1 PFLAG 7PM  
Dec. 2 St. Faith's Winter Luncheon Courthouse Pub 11:30AM  
Dec. 10 Men's Breakfast - Lighthouse Inn 8AM  
Dec. 10 Women's Breakfast - Sudi Johnson's home 9AM  
Dec. 11 CCV feedback gathering 11:30AM  
Dec. 18 Worship Feedback gathering 11:30AM  
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Worship Music 6:30PM  
Worship starts at 7PM  
Dec. 25 Christmas Day Worship 9AM only one service  
Jan. 1 New Year's Day Worship at 10AM one service  
Jan. 18 Worship Feedback gathering 6:30PM  
Jan. 29 Annual Meeting 11:15AM

For a full calendar visit our website [www.stjamesmanitowoc.com](http://www.stjamesmanitowoc.com)

**2017 Position Summaries and Nomination Form for Elections at the  
January 29, 2017 Annual Meeting**

*Note: this summary with the Nomination Form is available at the rear of the sanctuary.*

From the Diocesan Canon 6.7 of Communicants (1) All persons who have received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit in a Christian Church, and whose baptism has been duly recorded in this Church, are members thereof. (2) All such members who have received Holy Communion in an Episcopal Church at least three times during the preceding year are communicants. (3) All such communicants who for the previous year have been faithful in the observance of the general church canon "Of the Due Celebration of Sundays," unless for good cause prevented, and have been faithful in working, praying and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God are communicants in good standing.

**3 Diocesan Convention Delegates** and **3 Diocesan Convention Alternates:** Must be a member (no minimum membership length). Will receive materials to read in preparation for Diocesan Convention, taking place in the Fall of 2017. Will also attend pre-convention meetings and possibly other meetings. There is also a chance a special Diocesan Convention meeting can be held. We will elect three Delegates and three Alternates for one-year terms.

**1 Endowment Trustee:** Must be a member for not less than two years. Meets as needed throughout the year working with the Vestry on significant financial decisions. We will elect one Trustee for a three-year term.

**3 Vestry Members:** Must be a member for not less than one year. Vestry members have the business (financial and building) work of the church at the heart of what they do. Commitment includes regular monthly meetings, occasional special meetings, potentially one or more one-day retreats, and other learning opportunities. Reads, studies, and prays individually and as a group. Communicates with the Vestry and church members regularly by mail (e-mail, US Postal), phone, and in person. We will elect two Vestry members for three-year terms.

**1 Junior Warden** and **1 Senior Warden:** Must be an adult communicant in good standing for not less than two years. Works as the leadership team with the rector, planning meetings and ensuring work is carried out between meetings. Commitment includes the same list as Vestry Member, as well as additional meetings with the Rector and additional leadership responsibilities. We will elect one Junior Warden and one Senior Warden, each for a one-year term.

Vestries evolve over time based on the needs of the congregation. The Vestry at St. James has been intentionally working on development as spiritual leaders in addition to their "business" role.

Voting members of the parish are persons 16 years of age or older who have contributed to the support of the parish, who is not a member of another parish in the Diocese and who is a member in good standing