



St. James Weekly for Dec. 18 - 25, 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 12/18

4th Sunday of Advent

8:45AM Adult Christian Formation
9AM Kinderchurch
10:00AM Worship
Greeters/Ushers: 3rd Sun. Team
Acolyte/Crucifer: Geri Walker
Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Hunner
& MaryJean Reckelberg
Readers: Glenn Davidowich, Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, Peggy Turnbull
11:15AM Fellowship - Disciples
6PM Carpool to Taize Service at St. Norbert's DePere

Monday 12/19

Tuesday 12/20

10AM Madison School Concert
2PM Madison School Concert
3PM Homework Club
5PM Worship Service
6PM Cursillo Grouping Chapel
6PM Miracle League of the Lakeshore Mtg

Wednesday 12/21

9AM Green the Church
NO Choir Rehearsal
6:15PM Grief Support Group

Thursday 12/22

NO Homework Club
6PM Girl Scouts

Friday 12/23

6:30AM Morning Prayer

Saturday 12/24

Christmas Eve

6PM Choir Rehearsal
6:30PM Musical Prelude to Christmas Eve Service
7PM Christmas Eve Service

Sunday 12/25

Christmas Day

9AM Worship with Communion

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

Weather Advisory!

Typically we will have a Sunday service at St. James. If the weather is cold, icy or snowy, please use your discretion as to whether or not you venture out. Your safety is most important. If you think it is unsafe for you to come to church, stay home have some devotional time with prayers and scripture and sing a song if God puts that on your heart. God will understand as will our church community. If church must be cancelled, we will have an announcement on local radio stations and we'll try to send a notice via Constant Contact.

Scrip News!

The order has not been received yet. Amma Diane, Tammy McVeigh and/or Mike Laughrin will deliver the Scrip you ordered to your home this week so you have it in time for Christmas. Thank you for your support!

Thanks to All Who Helped St. James this Week!

Church Work Day - Murray Sim and company. Special thanks for replacing the outdoor light bulbs!

Meals on Wheels Delivery - Sudi Johnson, Karleen Cole, Anne Schuette, Cherity Laws, Judy Lavicka, Eleanor Agnew and Ron Hansen, Peggy and Bob Turnbull - all deserve special thanks for going out in the bitter cold, wind and snow!

Christmas Flower Donations

If you would like to donate toward Christmas Flowers there are envelopes at the rear of the church. If you would like to have those flowers donated in someone's honor, please write those names on the sheet located near the envelopes. Or if you have not been able to get to church to sign up due to the weather, you may contact Amma Diane at 920-860-5152.

Madison School Winter Concert - Tues., Dec. 20 at 10 am and 2 pm

Members of St. James are welcome to attend the Madison Elementary School Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 20 in the gymnasium. The concert starts at 10 am and 2 pm, preceded by music from the band and orchestra students. Entry is through the lower level doors off the parking lot. It's a charming addition to the Christmas season. Please talk to Anne Schuette if you have any questions.

Help the Altar Guild "Green the Church" on December 21

All are invited to help the Altar Guild with preparations for our Christmas worship services on Wednesday, December 21 at 9:00 am. We will be setting up candles, hanging wreaths, decorating a tree and doing other special duties. Poinsettias will be delivered and we will arrange the flowers and take care of any last minute details on that day. Anyone is welcome to join us, and we appreciate your help. Please talk to Liz Gordon (248-762-8679), Sudi Johnson (682-4599), or Anne Schuette (242-2819) with any questions.

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
920-860-5152

Sunday Worship Ministries:
Greeters/Ushers, Crucifer/Acolyte, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Fellowship Hosts

[Ministry Schedule January 1-March 5, 2017](#)

Greeter/Usher Teams

* **Head Usher**

1st Sunday: Skip & Karleen Cole, Donna Franz

2nd Sunday: Pat & Dave Haefke, Anne Schuette

3rd Sunday: Murray Sim, Bob & Ellen Feller, Michael Laughrin

4th Sunday: Steve Thuss*, Liz & Jim Gordon

Fifth Sunday Months:

Jan 29 = 1st Sunday team

April 30 = 2nd Sunday team

July 30 = 3rd Sunday team

October 29 = 4th Sunday team

December 31 = volunteers.

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

Homework Club Christmas Party - Thanks!

Thanks to the thoughtful gift purchasers, too many to name! Thanks to the cookie bakers: Amy Healey, Kim Kaufmann, Mary Green, Sudi Johnson - and to the crafting group for filling the treat bags. Thanks to the party volunteers: Megan Gipp, Liz Gordon, Sally Hunner, Sue Keilberg, Amy O'Shea, Tom Peneski, and Anne Schuette. And special thanks to Amma Diane for filling in as Santa's helper when our Santa Claus had to cancel due to illness. The party took place at Madison School due to the cold weather and the kids had a fun time and did get some homework done.

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 info, please talk to: Amma Diane, Liz Gordon, Sally Hunner, Tony Karl, Chuck Wernecke, and Dianne Wilson

Worship Feedback Sessions Jan. 18 & Feb. 12

Help shape our worship life at St James Episcopal Church! Feedback sessions are scheduled on Wednesday, January 18 at 6:30PM and Sunday, February 12 11:30AM. 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.

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, Susan, Bonnie, Don, Beth, Laura, Liz, GERALYN, Bonnie, Charlie, Bev, Owen, Donna, Margaret, Dianne

For guidance and discernment we lift up. . .

For those serving in the military:

Kyle Kurschner, Zach Truett, Jordon Rosenthal, Brady, Shannon, Logan
Also for: Bill, Tim, Kathy & family, Guy and Mary, Caleb, Lisa, Kurt, Corey, John, Tyler, Lisann, Ronald, Greg & Tiger, Janet, Jim, Kath, Carole

Additional prayers we offer include...

Peace in our world....The people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and Sudan and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Peter's, Ripon and St. Mary's Chapel, Wautoma. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh (Armagh, Ireland). We pray for the people of our companion diocese, the Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and their bishop The Right Reverend Godfrey Tawonezvi. We pray for the incarcerated in Wisconsin - especially those in solitary confinement. For people living with mental illness. Hope House families. The men of the Haven.

Fellowship Hour Teams

*Team Coordinators

Saints Team (1st & 2nd Sunday)

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

Disciples Team (3rd & 4th Sun.)

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

If there is a 5th 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

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 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.

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, Elaine, Ernie, Dave

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
Dec. 20	Madison Elementary Concert 10AM & 2PM
Dec. 21	Green the Church 9AM
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Worship Music
6:30PM	Worship starts at 7PM
Dec. 25	Christmas Day Worship 9AM 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

Outreach Update

Hope House Capital Campaign

The St. James Outreach Ministry met on Monday, December 12 and notes from the meeting are posted in the Fellowship Hall. We will try to make St. James members aware of projects we support, and opportunities to get involved, on a regular basis. A major project for 2017 will be helping with the Hope House Capital Campaign to renovate and fully furnish their new location at S. 35th and Custer Streets. Once they move in they will be able to increase their nightly capacity from 16 to 26 people and their shelter will be fully handicapped accessible to better serve women, children, and families who are experiencing homelessness in Manitowoc County.

The campaign is off to a good start with \$250,000 already pledged by the West Foundation and the Diocese of Green Bay. The campaign goal is \$775,000 to be raised over three years, and we are being asked to help. Did you know that we are one of 12 host congregations for Hope House? We are - and our goal is to raise at least \$5000 over three years towards our share of the campaign. How does the Outreach Ministry plan to do that?

- St. James members are asked to pledge to the campaign as individuals. (Forms are available to make a pledge.)
- St. James Outreach Fund will be used to match every pledge that comes in from members up to a total of \$2500 from the fund.
 - One or more brat fries with all proceeds going to Hope House.
 - Your ideas?

All St. James members are welcome to be part of the Outreach Ministry. Our next meeting is Monday, March 13 at 6:00 pm. You can bring your questions to our chair Mary Burckle, or any other members anytime: Skip Cole, Rich Hall, Michael Laughrin, Anne Schuette and Dianne Wilson.

ACTS OF KINDNESS Reverse Advent Calendar

The YMCA is sponsoring this event to benefit local charities.

For more information on how and where to donate items, please talk to Mary Burckle.

- Dec. 7: Salvation Army - non-perishable food items
- Dec 8: Two Rivers Ecumenical Pantry - Christmas cookie mixes, sprinkles, frosting
- Dec. 9: Peter's Pantry - personal care items
- Dec 10: Peter's Pantry - non-perishable food items
- Dec 11: The Crossing - diapers, wipes, baby items
- Dec. 12: The Crossing - diapers, wipes, baby items
- Dec 13: Hope House - non-perishable breakfast food items, personal care items
- Dec. 14: KAN Cool for School - new school supplies
- Dec. 15: The Haven - Men's socks, gloves, hats, scarves, Men's body wash
- Dec. 16: Lakeshore Humane Society - pet food
- Dec. 17: Lakeshore Humane Society - pet supplies
- Dec 18: Painting Pathways - paper products-napkins, paper towels, toilet paper
- Dec. 19: Painting Pathways - printer paper, foil, zip-top bags, garbage bags, paper plates
- Dec. 20: DVC/In courage - toilet paper, body wash, hair brushes and combs
- Dec. 21: DVC/In courage - facial tissue, AA size batteries, Size 4 disposable diapers
- Dec. 22: Southfield Townhouses - Personal Care items
- Dec. 23: Homework Club - Children's books, educational games (Grades 1-6)