



**St. James Weekly for December 3 - 10, 2017**  
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The Rev. Diane M. Murray, Rector 920-860-5152 (*cell*)

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

**Sunday 12/3**  
**1st Sunday of Advent**  
**SCRIP Order Sunday**

8:45AM Study on Mary  
9AM KinderChurch  
10:00AM Worship  
Greeters/Ushers: 1st Sunday Team  
Acolyte/Crucifer: Geri Walker  
Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Hall,  
Sharon Meany  
Readers: Karleen Cole, Skip Cole, Bob  
Feller  
11:15AM Fellowship - Saints  
11:30AM Christian Book Circle

**Monday 12/4**

**Tuesday 12/5**

8:30AM RUTH Board Mtg  
4PM Worship  
5PM Cursillo Grouping  
6:30PM Living the Questions

**Wednesday 12/6**

5PM Choir

**Thursday 12/7**

7PM PFLAG Mtg

**Friday 12/8**

6:30AM Morning Prayer

**Saturday 12/9**

8AM Men's Breakfast Group Lighthouse  
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9AM Women's Breakfast Group at Sudi  
Johnson's  
11AM Celebration of a new ministry  
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**Sunday 12/10**

**2nd Sunday of Advent**  
**2nd Scrip Order Sunday**

8:45AM Study on Mary  
9:00AM KinderChurch  
10:00AM Worship  
Greeters/Ushers: 2nd Sun. Team  
Acolyte/Crucifer: Kim Kaufmann  
Eucharistic Ministers: Chris Eggert-  
Rosenthal, Dianne Wilson  
Readers: Eleanor Agnew, Jane  
Robinson, Dianne Wilson  
11:15AM Fellowship - Saints

**Two Scrip Orders will be made this month to help accommodate giving Scrip cards as Christmas Gifts. SCRIP orders are due either Sunday Dec. 3 or Sunday Dec. 10**

**Advent Study on Mary Mother of Jesus**

**Sunday December 3, 10 and 17 8:45- 9:30AM**

Starting Sunday, December 3, St. James will offer a study on Mary, Mother of Jesus. The study will be held on the lower level of the church in our library. No supplies needed

**Advent begins Sunday December 3**

Sunday, December 3, we begin the church season of Advent. During Advent, we draw closer and closer to the celebration of the Incarnation of our Lord. We will again have devotionals and study guides available for individuals or small groups to use during this season. Please look at options available at the back of the sanctuary.

**St. James Book Circle Meets Dec. 3 at 11:30AM**

St James Book Circle readers shared the titles below last month. Bring one or more titles or books you are or have read that inspired you to share with the group.

A Handful of Quiet: Happiness in 4 Pebbles by Thich Nhat Hahn; My Life with the Saints by James Martin; Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu; The Jesus Heist by C. Andrew Doyle (Episcopal Bishop of Texas); I ♥ Francis by Donna Schaper (Love letters to Pope Francis from a UCC pastor)

**Advent Lessons and Carols at Grace Episcopal in Sheboygan on Dec. 3**

Sunday, December 3rd, a festival of Advent Lessons and Carols will be offered at Grace Episcopal Church in Sheboygan, beginning at 4:00 p.m. The festival prepares us for the coming of the Messiah by following the scriptural record through nine lessons, each followed by a seasonal carol offered by choir and congregation. The choir will also offer seasonal anthems, and music will include Dr. R. Benjamin Dobey on organ. The service is followed immediately by a High Tea reception.

**Living the Questions Tues. Dec. 5 & 12, 6:30-8PM**

*Living the Questions* is an open-minded alternative to studies that attempt to give participants all the answers, and instead strives to create an environment where participants can interact with one another. This class meets in the lower level Fellowship Hall at St James Episcopal Church. Each week will include time watching video segments featuring a variety of scholars, theologians, and other experts, as well as time to share and

## Milestones

### December Anniversaries

Dec 13 Randy & Cindy Hronek

### December Birthdays

Dec 2 Todd Reckelberg

Dec 4 Chris Couris

Dec 5 Bill 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 Oct. 29, 2017 - Jan. 14, 2018](#)

### Greeter/Usher Teams

\* Head Usher

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

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday:** Dave Haefke, Anne Schuette, Mary Green

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

discuss. Themes include: "Restoring Relationships", "The Prophetic Jesus", "Evil, Suffering, & A God of Love", "The Myth of Redemptive Violence", "Practicing Resurrection", "Debunking the Rapture", and "Honoring Creation". There is no charge, no need to sign up, and all materials are provided. Please talk to Sally Hunner, Sudi Johnson, Tony Karl, or Amma Diane for more info.

### St. James Women's Breakfast Group meets at 9AM December 9 - special location

The Saturday Morning Women's Pot Luck Breakfast group will meet at 9AM, at Sudi Johnson's home, [915 Lincoln Blvd](#) for pre-Christmas fellowship and food! There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Please consider bringing a cash donation (in a white envelope) to support a local organization we feel especially connected to this year. All women of the church and their friends are invited!

### Zimmer Forum on Tuesday December 12 at noon

The Rev. Carly Kuntz, pastor at Lakeshore United Methodist Church in Manitowoc, will discuss "The Fourth Turning" by William Strauss and Neil Howe, at the Zimmer Forum, at noon on Tuesday, December 12. Readers describe the book as an "interesting analysis of history, sociology and politics that looks at the cycles of generations and the effect they have on both prior and future generations." Silver Lake College and St. Francis of Assisi Parish are the sponsors of the monthly forum to honor Father Bill Zimmer. The talk will take place in the Heritage Room (room 238) on the second floor of the main building of Silver Lake College, [2406 South Alverno Road, Manitowoc](#). There is no charge for this event. Please call Anne Schuette (682-7723) if you need a ride.

### Ways to Help Others during Advent

Donate one or more items to *inCourage* Domestic Violence Center. A holiday wish list is posted on the Volunteer Opportunities bulletin board. Items can be placed in the red bin next to our Peter's Pantry bins. A member of the Outreach Committee will drop off our donations the week of December 20.

Ring a bell or volunteer for the Salvation Army: Sign up to ring the bell at [www.ringbells.org](http://www.ringbells.org) or call 684-7117. Help with their Toy Shop and benefit children in our county.

Set up 11/28-12/8, Distribution 12/12-12/13, Clean Up 12/13, 5 pm. Call Lisa Stricklin 684-7117 with questions or to volunteer.

Make a donation through Episcopal Relief and Development. Options include: chickens and cows, vitamins and fruit trees, literacy programs, seeds and tools. Or give to the ERD Global Needs Fund and your gift will be matched dollar for dollar. Check out [episcopalrelief.org](http://episcopalrelief.org).

### Can You Donate some Gym Shoes for Community Kids? Now - January 1, 2018

"Take the First Step and Donate TODAY"

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** Steve Thuss\*, Liz & Jim Gordon

Fifth Sunday Months:  
December 31 - volunteers.

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

### **Fellowship Hour Teams**

#### **\*Team Coordinators**

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

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

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

Dave Haefke, Judy Lavicka\*, 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**

Occasionally members of St. James need 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.

### **Scrip Order Dates**

December 3 & 10

Scrip is a way for you to purchase store gift cards for your own use or to give as gifts. The card user gets

Donate your New or Gently Used Gym Shoes All shoes will be donated Manitowoc County Magic closets Magic Closets are located in Manitowoc County schools to Help kids less fortunate ALL SIZES Shoes for Schools Now-January 1, 2018 Drop off locations: Anytime Fitness Two Rivers, Schroeders Department Store Two Rivers, the YMCA, Downtown Dance Company, CrossFit Manitowoc, Planet Fitness, Tree House Theater, Two Rivers Community Center, Kaleidoscope Dance Studio, Lakeshore Community Health Care, Holy Family Memorial wellness Center, United Way Manitowoc County.

Monetary donations also accepted Can be dropped off at the YMCA

### **The Wonder of Christmas 2017**

#### **hosted by Lakeshore United Methodist Church**

A display of several hundred nativity scenes. Free and open to the public, this ecumenical event has been hosted by Trinity Alliance Church for over 10- years.

Friday, December 8, 3-7PM

Saturday, December, 11AM - 4PM

Sundays, December 3 & 10 12noon - 4PM

Lakeshore United Methodist is located at 411 Reed Ave. Manitowoc, WI

### **Greetings from the Cursillo Community of**

#### **St. Peters Sheboygan Falls!**

The Cursillo Secretariat (leadership team) leaves the December Ultreya to communities to decide where and when to meet since it is such a busy time. The Cursillo community at St Peter's is offering to host an Ultreya on Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>, for neighboring churches at the Church House located at the corner of Buffalo and Elm in Sheboygan Falls. It will run from 10:00-12:00 (noon).

Could all of you help spread the word among at your church? Bring a snack if you like, it doesn't need to be a lot. Hope to see as many there as we can!

### **St. James Book Group Meets on Wed., Dec. 13**

Mark your calendars for the St. James Book Group end-of-the-year meeting and pot-luck on Wednesday, **Dec 13** at 6:30 PM at the home of Anne Schuette. All are invited to attend and bring your suggestion for a book to read together in 2018. Please contact Marie Hawkins (683-9032) or Anne Schuette (242-2819) with any questions.

### **Our Next Meals on Wheels Week is Dec. 18 - 22**

Volunteers from St. James will deliver Meals on Wheels during the week of December 18 - 22. Look for a sign-up sheet later this month. Please contact Judy Lavicka (684-1445) or Anne Schuette (682-7723) with any questions.

### **Our Next Hope House Volunteer Week is December 18 - 23**

Volunteers from St. James and our partners Lakeshore Methodist Church will help at Hope House in a variety of ways this week. Not a volunteer yet? Contact Amma Diane for more information.

full value for the amount and St. James receives a percent (varies with retailer). The money St. James receives is going into our Outreach Fund. Order forms are available at the info center at the back of church

Orders and payment for the orders can be given to Mike Laughrin or Tammy McVeigh at any time during the month, no later than the date above for that month. The order will be sent in on the 15th of the month with the gift cards being available one to two Sundays later depending on what day of the week the 15th falls.

### **Vestry Updates**

Approved Vestry Minutes, Financial Statements and Agendas for our meeting can be found on the bulletin board across from the office on the lower level.

**You can still turn in your annual stewardship pledge. Cards are available at the rear of the sanctuary.**

**GOD'S LOVE IN ACTION**  
**BUILDING HOPE**  
**THROUGH GRATEFUL HEARTS**

*God loves us into being...*

*God teaches us to act, to love, to serve...*

*May we be inspired to build hope in God's Kingdom in our community and world...*

### **"Come and See" Bulletin Boards**

The Women's Breakfast group suggested posting stories on our bulletin boards about what God is doing in our lives and at St. James. All are welcome to submit photos and stories - if you have a story but don't know how to "write it up" please talk to Liz Gordon or Anne Schuette. We'll add stories regularly and love to have suggestions. Expect our bulletin boards to be a source of inspiration and information!

### **Saint 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, Steve and Mary Beth, Susie and Dave, Bill, Steven, Mike and Laura, Karen, Matthew, Karen and Bob, Bonnie, Ray, Joan, Richard, Johnny and Sally, Audrey, Virginia, Judy, Marty, Susan and Bonnie, Don and Beth, Laura, Liz, Chip, Janice, Megan, Emily, Beverly, Tiger, Dan and Maria, Billy, Murray, Melissa. Ben and Gail

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

Those serving in the military: Kyle Kurschner, Zach Truett, Jordon Rosenthal, Brady, Shannon,

We also pray for: Tim, Guy and Mary, Kurt, Tyler, Lisann, Ronald, Kellen, Pat, Tracy, Alex, Zachery.

#### **Additional prayers we offer include...**

Peace in our world...The people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan and missionary families. In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Blessed Sacrament, Green Bay, the Mashava Mission District of our companion Diocese of Masvingo, Zimbabwe. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for West Burganda - (Uganda). 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. We pray for those working in government in our cities, state, country and the world. We pray for our neighborhood.

#### **We offer thanks for...**

Diane our Rector, Richard and Tammy, 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. Arch Bishop of Canterbury Justin Welby.

For our companion Diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe and their bishop The Right Reverend Godfrey.

### **We remember the departed...**

Paul, Tom, Joe, Myrna, Bill, Howard, Bob, Cindy, Stan, Dale, Ray, Bill, Mary, Randy, Jill, Andy, John, Michelle, Clayton, Elaine, Carolyn, Ernie, Pat, Michael, Sharen, Kim, GERALYN.

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:**

Sunday Adult Formation at 8:45AM check calendar  
Sunday KinderChurch at 9AM; Main Service 10AM  
Tuesday Worship 4PM  
Tuesday Cursillo Grouping 5PM  
Wednesday Choir Rehearsal 5PM (check calendar)  
Fridays Morning Prayer 6:30AM  
Dec 3 1st Sunday of Advent  
Dec 3 Scrip Orders Due  
Dec 3 Christian Book Circle 11:30AM  
Dec 5 RUTH Board Meeting 8:30AM  
Dec 5 Living the Questions 6:30PM  
Dec 6 Choir Rehearsal 5PM  
Dec 7 PFLAG 7PM  
Dec 9 Men's Breakfast 8AM  
Dec 9 Women's Breakfast 9AM  
Dec 10 2nd Sunday of Advent  
Dec 10 Scrip Orders Due (2nd order before Christmas)  
Dec 12 Discover & Grow Mtg 2:30PM  
Dec 12 Living the Questions 6:30PM  
Dec 13 Choir Rehearsal 5PM  
Dec 13 St. James Book Group 6:30PM  
Dec 14 Vestry Meeting 5:30PM  
Dec 14 Girl Scouts 6PM  
Dec 17 3rd Sunday of Advent  
Dec 18-22 Meals On Wheels Delivery  
Dec 18-23 Hope House Volunteer Week  
Dec 19 Madison School Concert 10AM & 2PM  
Dec 19 Miracle League of the Lakeshore 6PM  
Dec 20 Choir Rehearsal 5PM  
Dec 21 Jefferson School Concert 10Am & 2PM  
Dec 21 Rainbow Acts Crafting 1PM  
Dec 21 Girls Scouts 6PM  
Dec 24 4th Sunday of Advent  
Dec 24 Christmas Eve 6:30PM Music, 7PM Church  
Dec 25 Christmas Day 9AM Morning Prayer  
Dec 27 NO Choir  
Jan 6 Epiphany 5PM Service followed by games & pot-luck  
Jan 28 Annual Meeting

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

## **Nominations are open for 2018 positions on the Vestry, Endowment Trustees, and for Diocesan Convention Delegates**

Nomination forms are available at the back of the Sanctuary in the Information Center

**Diocesan Convention Delegates and Diocesan Convention Alternates:** Must be a member of St. James (no minimum membership length). Will receive materials to read in preparation for Diocesan Convention, taking place in the Fall of 2018. Will also attend pre-convention Deanery 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.

**Endowment Trustee:** Must be an adult member of St. James for not less than two years. Meets as needed throughout the year. We will elect one Trustee for a three-year term.

**Vestry Member:** Must be an adult communicant in good standing, member of St. James for not less than one year. Commitment includes regular meetings, occasional special meetings, one or more one-day retreats, and other learning opportunities. Communicates with the Vestry and church members regularly by email, phone, and in person. We will elect one Vestry member for a three-year term.

**Junior Warden and Senior Warden:** Must be an adult communicant in good standing at St. James 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. We will elect one Junior Warden and one Senior Warden, each for a one-year term.

**Vestry Update:** Richard Hall (Senior Warden) is not eligible to be re-elected to Sr. Warden, but could be to other positions, Tammy McVeigh (Junior Warden) is eligible for election to any of these positions. Skip Cole (Vestry) is completing his term and is not eligible for re-election to Vestry but could be for other positions. Mark Hunner (Finance Committee) is eligible for any position.

Nomination form instructions: (nominations close two weeks before the Annual Meeting)

- Please print the Nominee name where indicated.
- Check one box for a position.
- Two Nominators must sign/print their names and date the form. The Nominee may be one of the Nominators.
- The Nominee must sign and date the form.
- Return the completed form to the Nominations box in the back of the church sanctuary.

Please contact the Rector or any other member of the Nominating Committee (Richard Hall, Tammy McVeigh, Skip Cole, Mark Hunner, or Amma Diane) if you have any questions or comments.

**Elections will take place at our Annual Meeting January 28, 2018**

**Who can vote?:** A voting member is at least 16 years old, is not on the rolls of another church in the Diocese, is regular in attendance and has supported St. James Episcopal Church, and has their baptism recorded in our rolls. No new members may be added to the voting roles during the two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.