



St. James Weekly for December 17 - 24, 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 12/17

3rd Sunday of Advent

8:45AM Study on Mary

9AM KinderChurch

10:00AM Worship

Greeters/Ushers: 3rd Sunday Team

Acolyte/Crucifer: Sharon Meany

Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Hall,

Mary Jean Reckelberg

Readers: Chris Eggert-Rosenthal,

Richard Hall, Peggy Turnbull

11:15AM Fellowship - Disciples

11:30AM Decorating the church - all welcome to help

Monday 12/18

Meals On Wheels Delivery

Tuesday 12/19

Meals On Wheels Delivery

4PM Worship

5PM Cursillo Grouping

6PM Miracle League

Wednesday 12/19

Meals On Wheels Delivery

5PM Choir

Thursday 12/21

Meals On Wheels Delivery

1PM Rainbow Acts Crafting

6PM Girl Scouts

Friday 12/22

Meals On Wheels Delivery

6:30AM Morning Prayer

Saturday 12/23

Sunday 12/24

4th Sunday of Advent

9:00AM KinderChurch

10:00AM Worship

Greeters/Ushers: 4th Sun. Team

Acolyte/Crucifer: Mary Jean

Reckelberg

Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Hunner,

Sudi Johnson

Readers: Karleen Cole, Skip Cole,

Bob Feller

11:15AM Fellowship - Disciples

Sunday 12/24

Christmas Eve

6:30PM Musical Prelude

7PM Christmas Eve Service

Monday 12/25 Christmas Day

9AM Morning Prayer

Do you want to contribute toward Christmas Flowers? Envelops at the Ushers' Table

If you want to donate flowers in someone's honor, please note that on the envelop. Envelops may go in the offering plate or be given to Mary Jean Reckelberg or Amma Diane.

Study on Mary Mother of Jesus Sun. Dec. 17 8:45- 9:30AM

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

PLEDGE CAMPAIGN UPDATE

In mid-November we kicked off our 2017-18 stewardship theme, "God's Love in Action: Building Hope Through Grateful Hearts", including our 2018 pledge campaign starting on November 19. As of December 14, we have received 34 pledges totaling \$78,392, including three new pledges. Our projected expenses for 2018 are approximately \$101,000 (the budget is not finalized). Thank you for supporting the Mission and Ministry of St James Episcopal Church! Your pledges help in preparing our budget for the coming year. If you would like to make a 2018 pledge, pledge cards are available in church, or you can contact Amma Diane or Mary Jean Reckelberg.

St James reads: *Wonder*

After the Christmas celebrations have ended and the New Year has been rung in, we invite you to spend some time this winter reading the 2012 book *Wonder* (recently released as a film of the same name). Author RJ Palacio addresses prejudice, self-acceptance, friendship, and bullying in this approachable fiction for people of all ages. *Wonder* follows the story of August Pullman, a boy living in Upper Manhattan, who has a disfiguring medical condition. After years of homeschooling, he begins 5th grade in school and starts to experience a different world. The Discover & Grow ministry will provide books at no charge to any who would like to read (donations welcome). Please sign up on the sheet in church or contact Amma Diane (or indicate if you will get your own copy). Books will be available for pick-up by January 7. We will gather to discuss *Wonder* from 8:45-9:45AM on Sunday, February 11. We'll also set up an optional Facebook group for those who would like to discuss the book between January 7 and February 11. If you have any questions, please talk to Sudi Johnson, Sally Hunner, or Amma Diane.

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.

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.

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

920-860-5152

Sunday Worship Ministries:

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

[Ministry Schedule Dec. 24, 2017 - Mar 4, 2018](#)

Greeter/Usher Teams

* Head Usher

1st Sunday: Skip & Karleen Cole, Donna Franz

2nd Sunday: Dave Haefke, Anne Schuette, Mary Green

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

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

Fifth Sunday Months:

December 31 - volunteers.

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 30- Jan 6

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.

Lincoln Park Holiday Lights 1 & 2 Mile Walk/Run

Saturday, Dec. 30th at 4:30pm

Join us for a fun walk/run through the Lincoln Park Lights. What a great way to view the beautiful lights through the park! All proceeds benefit zoo educational programs and enhancements. St. James members are invited to gather after the walk at the home of Dan Hornung and Anne Schuette ([410 Waldo Blvd.](#)) for hot cocoa and fellowship.

Register at www.active.com/manitowoc-wi/running/distance-running-races/holiday-lights-1-and-2-mile-run-walk-2017. Registration Fee: \$15 per person | \$30 Family. Price includes a hat (2 hats max. per family). Pre-registration Deadline: Dec. 20th to guarantee hat.

Can You Donate some Gym Shoes for Community Kids?

Now - January 1, 2018

"Take the First Step and Donate TODAY"

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

Save the Date - Games Night on Epiphany - Saturday, January 6th

Please plan to come to a St. James Games Night at 5 PM on Saturday, January 6 - and celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany. Bring a game you enjoy playing with others, and a pot-luck snack to share. There will be an Epiphany Cake and a King or Queen will be crowned. Talk to Anne Schuette (242-2819) if you have any questions or would like to help with this event which is sponsored by the Parish Life Committee.

2017 Annual Report Items due Jan. 11, 2018

St. James Annual Meeting Jan. 28, 2018

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled immediately after 10AM worship on Sunday, January 28 (snow date February 4). The meeting will include our annual elections, budget review, reports of the congregation, and other topics. We'll share a potluck lunch, so we invite all who are able to bring a dish, snack, treat, or beverage to share. All current ministries are asked to submit their reports to include in the 2017 Annual Report. Reports can be as simple as one or more paragraphs (or a bullet-point list) summarizing the

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

Fellowship Hour Teams

***Team Coordinators**

Saints Team (1st & 2nd Sunday)

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

Disciples Team (3rd & 4th Sun.)

Dave Haefke, Judy Lavicka*, 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

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. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. Please call Donna Franz 973-3017 if you have questions.

Scrip Order Dates

2018 Dates available soon!

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

activities, projects, and/or events of your ministry throughout 2017. Please email your reports to Amma Diane (dianemarie.murray@gmail.com) by Thursday, January 11. A paper report is okay if you do not use email. If you have any questions, please talk to Amma Diane.

Bishop's Visitation January 14, 2018

St James Episcopal Church is part of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, the northeastern region of Wisconsin. Our Bishop, The Right Reverend Matthew Gunter, will be making his annual visitation at St James on Sunday, January 14. Please plan to attend worship and stay for fellowship to chat with Bishop Matt. This is a traditional time for Baptisms (child or adult), Confirmations (adult affirmation of one's prior Baptism), and Receiving New Members (formal recognition of the transfer from another denomination). If you or somebody you know is interested in any of these, please talk to Amma Diane as soon as possible for more 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, Cherity, Ben and Gail, Brenden, Mary,

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 the Order of Julian of Norwich. In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Wyoming - (Province VI of The Episcopal Church) 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, Geryllyn

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!

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.

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 17	3rd Sunday of Advent
Dec 17	Decorate the church after 10Am service
Dec 18-22	Meals On Wheels Delivery
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
Dec 30- Jan 6	Hope House Volunteer Week
Dec 30	1-2 Mile walk/run Lincoln park 4:30PM
Jan 6	Epiphany 5PM Service followed by games & pot-luck
Jan 7	Book read "Wonder" Begins
Jan 11	2017 Annual Reports Due
Jan 14	Bishop Matthew Gunter at St. James
Jan 28	Annual Meeting following 10AM Service
Feb 11	Book read "Wonder" discussion 8:45AM

For a full calendar visit our website 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.