



**St. James Weekly for Dec.31, 2017 - Jan. 6, 2018**  
434 N. 8th St., Manitowoc, WI 54220 920-684-8256 (*church office*)  
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 12/31  
Hope House Week**

9AM KinderChurch  
10:00AM Worship  
Greeters/Ushers: 1st Sunday Team  
Acolyte/Crucifer: Geri Walker  
Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Hall,  
Dianne Wilson  
Readers: Eleanor Agnew, Jane  
Robinson, Dianne Wilson  
11:15AM Fellowship - Pot Luck

**Monday 1/1  
New Year's Day  
Hope House**

**Tuesday 1/2  
Hope House**  
4PM Worship

followed by Cursillo Grouping

**Wednesday 1/3  
Hope House**  
NO Choir

**Thursday 1/4  
Hope House**  
7PM PFLAG

**Friday 1/5  
Hope House**  
6:30AM Morning Prayer

**Saturday 1/6**  
5PM Epiphany Service  
5:30PM Potluck & Games

**Sunday 1/7  
Scrip Orders Due**

9:00AM KinderChurch  
10:00AM Worship  
Greeters/Ushers: 1st Sun. Team  
Acolyte/Crucifer: Kim Kaufmann  
Eucharistic Ministers: Chris Eggert-  
Rosenthal, Ruby Gunderson  
Readers: Richard Hall, Peggy  
Turnbull  
11:15AM Fellowship - Saints

**Milestones  
January Anniversaries**

**January Birthdays**

Jan 2 Tammy McVeigh  
Jan 3 Kevin McVeigh  
Jan 8 Tina Schultz  
Jan 9 Randy Hronek  
Jan 11 Chris Eggert-Rosenthal  
Jan 15 Jane Robinson

**Prayer Request from the Menominee People**

This is a prayer request passed on via WISDOM: The people of the Menikanaehkem ("community builders" - the core team on the Menominee Reservation, organizing against the "Back Forty" Mine location, proposed for the Wisconsin/Upper Michigan border) have asked all of us for prayers this Saturday (December 30). They have asked for each of us, according to our own faith tradition, to pray for the future of the earth - especially the land that is threatened with a huge, open pit sulfide mine, right next to the Menominee River, where many of the Menominee ancestors are buried. So, please, light a candle, say a prayer, in solidarity with the Menominee and all the people fighting to keep our planet habitable.

**St. James has new Wi-Fi access names and password.** They are posted on the office door, on bulletin boards or contact Amma Diane at 920-860-5152 or dianemarie.murray@gmail.com Wi-Fi is available to anyone in the St. James Building.

**Our Next Hope House Week is Dec. 31 - 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.

**Save the Date - Games Night on Epiphany - Saturday, Jan.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.

**Scrip Orders Due January 7**

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. In 2017 we raised several hundred dollars for outreach through this program. 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.

**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

Jan 16 Bristol Huss  
Jan 18 Deena Giriappa  
Jan 21 Clarence Carbon  
Jan 21 Dianne Wilson  
Jan 25 Skip Cole

**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 Dec. 24, 2017 - Mar 4, 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

**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

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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Classes offered at Grace Congregational UCC in Jan. 2018**

Four evening classes be offered at 6:30 pm on Mondays in January at Grace Congregational United Church of Christ, in Two Rivers. One or more of these classes may be of interest to St. James Church members. Please see the bulletin boards across from the church office, or in the church entryway, for more information. Talk to Anne Schuette (242-2819) if you have any questions.

**2017 Annual Report Items due Jan. 11, 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 activities, projects, and/or events of your ministry throughout 2017. Please email your reports to Amma Diane ([dianemarie.murray@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**St. James Book Group Reads "The Testament" in January**

The St. James Book Group is reading "The Testament" by John Grisham during the month of January. It's a story that "mixes legal suspense with a remarkable adventure." This book was recommended to our group by Marian Flint. Copies on loan from the Manitowoc Public Library, will be available to sign out after Dec. 29 - look for the book in the lower level cloakroom - and plan to meet to discuss the book on Wednesday, January 24 at 7pm in the church library. Please contact Anne Schuette (242-2819) or Marie Hawkins (683-9032) with any questions.

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

**Disciples Team** (3<sup>rd</sup>& 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**

January 7  
February 11  
March 11  
April 8  
May 13  
June 10  
July 8  
August 12  
September 9  
October 7  
November 11  
December 2  
December 9

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### **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, Mary, Brenden, Cherity, Richard

#### **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 All persons Baptized, Confirmed and Received this past year. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for Zululand - (Southern Africa). 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 31- Jan 6 Hope House Volunteer Week  
Jan 4 PFLAG 7PM  
Jan 6 Epiphany 5PM Service followed by games & pot-luck  
Jan 7 SCRIP orders due  
Jan 7 Christian Book Circle 11:30AM  
Jan 7 Book read "Wonder" Begins  
Jan 11 Vestry 5:30PM  
Jan 11 2017 Annual Reports Due  
Jan 11 Girl Scouts 6PM  
Jan 13 Men's Breakfast 8AM Lighthouse Inn  
Jan 13 Women's Breakfast 9AM St. James

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.

Jan 14	Bishop Matthew Gunter at St. James
Jan 16	R.U.T.H Board Mtg 8:30AM
Jan 16	Miracle League 6PM
Jan 18	Rainbow Acts Crafting 1PM
Jan 18	Girl Scouts 6pm
Jan 24	St. James Book Group 7PM
Jan 28	Annual Meeting following 10AM Service
Feb 11	Book read "Wonder" discussion 8:45AM
Feb 11	SCRIP Orders due

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.