



St. James Weekly for Sept 16 - 23, 2018

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The Rev. Diane M. Murray, Rector 920-860-5152 (cell)

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

Sunday 9/16

8:45AM Adult Study Group
9AM KinderChurch
10:00AM Worship
Greeters/Ushers: 3rd Sunday Team
Acolyte/Crucifer: Geri Walker
Eucharistic Ministers: Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, Dianne Wilson
Readers: Karleen & Skip Cole
11:15AM Fellowship - Disciples

Monday 9/17

Tuesday 9/18

Wednesday 9/19

4PM Worship

Thursday 9/20

6PM Girl Scouts

Friday 9/21

6:30AM Morning Prayer

Saturday 9/22

Sunday 9/23

8:45AM Adult Study Group
9AM KinderChurch
10:00AM Worship
Greeters/Ushers: 4th Sunday Team
Acolyte: Kim Kaufmann
Eucharistic Ministers: Mark Hunner, Murray Sim
Readers: Bob Feller, Dianne Wilson
11:15AM Fellowship - Disciples

Milestones

September Anniversaries

23 Jill & Mayra Short

September Birthdays

- 1 Miguel Oropeza
- 3 Sudi Johnson
- 7 Mel Ouradnik
- 13 Cameron Essert
- 15 Sean Essert
- 26 Glenn Davidowich
- 26 Mary Jean Reckelberg

Sunday Morning Study Group

Grow in your understanding of what it means to be alive in the Spirit of God. Each week we read & discuss a short chapter, based on scripture, from Brian McLaren's book, We Make the Road by Walking.

No homework.....Just come.....Whenever you can

Safe place for learning and sharing

Sundays Now through November

8:45AM Gather, Share & Pray

9:00-9:45AM Read & Discuss

Meals on Wheels Volunteers Needed Sept. 17- 21

Volunteers from St. James are assigned to deliver Meals on Wheels during the week of September 17 - 21. This ministry involves signing up, arriving at the Senior Center at 3330 Custer St. at 10:30AM, loading the meals into your car, and delivering the meals to several senior living apartment buildings (the "purple route") around Manitowoc. This job is most fun when done with a friend. If you can help on one or more days during the week, please sign up on the clipboard at the back of church. Contact Judy Lavicka (684-1445) or Anne Schuette (242-2819) with any questions.

St. James Book Group Meeting and Pot-Luck Sept. 26

The St. James Book Group is reading The Recipe Club, a novel by Andrea Israel and Nancy Garfinkle, in September. This book contains recipes, baked into the plot, so we plan to get together on Wednesday, September 26, at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall for sampling as well as discussion. Members will provide their versions of some of the recipes for a pot-luck dinner, followed by conversation about the book. (Recipe examples: Confetti Spaghetti, Thank God for Butterscotch Pudding, Cloud Nine Stuffed Peppers.)

All St James members and their friends are invited to attend this meeting (and enjoy the pot-luck) even if you haven't read the book! Besides talking about a book on the 4th Wednesday of each month, our book group enjoys general literary discussions. Copies of the book are in the downstairs cloakroom and can be signed out and returned on the day of our meeting. Please talk to or call Marie Hawkins (683-9032) or Anne Schuette (242-2819) with any questions, or if you can't find a copy of The Recipe Club in the cloakroom.

Movie Night on Sunday, September 30 - "Wonder"

St. James members, family and friends are invited to view the feature film "Wonder" on Sunday, September 30 at 5:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. This movie, based on the book by R. J. Palacio, follows the life of a 5th grade boy as he transitions from being home-schooled to a conventional school setting, and is suitable for families. Bring a snack to share. Talk to Anne Schuette (242-2819) or any member of the Book Group if you have questions.

Quick Links...

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

[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

[Aug 19 - Nov 2 2018 Ministry Schedule](#)

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

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.)

Support the Appalachia Service Project - Buy a Christmas Wreath

October 3rd is the deadline to order a hand-made Christmas wreath and support St. James members who are going on the Appalachia Service Project (ASP) mission trip July 13 - 20, 2019. This will be the 23rd year that high school students and adults from Manitowoc County will travel to Appalachia to meet families and work on their homes. St. James is fortunate to partner with Grace Evangelical United Church of Christ in Two Rivers to make this trip happen. The ASP trip is almost entirely funded by selling wreaths, and other Christmas greenery. The wreaths are made by those going on the mission trip from fresh greens and are delivered during Thanksgiving week. Please see Sophia Handl or Anne Schuette to order a wreath or for more information about ASP. THANKS so much!

LIVING THE QUESTIONS SUNDAY 10/14

Do you ever have questions about Christianity? You are not alone. The St James Vestry invites you to Living the Questions Sunday, October 14 from 10AM to Noon. Experience worship and communion as Christian journey... watch a video about how several Christian scholars and leaders address their questions... join in small group discussions which may help you on your personal journey... and work together toward two of our St James 2021 goals: St James core values are defined & St James identity is understood in the wider community. KinderChurch will take place at the regular 9AM time. Child care will be available from 10AM to Noon. An optional light lunch will be provided. See you there!

UPCOMING SPECIAL WORSHIP

Join us for these upcoming special days at St James Episcopal Church:

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS SEPTEMBER 30

Early Fall brings a variety of opportunities to remember those touched by mental illness, including US Mental Health Awareness Week, World Mental Health Day, National Day Without Stigma, and National Depression Screening Day. **Our 10AM worship on Sunday, September 30, will help us remember those whose lives are touched by mental illness.** And who is touched by mental illness? According to the National Institute of Mental Health, about one in four adults (26.2 percent of American 18 and older) suffer from a diagnosable mental illness in any given year. That means that one in four people in our pews has a family member living with mental health issues or is living with those issues themselves. **We will also have a presentation by Painting Pathways Clubhouse during 10AM worship, as well as sharing time after worship.**

BLESSING OF ANIMALS OCTOBER 7

The blessing of animals is a tradition associated with Francis of Assisi, an Italian catholic friar who founded religious orders and is commonly known as the patron saint of animals and the environment. Francis is said to have referred to animals as his brothers and sisters. **Our annual blessing of animals will take place on Sunday, October 7 at the beginning of both 9AM and 10AM worship.** We'll bless animals, whether they can be present or not. We ask that people bringing animal(s) are able to control the animal and clean up after the animal in the event of an accident. Live pets, photos of pets, and toy pets are welcome for blessing, and we can even bless your animal who remains at home if you simply mention them by name. Anybody who is able is invited to bring a bag of dry pet food or cat litter that we can donate to the local animal shelter.

LIVING THE QUESTIONS SUNDAY OCTOBER 14

See the separate announcement for more details.

Dave Haefke, Judy Lavicka*, Steve Thuss, Ruby Gunderson, Murray Sim

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

Green Bay Airport Transportation for Chris Rosenthal and puppy Abby

Chris's employment in Little Rock, AK may be extended further than she anticipated. Please consider taking a turn- either picking her up on a Thursday/Friday (typically 1 pm) or returning her on a Monday am (departing Two Rivers around 7:45 am).

We will try again, the Meal Train Plus 'on line' calendaring system (which seemed to work well for Sudi's medical appointments.)

Sign up with your email address. You will then be invited to the Meal Train website to sign up for a Thursday/Friday or a Monday time slot. Chris is happy to pay you for your time/gas. Or In lieu of payment, Chris is making donations to St James per your request (ie. outreach, Amma Diane's discretionary fund etc)

Rides to Church

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.

Share One of Your Talents/Gifts

ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS WORSHIP NOVEMBER 1 & 4

In early November we take time to remember and celebrate our family and friends, our sisters and brothers in Christ, and the saints in the broader church who have preceded us. **Join us for All Saints/All Souls Day worship at 6:00PM on Thursday, November 1 and All Saints Sunday worship at 9AM and 10AM on Sunday, November 5.** These services will include time to remember others, as well as candle lighting and other traditions to help us remember our unity through time and place as the Body of Christ.

REMEMBERING & HONORING VETERANS AND MILITARY NOVEMBER 11

God calls us to be people of peace saying, "Blessed are the peacemakers", and reminding us that we are to love our neighbor and enemy as we love ourselves. There are times we as a global community fail to live out those words; times when young men and women hear the call to don the uniforms of their country and serve under their flag. **Join us for 10AM worship on Sunday, November 11, which will include a time of remembrance, recognizing, and honoring veterans and those currently serving.** Invite any veterans or currently serving military you know to join us for this special day.

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 . . .

Steve and Mary Beth, Susie and Dave, Bill, Steven, Mike and Laura, Karen, Matthew, Karen and Bob, Bonnie, Ray, Joan, Johnny and Sally, Audrey, Virginia, Judy, Marty, Don and Beth, Tiger, Billy, Ben and Gail, Mary, Brenden, Cherity, Silas, Bonnie, Andrew, Richard, Candace, Grayson James, Vanessa, Bob, Mary and Vince, Faith, Mary Jean, Peggy, Jane, Emily, Karleen, Carol, Maggie, The family of Germaine Hall, Joe Mike, Liese, Bonnie

For guidance and discernment we lift up. . .

Those serving in the military: Kyle Kurschner, Zach Truett, Jordon Rosenthal, Brady Cook, Shannon, Logan, Daniel
We also pray for: Tim, Guy and Mary, Kurt, Ronald, Alison, Scott, Margaret, Frankie, Kevin

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 St. Paul, Marinette and St. Francis Mission District, Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan. 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, Dan 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, Cindy, Dale, Bill, Mary, Randy, Clayton, Pat, Audrey, Germaine

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.

If you are able to share something you can do such as offering a ride, mowing grass, cleaning the house, caring for a pet, etc. Please contact Donna Franz at 973-3017 and let her know what you can do. Donna links those in need of some help with those who are able to offer the help!

Looking Ahead:

Sunday Adult Formation at 8:45AM check calendar
Sunday KinderChurch at 9AM; Main Service 10AM
Wednesday Worship 4PM
Wednesday Cursillo Grouping - follows worship
Fridays Morning Prayer 6:30AM
Sept 17-18 Clergy Continuing Ed.
Sept 17-21 Meals On Wheels Delivery
Sept 26 Book Club 6PM
Sept 27 Dio Fdl Executive Council at St. James 10-2
Sept 29 Suicide Prevention Walk
Sept 30 Mental Health Awareness
Sept 30 Movie "Wonder" 5PM
Oct 3 Last day to order a APS Wreath
Oct 7 Blessing of the Animals 10AM Service
Oct 7 Scrip Orders Due
Oct 14 Living the Questions Sunday (see note above)
Oct 21 Masvingo Visitors
Oct 28 Pledge Sunday
Nov 3 Conversations in Community - Our Core Values

For a full calendar visit our website www.stjamesmanitowoc.com

Vestry Updates:

The Vestry is considering the installation of a votive candle prayer station. This has been suggested by several members of the congregation of the past several years. The lighting of candles in prayer has been observed for thousands of years and is a powerful means of deepening our prayers and our connection with God. If you are interested in learning more about this, hold a strong opinion one way or the other or might be willing to help fabricate a station or offset the cost, please talk with a Vestry Member or Amma Diane.

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

Vestry Members: Sr. Warden - Dan Hornung; Jr. Warden - Tammy McVeigh; Vestry - Chris Eggert-Rosenthal, Jim Gordon, Ron Hansen, Sally Hunner, Mike Laughrin; Treasurer - Peggy Turnbull; Clerk - Tony Karl

Scrip Order Dates for 2018

October 7 November 11 December 2 & 9

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

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.

Senior Warden's Note – from Dan Hornung

FIRST - A note of thanks for all that helped with the funeral of Germaine Hall. I know at least for some, the timing and short notice prevented some of the regulars from helping. We are blessed that others were available and willing to help with this important ministry.

We get to it after Labor Day. Is that a familiar phrase during the summer? Yes, Labor Day really was two weeks ago. My note today is two-fold, first is to appreciate the 20 years of service from Mary Jean our treasurer, and the second is to focus on our program of "Strengthening our Community".

NEXT - After 20 years of faithful service, Mary Jean is turning the reins over to Peggy Turnbull. Kim Kaufman also deserves our thanks for keeping track of the pledges and preparing statements for the last few years. Peggy will now be accountable for both and has already started the transition of duties. The official passing of the baton (official Vestry election) occurred at the September Vestry meeting. Peggy served as the Treasurer of another parish when she and Bob lived in West Virginia. In addition to work done by Peggy, the bookkeeping will be accomplished by a CPA, Jan Belitz, who is familiar with Church bookkeeping practices. For full disclosure, Jan has worked at ROYDAN for several years and provides this service as a side business. I am very confident that Peggy is the right person, at the right time, for this position, and I know that we will all support her as she helps with this important duty.

NEXT - Our stewardship program this year will focus on "Strengthening our Community". It will bring awareness to the many programs that we support as a parish, and as individuals within the parish. All of the presentations will be helpful in articulating and building on our statements in "St James 2021".

The emphasis of our worship service, sermon and presentations will focus on one key area each week. Let's use this time to understand how the programs we offer and the organizations we support are "Strengthening our Community".

- September 30th - Mental Health awareness
Painting Pathways Clubhouse is a community intentionally organized to support individuals living with mental illness. Members of St James were instrumental in getting this privately funded program off the ground. We will learn about the growth of the program and its current needs.
- October 6th - What does Welcoming mean?
Conversations in Community
- October 7th - Blessing of the Animals
How does our building serve? Church, prayer and book groups, other church gatherings Girl Scouts PFLAG, Project KAN/Cool, Miracle League, Operation Prom
- October 14th - "Living the Questions" Sunday
An interactive presentation sponsored by our Discover and Grow. Our 10 a.m. Sunday service (including communion) will be downstairs. Even though the program is intended for adults, we want to encourage all families to attend and will have an age appropriate program in a setting that is comfortable for all, along with child-care for our youngest members.
- October 21st - The wider world
Our companion diocese of Masvingo in Zimbabwe will be visiting St James. Stay tuned for more updates.
- October 28th - Pledging, what's it all about?
I will be providing a brief overview of our finances and a personal reflection
- November 3rd - Our Core Values
Conversation in Community