



## St. James Weekly for Dec 2-9, 2018

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

### Sunday 12/2

#### Scrip Order Due

#### Salvation Army Gifts Due

#### 1st Sunday of Advent

8:45AM Adult Study Group

9AM KinderChurch w/baptism

10:00AM Worship

Greeters/Ushers: 1st Sunday Team

Acolyte/Crucifer: Kim Kaufmann

Eucharistic Ministers: Sudi

Johnson & Murray Sim

Readers: Chris Eggert-Rosenthal & Dianne Wilson

11:15AM Fellowship - Saints

11:30AM Living the Questions

12:30PM Grateful Hearts Uganda Fundraiser

### Monday 12/3

### Tuesday 12/4

### Wednesday 12/5

4PM Worship

### Thursday 12/6

7PM PFLAG

### Friday 12/7

6:30AM Morning Prayer

### Saturday 12/8

8AM Men's Breakfast Lighthouse Inn

9AM Women's Potluck Breakfast

### Sunday 12/9

#### 2nd Sunday of Advent

8:45AM Adult Study Group

9AM KinderChurch

10:00AM Worship

Greeters/Ushers: 2nd Sunday Team

Acolyte/Crucifer: Geri Walker

Eucharistic Ministers: Glenn

Davidowich & Dianne Wilson

Readers: Karleen & Skip Cole

11:15AM Fellowship - Saints

### Milestones

#### December Anniversaries

13 Randy & Cindy Hronek

#### December Birthdays

2 Todd Reckelberg

4 Chris Couris

5 Bill Schultz

11 Geri Walker

### Advent Study: Sundays before Church, Dec. 2, 9, 16

8:45 Gather in Church Library, Downstairs

9-9:45 Read & Discuss

- Read together & discuss *Your Untold Story: Tales of a Child of God* by Jake Owensby, Bishop of Western Louisiana.
- Learn about how God's presence works in our lives.
- Presiding Bishop Michael Curry says, "Bishop Owensby is one of the finest thinkers and writers on today's scene, religious or secular. I read everything he publishes, and I learn something, think deeply, and am moved every time I do. This book is no different. **You'll learn, think, be moved, and live a bit differently.**"

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS WORSHIP

**ADVENT:** Our Advent journey begins! Join us for 9AM KinderChurch and 10AM Worship on Sundays 12/2, 12/9, 12/16, and 12/23 as we prepare ourselves for the remembrance of the Christ child's birth. We'll also have our weekly 4PM Worship on Wednesdays and 6:30AM Morning Prayer on Fridays.

**BLUE CHRISTMAS:** The holiday season can be a difficult time for those who have experienced loss. We invite you to a special "Blue Christmas" themed Worship at 4PM on Wednesday 12/19 to remember and honor our loss and grief.

**CHRISTMAS EVE:** Join us starting at 6:30PM on Monday 12/24 for a musical prelude celebrating Christ's birth. Anybody who would like to sing or play a song is welcome to do so-talk to Tony Karl or Amma Diane if you are interested or have questions. Worship begins at 7PM, includes festive music, and ends with our Sanctuary softly glowing by candle light.

**CHRISTMAS DAY:** Christ is born! On Christmas morning, Tuesday 12/25, join us for Morning Prayer at 9AM.

**CHRISTMAS HYMN SING:** 10AM Worship on Sunday 12/30 will continue the celebration of Christ's birth with a Christmas hymn sing. Be ready to request your favorite Christmas songs from our blue Hymnal 1982 books.

### Sunday Dec 2, Book Circle meets after 10AM service

St James Book Circle will gather Sunday Dec 2 (this Sunday) after worship to share, swap and discuss Contemporary Christian authors/books folks are reading or podcasts listened to. Perhaps you have an Advent devotion to share or children's book? For more information see Amma Diane.

Last month, the group shared the following titles:

Wayne Mueller: Sabbath

Paula Gooden: The Meaning is in the Waiting

Madeline L'Engle: Circle of Quiet

Barrack Obama: The Audacity of Hope

Listening for Madeline: (about Madeline L'Engle) Check with Peggy Turnbull for author!

Eddie Heibrun: Interrupted Life

Ruth Bader Ginsburg: Free to Be

Barbara Brown Taylor: Home by Another Way-

- 14 Grace Valli
- 15 Kelly Schultz
- 20 Nancy Sim
- 25 Sharon Meany
- 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](#)
- [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](mailto:dianemarie.murray@gmail.com)  
920-860-5152

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

[Nov 11 2018 - Jan 27 2019](#)  
**Ministry Schedule**

**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

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

Children's book for Christmas - [Bethlehem](#)  
Other titles: [Heart of Islam](#), [How Jesus Came](#)

**Sunday Dec 2, Grateful Hearts Uganda Fundraiser**  
**12:30-4PM St. James Fellowship Hall**

Grateful Hearts Uganda was founded during Maddie Handl's most recent trip to Uganda. Maddie and her fiance, Patrick, visited Patrick's birthplace in Pader, a small rural village in northern Uganda. While visiting, the two found many children at home when they should have been in school. After the first day in the village, Maddie and Patrick felt the need to do something in Pader. That something turned into Grateful Hearts Uganda GHU. The organization is assisting four families, totaling 21 children, with school fees and necessities.

Come learn more about our organization on December 2 in the fellowship hall at St. James. This is our first "Dinner & Dessert" Fundraising event! Following coffee hour, join us for lunch, conversation, fundraisers and desserts! Ugandan crafts will be for sale, auctioned and raffled off during the event. Don't miss out. Thank-you! For more information talk with Maddie Handl.

**The Salvation Army Giving Tree**

Thanks to all who adopted a family member as part of our Salvation Army Giving Tree. All seven family members have been adopted - and there are still "stars" on the tree - single items that are on the wish lists of boys and girls who will be getting gifts from their parents via the Salvation Army Toy Shop. Please call Karleen with any questions (cell 629-0435.)

Some things to remember:

- Make sure all of the gifts for your family member are back at church - in a single bag for the family member - with the tag provided - by Sunday, December 2.
- If you chose a "star" bring that gift back to church also by Sunday, Dec. 2
- Do NOT wrap the gifts

The Salvation Army is also in need of help to set up the Christmas Toy Shop and to assist parents who come to shop on the scheduled distribution days. If you'd like to help the set-up dates are: December 6 from 9 am-noon and 1-4 pm; and the distribution and clean-up dates are: December 11 and 12 from 9 am-5 pm. Shifts of two or more hours are appreciated.

Please call the Salvation Army office (920-684-7117, ext. 111) if you can help during any of these times. You are a valuable part of ALL we do!

**Manitowoc Immigration Forum December 6**

Manitowoc County League of Women Voters, RUTH (Responding with Understanding, Truth and Hope) and the Manitowoc Human Rights Coalition announces a forum on immigration titled "Immigration Myths and Realities on the Lakeshore" will take place at 7:00 PM December 6, at the Manitowoc City Hall, 900 Quay St.

The forum will focus on accounts of how immigration policy affects people in the community. The event will feature three local speakers. Arlene Guzman Duarte is a Manitowoc business owner. She will be joined by Marcus Guevara of Sheboygan, Voces de la Frontera member and employed as a lead facilitator by Ideas Work, and Karl Klessig, a Manitowoc County farmer.

The event is free, the community will have a chance to ask questions, and light refreshments will be served. Please talk to Dan Hornung or Anne Schuette if you have any questions about the forums.

## 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> & 4th Sun.)

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 dog 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.

## St. James Women's Potluck Breakfast, Dec 9, 9AM

St James Saturday morning Women's Group will meet the 2nd Saturday of the month, Dec 8, at 9 am for an 'expanded' pot luck Christmas breakfast party. Following our breakfast, Mary Green will provide the 'stuff' (gingerbread and more!) for us to make Gingerbread Houses. We are hoping you can arrange for a more leisurely morning (until 11?) for us to be together to celebrate the beginning of the Advent season. Let Sudi know what you might be willing to provide for the breakfast. fruit, (2 folks?) 2- 3 breads (1/2 doz each per person), egg bake something- one veggie, one meat, juices, yogurt, sausage? [johnsonsudi2@gmail.com](mailto:johnsonsudi2@gmail.com). All women of the church and their friends are invited!

## Help Manitowoc-Two Rivers YMCA Swimmers

### Monday, December 10, 4-7PM at Pizza Ranch

Mary Burckle, Swim Team Manager at the Manitowoc-Two Rivers YMCA has let us know that the Y swim team has swimmers that qualify for Y Nationals. The swimmers could use our help to raise money to send them and a coach (required) to Florida for this event. All we need to do is show up at the Manitowoc Pizza Ranch located at 3212 Calumet Ave and eat dinner. No coupons required. A portion of the profits made between 4-7PM will go to the Y swimmers competing in the Y Nationals.

## SPECIAL WORSHIP SERVICE PLANNING 12/16 & BEYOND

One of our 2021 goals is: "*St James is known as a spiritual and healing place, responding to local needs and national events*". In order to help work toward that goal, we are going to begin preparing some special Worship services based on specific events or themes. The first step will be a brief Conversations in Community gathering after 10AM Worship on Sunday 12/16. Participants will be invited to contribute ideas for a list of special Worship services that are a response to a specific event (natural disaster, shooting, terrorism, etc) or that are based on a specific theme (peace, suicide, domestic violence, etc).

The next step after 12/16 will be to invite those who are interested to help research, adapt, or write prayers, texts, music, and other items for one or more special Worship services that they are interested in. Your involvement can be flexible based on your schedule and interest. You can help with any or all parts of the planning stages, and you can choose to help with just one special Worship service or as many as you like. Once we have these resources prepared, we'll be able to respond with short notice to needs and events by scheduling and hosting a special Worship service for our congregation and community.

Those who'd like to help with this project will also have the option to help develop ways to target, promote, and evaluate these special Worship services. If you have any questions, please contact Amma Diane or Tony Karl.

## Thanks for the Song Requests

Thank you to everybody who contributed your ideas on the song request sheets . We will include requested songs over time (there were almost 100), and notify you when a song you requested is scheduled for use in Worship.If you have any questions, please talk to Music Director Tony Karl

## Nominations are now open

Nominations are open for Vestry, Endowment Trustees, and Delegates and Alternates for our 2019 Diocesan Convention. See nominations forms at the back of the Sanctuary for details. Elections will take place at our Annual Meeting in early 2019. People may be nominated for more than one position. Nomination close two weeks before our Annual Meeting, which will be in early 2019. Nominations received so far:  
Senior Warden (1 position) - Tammy McVeigh  
Junior Warden (1 position) - Chris Eggert-Rosenthal  
Vestry Member (2 positions) - Kim Kaufmann & Richard Hall  
Endowment Trustee (1 positions) - none  
Convention Delegate (3 positions) - none  
Convention Alternate (3 positions) - none

### Share One of Your Talents/Gifts

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!

## **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, Bill, Steven, Mike and Laura, Matthew, Karen and Bob, Bonnie, Ray, Joan, Audrey, Virginia, Judy, Marty, Don and Beth, Tiger, Billy, Ben and Gail, Mary, Brenden, Cherity, Silas, Bonnie, Andrew, Bob, Mary and Vince, Faith, Mary Jean, Peggy Jane, Emily, Robin, Carol, Maggie, Joe Mike, Liese, for the family of John Hunnerl

### **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

### **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 Holy Apostles, Oneida, Mashava Church Districe in the Diocese of Masvingo. In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain. 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, John Hunner, former President George H.W. Bush

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. Thanksgivings 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  
Wednesday Worship 4PM  
Wednesday Cursillo Grouping - follows worship  
Fridays Morning Prayer 6:30AM  
Dec 2 Advent begins  
Dec 2 Salvation Army Tree gifts due at church  
Dec 2 Grateful Hearts Uganda Fundraiser 12:30-4  
Dec 2 Scrip Orders due  
Dec 6 Manitowoc Immigration Forum 7PM  
Dec 6 PFLAG 7PM  
Dec 8 Men's Breakfast 8AM Lighthouse Inn  
Dec 8 Women's Breakfast 9AM St. James  
Dec 8 Cursillo Ultreya St. Peter's Sheb Falls 9-11AM  
Dec 9 Scrip Orders due  
Dec 10 YMCA Swim Team Fundraiser Pizza Ranch  
Dec 11 Rainbow Acts Crafting 1PM  
Dec 13 Girl Scouts 6PM  
Dec 13 Vestry Mtg 5:30PM

Dec 16 Planning Special Services after 10AM Service  
Dec 16-22 Hope House Week  
Dec 19 Blue Christmas Service 4PM  
Dec 20 Girl Scouts 6PM  
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Music 6:30PM Worship 7PM  
Dec 25 Christmas Day Morning Prayer 9AM  
Dec 30 Christmas Hymn Sing during 10AM Service

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

**Vestry Updates:**

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**

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.