



Sunday, January 19, 2025
St. Mark's and St. James United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Kathy Jurk/Randy Sohn, Organist
Lori Roelse, Reader

Meditative Music
Bells Ring
Prelude Gathering for Worship:

St. Mark's: *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*
St. James: *Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Call to Worship:

[Using Worship & Rejoice #319, "Shine, Jesus, Shine,"; St. James – See Insert]

Even though darkness and fear threaten to overcome us and swallow us

Yet we will place our hope and trust in Jesus Christ.

Sing: Verse 1, and refrain of "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

For he is the light of the world.

His love will shine on us, in us, and through us to all God's people.

Sing: Verse 2, and refrain of "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

We come to the presence of Christ with sadness and sorrow

And he offers his healing love, restoring us to light and joy!

Sing: verse 3, and refrain of "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

Prayer:

Lord of light and life, we come to you this day in celebration of the witness of your Son Jesus Christ. Open our hearts, our spirits, and our lives to listen to his words for us. Help us to be faithful disciples for you; for we ask this in Jesus' Name.

Amen.

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#113)

St. James (#7)

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Young at Heart:



Sacrament of Baptism: Hudson Mateo Binversie

Prayer of Confession:

Forgiving God, you of limitless grace and mercy have brought us back to you time and time again. You have forgiven our wanderings; brought light to us as we walked in the dark; and gave to us your Word when we would have otherwise listened to earthly messages. Forgive us our foolishness and help us to remember the power of your healing love, which, through Jesus Christ, brings us eternal life. Hear the words of our repentance and the acceptance of your abiding power. We ask this in Christ's name.

A Moment of Silence:

Words of Assurance:

As the new year unfolds before us, we understand we have often failed to do as our Lord Jesus has asked, yet there is eternal forgiveness and a chance to again follow his ways. Be assured, dear friends, that the love of Jesus Christ will never leave you. Be his witnesses throughout the world. *Amen.*

Hymn:

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

St. Mark's (#358)

St. James (#272)

Scripture Reading:

Acts 10:34-35 ESV, Revelation 7:9-12 ESV

So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Message:

Reclaiming Our Voice

Dr. Patrick Schultz

Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

Offering:

Offering, tithes and gifts can be made before or after worship in the offering baskets/plates at the welcome area of the church. St. James is also set up to take on-line offerings through the website (stmstjucc.org).

Offertory Music:

St. Mark's: *Morning Has Broken*
St. James: *Amazing Grace!*

Doxology: (Everyone stand as you are able)
Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

With gratitude for all the blessings you have poured into our lives, Lord Jesus, we bring these our gifts that they may be used in service to those in need. Bless these gifts and those who have given them, that they may truly be a blessing in your holy name. *Amen.*

Hymn of Sending:

St. Mark's (#712)
St. James (#467)

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing
I Love to Tell the Story*

Benediction:

Go now in peace. Bring the good news of God's eternal love, the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit to all you meet. Go in peace. Go to love and serve the Lord, in all that you do, all that you are and all that you will be. *Amen.*

Postlude:

St. Mark's: *All Things Are Become New*
St. James: *You Servants of God*

COME & JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS!

St. James UCC

1st & 3rd Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.
2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.
~Sunday School at St. James 9-10am ~

St. Mark's UCC

1st & 3rd Sundays..... 9:00 a.m.
2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.

10:30am Services are recorded and available on our church YouTube channel:
St. Mark's & St. James UCC

Check out our Website: www.stmstjucc.org

Like Us on Facebook: St Marks & St James

Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: stmstjoffice@gmail.com



Our Church Celebrations!

Happy Birthday To:

*January 19th – Amber Peterson
21st – Scott Henschel, Williem Langenhahn
23rd – Jason Bramstedt, Ray Brickner
24th – Henry Langenhahn, Jr.
25th – Gavin Marcoe*

No Anniversaries This Week

ST. JAMES ANNUAL MEETING WILL OCCUR AFTER WORSHIP TODAY.

QUILTERS MEET Tuesday, January 20th, 9am to noon, at St. Mark's.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES due on Thursday, January 22nd. Email them to stmstjoffice@gmail.net

There are copies in the back of each church of the **CHURCH CALENDAR EVENT BOOKLET**, which lists who is ushering/greeting for the month, special church events, and also the birthdays and anniversaries of members. You are welcome to pick one up if you'd like.

From Pastor Nicole Herda, St. Peter's UCC Kiel:

You are invited to participate in the Rural Soup cookoff January 19th at Laack's Tavern and Ballroom.

This year 25 people from five of our local congregations (from 9th grade- retired adults with varying skillsets) will be heading to central Appalachia as they serve the Appalachia Service Project (ASP). It costs \$500 per person for a week which includes the cost of our travel, lodging (often in a school), meals, supplies, and college staffers. To afford the trip, we need help.

For \$10 per adult or \$5 per kid twelve and under, you can sample homemade soups. There are also raffle baskets and baked goods available! Participants vote on the best soup with their donations.

Your presence and support help make homes in central Appalachia warmer, safer and drier.

****SEE POSTER ON THE BACK PAGE.....**

MIESFELD'S *Brat Fry*

Our 2025 Mission Team is raising funds for a youth mission trip to Altoona, Pennsylvania.



WHERE:

MIESFELD'S 4811 VENTURE
DR. SHEBOYGAN, WI. 53083

WHEN:

SATURDAY, FEBURARY
15TH @ 9A.M. - 2P.M.



RURAL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP

Presents

SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT



Where: Bethlehem United Church of Christ
11608 Lax Chapel Road
Kiel, WI 53042

When: **Sunday, February 16, 2025, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**
[Snow date is Feb. 23rd, same time]
Doors open at 12:30

Entrance Fee: Canned goods and/or free will offering

Rules will be explained before the tournament begins.

All levels of skill are welcome.

Beginner's table(s) will be available for those who don't know how to play.

Don't want to play sheepshead but want to participate in the fun?

Bring your own board or card game.

Refreshments will be available.

COME ONE...COME ALL! Open to the Public!

Childcare will be supplied. Games and movies for the kiddos.

Read more about this event held **TODAY** on page 5 of the bulletin.



Scan QR code to
sign up to
support!

The Rural Churches Mission Soup Cookoff

Sunday, January 19th, 2025

11am - 2pm



\$10/adult

\$5/kids 12 & under

For all the homemade soups you want to sample.

Raffle Baskets & Baked Goods also available!
All proceeds go to support 26 local youth and
adults participating in the Appalachia Service
Project- June 2025.



Laack's Tavern & Ballroom
W4302 Cty Rd JM,
Johnsonville, WI