

# The Country Church Herald

...Proclaiming the Word of God

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**PASTOR: Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz**

## MARCH, 2025

### **March 2nd — *Our Church's Wider Mission***

**St. Mark's**: 9:00am Worship  
Sunday School at St. James 9-10am  
**St. James**: 10:30am Worship Service

### **March 5th—*Ash Wednesday***

**St. James**: 7:00pm Worship  
Communion Served

### **March 9th -*One Great Hour of Sharing***

**St. James**: 9:00am Worship  
Sunday School at St. James 9-10am  
**St. Mark's**: 10:30am Worship Service

### **March 12th — *Lenten Worship***

**St. Mark's**: 7:00pm Worship

### **March 16th — *Building Fund Sunday***

**St. Mark's**: 9:00am Worship  
Sunday School at St. James 9-10am  
**St. James**: 10:30am Worship Service

### **March 19th—*Lenten Worship***

**St. James**: 7:00pm Worship

### **March 23rd—**

**St. James**: 9:00am Worship  
Sunday School at St. James 9-10am  
**St. Mark's**: 10:30am Worship Service

### **March 26th—*Lenten Worship***

**St. Mark's**: 7:00pm Worship

### **March 30th—**

**St. James**: 9:00am Worship  
Sunday School at St. James 9-10am  
**St. Mark's**: 10:30am Worship Service

### **April 2nd—*Lenten Worship***

**St. James**: 7:00pm Worship

Church Website: <https://www.stmarksstjamesucc.org>

The 10:30 Worship Services on YouTube: St. Mark's & St. James UCC

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# **ASH** **WEDNESDAY**

**Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality.**

**This day focuses on helping us realize that both themes have been conquered through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.**



**Join us on at 7pm at St. James on Wednesday, March 5th for Ash Wednesday Worship. Communion will be served.**

**Wednesday Lenten Worship Services will be held at 7pm every Wednesday through April 9th at alternating churches. See the first page of the newsletter for the Lenten Worship Schedule.**



## From Pastor Patrick...

Outward communication in our society today is only as important as the message being sent. St. Marks & St. James has a very important message for our church family, for guests, for the community and beyond. It is a message of God's love, grace and mercy and our desire to share this in ministry to any who seek to know God a little bit better.

Our message can be summed up in these few words: "Our mission is to help others deepen their relationship with God, become faithful followers of Christ, and to share the message of Christ's love with others." This, our mission statement, as well as our vision statement and the building blocks of how we go about this mission are found prominently on our homepage of our new website!

Our new website, vibrant of color and rife with relevant information, updates, special events and more, is found at [www.StMarksStJamesUCC.org](http://www.StMarksStJamesUCC.org) I'll be the first to admit we still have some work to do on it, but it was important for us to go live with this site as we ready ourselves to enter the Lenten season and journey towards Holy Week.

Take a moment in your day; go to this website – check it out and let us know what you think. We are gathering high resolution pictures of our church, church activities, and church family. If you have any pictures you would be willing to share on our website, please feel free to forward them to either email account: [schultzpw@gmail.com](mailto:schultzpw@gmail.com) or [stmstjoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmstjoffice@gmail.com) As an incentive, for any picture you send us that we use, we will give you a \$5.00 gift card for Culvers. So... if we use three of your pictures – you will get a \$15.00 gift card!

Check it out! Let us know what you think.

Peace and blessings,

*Patrick*

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz





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# St. James

13312 Pioneer Road, Spring Valley  
Newton, WI 53063



## Chili Dinner

Drive-Thru

Hosted by St. Mark's / St. James' Youth Fellowship

**Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00 am-1:00 pm**

Carry Out Only!!

Quart of Chili: \$10.00

Gallon of Chili: \$25.00

All carry outs will include chili, crackers, fresh bread, cheese, and a dessert!

# ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING

January 30, 2025

Ben Grunwald called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Ben Grunwald, Tyler Bramstedt, Jody Binversie, Brenda Miota, Judy Steinbeck, Linda Schroeder, Pastor Schultz, and Lori Roelse.

Pastor led us in prayer. Following the prayer, Pastor passed out copies of the book *Just Say Yes*. *He plans to lead us in discussion at our monthly meetings. The purpose of the book is to raise our awareness in church ministry with innovative ways to say yes. He highlighted several passages in the introduction. We will discuss more of the introduction and Chapter 1 at the March meeting.*

Financial report was shared by Judy. She relayed that the new Mission Trip and Vacation Bible School savings accounts have been opened. She also gave us recaps of the General Fund, Building Fund, and Loose Offering Fund.

The Secretaries Report was accepted with no changes. Linda made a motion to accept the report. Tyler seconded. Motion carried.

I will update the St. Marks portion of the contact list prior to the Joint Consistory meeting scheduled for February 3, 2025 at which time I will collect the St. James contact information.

Pastor gave his report on the new website. He said he shared a link with us and encouraged us to browse through it. Lori suggested we submit and use pictures of our church and our members. An announcement will be published in the newsletter addressing picture opt-outs. Pastor also asked about purchasing an SEO (Search Engine Optimization) agreement for the next 9 months. The SEO will increase the site's visibility, expose it to more internet traffic, broaden our local reach and promote faster engagement and growth. The cost is a one time fee. Judy will reach out to Memorial Fund families to inquire on approval of use of funds. Linda made a motion to accept. Lori seconded. Motion carried.

The bell tower project remains on hold as we wait on Oostburg Concrete.

Residing the parsonage remains on hold as Larry Perronne is still adding up costs and inquiring on funds from St. James.

The Surge protector has been installed. The entire church is now protected.

Soil for the garden remains on hold until the weather is warmer.

Carpet cleaning is set for early April.

Hosting a Celebration of Youth event this summer was also discussed. The idea will be proposed at the Joint Meeting in hopes of it becoming a joint event.

The fire equipment may be missing a certificate and stickers. Ben will follow up with the inspector.

The inactive members list was once again discussed. There is only one family who remains inactive. Pastor will send them a letter.

Judy continues to search for alternative insurance companies. She has applied to one Ohio company and is waiting on their approval. Tabled until next meeting.

I shared my experiences of the Winter Solstice Retreat held at the Daycholah Center which I attended with Brenda Schultz and the Youth Fellowship. The trip was inspirational and tranquil. The kids enjoyed being able to reconnect with many of previous year's participants.

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## ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY MEETING—continued...

Karen Mansker requested a photo of Jody and Lori for the February newsletter.

Election of officers:

Ben Grunwald replaces Larry Perronne as president

Tyler Bramstedt replaces Ben Grunwald as vice president

Linda Schroeder replaces Janell Davis as treasurer.

Brenda Miota remains secretary.

Pastor made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot. Lori seconded. Motion carried.

Painting the church trim was suggested at the Annual Meeting. Ben will seek quotes for both painting and metal wrapping options.

Since the date for the 2026 Annual Meeting was not decided on at this month's Annual Meeting, we discussed options and decided to move it back to the last Sunday, January 25, 2026. Tyler made a motion. Lori seconded. Motion carried. Installation of new consistory members for 2026 will be held the following Sunday, February 1, 2026.

Ben distributed copies of the proposed Joint Meeting agenda. We suggested additions and alterations. Ben will make the adjustments.

The next consistory meeting is set for Thursday, March 6, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

I made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Lori seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda L. Miota



**Ada Roelse  
Was born to  
Andy and Hannah Roelse  
on  
February 7th.  
Congratulations!**



# ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING

February 4, 2025  
6:32 pm

- The meeting was called to order by President Scott Henschel. Members present were Jamie Henschel - Vice-President, Sheila Hemb - Treasurer, Wendy Meyer - Secretary, Tanya Boman, David Lutze, Matt Lutze, and Pastor.
- Absent: none
- Prayer led by Pastor.
- Motion to approve the Secretary's Report made by Jamie and seconded by Tanya.  
Motion carried.
- Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Wendy and seconded by Jamie.  
Motion carried.
- Pastor's Report: Pastor paid to have us moved up on the internet search for churches. A suggestion was made to have our February meeting right after the Joint Church meeting instead of having multiple meetings in 1 week.
- Building and Grounds:
  - ◇ Jason fixed the hallway lights and is still coming up with a plan for the kitchen lights.
  - ◇ Jackie will pick up and deliver the donation envelopes from Fricke Printing.
  - ◇ The Sohns mentioned that the stove tops were a mess, and they generously cleaned them up. They also found water running in the bathroom. The consistory will keep an eye on the stove and check the bathrooms before leaving church.
  - ◇ A letter from the Pest Control business was received and reviewed. They are suggesting that they spray 3 times a year instead of 2. It was decided that we will continue with 2 because we don't see a lot of insects or other pests.
- Committee Reports:
  - ◇ Vision of Hope: Scott will be representing Consistory.
  - ◇ Stewardship Committee: Nothing new
  - ◇ Christian Board of Education: Nothing new.
  - ◇ Social Committee: Sheepshead tournament will be held February 23. Wendy will confirm with Tammy that everything is still on schedule and ask Karen to send out a mail chimp and add it to the bulletin.
- Old Business:  
Nothing to report
- New Business:
  - ◇ Binders were updated with the new material.
  - ◇ The Committee list was reviewed and consistory members assigned.
  - ◇ The communion supplies were checked, and Wendy will pick up some more communion wafers.
  - ◇ The communion and bell ringing schedule was updated.
  - ◇ The consistory and emergency contact list were updated at the Joint Consistory meeting. Wendy will update pages for the binders.
  - ◇ Sheila will discuss with St. Marks if there is interest in having someone come and take pictures for a new church directory.  
them come and speak.

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## ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING—continued...

- ◇ A letter was received from Zimmer Funeral Home to see if we wanted them to come and speak about how to protect your family during a difficult time. Wendy will contact them and ask if they have any pamphlets we can make available instead of having them come and speak
  - ◇ Sheila will follow up with Judy on the insurance premiums and the need to look for a different company.
  - ◇ An email was received Jennifer Schroeder at Froedtert asking if our church offers any resources for the community. While we don't, we will ask for a copy of the finished product so we can make it available if someone needs it.
  - ◇ It was discussed during the Joint Consistory Meeting if St James would be interested in contributing towards the hours Judy Steinbeck spends on St James items. It was decided that we will wait for the proposal and discuss it at that time.
- Congregation concerns: none
  - Next meeting date: March 4, 2025 at 6:30 pm
  - Motion to adjourn made by Jamie and seconded by Matt. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Meyer, Secretary



# ST. JAMES & ST. MARK'S JOINT CONSISTORY MEETING

February 3, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Ben Grunwald at St. Marks on February 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Members present from St. Marks were Ben Grunwald - President, Tyler Bramstedt - Vice President, Linda Schroeder - Treasurer, Jody Binversie, Lori Roelse and Brenda Miota - Secretary.

Members present from St. James were Scott Henschel - President, Shelia Hemb - Treasurer, Wendy Meyer - Secretary, Tanya Boman, Matthew Lutze and David Lutze. Jamie Henschel, Vice President, was absent.

Representing both churches was Pastor Patrick Schultz and Judy Steinbeck - Financial Secretary.

Pastor Patrick Schultz led us in prayer.

Introductions were made.

Wendy read the secretary's report from the last joint meeting on October 21, 2024. Tyler made a motion to accept the report. Tanya seconded. Motion carried.

In Pastor's report, he shared that the new website is ready to be revealed this week. He encouraged us to continue to navigate the site and share our feedback. He mentioned the images currently posted will eventually be replaced with true images of our churches and members.

Old business included discussion on this summer's joint service and potluck luncheon set for July 20, 2025 at the Spring Hope Barn. Changes to this year's event will include moving the service indoors and the band providing a wider variety of music. There will be more focus on advertising this year's event as well.

New business proposed future discussion on shared costs of paying Judy Steinbeck, financial secretary for both churches. Judy is not requiring more money. Payment will be based on her number of hours worked for each respective church. Judy will keep track of her hours until our next meeting. Discussion tabled until October.

Each member of the Joint Consistory reviewed and updated their contact information. I will make changes to the list and email it to everyone.

The last new business item involved discussion of a youth event shared between the churches. All approved of the idea, but preferred calling it a Family Day catering to both kids and adults. There will be games for all. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be available for purchase. Proceeds earned will be donated to a local charity. A committee was formed including Lori Roelse, Judy Steinback, Wendy Meyer, and Jody Binversie. Family Day will be held on Sunday, September 7, 2025 at St. Marks. The committee will meet on February 26, 2025 to begin their planning.

Due to Family Day, Building Sunday will be moved to Sunday, September 14, 2025.

The next Joint Consistory meeting is set for Monday, October 20, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Linda made a motion at 7:30 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Scott seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Brende L. Miota

## FINANCIAL NEWS

March is a busy financial month.

March 2 is Our Church's Wider Mission Sunday. Loose offerings made on that day will be given toward our OCWM goal.

On March 9, we will participate in a One Great Hour of Sharing offering. A special envelope will be available at the church entrance and in the bulletin. The United Church of Christ responds to humanitarian and development needs in the world. Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. Through our work with local churches and organizations, One Great Hour of Sharing provides sources of clean water, food, education, health care, small business micro-credit loans, advocacy, resettlement of refugees and displaced persons, emergency relief and rehabilitation as well as disaster preparedness and response.

Finally, March 16 is Building Fund Sunday. The St Mark's Building Fund is currently in a negative situation due to the recent property insurance hike. The consistory is working with our insurance agent to possibly give us some additional discounts. We are also looking at some major projects this spring and summer including tuck pointing the exterior of the church, repairing the bell tower, and residing the parsonage. St James has a number of small projects that will be coming up shortly.

We realize this is a heavy request for one month and appreciate your response and understanding.

~Judy Steinbeck and Sheila Hemb

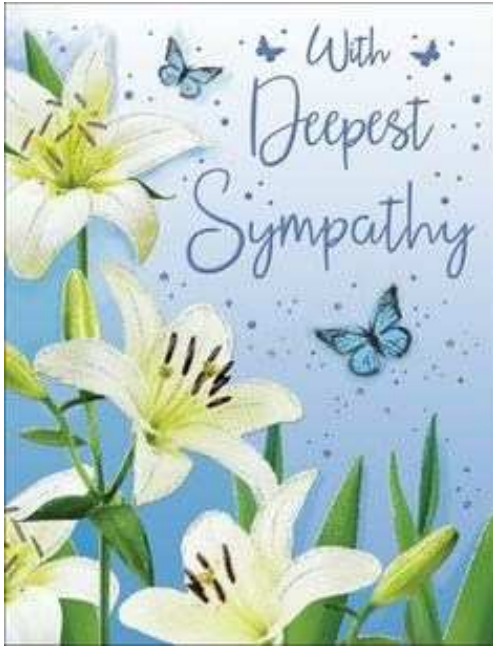


### ST. JAMES VISION OF HOPE

"Application for Funding" forms are available in the narthex, from VISION OF HOPE Committee members, or under "More" on our church website.

We welcome specific requests as well as your suggestions for using our semiannual gifts from the Wagner Foundation.

**STUDENTS!** Use this form for tuition help (currently \$1,000) each year.



*Our deepest sympathy goes out to  
Ron Vandoske and family on the  
passing of his wife, Sue.*

*Her funeral was held at St. Mark's  
on February 20th .*

*Sue, you will be missed*

**Suzanne “Sue” Vandoske**, Cleveland, passed away after a brief illness on Wednesday February 12th, 2025, at Sheboygan Senior Community.

Sue was born on February 10th, 1937, in Sheboygan to the late Melvin and Norma (Zimmermann) Schumann. She attended Washington Grade School, graduated from North High School in 1955. On April 29th, 1961 she married Ronald Arno Vandoske at the First Presbyterian Church in Sheboygan. They were married for 63 years. Sue worked at Garton Toy Company and Gabes Construction. Sue was a member of St. Mark's United Church of Christ, Town of Mosel, serving on the consistory and several terms as treasurer. Sue was also on the building committee for the 2007 handicapped addition of the church.

Sue and Ron enjoyed living in the country with their large lawn, garden, and apple trees. Every winter there was a 2-week vacation to Florida traveling by car enjoying being with her sister and husband JoAnn and Michael Nennig. For many years their mother Norma went with us. Sue and Ron also drove to many destinations around the United States including, California, Boston, and many others. One trip was by plane to Greece, Egypt, and Israel.

Sue and Ron had season tickets to the Green Bay Packer games since 1960 and enjoyed going to every home game and staying to the end, no matter what the temperature was. Sundays after church they went with close friends headed for Klemme's Wagon Wheel for food and fun.



*Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to Kathy & Mark Jurk and family on the death of Kathy's brother, Larry Sommer, on February 18th. Larry was a past member of St. Mark's.*



*We are also saddened to learn of the passing of Rev. Bill Klossner. Bill was the pastor of St. Mark's & St. James from 1983 to 1988 and is fondly remembered.*

Rev. William Klossner passed away on Monday, February 17, 2025 following complications from T-Cell Lymphoma. He passed away peacefully at home with his wife Hazel by his side. Rev. Klossner was a pillar of the communities in which he lived, especially the past 36 years in Punta Gorda and Charlotte County.

"Rev" was born in Madison, WI on March 11, 1952 to Albert and Loma Klossner. After losing his father to cancer at the age of 12, he was raised by Loma with a fierce independence. Bill learned at an early age how to take care of his family, especially his little brother Jeff. He loved to cook, which was a passion he took with him until his recent hospital stay. After graduating from Madison West High School, he proceeded to Lakeland College in Sheboygan, WI. Majoring in Theology and Sociology and participating on the track team, Lakeland became an institution close to the Klossner family. At Lakeland, Bill met his first wife Christine. They married in 1974 and moved to Bloomer, WI after Bill graduated from the United Theological Seminary in the Twin Cities. Over the next 10 years, Rev. Klossner would serve churches in Bloomer, Janesville, and Cleveland, WI; where they would also welcome their 3 children.



In 1988, Bill was called to be the first pastor of the newly formed Congregational United Church of Christ in Punta Gorda. He served the Church for the next 30 years and was named Pastor Emeritus in 2016.

Bill was also a fixture in the community, always willing to lend an ear and help those who needed him. Bill was a member of the Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Arts and Humanities Council, and the Executive Director and Board Member of Peace River Botanical Garden, just to name a few. Bill also served as the Punta Gorda Police Chaplain, and as a baseball coach for both Punta Gorda Little League and Charlotte High.

Bill and Chris were married almost 40 years and traveled the world while raising their family. Though each of their children moved away, they all returned to Punta Gorda. In 2014, Bill lost Chris after a prolonged battle with cancer. In 2016, Bill was blessed to marry Hazel. The couple were well-known in town, seen in many photographs at community and Chamber of Commerce events. Together, their love of travel grew as they drove around the country in their RV and chronicled their "life in the right lane." Through everything, Hazel stood by Bill's side, including the near-constant schedule of their grandkids' sporting and school events.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Loma (Knapp) and Albert Klossner; his wife, Christine (Engbrecht) Klossner; and his father-in-law, Eugene Engbrecht.

Bill is survived by his wife, Hazel; his children, Jacob (Jenna), Michael (Krista), and Emily; his grandchildren: Caden, Kiersten, Boston, Dylan, Lincoln, Brinklee, Storie, Alaina, Easton, Everett, and Baby-on-the-Way Klossner; his mother-in-law, Marilyn Engbrecht; his brothers, Tom and Jeff (Pat); and his sister, Karen Demaree.

Expressions of sympathy may be mailed to Hazel Klossner & Family 405 Scarlet Sage, Punta Gorda, FL 33955

## QUILTERS CLUB

We welcome anyone interested to join us.  
Our upcoming sessions will be 9:00-noon  
at St. Mark's on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 4th

Tuesday, March 18th



# TOURNAMENT!

ST. JAMES UCC  
SUNDAY, MARCH 23rd  
1:00pm

*Open to Men & Women of  
St. James & St. Mark's UCC*



## St. James Choir

Because of Lent we will be practicing on Tuesdays right now.

Tuesday, March 4th: Practice at 6:30

Tuesday, March 11th: Practice at 6:30

Tuesday, March 25th: Practice at 6:30



## St. Mark's Choir

Practice is on hold right now. Kathy will contact you with any updates.

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## RURAL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT!

Rural Church Fellowship held a Sheepshead Tournament on Sunday, February 16th at Bethlehem UCC. Despite the raw wind and cold weather conditions, 28 people enjoyed the afternoon with cards, refreshments and fellowship. People came from as far as Oostburg.







## UPDATE FROM PUNTA BANCO CHURCH



A BIG THANK YOU from the Punta Banco church as they used some funds to sponsor the first Christmas Celebration and tree for the church. They provided small gifts for 60 children in the community and had a variety of games, food and of course a pinata. Hopefully, they will be able to continue this in future years. It was impressive to see the church bring the community together during this family celebration.

Al & I met with the committee to discuss how they will be using the last of the funds from the Mission of Hope. The group will be doing some maintenance on the entrance of the church, as sea salt has taken it's toll on the cement columns. Plans include to do a few more benches as well as making kneeling benches with lumber that we will donate from trees removed from our property. Including insecticide to keep the termites away. They will share before and after photos.

The church members are very appreciative and sending blessings.

~Sandy Kracht & Al Jones





## MISSION TRIP TEAM NEWS

Thank you for your support during our wintry brat fry. We are blessed by your love and support.

We are still selling Seroogy's candy bars so contact one of the members if interested in some.

Our Team:

Anna Marie, Owen and Sierra  
Bramstedt  
Kari Langenhahn  
Brenda, Rebecca and Brianna  
Miota



## Sheboygan County Interfaith Organization Bulletin Bites, MARCH, 2025

1. Winter is marching on and many of our families have been feeling under the weather. We have an urgent need for family over the counter medications: Ibuprofen, cough drops, Emergen-C, cold and flu meds for both adult and child. We are always grateful for your continued support. And we hope you are all staying healthy!
2. Look for us at the Winter Farmers Market on March 1st and 15th from 9am - 12pm at First Congregational Church UCC, 310 Bluff Ave Sheboygan. Check out some new vendors! The winter market will be wrapping up on April 19th so we can get ready for an improved summer market beginning June 4th.
3. Family Pathways supervised visitation is starting a new initiative in 2025. With the ability to currently serve 14 families every week, we will be celebrating the birthdays of our visiting children. We have a number of new toys, games, and crafts that have been generously donated for our programs, and we will select age-appropriate items to help create special memories for our visiting families. Thank you for your continued support! !
4. **SAVE THE DATE:** SCIO is planning a spring family day for Saturday, May 17th from 9am - 4pm, hosted at the magnificent Christopher Farm and Gardens. We are planning a scavenger hunt, crafts, yard games, train rides, and some of your favorite vendors from the SCIO farmers market. The spring blooms around the property are abundant and gorgeous! More information coming soon.
5. **MISSION MOMENT:** In a recent reflection among Bridgeway women, one of our residents share this: "I am so thankful for Bridgeway. Coming into this program helped me find HOPE. Where I was once so complacent, I now feel like I can CONQUER ANYTHING. I'm so grateful I got a chance to be here and to FIND STABILITY for me and my daughter." This is the transformational change, one day at a time!



## Flicker Wild Church

**Gifts of congregations like ours to OCWM Basic Support and other initiatives of the Wisconsin Conference make it possible for the Conference to support and strengthen local churches and leaders.**

Conference support took many forms for Flicker Wild Church, a new church start in the Southwest Association. Flicker brings together a playful and poetic spiritual community. Events connect to sacred rhythms in nature through “pop-up” events such as a Winter Solstice Celebration (pictured below).

Rev. Daniel Cooperrider and his spouse Rev. Dr. Julia Burkey (also pastor at Orchard Ridge UCC) organized Flicker. “We are responding to a call from the direction of the earth,” as Daniel puts it, “a call to re-member ourselves as part and participant with the rest of creation, in relationship and reciprocity with the more-than-human world. We’re listening to the earth, and living into the questions: what might spiritual community look like and feel like if it modeled itself after the ways of nature? If it aligned with the seasons and if it linked its liturgy with the ongoing liturgy of the landscape? If it celebrated the radical

impermanence of clouds, organized itself in the spirit of mycelial networks, chorused praise in harmony with birdsong, and drew close to the wisdom of the trees? We’re seeking to re-weave spiritual community back into the context of ecological community.”

While Flicker began as an outgrowth of Orchard Ridge UCC, the people involved realized God called them to form a new church to more fully embody their unique community. Rev. Rachel Bauman worked with Flicker as they approached the Southwest Association Division on Church and Ministry. Rachel and the rest of the conference staff work with leaders with ideas to help them move from concept to implementation. Our staff can do this work because of the strong support of OCWM Basic Support by our congregations.

Endorsement by the Division on Church and Ministry will allow Flicker to receive funding and support from the national UCC – funding made possible by gifts to Strengthen the Church. But even before those funds could come through, our Conference provided a Creation Care Grant and a Catalyst Grant (supported in part by the Leadership Forward Campaign). The Northeast Association provided a grant too.

**Together, through our generosity to OCWM Basic Support and other offerings, we make possible hopeful projects like Flicker Wild Church.**



Learn more about the Wisconsin Conference at [www.wcucc.org](http://www.wcucc.org)





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Please let the church secretary know if you have a change in your mailing address, email or phone number.

You may either note the change on the Welcome Card and write a note that it's new info., email the church office at [stmstjoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmstjoffice@gmail.com) or call the church office 920.693.8361.

# ST. MARK'S GREETERS/ USHERS

## MARCH

Dave Adams

Ann Adams

Glenn Grunwald

## MIDWEEK LENTEN

Steve Gabsch

Gary Kaestner

## APRIL

Bill Roelse

Lori Roelse

Carol Weiland

## READERS

Mar. 2nd— Lori Roelse

Mar. 9th— Scott Siekman

Mar. 16th— Brianna Miota

Mar. 23rd —Jacob Grunwald

## HOSPITALITY

Feb. 16th— Margene Reyer

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To Church

## CHURCH ATTENDANCE

<u>St. James</u>		<u>St. Mark's</u>
33	Feb. 2nd	41
25	Feb. 9th	39
27	Feb. 16th	32
51	Feb. 23rd	44



# ST JAMES MARCH CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Eric Grotegut
- 3 Karra Drewieske
- 4 Macie Fitzgerald  
James Luckow
- 6 Wyatt Henschel
- 7 Dale Krause
- 8 Jameson Binversie
- 10 Lindsay Wippermann  
Milton Wippermann
- 16 Scott Zolltheis
- 18 Dave Mueller
- 19 Kristin Zolltheis
- 22 Charles Kolb
- 23 Cynthia Klapperich
- 24 Corra Gumm
- 28 Nancy Nye
- 30 Sandra Beiersdorf  
Tim Wippermann

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 31 Myron & Kathleen  
Hickman



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# ST MARK'S MARCH CELEBRATIONS

## BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Katy Grunwald
- 3 Tracy Steinbeck
- 10 Larry Perronne  
Jack Schnelle
- 11 David Grunwald
- 13 Louise Jetzer
- 14 Kayla Sommer  
Patty Taylor
- 17 Adelia Scharl  
Delmar Sommer
- 18 Mike Bernhardt  
Tammy Dexter
- 19 Jody Binversie
- 23 Gary Kaestner
- 26 Todd Binversie
- 28 Taylor Schnelle
- 29 Brianna Miota  
Rebecca Miota
- 30 Dennis Bitter

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Dave & Cindy Call
- 12 Tim & Brenda Miota