



Sunday, May 4, 2025
St. Mark's and St. James United Church of Christ
Rev. Dan Borchers, Guest Pastor
Sandy Perronne, Reader

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.

Meditative Music
Bells Ring
Prelude Gathering for Worship:
St. Mark's:
St. James:

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn:

St. Mark's (#67), St. James (#30)

Come We That Love The Lord

Affirming Our Faith Together: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried:

He descended into hell: The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead:

I believe in the Holy Spirit: The One Holy Universal Christian Church: the communion of saints: The forgiveness of sins: The resurrection of the body: And the life everlasting. Amen.



Young at Heart:

First Scripture Reading:

Acts 9:1-16 ESV

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. And here he has authority

from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.” But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.”

Prayer of Confession

Time of Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Second Scripture Reading:

John 21:1-19 ESV

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were

young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

Message:

You Can't Go Back

Rev. Dan Borchers

Hymn:

He Leadeth Me

St. Mark's (#499), St. James (#466)

Prayers of the People:

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:

St. James:

God Himself Is With Us

Fantasia on "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Doxology:

***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:

Hymn:

Lord, Speak To Me

St. Mark's (#593), St. James (#256)

Benediction

Postlude:

St. Mark's:

St. James:

*Festive Postlude
Go Forth With Joy*

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.

Services are recorded and available on our church YouTube channel:

St. Mark's & St. James UCC

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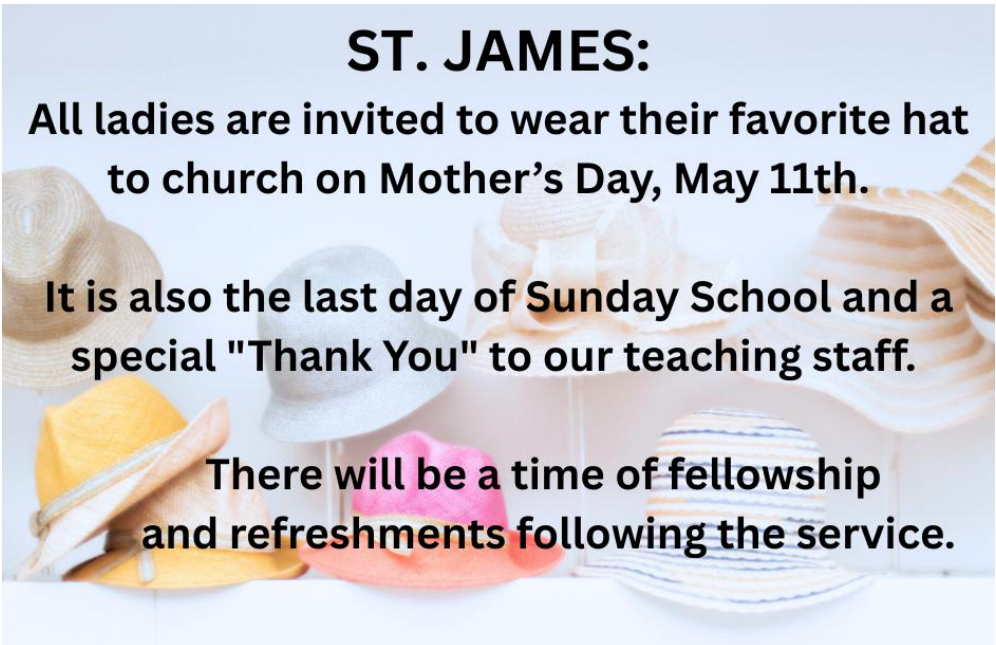
Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: stmstjoffice@gmail.com

ST. JAMES:

**All ladies are invited to wear their favorite hat
to church on Mother's Day, May 11th.**

**It is also the last day of Sunday School and a
special "Thank You" to our teaching staff.**

**There will be a time of fellowship
and refreshments following the service.**





Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

May 4th – Bill Heckmann

7th – David Lutze

8th – JoAnn Grant, Henley Hermann

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

May 9th – Jamey & Amanda Binversie

TODAY IS BUILDING FUND SUNDAY.

QUILTERS MEET TUESDAY, MAY 6th, 9-noon at St. Mark's. This will be their last meeting before summer break.

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY – meets Tuesday, May 6th, at 6:30pm.

ST. MARK'S CONSISTORY – meets Thursday, May 8th, at 6:00pm.

BE SURE TO CHECK THE BULLETIN BOARDS AT BOTH CHURCHES FOR MORE AREA EVEN POSTINGS.

Special note: Photos are taken on occasion at both churches for use in our church newsletter, on our church Website and on the church Facebook page. If you do not want your photo or those of your child(ren) shared, please contact the church office: stmstjoffice@gmail.com or call 920.693.8361

*Men & Women of
St. James & St. Mark's:*
**Come Join us for a
Sheepshead
Gathering!**

**at ST. JAMES UCC,
MONDAY, MAY 19th, 6pm!**



It's How We Roll!

**St. James and St. Mark's Ladies:
Join us for BUNCO NIGHT, Thur.,
May 22nd, at 6:00 pm at St. James.**

A \$5 participation fee is optional

**Please join us and RSVP to
Jackie Mueller or Tammy Serketich or
email tserketich@yahoo.com**

BRAT FRY

Wednesday May 14, 2025

4 - 7 pm



Brats * Hamburgers * Chicken * Dessert

St James UCC

Spring Valley
13312 Pioneer Rd., Newton

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Mark's & St. James invite you to a

JOINT FAMILY PICNIC DAY!

Sunday, September 7, 2025 (rain or shine)

Held at St. Mark's UCC, W1307 Orchard Rd, Cleveland

10:30 JOINT WORSHIP

***followed by* LUNCH & GAMES**

(no service at St. James)

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs (donations appreciated)

GAMES FOR ALL AGES

Bingo Yard Games Croquet Fish Pond
Pick-a-Duck Corn Hole Ring Toss Balloon Dart
Ladder Golf Dunk the Pastor (*fee per ball*)And More! ✓

*When the event draws nearer, we will be asking for donations of prizes,
as well as the use of yard games and canopies.*