



Sunday, May 11, 2025
Mother's Day
St. James and St. Mark's United Church of Christ
Rev. Dan Borchers, Guest Pastor
Scott Siekman, 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:

My Tribute

Call to Worship

Risen in joy

We come before you, God, and rejoice.

Risen in hope

We come before you, God, in anticipation.

Risen in love

We come before you God, with thankful hearts.

Risen for the world

We come before you, God, in solidarity with the suffering, the hurting, and the frightened. Amen.

Opening Prayer

With the loving vulnerability of a tiny baby,

With the infinite curiosity of a growing child,

With the joyful responsibility of young parents,

With the reflective experience of maturity,

With the wisdom of advancing years,

We stand open, ready to hear, ready to imagine, ready to believe, ready to love, and ready to be transformed. Amen.

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.

Hymn:

St. James #11; St. Mark's #112

Ye Servants of God

First Scripture Reading, reading together:

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters.

He restores my soul.

***He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.***

Psalm 23 ESV

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever.*

Young at Heart:



Prayer of Confession

Time of Silent Confession

Words of Assurance

Second Scripture Reading:

Revelation 7:9-17 ESV

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."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

*"Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.*

*They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.*

*For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."*

Third Scripture Reading:

John 10:22-30 ESV

At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly." Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, but you do not believe because you are not among my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one."

Message:

Tell Us Plainly

Rev. Dan Borchers

Hymn:

St. James #272; St. Mark's #358

Love Divine , All Loves Excelling

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:

The Lord is My Shepherd

~ 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:

Faith of Our Mothers

1. Faith of our moth - ers, liv - ing still, fresh in our mem - ories,
2. Faith of our moth - ers, hop - ing still, pray - ing for ev - ery
3. Faith of our moth - ers, lov - ing still, trust - ing the truth of

held in our hearts. Here or in heav - en, their deeds live on,
daugh - ter and son, build - ing us up as a fam - ily in Christ,
kind - ness and grace, shar - ing God's Spir - it in ser - vice and strength,

spread - ing the joy God's love im - parts. Faith of our moth - ers,
work - ing that we may all be one. liv - ing life well, and run - ning faith's race.

ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.

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Benediction

Postlude:

O Blessed Day of Motherhood



Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

*May 13th – Katie Belitz
14th – Alice Broehm
16th – Andrew Peterson, Jr.*

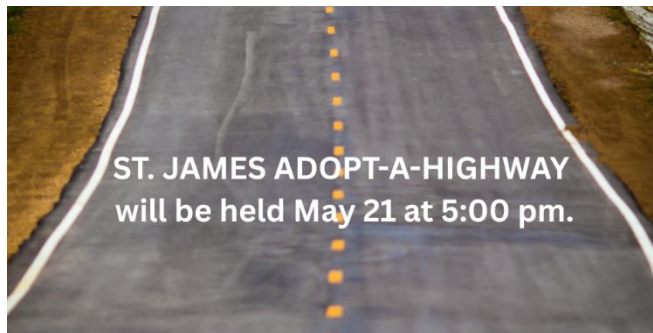
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

*May 14th – Tim & Amanda Russart
16th – Warren & Karen Vandoske*

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE MONDAY, MAY 19TH. Email them to Karen at stmstjoffice@gmail.com

FREE: There are free BOGO child tickets available in the back of church for the Shrine Circus at the Resch Center in Green Bay May 17th & 18th. Feel free to take multiple tickets.


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

Services are recorded and available on our church YouTube channel:

St. Mark's & St. James UCC

Like us on Facebook  Check out our Website: www.stmarksstjamesucc.org
Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: stmstjoffice@gmail.com

*Men & Women of
St. James & St. Mark's:*

**Come Join us for a
Sheepshead
Gathering!**

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



BUNCO



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**

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.*

BRAT FRY

Wednesday May 14, 2025
4 - 7 pm



Brats * Hamburgers * Chicken * Dessert

St James UCC
Spring Valley
13312 Pioneer Rd., Newton

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

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2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays..... 10:30 a.m.