

**Sunday, June 22, 2025**  
**St. James & St. Mark's United Church of Christ**

## **Call to Worship:**

Come if you have a weak faith.

Come if you are convinced in the strength of your convictions.

Come so that you might be strengthened and challenged.

**Lead us into life, O God!**

Come if you are chased by the demands of others.

Come if you feel threatened by the uncertainty around us.

Come so that you might be strengthened and challenged.

**Lead us into life, O God!**

Come if you need forgiveness.

Come if you need strength to forgive others.

Come so that you might be strengthened and challenged.

**Lead us into life, O God!**

**God of wonder, God of justice, God of mercy and grace, we gather today to worship and praise the risen Lord. We come not only lifting voice in prayer and song, but hearts in hopeful faith that peace and assurance can be found in this sanctuary. Strengthen us in the challenges before us. Guide us on this journey into abundant life. Forgive us when we have strayed. We pray in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Hymn:**

**St. James (#221)**

**St. Mark's (#426)**

*My Faith Looks Up To Thee*

*Blessed Assurance*

## **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:**



### **Prayer of Confession:**

Gracious God, you are holy. You are wise. You are generous, forgiving, and full of grace. But you ask for obedience from your children, and for our repentance when we sin. And we do. Help us to follow you more willingly and completely. Help us to seek you when we have sinned, and to confess our disobedience. Change our hearts so that we want what you want, and love what you love. Thank you for providing the perfect sacrifice for our sins. Nothing we could bring is adequate. We need the Lamb that You have provided, "...the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world."

We lift the complexity and harmony of life to your heart and trust that you hear and hold us as we pray in shared silence:

### **A Moment of Silence:**

### **Words of Assurance:**

Once we were slaves to sin, living lives that led only to death. But thanks be to God! In his mercy, he has set us free from the power of sin and death, and has offered us eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord! Now we are free to choose life, and to use our lives to bring honor and glory to God! Thanks be to God!

### **Hymn:**

St. James (#190)

St. Mark's (#424)

*O Spirit of the Living God  
How Can I Keep From Singing?*

### **Scripture Reading:**

*Exodus 13:3 ESV*

*Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place."*

### **Message:**

Building Good Memories

*Dr. Patrick Schultz*

### **People's Prayer:**

Jesus,

Just as you prayed for your disciples so long ago – Pray for us,

Pray for our wellbeing, pray for our protection.

Pray for your joy to be made complete in us.

Pray for our spiritual growth. Pray for your truth to be made complete in us.

Jesus,

we often do not know how to pray – So pray for us,

Pray with us, that we may be one with you,

One with each other, and one in ministry to the world.

Jesus,

Pray for your weak ones, your strong ones,

those who have illnesses, and those near death,

those who breeze through life and those who struggle in life.

Jesus,  
Pray for those who have lost loved ones, and  
those who have struggled with addictions,  
those who have turned away from you,  
those who have not yet met you or come to know you.

Jesus,  
We join you in these prayers for all your people, and now we pray the prayer of the people: **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 ([stmarksstjamesucc.org](http://stmarksstjamesucc.org)).

### **Offertory Music:**

*~ 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:**

Faithful God, thank you for the of abundant, eternal life. You have said that you are a Good Father who gives us good gifts. Everything we have is a gift from you. As we bring our offerings to you, we give back to you from the abundance you have given us. May our gifts be acceptable in your sight. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, and power and strength, be unto you our God forever and ever. Through Christ, our Lord, we pray. *Amen.*

### **Hymn:**

St. James (#72)  
St. Mark's (#302)

*Now Thank We All Our God  
He Lives*

### **Benediction:**

May the Father's hand keep you from stumbling, the footprints of Jesus give you confidence to follow, and the fire of the Spirit keep you warm and safe in your walk with God. Go now, in peace, to love and serve our Lord in all that we do, all that we are, and all that we will be. *Amen.*

### **Postlude:**



## Our Church Celebrations!

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:**

*June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Bradley Mauk, Daniel Schultz  
24<sup>th</sup> – Cody Horswill, Camryn Spindler  
25<sup>th</sup> – Christine Gumm  
26<sup>th</sup> – Clara Lutze, Tim Schultz  
27<sup>th</sup> – Glenn Spindler  
28<sup>th</sup> – Cheyenne Behnke*

### **HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:**

*June 26<sup>th</sup> – Randy & Cindy Sohn  
28<sup>th</sup> – Steven & Linda Rozmarynowski  
28<sup>th</sup> – Jim & Patty Taylor*

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**TODAY - YOUTH VOLLEYBALL – TONIGHT** SMJ will be playing at Bethlehem UCC beginning at 6:30pm. Next week Sunday the game is at Saron.

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>.** Email them to Karen at [stmstjoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmstjoffice@gmail.com)

**SEASON 5 OF THE CHOSEN** has been released! Episodes 3 & 4 on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and Episodes 5 & 6 on June 29<sup>th</sup> will be viewed on [Amazon Prime](#). After the initial showing, they can be watched anytime on [Amazon Prime](#).

**ST. JAMES – Looking for help....** 8:00am Saturday, June 28 a deep cleaning of the church kitchen will take place. We need people willing to volunteer their time for this endeavor.

**VBS** - The areas where we need help this summer for Vacation Bible School are: setting up, daily snacks, treats, beverages, crafts, music, storytelling and assisting for the day. Contact the office, [stmstjoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmstjoffice@gmail.com) or 920-693-8361 if you are able to lend a hand.

## Ride for a Cause – The Salvation Ride on July 12

Join The Salvation Army's *Salvation Ride* on **Saturday, July 12**—a **family-friendly cycling event** with route options for all ages and abilities (10, 25, 50, 75, and 100 miles). The ride starts and ends at **King Park** in Sheboygan, and all cyclists are treated to a **delicious broasted chicken meal from Pizza Ranch** upon their return. Form a team with others from our church—no need to ride the same distance—and support a great cause. **All proceeds benefit The Salvation Army's 45-bed homeless shelter** right here in Sheboygan.

Register today at [www.thesalvationride.org](http://www.thesalvationride.org)

Follow on Facebook: [facebook.com/thesalvationride](https://facebook.com/thesalvationride)

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE TWO SPECIAL EVENTS!

GENERATIONS BROUGHT TOGETHER BY

# FESTIVE SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2025

JOIN ST. JAMES & ST. MARKS FOR A SUNDAY FILLED WITH FAMILY, FOOD, AND MUSIC

OUTDOOR SERVICE BY PASTOR SCHULTZ STARTS 11:00	POTLUCK & SOCIAL STARTS 12:00	VARIETY OF MUSIC BY 2/5'S PARTY BAND STARTS 12:30
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WHERE : SPRING HOPE BARN 11424 SPRING LAKE RD

How do I sign up?  
Check out events at  
[www.springhopebarn.com](http://www.springhopebarn.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.

# *Ways You Can Get Involved...*

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Would you like to remember someone, or an anniversary or event? Please consider altar flowers for a Sunday morning service. Let our office know who/what they are for and we will include that in the bulletin.

**BULLETIN SPONSORSHIP:** Would you like to sponsor bulletins for a Sunday morning service this summer? Please contact the office to sponsor \$20. Keep this in mind as a special way to honor or memorialize a special person or event in your life.

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** As we enter our summer months we are looking for those who would like to share their gift of music during a Sunday morning service. Play an instrument or sing a song - or both! Please contact our office or organists (Kathy Jurk, Cindy Sohn) to let us know of your interest.

**READERS:** Would you like to read the biblical text or a particular part of worship on a Sunday morning? This summer is a great time to do so. Please contact Pastor Patrick with your interest.

## ***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.***

### ***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

Like us on Facebook  Check out our Website: [www.stmarksstjamesucc.org](http://www.stmarksstjamesucc.org)

Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office: [stmjstjoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmjstjoffice@gmail.com)





**St. James, St. Mark's and Bethlehem UCC's**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025**

**Held at St. Mark's UCC**

**W1307 Orchard Road, Cleveland, WI 53015**

**August 12,13,14 ~ 9:00am – 12:00noon**

**For children entering first through sixth grades**

**FREE, No Charge!**

**Theme: An Epic Australian Adventure**

**An Unforgettable Journey with Jesus**

**For registration form visit:**

**<https://stmarksstjamesucc.org/>**

**Or call the church office: 920.693.8361**