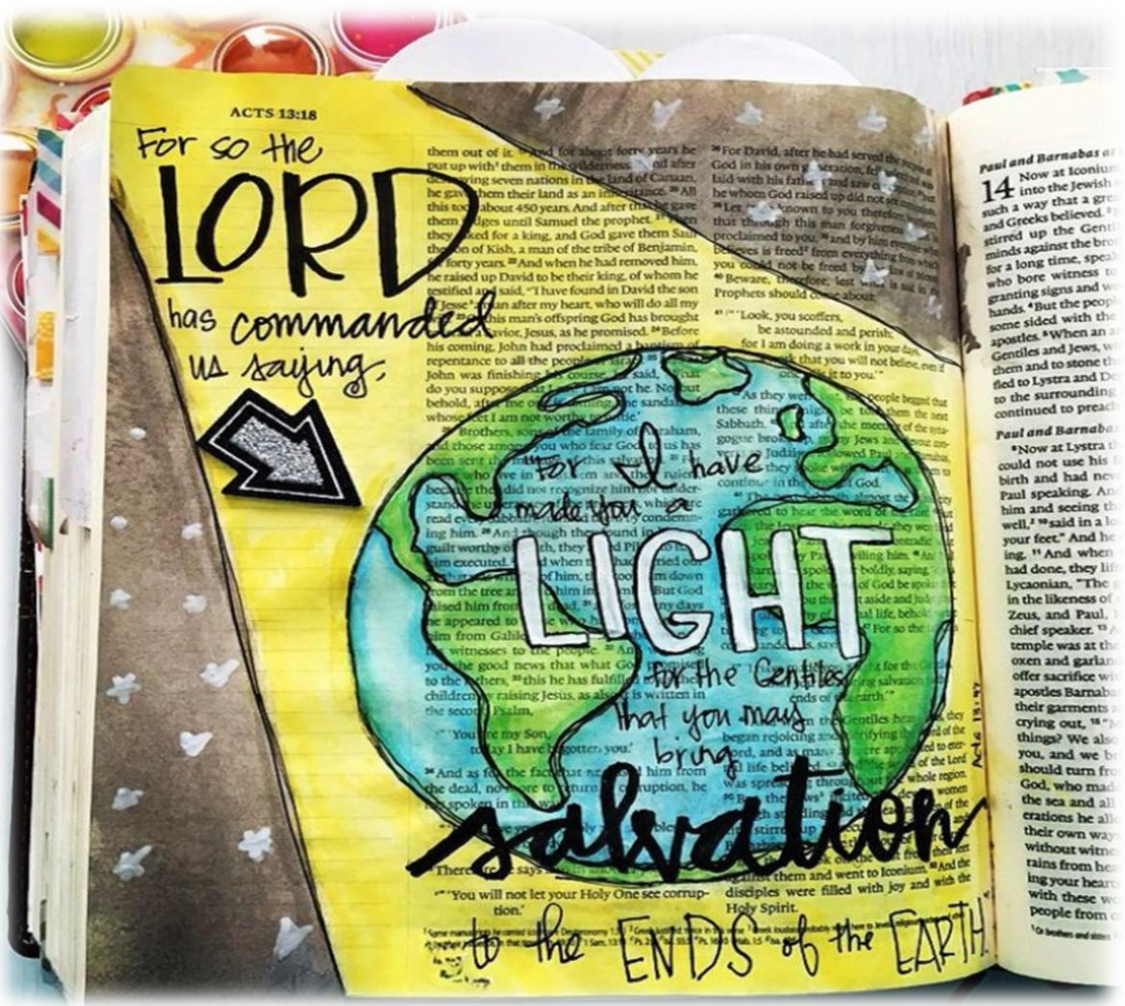




Sunday, October 19, 2025, Mission Fest St. James United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor

Guest Speakers from We Believe, Inc.

Randy Sohn, Organist

Cindy Sohn, Choir Director

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:

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Call To Worship:

God of creation, whose love invites all people to receive the blessing reserved for us since before time began,

Grant ears of faith, that each one may clearly hear your gracious call.

God of salvation, whose love encompasses all humanity, who assumed flesh and blood and died that all might live,

Give eyes of faith, Lord Jesus, that everyone may plainly see you among us.

God of inspiration, whose love initiates new ways of reaching out to all who risk believing,

Guide our lives in faith, that we may willingly become your instruments of love and truth. Guide our hearts and minds and bodies to action in your service.

Opening Prayer:

God, you love all nations and all peoples, for they are your creation: your sons and daughters. Let all come to know Christ and his message, that they may come to know how much you love them and what you have made them to be in an ever-deepening relationship with your Son. May the day come when all peoples praise you through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

♪ Hymn (#176)

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Young at Heart:



Welcome to our new member: Scott Kahfke

Prayer of Confession:

With humility before the Lord, we confess our sin:

When we fail to communicate Jesus' promise of new life; When we have not reached beyond ourselves with the word entrusted to us; When we retreat into comfortable sanctuaries and do not seek to be the light to the nations; When we become preoccupied with church involvement for its own sake, and do not labor to proclaim salvation to the ends of the earth, *Forgive us Lord, we pray.*

When we are too timid or afraid to speak the gospel to those you want to hear it; When we allow a life of ease to divert us from those who need your love through us; *Forgive us Lord, we pray.*

And now 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:

Guide our lives in faith, that we may willingly become your instruments of love and truth. Guide our hearts and minds and bodies to action in your service. Purify our hearts and revive the desire to know your word and share your story. And the Lord Redeemer says: Now your guilt is gone and your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

St. James Choral Anthem

Way Maker

Scripture:

Acts 13:47 ESV

*For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,
“I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”*

Welcome our Mission Fest speakers from—We Believe, Inc.

People’s Prayer

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.*

Offertory Music:

Trusting Jesus

~ 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 heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Almighty and Creative One, what riches we discover in the various cultures and peoples of this earth! As we bring before you these humble gifts of tithes, gifts, and offerings, we pray you that all the nations may offer to you the treasures of their talents and lifestyle made holy by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Benediction:

The Apostle Paul says emphatically that where people accept the risen Lord Jesus, there is no more pagan nor Jew, no more slave nor free person, male or female, for the same Spirit is alive in all and we are all one in Christ, with one Father for all. But that day is not yet with us. Let us pray for that day and let us go forth to love and serve the Lord in all that we are, all that we do, and all we will be, to help bring about that day. *Amen.*

Postlude:

Triumphant Finale

COME & JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS!

Regular Worship Times:

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 every Sunday.

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

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



Visit our morning presenter's website:

<https://www.webelievefoundation.net/>



Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

*October 20th – Todd Grunwald, Aric Jump, Joe Klapperich
21st - Chelsea Langenhahn, Keith Stryck
22nd – Daphne Jane Lutze
25th – Brooklyn Vandoske*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

*October 19th – Cameron & Marissa Fitzgerald
20th – Milton & LaVern Wippermann
22nd – William & Lori Roelse
23rd - Jim & Christine Hayon
24th - Todd & Jody Binversie*

JOINT CONSISTORY MEETING – Monday, October 20th, 6pm at St. James

QUILTERS CLUB meets Tuesday, Oct. 21st, 9 to noon at St. Mark's

ST. JAMES CHOIR PRACTICE – Wednesday, Oct. 22nd at 6:30pm

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, THERE WILL BE A 10:00 JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE AT ST. JAMES FOLLOWED BY A JOINT CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

Agenda: Pastor's Salary & Benefits for 2026

THERE WILL BE NO WORSHIP SERVICE AT ST. MARK'S (come to St. James!)

Sunday School will be held at St. James from 9 – 10am

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY IS THE LAST DAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FOOD DRIVE FOR NORTH HIGH SCHOOL.

ST JAMES STEWARDSHIP MEETING, Monday, Oct. 27th, 6pm

UNITED CHURCH MEN & WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET – Thurs., Oct. 30th (see graphic). See Scott Henschel or Lori Roelse for tickets and more information.

A photograph of a quilter's workspace. In the foreground, a stack of colorful fabric squares (blue, green, yellow, orange, red, pink, purple) sits on a white cutting mat. A pair of purple-handled scissors is open next to the stack. In the background, there are spools of thread in various colors (white, yellow, red) and other quilting supplies.

QUILTERS CLUB

Please join us on Tuesday,
October 21, 9:00 - noon
at St. Mark's UCC.

You don't need any
special skills, just a love
for serving and sharing
warmth with others.

ST. MARK'S FOOD DRIVE for North High School



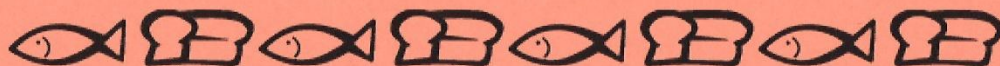
We're collecting:

- * Granola/Breakfast Bars
- * Mac & Cheese (microwave)
- * Pasta/Pasta Sauce

***We are also in need of
Male & Female Deodorant***

Collection boxes will be in the church entry way Oct. 5 - 26.

THANK YOU for your support!



Sunday, November 9, 10:00 a.m.

Mission Fest

St. Mark's UCC

N9286 Dairyland Drive, Cleveland



Featuring...

Scott and Kathleen LaBonte

from Sheboygan Area Pay It Forward



Dinner to Follow

Proceeds to be used to meet OCWM Goal



Dine In or Carry Out!

\$15 - Adults --- \$5- ages 5-10

Under 5 - Free

Ham ~~ Meat Balls ~~ Homemade Salads

Parsley Butter Potatoes ~~ Rolls ~~ Corn

Homemade Desserts



United Church Men & Women Scholarship Banquet

6:30 pm, Thursday, October 30, 2025
Ebenezer United Church of Christ
3215 Saemann Ave., Sheboygan, WI 53081

Tickets can be purchased from
Scott Henschel or Lori Roelse. Cost is \$20.

Please join in this opportunity to support those who are
studying for ministry and leadership in the United
Church of Christ.

Feel free to reach out to Lori with questions. Phone
920-946-3540 or email lroelse@gmail.com.



What is one question you've always
wanted to ask the pastor?

Be a part of a sermon series the pastor is writing submitting
your question. All questions will be considered for
a sermon topic to be preached

Write your answer on the back of the Welcome Card