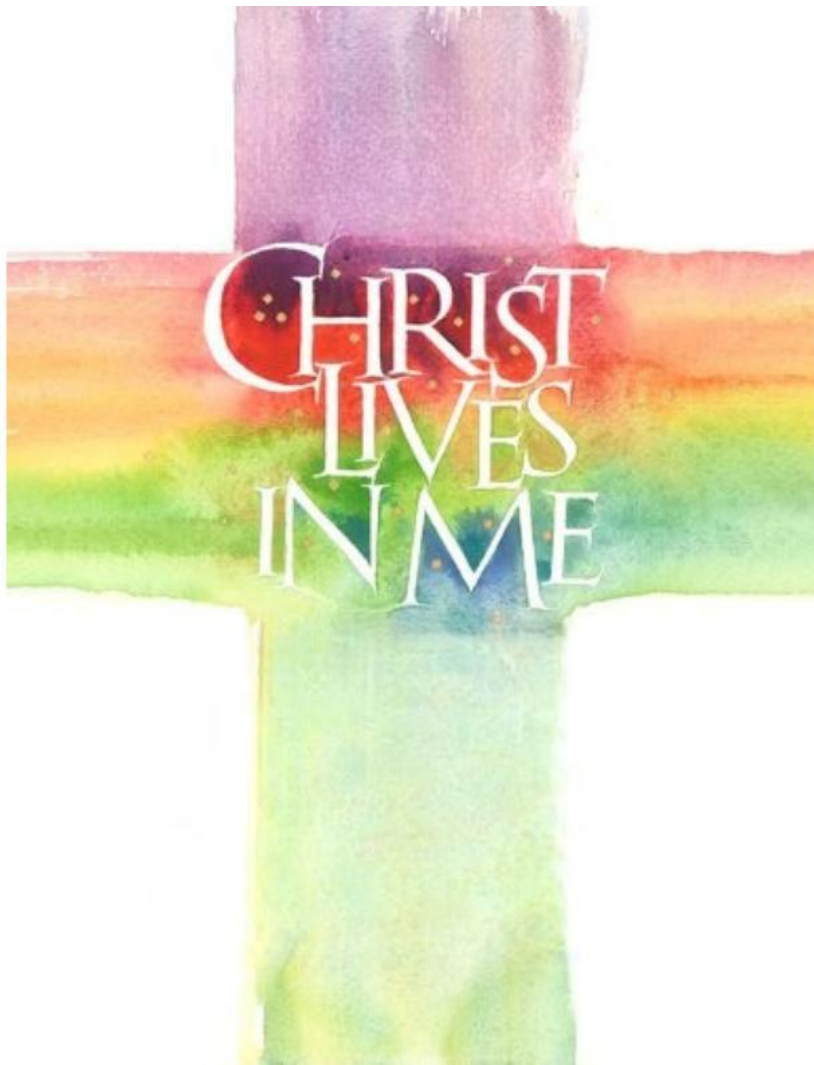




Sunday, October 26, 2025
St. James United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Randy Sohn, Organist

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:

Hosanna to the King

Call To Worship:

God is Good!

All the Time!

All the Time!

God is Good!

I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.

**The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave Himself for me.**

Let us come together in worship, surrendering our lives to the one who gave His life for us.

Let Christ be glorified in us today.

Opening Prayer:

Gracious God Almighty, thank you for giving us Jesus who died in our place that we might have life. Dying to self is not easy. We so want to hold on to our selfish ambitions and desires. Yet, you placed our old life on the cross with Christ and gave us something wonderfully new. Thank you for Christ in us, the Holy Spirit dwelling in our hearts. Help us to live each day by his power and for your glory. Help us to live out your love by living in love of you. *Amen.*

♪ Hymn:

The Hymnal (#15)

All Creatures of Our God and King

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:

Lord, I bring before you the sins I have committed knowingly, and those I do not yet fully realize. Search my heart, O God, and reveal to me any hidden sin. Cleanse me from all unrighteousness, and create in me a pure heart, strengthen me to walk in holiness, and help me to extend the same grace to others.

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:

Through surrendering our hearts to God, we open the door to hope and renewal. In this act of surrender, we find peace that surpasses our understanding. We find strength to face challenges with faith and the assurance of God's unwavering love and presence in our lives. Our hope and strength are renewed in you, O Lord. Amen.

♪ Hymn:

The Hymnal (#221)

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Scripture Reading:

Psalms 118:24 ESV

*This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Galatians 2:20 ESV

*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live,
but Christ who lives in me.
And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave himself for me.*

Message:

Gifts Both Given and Received: Life

Dr. Patrick Schultz

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:

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Safe In His Care

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:

Lord, we give thanks for the blessings you have bestowed upon us. As we offer these tithes and offerings, we do so with grateful hearts. May these gifts be used to further your kingdom and bring hope and life to your children of all nations. *Amen.*

♪ Hymn:

The Hymnal (#168)

Jesus Lives and So Shall I

Benediction:

... 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:

Recessional

*The floral arrangement is in celebration of the
40th wedding anniversary of Clarence & Heidi Belitz
Congratulations!*





Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

October 26th – Cindy Call, Bob Vandoske

27th – Wendy Henschel

29th – Bonnie Schuette

30th – Colton Scharl

November 1st – Tyler Athorp, Kim Grotegut, Jamie Henschel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

October 26th – Clarence & Heidi Belitz

29th – Mark & Kathy Stolzmann

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP TODAY.

Agenda: Pastor's Salary & Benefits for 2026

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE FOOD DRIVE FOR NORTH HIGH SCHOOL.

ARTICLES FOR THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER are due tomorrow, Monday, October 27th. Email them to Karen at stmstjoffice@gmail.com

ST JAMES STEWARDSHIP MEETING, Monday, October 27th, 6pm

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

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

MEMORIAL SUNDAY will be held on November 23rd.

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.





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**



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

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

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