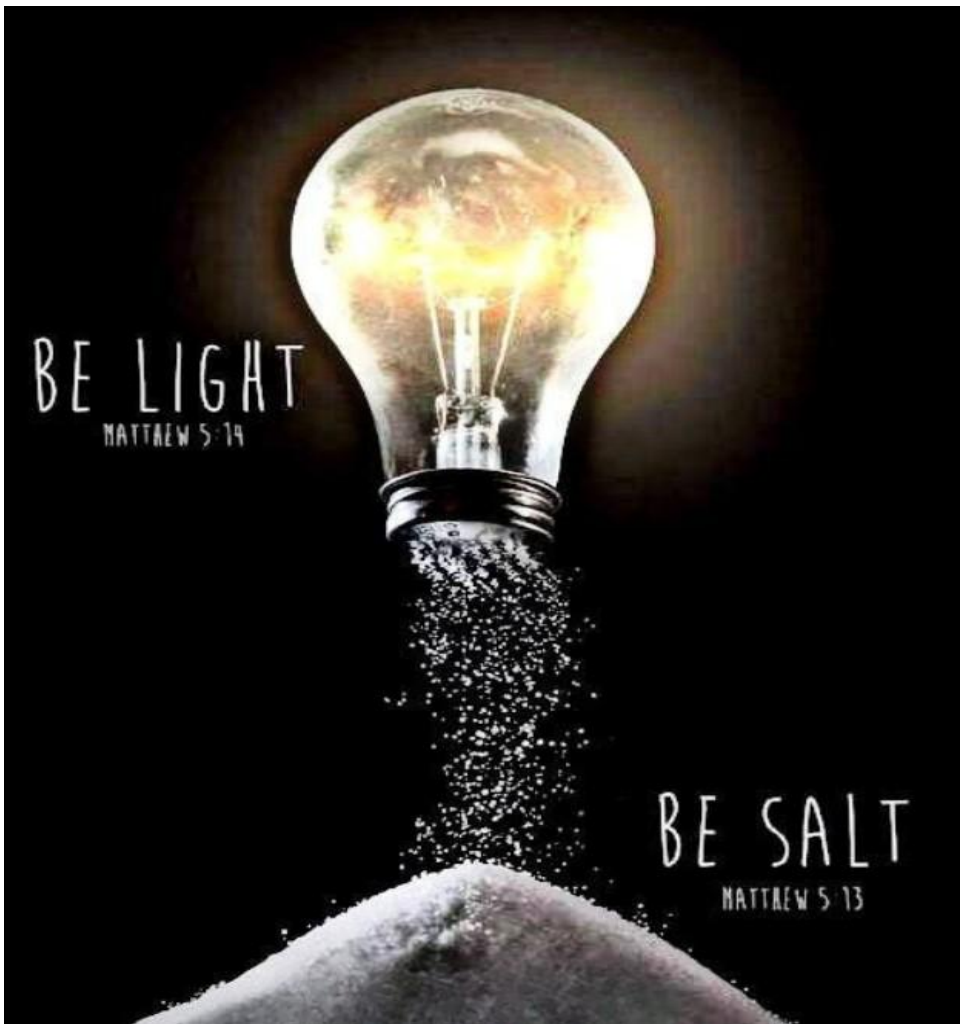




**Sunday, November 9, 2025, Mission Fest
St. Mark's United Church of Christ**

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Kayla Brumley, Guest Speaker from Home Inc.
Kathy Jurk, 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:

Ye Servants Of God

LOVE OUR HOMELESS NEIGHBORS

Kyla Brumley is the director of Home Inc, a trusted housing authority in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, dedicated to providing affordable living solutions for individuals and families. Home Inc offers a variety of housing assistance programs and resources, aiming to foster a supportive community atmosphere. Home Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing homelessness and housing instability in Sheboygan. With a strong reputation reflected in positive reviews, Home Inc is a go-to resource for those seeking stability and support in Sheboygan County. The organization offers various programs, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing.

Kyla truly believes God has called her to do this work..

Find [Home Inc's Transitional Housing Unit](#) on Facebook!

Call To Worship:

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

A light no darkness can extinguish.

We give glory and thanks to you, O God;

In the midst of suffering and death

We find hope,

Through the gift of new life we share your wholeness

And beyond all our endings we encounter the mystery of your love.

To you, creative and empowering God

Be all thanksgiving and praise,

Here and everywhere, may we be filled with thankfulness,

O God, all the days of our life,

♪ Hymn (#463)

Revive Us Again



Young at Heart:

Prayer of Confession: (Psalm 23)

O Lord, you are our shepherd,

And yet we want.

We lie down when we could act,

We stir the pot when we could offer peace,

We wander tempting paths instead of following you.

We see courage and comfort in earthly things rather than in you.

We hate our enemies and refuse to break bread with them,

We see scarcity even when you offer us abundance.

We pray for forgiveness, for your goodness and mercy,

So that we might dwell in You, in your grace, forever.

Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts as 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.

Moment of Silence:

Words of Assurance:

Gracious and loving God, open our hearts so that we are able to admit you into the fullness of our lives – that which is beautiful and good, and that which is hurtful and hateful. Friends in Christ, we know this: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting, and we are reminded of this surpassing grace – in and through Jesus Christ, as we are forgiven. *Alleluia! Amen.*

Scripture Reading:

Matthew 5:13-14 ESV

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

**Welcome to our Mission Fest speaker from Home, Inc. Kyla Brumley,
Transitional Housing Coordinator at Home Inc. in Sheboygan.**

People's Prayer:

Come to us, God of unity with your forgiveness and healing grace.

Come, that we may witness reconciliation for a divided world;

that we might gather around Christ's table as one people;

that we affirm one church, one faith, one Lord.

Come to us, God of love with your extravagant kindness and your goodness.

That we may see you in the people of every race and culture;

that we may embrace you in the lonely, the bereaved, and the rejected;

in the hungry, un-homed and helpless. That we may be an accepting and a caring church.

Come to us, O God, as we gather together and pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray:

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:

Dedication

~ 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. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Heavenly God, we thank you for the renewal that comes through giving. As we give this offering, refresh our spirit with joy, peace, and hope. Let generosity renew our faith and draw us closer to you. Use this gift to bless others and to glorify Your holy name. In Jesus' name, *Amen*.

Benediction:

May the fire of Christ consume all indifference to God;
The light of Christ illumine our vision of God,
The love of Christ enlarge our longing for God,
The Spirit of Christ empower our service to God,
And the Blessing of God the Holy Trinity be among us and remain with us always.
Go forth to love and serve the Lord
in all that we are,
 all that we do,
 and all we will be. *Amen.*

Postlude:

Praise Be To God

COME & JOIN US FOR WORSHIP ON SUNDAYS!

Our 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



Our Church Celebrations!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

*November 9th - Allen Jones
10th - Richard Lutze
11th - Lori Roelse
13th - William Dexter
14th - Sierra Bramstedt, Angel DeBlaey, Pat Flook
15th - Annabelle Uttech*

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

November 14th - Eric & Natalie Lodes

APPLICATIONS FOR VISION OF HOPE – due TODAY!

ST. JAMES CHOIR PRACTICE – Wednesday, Nov. 12th, 6:30pm.

ST. JAMES VISION OF HOPE – meets Monday, Nov. 17th at 6:30pm

A SIGN-UP FORM IS ON THE TABLE NEXT TO THE ELEVATOR IN THE ENTRY FOR THE COOKIE EXCHANGE, WHICH WILL BE HAPPENING ON DEC. 14TH.



QUILTERS CLUB

Please join us on Tuesday,
November 18th, 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. James and St. Mark's Ladies:
Join us for BUNCO NIGHT, Thur.,
Nov. 20th, 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**

FOOD DRIVE



Sheboygan County Food Bank provides food to 21 food pantries and dozens of other organizations. Help support local families in need by donating healthy, non-perishable, and non-expired foods.

CURRENT MOST NEEDED ITEMS

Peanut butter
Canned soup
Canned tuna and chicken
Cereal and oatmeal
Canned fruit
Personal care items
Pasta & pasta sauce



www.SheboyganCountyFoodBank.com | 920.453.0169



In Sheboygan County, 10%, or approximately 12,000 people rely on SNAP benefits. Half of these are children. This is meant to be Supplemental to what each of these working families can purchase at the grocery. If for some reason this benefit ends, we at St. Mark's and St. James can help by filling up these donation boxes!

Please contact Brenda Schultz if you have any questions.

Check the list to the left for the 'most current needed items'.

****Non-expired, low-sodium, low-sugar, and light-syrup food items preferred.**

Christmas Cookie Exchange

What is better than Christmas cookies? Having several different varieties!



If you would like to participate in a cookie exchange, sign up on the sheet in the St. Mark's church entry or let Lori know. Package your cookies in groups of 6 in bags, boxes, or plates. Signups are due by Saturday, December 6. I will let you know by Sunday, December 7 how many half-dozens to bring. Have your cookies at St. Mark's by 10:15 am on Sunday, December 14. After the church service, you will have a beautiful assortment of cookies to take home. A maximum of 15 people may participate. St. James friends are invited to participate as well.

If you would like to bring extras to offer at our Christmas Bingo event, that would be welcomed as well.

Please let Lori Roelse know if you have any questions, 920-946-3540. Merry Christmas! And Happy Baking!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

November 20th – Newsletter Articles Due

November 23 – Memorial Sunday

November 26 – Thanksgiving Eve Worship, with Communion,
7pm at St. James

November 30th – No Sunday School at St. James
POINSETTIA ORDERS DUE



Christmas Bingo

Fun for All Ages!

*St. Mark's UCC
W1307 Orchard Rd., Cleveland
Sunday, December 14
11:30-2:00 (The Packers play at 3:25.)*

*Lunch will be provided.
A basket will be out for cash donations.*

*Admission: Each person should bring a wrapped gift,
cost not to exceed \$5.*

*Please sign up at St. Mark's or St. James, or
call/text Lori at 920-946-3540
to give us an idea of how much food is needed.
Drop-ins are still welcome.*

Baked goods will be available for sale.

*Invite your friends, family, and neighbors.
The more the merrier!*