



Sunday, February 15, 2026
Transfiguration Sunday
St. Mark's United Church of Christ
St. James United Church of Christ

Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Rev. Keith Weiland, Interim Pastor
Randy Sohn, Organist Lori Roelse, 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:

Immortal, Invisible

****Bold text means to read in unison**

Responsive Call to Worship:

Come to the mountaintop to pray, for God will not keep silent.

WE GATHER TO LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD AND TO MAKE OUR RESPONSE.

Come to the light of God's revelation, for we are in darkness apart from God's love.

THE LIGHT SHINES IN OUR HEARTS, GIVING KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY OF GOD IN THE FACE OF THE CHRIST.

Come, as God's covenant people, who serve and sacrifice in faithfulness.

THE HEAVENS DECLARE GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS AND DRAW US TO THE EXCITEMENT OF WORSHIP

Hymn:

The God of Abraham Praise

(St. Mark's #16) (St. James #61)

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.*

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Almighty God, we confess that we have allowed so many things to come between us and the Gospel, that we cannot see the light of Christ or hear Your voice calling us to listen. We have neither the courage nor the faith to respond effectively to Your call. We are more concerned for our own safety and comfort than for the triumph of truth. As you forgive us again, we pray that you will lift the veil that blinds us. Save us from perishing, for the sake of Jesus Christ Amen.

Words of Assurance:

The heavens declare God's righteousness, and earth knows the generosity of our Creator. Christ has come in the likeness of God to set us free from our sin and to proclaim our wholeness. Know this day the glory of God in the face of Christ - and live! Amen.

Young at Heart:



Hymn:

(St. Marks #21) (St. James #65)

This Is My Father's World

Scripture Reading:

Mathew 17:1-9 EVS

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

The Message:

Transfiguration Within; Transformation Without

People's Prayer:

O Lord, hear our prayer. Your way is so easy when we are standing on the mountaintop. There, at a distance from the rest of the world, we feel forgiven, loved, reassured. We are so tempted to remain with you. But you send us with your blessing and your mission back to those places from which we came. Be our vision, O God! Help us to see!

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as 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

Offertory Music:

Open My Eyes

~ The offering is brought to the altar ~

Doxology: (Everyone stand as you are able.)

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:

(St. Marks #661) (St. James #24)

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Responsive Benediction:

Go down from the mountaintop. Do not question whether you are worthy to live the life you are called to live.

WE WILL BE MADE WORTHY.

Do not doubt that people will challenge your way.

THEY DEFINITELY WILL.

Do not insist that you are not able.

WE WILL BE MADE ABLE.

Do not beg God to send someone else.

OUR NAME HAS BEEN CALLED. THEREFORE, LET US GO IN THE KNOWLEDGE THAT GOD JOINS US ON OUR JOURNEY.

Go in Peace. Amen.

Postlude:

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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 every Sunday.

St. Mark's UCC

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

Visit our Church Website: <https://www.stmarksstjamesucc.org>
Worship Services are recorded weekly and uploaded to our church

YouTube channel: St. Mark's & St. James UCC

Facebook: St Marks & St James UCC

Join our prayer team; contact Karen in our Church office:

stmstjoffice@gmail.com

Staying Close, Staying Connected

Our Church Celebrations!

Welcome Back, Pastor Patrick!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

February 15th - Clara Meyer

16th - Cole Hermann

17th - Everit Gumm

19th - Wyatt Koenig

NO ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

ST. JAMES CHOIR PRACTICE - Tuesday, February 17th, 6:30pm.

CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETS - Wed., Feb. 18th, 6:00pm at St. Mark's

TODAY: UCC RURAL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT!

See poster on the next page!

ARTICLES FOR THE MARCH NEWSLETTER- due Friday, February 20th. Email them to Karen: stmstjoffice@gmail.com





**UCC RURAL CHURCH FELLOWSHIP
Presents
SHEEPSHEAD TOURNAMENT**

Where: Bethlehem United Church of Christ
11608 Lax Chapel Road
Kiel, WI 53042

When: Sunday, February 15, 2026, from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
[Snow date is Feb. 22nd, same time]
Doors open at 12:30

Entrance Fee: Canned goods and/or free will offering

Rules will be explained before the tournament begins. All levels of skill are welcome. Beginner's table(s) will be available for those who don't know how to play. Don't want to play sheepshead but want to participate in the fun? Bring your own board or card game.

Refreshments will be available.

COME ONE...COME ALL! Open to the Public!

Childcare will be supplied. Games and movies for the kiddos.

**HAPPENING
TODAY!**

**Next
Week
Sunday!**

Everyone is invited to join us for a...

Sheepshead Gathering!

at ST. JAMES UCC,
SUNDAY, FEB. 22nd, 1:00pm!

HOLY TRINITY PARISH

11928 Marken Road, Kiel ~ (Located in School Hill)

25th ANNUAL PERCH FRY

Friday, February 20, 2026

Dine-in from 3:30-7 pm

Carry-outs from 11 am-1 pm and 3:30-7 pm

Call 920-773-2380

Raffle Tickets, Visit the HT Lounge, Handicapped Accessible



Sponsored by Holy Trinity Parish ~ Co-Sponsored by Catholic Financial Life, Branch 109

BETHLEHEM UCC HAS INVITED US TO A FAMILY ICE FISHING OUTING on Wilke Lake, Sunday, February 22nd

Parking will be at Scott & Jane
Umland's residence:

10411 Glen Flora Rd, Kiel

OR

Public Boat Launch

Located off of Point Creek
Rd. (By Hennings Cheese)

We will plan on fishing from
approximately 11:00 am until
2:00'ish (or however long you want
to stay out on the lake). Live bait
will be provided (wax worms &
minnows).

We will grill hamburgers, brats, &
hotdogs on the lake for lunch
(beverages will be BYOB).

Remember to bring your warm
clothes, fishing gear, DNR fishing
license, and good spirits. We hope
that mother nature will bless us
with a nice winter day, and
everyone can have fun on the
ice. Everyone is welcome to attend
(fishing gear or not, we will
provide gear for anyone that does
not have any). If you have further
questions; please contact Lee
Watson (920) 562-0588 (text/call)
or lwatson@kiel.k12.wi.us



In the event of cancellation due to ice conditions, please check
Bethlehem's church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/bucckiel>



QUILTERS CLUB

Please join us on
Tuesday, February 24th
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.



If you are you a person who just loves to play games...
board games, dice games, card games...
then our new group is calling your name!

BREAKING BOARD(games)!

...will meet in the basement of St. Mark's UCC

(W1307 Orchard Road, Cleveland)

9:30-11:30am, Wednesday, February 25th

*Everyone is invited and welcome to join us--tell your neighbors & friends!
There's no charge, no reservations, just come and have fun!*

There will be games available and you are also invited to
bring your own games to share.

*Bring a beverage and snack if you'd like.