



Sunday, May 3, 2026
St. Mark's & St. James United Church of Christ
Rev. Dr. Patrick Schultz, Pastor
Kathy Jurk / Randy Sohn, Organist
Sandy Perronne, 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:

St. Mark's: *O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing*
St. James: *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord*

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

Call to Worship:

In challenging times, we turn to God, our rock and our refuge.

Our lives are in God's hands – the One who will still our fears.

We can trust God who blew Spirit into each of us and guides us to full life.

May God's face shine on us and on all who worship the Lord.

The Lord provides redemption for each and for all.

Thanks be to God, who shows steadfast love to all creation!

All: Today we praise God and take courage as we wait for the Lord.

Prayer:

Abundant and Generous God, we've come to honor you in this hour, grateful for the gifts you pour out on us day by day. Accept our praise. Fill us with your Spirit so we might act in love toward those who stand in need all around us.

Renew in each of us the recognition of Jesus as "the way, the truth, and the life."

Turn our hearts to scripture to inspire us, even as we grow into salvation, encouraging us to taste and see that the Lord is good. Abundant and Generous God, we've come to honor you in this hour, grateful for the gifts you pour out on us day by day. Accept our praise. Fill us with your Spirit so we might act in love toward those who stand in need all around us.

♪ Hymn:

St. Mark's: (#577)

St. James: (#324)

Sing a New Church

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Affirmation of Faith: (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 ♥

Scripture Reading:

Acts 2:14-28 ESV

Peter's Sermon at Pentecost

Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore, my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence."

Message:

Can I Get a Witness?

Dr. Patrick Schultz

♪ Hymn:

Here I Am Lord

St. Mark's: (#559)

St. James: (#13 Binder)

Peoples' 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*

Offering:

St. James is also set up to take on-line offerings through our church website:
<https://stmarksstjamesucc.org/>

Offertory Music:

St. Mark's: *The Sheltering Rock*
St. James: *Peace in My Soul*

Doxology: (*Sung as the offering is brought to the altar*)

(St. James: #551) (St. Mark's: #34)

**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:

**Provider God, thank you for offering your Realm to us here and now!
In the resurrected Jesus, you show us the way, the truth, and the life.**

With these gifts, we cast our vote for that life:

**days of generosity instead of fear,
hours of hope instead of daily despair.**

**So, help us use these offerings, trusting you to show your Way through our
congregation, our community and throughout the world.**

♪ Hymn of Sending:

St. Mark's: (#550)

St. James: (#38)

*We Are the Church
O Day of Rest and Gladness*

Benediction:

O Living God, God who is still speaking; tender, forgiving, gracious One today you have blessed us each in a special way. May we carry this blessing with us, to sustain us throughout the week.

O beloved children of God, go now to love and serve him in all that you do, all that you are and all that you will be.

Postlude:

St. Mark's: *Let There Be Joy*

St. James: *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

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 ~

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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Check out our Website: <https://stmarksstjamesucc.org/>

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



Our Church Celebrations! 7

HAPPY BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK TO:

May 4th - Bill Heckmann

7th - David Lutze

8th - JoAnn Grant, Henley Herrmann

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:

May 9th – Jamey & Amanda Binversie

Next week Sunday is the last day of Sunday School before summer break. A social will follow the Worship service at St. James.

SHEEPSHEAD GATHERING –TODAY, 1pm at St. James. Spread the word!

QUILTER’S CLUB – Tuesday, May 5th, 9-noon at St. Mark’s. This is the last club meeting before summer break.

ST. JAMES CONSISTORY MEETING - Tuesday, May 5th, 6:30pm

ST. JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL – Wednesday, May 6th, 6:30pm

ST. MARK’S CONSISTORY MEETING – Thursday, May 7th, 6pm

ALL VISION OF HOPE REQUESTS ARE DUE SUNDAY, MAY 10TH. Applications are available in Narthex. See a Vision of Hope member with questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: ST. JAMES BRAT FRY, 4-7pm, WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH. TAKE-OUTS ONLY. Spread the word!



Everyone is invited to join us for a...

Sheepshead Gathering!

at **ST. JAMES UCC**
13312 Pioneer Rd., Newton (Spring Valley)

SUNDAY, May 3rd, 1:00pm!

QUILTERS CLUB

We will be meeting
Tuesday, May 5. We will
then break for the
summer and return to
our work in the fall.

*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**
Thursday, May 21st
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

BRAT FRY

Wednesday May 13, 2026

4 - 7 pm



Brats * Hamburgers * Chicken * Dessert

St James UCC

Spring Valley
13312 Pioneer Rd., Newton

Please help market our Brat Fry to be held on Wednesday, May 13th by inviting your family and friends and sharing it on your Facebook page.

There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex for volunteer workers, donations of tortes and charcoal.

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