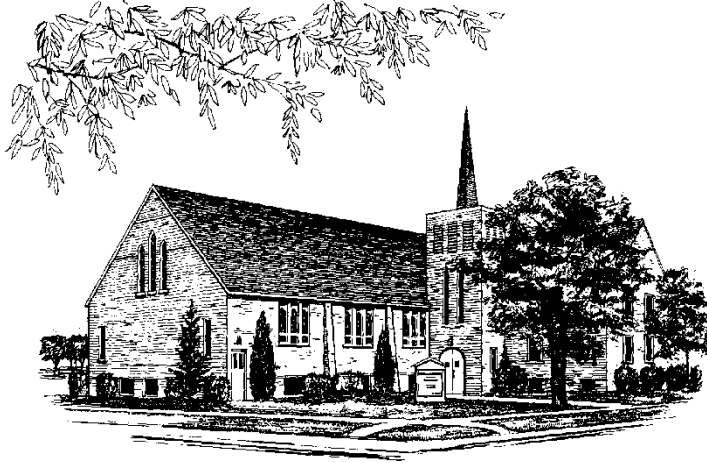


St. James Newsletter
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July 2022 Newsletter



Hello to everyone! Welcome to July at St. James UCC! We are excited for more great things we planned for the summer! We look forward to our upcoming activities here at church so we can see more faces at worship service as we hope more of you can join us in person each week! Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates....

A few dates to keep in mind coming up!

JULY 3– INDEPENDENCE DAY WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:45 A.M. WITH HOLY COMMUNION, COFFEE HOUR 10:45 A.M., BAKE SALE FOLLOWING WORSHIP

JULY 4 –“HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY”

JULY 6– 9:00 A.M. RUGS & QUILTS

JULY 10- WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:45 A.M., COFFEE HOUR 10:45 A.M.

JULY 11– “PEOPLE’S BREAKFAST” AT THE MAINLINE IN DOWNER, MN 8:00 A.M.

JULY 13 – 9:00 A.M. RUGS & QUILTS

JULY 14 TO 17 – CLAY COUNTY FAIR PIZZA STAND

JULY 17- WORSHIP SERVICE WITH HOLY COMMUNION AT 9:45 A.M., COFFEE HOUR AT 10:45 A.M.

JULY 18– “PEOPLE’S BREAKFAST” AT THE MAINLINE IN DOWNER, MN 8:00 A.M.

JULY 20 – RUGS & QUILTS 9:00 A.M.

JULY 24– WORSHIP AT 9:45 A.M. COFFEE HOUR 10:45

JULY 25- “PEOPLE’S BREAKFAST” AT THE MAINLINE IN DOWNER, MN 8:00 A.M.

JULY 27 – 9:30 A.M. RUGS & QUILTS

JULY 28– FAMILY & FRIENDS OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT AT ST JAMES AT 8:30 PM (INDOORS IF RAIN)

JULY 31 – WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:45 A.M., COFFEE HOUR 10:45 A.M.

AUGUST 1 - “PEOPLE’S BREAKFAST” AT THE MAINLINE IN DOWNER, MN 8:00 A.M.

AUGUST 3 - RUGS & QUILTS 9:00 A.M.

**HAPPY
ANNIVERSARY**

6—Bill & Carolyn Gabel
11—Chuck & Tammy Anderson
11—Scott & Cathy Buisman
21—LeRoy & Karen Johnson

24—Ron & Debbie Jerger
24—Keith & Rosie Carr
25—Bill & Kathy Braton
28—Robert & Donna Ernst



JULY BIRTHDAYS

1—ROBERT MARK
1—MARK KELLER
1—SHARON HOVLAND
2—CAROLYN GABEL
3—STACY GROSZ
4—DAVID STROM
5—MARSHA HOUGH
6—SHARON BRATON
9—KEITH CARR
11—ERMA EGGE
11—JERRY BARRERA
12—CINDY KUNZ
13—BETTY PICARD
15—DANA ERNST
15—KELLI FROSLIE
15—KAYLA SCHROEDER

16—DONNA ERNST
17—SHELBY BERG
18—KARISSA BRATON⁴
19—CARLA RICK
19—PHILIP GROSZ
19—LUCAS GROSZ
21—WALKER ERDMANN
22—JARED AFFIELD
23—SUSAN DAVIS
24—DIANE PETERSON
24—ELLEN OIE
25—RANELLE BANG
26—ROBIN ASKEGARD
27—JACOB LILEQUIST
28—MICI BRATON
29--CATHY WHEELRIGHT
30—JIM SCHENCK
31—JUDY NEUBAUER

If there are any birthday or anniversary dates omitted or wrong, please let the office know. Thank you.

Prayer Shawl

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is a program in our church being implemented under the auspices of the Board of Trustees. The following paragraph is part of what will accompany the shawl: *Praying with a prayer shawl is intended to be a reminder of God's ever-present love, which is always a part of you. Wear it in times of private prayer whenever you feel the need to feel closer, to be wrapped in God's loving care. Wrap the shawl around your shoulders, or drape it over your lap, or put it over you when resting-whatever makes you feel comfortable.* If you know of someone that is in need, please contact Beryl Janssen, Irene Schenck, Eleanor Siggerud or the office.

A Message from the Interim Pastor's Office....

Summertime at St. James

It's summertime! Time to kick back and spend time at the lake, attend class reunions, family get-togethers, garden and....

We, at St. James, have you covered during this summer season. You are encouraged to come to worship as you are able- along with family, visitors, neighbors and friends. Let's share the love and fellowship and outreach of St. James with others! And when you can't make it in-person, watch our services live at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays! Yes- join us on-line, in real-time at <http://rcl.ink/5an>. And if by chance you missed our worship service on Sunday June 19th (Father's Day), please hit the following link to watch- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ETG7U0jPotI>

And as a part of our community outreach, we will again be manning a pizza stand at the annual Clay County Fair July 14-17. The money raise at this annual event-funds countless all-church events during the year, including a bowling night, youth gatherings and....How does that involve you? We need people who will donate a 2-hour shift at the pizza stand. (What a great way to meet people).For those unable to do that, are requested to donate drinks and/or money. Let's make this week- the week that everything falls into place and we are ready to go! Remember, if it is to be- it is up to us.

--Interim Pastor Jim--



Are you looking for a way to support St. James and its many ministries during the summer months when we are sometimes away—on vacation; working in the fields; visiting family and friends? **SecureGive, our automatic giving site, provides an excellent way to ensure that our church remains financially strong. Call the church office if you need help in setting it up!**



Don't forget to check out our board of addresses in Fellowship Hall to send a note or card to some of the names on it. Being remembered by your church family can really brighten someone's day. Consider sending a short note or making a visit or phone call!



If you, or anyone you know, would like to have holy communion at home or a home visit, please contact the church office and Pastor Jim will make arrangements to stop over.



SPECIAL PRAYER IS NEEDED



Judy Siggerud
Kaiser Schonert
Ashley Seykora
Janelle Roggenbuck
Leigha Ness
Gerry Palmer
Kyle Anderson
Sharon Hovland
Christopher Cox
Heidi Ackerson
Dave Egge
Kristine Crabtree

Abby Hough
Shirley Aberle
Jerad Egge
Matt Holland
Angie Harrison Marquardt
Stephen (Doc) Dockter
Richard Zollar
Harold Schenck
Gwen Tumberg
Kristin Grommesh
Mary Iverson

And all who are affected or have been affected with COVID-19 virus or other struggles in life. ***(If you know of someone you would like on the prayer list, would you please get permission from them or their family, as some people are very private.)***



Please keep the family of Krista Detloff in your prayers as she went to her heavenly home this past week.



SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY



Barrera, Murphy---USAF
Barfield, Beau---USN

Garza, Mario---US
Owen Jerald – US Army



If anyone you know is interested in joining us as a member at St. James UCC, we would LOVE to have them! All are welcome at any time to be a member of our church family. Should you or someone you know have interest, please let the office or Interim Pastor Jim Wilson know. Consider it and spread the word to those whom you know!



The TVs that will be purchased for the entryway and etc are being funded with our AV money that was given to St. James from Dorothy Garvin for these purposes. The money is not being taken out of our general fund. If you should have questions, feel free to contact the office. Thank you.

Board of Trustees Minutes **Monday, June 6, 2022**

The St. James UCC Board of Trustees met at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 1, 2022

Call to Order: The Trustee Board meeting was called to order by Moderator, Chuck Anderson.

Members present: Chuck Anderson, Bob Hovland, Jim Martodam, Ione Hammer, Wanda Odness, Bob Holland, Kristal Rick, Greg Odness and Sawyer Ernst. **Absent:** Paul Randall

Adoption of Agenda: Motion to adopt the agenda as presented by Ione, seconded by Greg. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the Secretary's report by Kristal, seconded by Robert. Motion carried.

Office Manager's Report: Tammy provided reports and was present to explain and answer any questions.

Inflows for the month of May were \$10,058.26. Expenses were \$9824.60. Motion by Robert to approve the report seconded by Kristal. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jim encouraged board members and others to reach out to those who are sick or home bound, that they would really appreciate a note. He mentioned he had received emails recently about the Food Pantry's summer lunch program. The board agreed they needed more information before asking for volunteers. Pastor suggested training another person on the AV process for substitute support. He had a list of IT/AV items, things like batteries, docking stations, software, TV screen in sanctuary so he can see what is being broadcast, etc to ask approval from the board to purchase. The board reviewed the list at length Motion to approve \$1000 for the items on the list by Greg, seconded by Sawyer. Motion carried. The remaining items can be considered at a later date. He continues to have some issues about broadcasting our service on Barnesville's public TV but is trying to work through that. Motion to approve the Pastor's report by Wanda, seconded by Greg. Motion carried.

Old Business:

A. Committees_Reports

1. **Staff Parish** – No report.
2. **Diaconate** – Did not meet this month – no report.
3. **RE Board** – Report included.
4. **Buildings & Grounds** – There was a bit of discussion about replacing that cement and sidewalk on the west side of the church, due to the drainage issues along that basement wall, but will wait to incorporate it with the kitchen remodel as it will affect the back room and best to do this after the project is completed.
5. **Finance Committee** – Quarter coming to an end in June. Will need to meet to review finances again and share status charts with members again.

6. **Search Committee** – The committee was excited to announce they had their first potential candidate in their search and had completed an hour long interview over a team call. The process is just beginning and information to be kept confidential for now, until the process reaches the next steps, or the board has more potential candidates to interview and choose from.
7. **Kitchen Committee** –Chuck had received a quote on cabinets and submitted it to the Committee. The committee continues to meet.

Motion to approve all Committee reports by Jim, seconded by Wanda. Motion carried.

- B. **Standard Operating Procedures Review** – The changes the board had discussed at previous meetings had been updated and/or added to the SOP and a copy given to the board. Motion to approve the 2022 SOP by Kristal, seconded by Robert. Motion carried.
- C. **Sign for Church Update** – The sign had been delivered. Kristal had Jason deliver it to Charlie, the public works manager and it has now been installed at the four-way stop signs going south.
- D. **AV Guidelines Update** – Need to continue working on this but will likely not be finished until all monitors and equipment is in place, so it can all be covered.
- E. **Keypad for Lock/Unlock for all doors** – The board continues to work on this, to allow more access for board members and get away from needing keys. They had Fargo Glass and Paint visit about a month ago to discuss the needed work to accomplish this. Our doors locks can be modified without having to replace the doors it appears.
- F. **TV Monitor for Announcements by entry** – Pastor is checking on software for these. The money for the TV's has been donated and the board is looking forward to what they'll add for getting the announcements and information to our members.
- G. **Summer Activities Update** – The board is planning an outdoor movie in the parking lot on the evening of July 28 at 9:30 pm, at dark. Popcorn and refreshments will be served. More details to follow in the announcements.
- H. **Catch-up Auction Auctioneer** – We still need to find an auctioneer for this. If members have any leads, please let the board know. They will continue to search. The auction will be held, Sunday, September 18th after the service. The board plans to once again offer burgers for lunch.

New Business:

- A. **Cemetery Report** – Just before May 1st, eight church members cleaned up the cemetery. They realized the back of the cemetery has become a dumping ground for all three cemeteries, but that piece of property belongs to St. James. Even the city has used it for dumping all the grass and tree refuse when working out there. The board would like to get a quote to clean that piece of land, removing the stumps, etc. but with funding being limited would like to confirm where the property lines truly are. They also discussed the need to raise the price of our cemetery plots as they are lower than both

the city and Catholic cemetery and most other cemeteries in the area, and about the need for a new cemetery sign. Kristal will contact the city to see if they have record of the property lines on file they could share. Motion to approve a survey of the land to find official property lines if the city cannot provide, by Kristal, seconded by Ione. Motion carried. Motion to raise St. James perpetual lease rates to \$250 per Member, \$500 for non-members, effective June 7, 2022, by Greg, seconded by Robert. Motion carried. Motion to approve a new sign to be designed and made for the cemetery by Greg, seconded by Sawyer. Motion carried. Other discussion was to appropriate a percentage of any Memorials given to the Cemetery Fund, to have a time limit to utilize Memorial funds that have been given, and suggestion to incorporate a small area of the cemetery for the burial of Urns, and to create a directory board out at the cemetery.

- B. Sidewalk on west side of Church – discussed in Buildings and grounds report.
- C. Eave troughs on the Church – Chuck will talk to Jimmy Lindholm, on the Building and Grounds committee about looking into what needs to be done to replace and/or reattached the downspouts.
- D. Potato Days – There was much discussion about continuing to have the booth in the Food Court during Potato Days and if we keep the same meal or change. We will need seed money from one of the church’s groups to do it. All seed money is returned from the funds raised. Motion to have Robert Hovland and daughter Michell co-chair the event once again. Please consider working a shift at the booth to make this an entire church family event and fundraiser.
- E. Other – Chuck suggested looking at doing an online auction of some sort in the future for a fundraiser.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Pastor Jim led in the Lord’s prayer.

Next meeting: Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristal Rick, Secretary

RE Board Meeting
June 5, 2022
10:45 a.m.

Present: Cathy Olson, Denise Fredericks, Rita Nosal, Dianne Cihak, Deb Levenson

Absent: Jenna Crabtree

Treasure report: \$7,635.52

Noisy Coin Collection: June 5- goes to helpers

No noisy coin collection: July or August

Redhawks game friends and family:

SUNDAY JUNE 26th at 1PM, Seats behind the home plate

Tickets are \$12 - if interested contact the church office!

T-Shirt Day:

June 26th - WEAR YOUR ST JAMES T -SHIRT DAY

July Clay County Fair & St James Pizza Booth

- Thursday, July 14th thru Sunday, July 17th, LOOKING FOR A COUPLE OF PEOPLE TO ASSIST IN SETTING UP and KEEPING SUPPLIES FILLED, RE Board will order pizzas, Sign up sheet for donations and 2 hour work shifts is in progress, Please consider signing up for a 2 hour shift. Contact the church office or Denise Fredericks.
- DONATIONS for pop, Gatorade and water are welcome and a list of other items needed is available outside the church office. Contact Denise Fredericks or the church office.

Any ideas for Any other family/friends Activities

Contact the RE Board with suggestions

Next meeting: Sunday August 7th at 11 AM

Submitted by Deb Levenson, secretary

Diaconate Meeting Minutes

June 6, 2022

The diaconate board did not meet in June as there were not any issues that needed to be attended to directly at that time. They will not meet in the month of July either as none of the boards do. The next meeting date will be in August. Should anyone have any concerns that would need to be addressed before then, please contact Rylee Anderson, Chair. Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted by Rylee Anderson, Chair



Join us for our FIRST FAMILY and FRIENDS OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT

(weather permitting otherwise we will have indoors), **on Thursday, July 28th, at 8:30 p.m. in the parking lot of St. James UCC!** Bring a lawn chair or whatever you feel comfortable on and we will supply the FUN! Bring your choice of refreshments and bring a friend! The movie will be announced soon and will be a family and kid friendly movie for all to see! Stay tuned for more details closer to the date!



Reminder that the Esther Circle (Circle #1) serves fellowship beginning in July.

We would like to thank all of you who provide coffee and the goodies for fellowship after church each week. Fellowship is a wonderful way to share in faith together!

Women's Guild Update

The Women's Guild did not have a June officers meeting and they have also decided that **they will NOT be meeting in July unless something would come up that needs to be discussed.** Should you have any concerns, requests, or questions, feel free to contact Linda Rice, President of the Guild.

The Guild will be having a Bake Sale on the first Sunday of each month after worship in Fellowship Hall. Feel free to donate items to be sold! All items sold will be a free will donation and the money collected will go towards the kitchen fund.



Thanks to the St. James Guild who recently donated an approximate total of \$3,500.00 to the following missions and global ministries.

- MN Surgical Team, Haiti
- Doctors without Borders
- St. Jude's
- Child Sponsorship Program (RE will be contacted to co-sponsor with the Guild)
- United Theological Seminary, UCC
- Hospice
- Rape and Abuse Crisis Center
- Ronald McDonald House, Fargo
- HELPERS
- Churches United
- \$500 to Global Ministries in Ukraine

Automated Giving

St. James has implemented the options for online and mobile giving with a credit or debit card! **Give it a try!** Here is how:

Online: Visit the St. James website at <https://www.stjamesuccmn.org> and click on the "give" button in the upper right-hand corner.

Mobile: Visit the app store and search for **SecureGive Vision**, and download it. The first time signing up, the church must be chosen. Search for St. James United Church of Christ, as there are several St. James churches around the country. Once the church is selected, the donation information will appear. **Give it a try!**

Services can be viewed at: Link to the church's YouTube channel to view. Use this link to see all the past videos: <http://rcl.ink/LPT> or link to the live stream: <http://rcl.ink/5an> **Visit Us on Facebook, St James UCC**, for updates and photos on what we have been up to and also for upcoming dates and events!



Exciting news for those of you who have Barnesville Cable! You can now view our worship services on their Channel 12! Our services will be from the week before and can be seen on Channel 12 on Sundays at 12:00 p.m., and 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.! Check it out!



Congratulations to Ella Claire Ernst and her parents Andrew & Katie Ernst as Ella was Baptized on June 19, 2022! God Bless Ella and her family!



Check out our NEW DIRECTION SIGN DOWNTOWN on Mainstreet! Looks great! Thanks Board of Trustees for designing and also to the City for putting it up for us!



Please consider helping make this a success again this year by helping with the following:

- **We are looking for donations of items and cash for the pizza stand.** There are signs outside the office and in fellowship hall. Please consider donating items on the lists outside of the office or in fellowship hall or donating some money to purchase what is needed.
- **We are in need of workers for the following 2 hour shifts at our pizza stand:** Friday from 6pm-8pm and 8pm to 10pm and Saturday from 2pm to 4pm and 8pm to 10pm. Please consider helping out. **This is a church project, not just the youth. It is an outreach project that has belonged to St. James for MANY years. Consider representing St. James UCC at our pizza stand for a few hours.**



Remember to stop by our St. James UCC Pizza Booth to support your church by having a slice of pizza or a cold refreshing drink! July 14-17th, 2022!