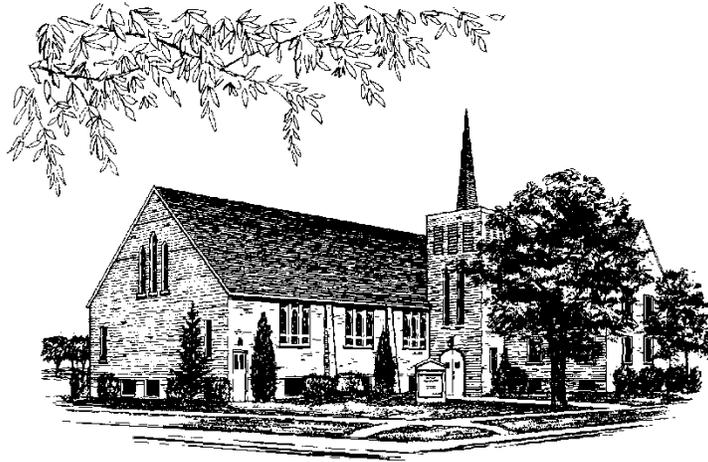


**St. James Newsletter
October 2021**



ST. JAMES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

PO Box 369

Barnesville, Minnesota

Church Phone # 354-7198

churchoffice.stjames@gmail.com

www.stjamesuccmn.org

Church Office Hours vary so please call ahead or make an appointment.



October 2021 Newsletter



Hello to everyone! We are excited about our start of our church year! With that comes of lots of exciting things to put on your calendar! We look forward to our fall 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!

OCTOBER 3 – WORSHIP AT 9:45 A.M. WITH HOLY COMMUNION. DIACONATE AND RE BOARD MEETINGS. COFFEE HOUR AT 10:45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 A.M.

OCTOBER 4 – “PEOPLE’S BREAKFAST” AT THE MAINLINE IN DOWNER, MN 8:00 A.M., BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEET 7PM

OCTOBER 6 – 9:00 A.M. RUGS & QUILTS, 1:00 P.M. GUILD MEETING LUNCH AT 12:00 P.M., CONFIRMATION CLASS 6:30 P.M.

OCTOBER 10- WORSHIP AT 9:45 A.M. WITH CONFIRMATION, COFFEE HOUR 10:45 A.M., SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 A.M.

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

OCTOBER 13 – 9:00 A.M. RUGS & QUILTS, 6:30 P.M. CONFIRMATION CLASS

OCTOBER 17 – WORSHIP WITH HOLY COMMUNION AT 9:45 A.M. WITH NEIGHBORS IN NEED COLLECTION, 10:45 A.M. COFFEE HOUR, 11:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

OCTOBER 20 – 9:00 A.M. RUGS & QUILTS, 6:30 P.M. CONFIRMATION CLASS

OCTOBER 24 – WORSHIP AT 9:45 A.M., COFFEE HOUR AT 10:45 A.M., SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:45 A.M.

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

OCTOBER 27 – RUGS & QUILTS 9:00 A.M., CONFIRMATION CLASS 6:30 P.M., EVENING FELLOWSHIP 7PM-9PM

OCTOBER 31 – HAPPY HALLOWEEN! WORSHIP AT 9:45 A.M., COFFEE HOUR 10:45, SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:45 A.M.



Join us Monday mornings, at 8:00 a.m. for our “People’s Breakfast” at the Mainline in Downer, MN where we order off the menu and enjoy fellowship together! What a wonderful way to start the week! Anyone and all ages are welcome!



Got some “**Souper**” News! The annual Soup Feed is going to be held this year! The date has been changed **so mark your calendars for Sunday, February 27th, 2022!** **We can’t wait!**



Please note that the RE Board has decided to **change the time of Sunday School back to 10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. beginning at 11:00 a.m. beginning this Sunday, October 10th.** Thank you!



Thank you to all who spoke in different languages for our World Communion Sunday last week and added to our worship service. A special thanks also for the various breads from around the world we tasted in celebrating World Communion Sunday.



SPECIAL PRAYER IS NEEDED

Judy Siggerud

Shirley Aberle

Jerad Egge

Matt Holland

Leigha Ness

Sharon Hovland

Carla Durkee

Christopher Cox

Janelle Roggenbuck

Gwen Tumberg

Heidi Ackerson

Kristine Crabtree

Kaiser Schonert

Ashley Seykora

Jim Martodam

Angie Harrison Marquardt

Kyle Anderson

Gerry Palmer

Janette Schmidt

Harold Schenck

Krista Detloff

Kristin Grommesh

Dave Egge

DeLoyce Anderson

All who are or have been affected by the COVID virus

(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)

SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY

Barrera, Murphy---USAF

Barfield, Beau---USN

Garza, Mario---US

Owen Jerald – US Army

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.



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.



Join us Wednesdays, at 9:00 a.m. each week as we gather for Rugs & Quilts. You do not need to know how to sew to join us, simply come and share in fellowship and a cup of coffee!

Board of Trustees Minutes Tuesday, September 7, 2021

The St. James UCC Board of Trustees met at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. Pastor Jim Wilson led the board in an opening prayer.

Call to Order: The Trustee Board meeting was called to order by Moderator, Kristal Rick, at 7:00 p.m. She asked Chuck to lead the meeting so she could take minutes, as still no member of the Board has taken the role of Secretary.

Members present: Chuck Anderson, Robert Hovland, Jim Martodam, Wanda Odness, Bob Holland, Ryan Erdmann, Kristal Rick, Ione Hammer, and Greg Odness.

Members Absent: Dean Ernst

Adoption of Agenda: Motion by Robert to approve the agenda, second by Wanda. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Robert pointed out that under Buildings and Grounds in the August minutes, it should have stated making the conversion from 220 to a 110 power supply rather than the other way around. Motion by Greg to accept the Secretary's report and second by Wanda. Motion carried.

Financial Secretary's Report: Tammy was present and provided Reports for the month of August. Inflows for the month of June were at \$6877 and Expenses were at \$8970. She pointed out that we continue to go down about \$1000/month in the general fund, meaning we take in that much less than we have expenses for. She also explained that with new requirements, Salbers is now calculating payroll taxes monthly, rather than quarterly. This will make the expense monthly and relieve a little pressure from the end of quarter payments. Motion to approve the financial report was made by Kristal, seconded by Wanda. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported on visits to parishoners at home and in the hospital. He presented a letter to send to members about the Catchup Auction and the board agreed to send it out. Pastor explained we are in need of a stereo CD player for funerals and weddings where they can play their video presentations. He will work with Greg to get something that works without system. He will be starting both a day and evening bible study in the coming weeks and will let people know the dates and times. He asked about having a worship committee with more members that Julie, Rosie and himself. He stressed the need up upgrading the Office Manager computer to a laptop for flexibility to work remotely, especially after working through Covid 19 precautions. Jim agreed to donate a new laptop he has. And he suggested updating the Nursery, new paint, carpet and a TV for movies, etc. Motion by Jim to approve the Pastor's report, seconded by Greg. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Committee Reports

1. **Staff Parish** – Committee needs to meet to discuss expectations of Tammy’s role as office manager, define the flexibility. The Trustees discussed Office hours not needing to be 9-1 five days a week and that having a ring doorbell would allow entrance to the church by members and that those needing the office can call ahead if not during office hours. Will need to publish updated hours in bulletin and newsletter if changing.
 2. **Diaconate** – Report sent – also in newsletter
 3. **RE Board** – Will be meeting.
 4. **Buildings & Grounds** – Still waiting on electrician to install Camera & Code entry, 110 plug-in in kitchen, and additional AV plug-in upstairs. Chuck mentioned that he will be removing the propane tank in the next couple weeks, and Philip Rogers has agreed to donate the concrete to fill in that spot to allow for more parking. Their goal is to get it completed before the ground freezes.
 5. **Finance Committee** – They will be preparing graphs again for the third quarter ending September 30 to show members.
 6. **Search Committee** – Jim reported the committee had a Zoom call last week. They were down to four members and prefer having seven. Deb Leverson and Paul and Ardys Randall have agreed to be on the committee, so it is back to seven members. Jim is going to start a first draft of the profile and review it with the committee. Then will bring to Trustees to review. They would like to create a video of some kind as part of the profile, following lead of and using photos from the “We are the church” page. This will help potential Pastors get a good idea of life at St. James.
- B. Potato Days** – Everyone agreed it had turned out well despite the rain. Final amounts are not quite ready to report and there are a few packages of the Carnita pork to go on the auction. Thank you to all who helped plan, order and prepare food, work the booth, and help in any way! It is a team effort for sure!
- C. Rally Sunday** – RE is ready. They will have a Magician perform and serve pizza for lunch.
- D. Catchup Sunday** – will be September 19. Chuck and Tammy found an auctioneer, Vince Babley, after getting news that the one who helped us last year had retired. Motion by Robert, second by Ione to put an advertisement about it in the paper. Motion carried. And Pastor’s letter will go out to all on the mailing/emailing list. Will ask Jerry Johnson to grill burgers and dogs for the event that will be held under the Lion’s Shelter at Fairgrounds, weather permitting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Loffler Copier Proposal** – Tammy explained the pros and cons of moving to a new copier and contract. It sounds good not to have a per copy charge and seems to be a cost-savings. This same copier and company is used by Salbers and three other businesses in town. The Board agreed to compare with the current Marco Contract and discuss further at the next meeting.
- B. Garvin Fund**– The board discussed the wishes of the family when the money was donated, and this fund was set up. Greg will include a slide in the online service on Sundays to recognize and thank Dorothy’s family. We could not have made it through the Covid-19 pandemic without our online services and know that this is the way of the

future. We can no longer go without it. There will continue to be upgrades needed and additions to the software and equipment, like the funerals and weddings request and this fund will help with those.

C. **Street Sign** –Chuck has contacted Dave Overbo, with Clay County so it is in process.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Closing Prayer: Pastor Jim led the board in the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, October 4, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kristal Rick

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!



Your church is always here for you however, our office hours vary so please call first or make an appointment. In the case of emergency, please call Pastor Jim at 701-895-4030. Thank you.



Neighbors In Need



On Sunday, October 17, we will be taking up a special offering of the United Church of Christ. All monies collected will be used to help those people in need in North America- including the homeless & **Native Americans.**

In 2020, St. James UCC raised a total of USD 350.00. Let our goal for this year be USD 600.00 or beyond.

It should be noted that one hundred percent of your donation dollars given for this endeavor is earmarked for North America. Let's make Sunday Oct. 17th a miracle day. And if for some reason you chose send it electronically or by mail- please indicate that it for **Neighbors In Need 2021.**

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

Yes- when I see the line-up of activities scheduled for St. James during the month of October, I am reminded as to where the future of this church lies. It is not in the youth, although they are important. It is not a dynamic our music or outreach programs, although they too are important. To me, the future of this church and any other church, lies in its ability to adapt and change with the times, even when their success is not fully guaranteed. That is to say, whenever a church's programs are etched in stone- "by what worked in the past" and a vision remains static, you can be sure that its death is not far off.

Your involvement and hard work at St. James UCC not only create "positive vibes"; your actions help to move mountains. I would like to encourage each one of you to join us this October as God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, works amongst us, in both old and new endeavors- the World Communion Sunday worship service on Sunday, Oct. 3; our Monday morning "People's Breakfast" gatherings at 8 a.m., held at the Mainline Restaurant in Downer, MN; our Rugs & Quilts group that meet on Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.; (EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT) a new Wednesday "Evening People's Gathering" at 7 pm that has chosen to forgo all pretense of formalities- and use their time together- for fellowshiping, munching, and engaging in a myriad of projects that might benefit our church and the community as well as few fun activities thrown in as well; our upcoming Confirmation Sunday on Sunday, October 10 (as our 7 young people declare their intention to join the church)...and.....Friends.....there is simply not enough space or time to share all that is happening or being planned in the weeks to come. I would like to thank spirit filled Christians like yourselves, for insuring the future of this church. God bless.

--Interim Pastor Jim--



RE Board Meeting Minutes September 5, 2021

Present: Cathy Olson, Rita Nosal, Denise Frederick and Pastor Jim Wilson
Absent: Deb Levenson, Dianne Cihak and Jenna Crabtree

Old Business: Total profit from the Clay County Fair Pizza Booth is 2032.01
*Thank you to everyone that contributed in any way, it is very much appreciated!

New Business:

* Finalized events for Rally Sunday! Flyers are out and multiple emails have been sent thanks to Tammy. We are praying for a big turnout for this fun event welcoming our young people back for another exciting Sunday School year.

* Confirmation gowns are here. We purchased these at a very reasonable price to keep for use from year to year verses renting then having to return which saves on

shipping costs. The stoles are ready for our confirmands to personalize.
Confirmation Sunday is October 10th.

* Discussion on giving our Nursery a facelift. All were in agreement. Not only is this a place for parents with young children to go if needed during Sunday worship but also for guests who may be here for funerals, weddings and special events.

Our next meeting will be Sunday October 3rd, at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully,
Cathy Olson

Diaconate Board Meeting Minutes September 5, 2021

Present: Don Cornell, Ardys Randall, Phillip Rogers, Wendy Braton, Mary Lien and Pastor Jim.

Absent: Rylee Anderson, Kya Anderson, Taylor Karger, Jennifer Berg, Trista Ames.

We discussed the new easy open communion cups. Reminder to help those who may still need help opening. We need to use up the previous prefilled communion cups also before expiration date.

Discussed possibility of making a short video on how to open new cups to play on screen before communion, but cups are very easy to open and video may not be necessary.

Also discussed were the upcoming events such as Rally Sunday and the Annual Catch-up Sunday. Encouraged whoever can help the other boards with these to please come and help.

Reminder to Diaconate members to please come to the Guild meetings which start 9/8/21 @ 7PM.

Pastor Jim encouraged us to send out cards to church members. Further discussion at next meeting.

Discussed October 10th Confirmation. The Diaconate is to serve coffee hour that Sunday and will also provide the Confirmation cake.

The Diaconate budget is low and will need help from other church budgets to pay for Confirmation cake, communion and other supplies.

We closed with a prayer provided by Pastor Jim.

Next Diaconate meeting: October 3rd @10:45.

Submitted by Wendy Braton



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2—DAVID JANSSEN
2—KELLY NELSON
2—JUSTIN LILJEQUIST
2—HARPER HOLLAND
3—WALLY HOLT
3—BILL BRATON
4—ALYSHA DAVIS
4—CINDY NANKIVEL
4—KAYLEA BERG
5—BRENDA CYPHER
6—MATT CARR
6—RODNEY RAMACHER
6—KADEN KOLDING
6—JAXON MORK
6—TYSON ANDERSON
7—JOSHUA KEMPER
7—STEPHANIE DAVIS
10—JACKSON WAHL
10—RITA NOSAL
11—IDELL CIHAK
11—CHRIS DIRKES
12—TROY SUCH
12—RON JHERGER
13—ROBERT BRATON
13—DEVIN BRATON

14—JONTHAN LILJEQUIST
14—LAURIE ERNST
14—DALTON STRUCK
16—SHEILA LIEBELT
16—TRAVIS BRATON
17—LORI KRULL
18—RILEY CHRISTIANSON
19—LARAE GOTT
19—ROGER COOPER
19—TAYLOR KARGER
21—DENNIS JERGER
21—DARCY BARRY
21—WAYNE TUCKER
21—ROBERT WAGNER
22—DAVID RICK
24—MARK PEREZ
25—TAYVIAN ROBERTS
25—DEB VIGEN
26—KADEN GEIGLE
27—BRIAN ULLRICH
29—CHAD BINSTOCK
29—NITA FENNER
30—RYLEE STORY
31—DENNIS FENNER
31—JOEL ANDERSON

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



Check Out St. James Happenings!

Confirmation Sunday will be October 10th during our worship service. The seven confirmands have been busy preparing for their confirmation day while having fellowship, food, and FUN also!



Pictured: Sawyer Ernst, Claire Affield, Carter Swenson, Sophie Frederick, and Cameron Schmidt. Not pictured: Peyton Lewis and Natalie Froslic.



On Sunday, October 3rd, the family of Gerry Palmer joined us for worship service as they were home with him to gather to celebrate his 101st Birthday! Happy Birthday!!



Confirmation is scheduled for Sunday, October 10th during worship for our current confirmation students. Please join us in celebrating with them as they continue their faith journey.



Due to the rise in COVID cases recently and the protection of having public in our church facility, the Guild **WILL NOT BE HAVING A FALL BAZAAR this year**. We hope to be back and running in the spring!



Check out the beautiful quilts the Rugs & Quilts ladies have made and have available for sale in Fellowship Hall on the quilt racks!

We appreciate each and every one of you and all that you do for your church. We encourage you to take part in the fun things we do here at St. James UCC, both new activities and old, whether it is sharing your talents, bringing new ideas, or just simply getting to know your church family here at St. James UCC. Please consider joining us for the several ways we offer to “Connect” with your church family! God Bless!



Check Out St. James Happenings!

Annual Catch Up Auction Sunday Fun! Great crowd and great items! Brought in a total of approximately \$13,500.00 at this point! The Ice Cream Winning Bidding number was....IONE!! Thanks to all who participated, donated, and made it happen!



On September 29th we had an evening fellowship night where we all gathered for some snacks, great fellowship, and we worked together to make more recycled greeting cards. Fun was had by all and we will be gathering each month to work together on projects, ideas, community things but most of all to get to know each other and have some FUN! Consider joining us on Wednesday, October 27th from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and come and go as you wish! Stay tuned for more details!

