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**Worship Times**

**Sunday**

8:00 AM - reverence

9:00 AM -spirit

11:00 AM - sacred

**B.I.G. Time**

September - May

Sundays at

9:30 AM



**The Messenger**

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**Coming Attractions - -**

VBS, Everywhere Fun Fair is coming June 16-20, 5-8 pm

Two ways to register:

1. Online at <http://2013.cokesburyvbs.com/St.Jamesse> or
2. Pick up a form at the Connection Point at St James.

## re's notes

In a recent conversation about the future of the church, the question came up about "What's going to change because of the Healthy Church Initiative?" In case you've been wondering, I think there are some wonderful things in the works that will significantly shape St James for the better.

First, we're working on the **vision** of St James—the compelling picture of God's preferred future for our church. My hope is that this "picture" will help unify us and give us a greater sense of purpose and direction. The work of the vision team has taken all of your input from the Day of Prayer and Celebration, the Workshop on Worship, and the Day of Visioning to develop this first draft: "We will be an intergenerational community living in hope while... \*connecting with our neighbors through mission and welcoming activities, \*discovering about God and His purpose for our lives, and \*joining together in praise and fellowship." While this is a first draft, I'm thankful for the prayerful work so many of you have given to help us gain a clearer picture of where we're headed.

Second, we have a work team that will be working on **loving relationships**. This group will seek to positive transform the patterns of relationships and communication—establishing intentional pathways of communication and conflict resolution while seeking to address unhealthy patterns of rumors and gossip. My hope is our work together will transform our expectation on how we live our lives together—from an endless cycle of unhealthy conflict to a place of deep belonging, joy, and hope.

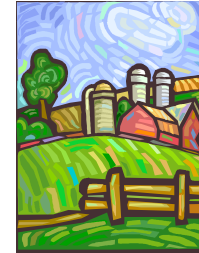
Third, we have work teams that will be specifically focusing on **relationships in (1) worship, (2) finance, and (3) leadership**. The worship team will be building from our work from the Workshop on Worship and our Vision Team to cultivate a clearer sense of how we share life and passion for ministry through things such as announcements, prayer concerns, and faith sharing. The finance team will develop and communicate transparent and accountable strategies around finance—that we  
*(continued on the back page)*

## go in service

### sharing our love through hands-on service

#### 4 Spots Left!

The end-of-June mission trip to New Jersey for Hurricane Sandy recovery work with Pastor Ryan still has openings for 4 people. The trip will span June 29 through July 7, and the cost is \$400 plus a few meals. Contact Pastor Ryan immediately if interested.



#### Imagine no Malaria Update: Way to Go!

We've reached our goal of raising \$2500 to help end malaria. Pastor Ryan will deliver our check to Annual Conference where our conference has set the goal of raising \$4 million over a 4-year span. Thanks for your contributions!

#### Backpacks at the Food Bank

Katie called from the Food Bank and she needs St. James to fill backpacks on Wednesday, July 10 at 2:00 p.m. Juanita will be calling early in that week but do check your calendars and if you are a regular volunteer please save the date. Thanks.



#### Tornados and Flooding—"How can I help?"

UMCOR—the United Methodist Commission on Relief—is the world-wide outreach and relief extension of our church. While other groups excel at immediate emergency response, UMCOR has become known for being the last ones to leave because they stay with the people for years after an incident or disaster.

As such, UMCOR and the local UMC have requested two primary ways of assisting in the relief and recovery effort: financial donations and flood buckets. If you'd like to give financially to support storm recovery, you may give through the church by designated "UMCOR" or "storm relief" on your check or offering. And information to assemble a flood bucket is available by going to [www.iaumc.org](http://www.iaumc.org) and searching for "Cleaning Bucket Assembly".

## grow in discipleship

*going deeper in faith and growing closer with others*

**Come & See what Our Kids have Learned this Year!**

The B.I.G. Time kids have been learning about choices and, on June 9<sup>th</sup>, they want to share a bit of what they've learned. Between the 9:00 & 11:00 worship that day they'll have a 10-minute story & puppet time.

Also, our kids who will attend Vacation Bible School will be sharing songs and VBS highlights between services on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### M.I.D.L.I.F.E.

...will meet Sunday, June 30 at 5:30. A meeting place has not been determined at this time. Watch the bulletin and email for updates.

### United Methodist Women's meetings "Summer Hours"

For the months of June, July, and August UMW meetings will be at 9:30 a.m. Brunch will be served followed by the program.

- ☀ June 6 - Lydia Circle hosts the brunch and the Executive Board will present the program, "Celebrating What We See."
- ☀ July 11 - Grace Gillispie Circle serves brunch and leads the program entitled "See God at Work in the Field".
- ☀ Our August 1st meeting will be an extra special event. We will be having a speaker from Conference who will be talking on Imagine No Malaria. We are inviting ladies from other Sioux City UMWs and our District Shepherdess. More about this in the July Messenger.

So, all ladies of St James, mark your calendars and plan to come to these gatherings for some great fellowship, food and faith-growing programs.

### Summer Small Groups

\* *"Serving from the Heart: Finding Your Gifts and Talents for Service"* – New to St James? Or wanting to discover how God is at work in your life? Join this short-term, simple study led by Pastor Ryan.

7-weeks, Sundays @ 10 am beginning June 16. \$20.

\* *"The Story of Christianity"* – an overview of Church History

Get an overview of the events and people that have shaped the Christian faith from the time of Jesus through today. This study will include daily readings and engaging conversation. Led by Pastor Ryan.

12-weeks, Wednesdays @ 6 pm beginning June 12.

\* *"Always on Call"* – a study this summer for those who are caring for parents or family. Led by Matthew Cappetta Wednesdays @ 7 pm beginning June 26

## gather in celebration

*experiencing God through inspiring worship*

### Upcoming Worship Schedule

June 2: The Book of Revelation (with Dr. Jessica Tinklenberg deVega preaching)

There will be a question & answer time with Dr. Jessica Tinklenberg deVega between worship services on June 2.

### As Seen on TV - -

Is it fact or fiction? Is it too fantastic to be true? Pastor Ryan has taken suggestions from you and, each week in this sermon series, we'll look at the TV shows we watch and see what our faith has to say.

June 9: Women's Ministry Sunday

June 16: As Seen on TV: Ghost Hunters

June 23: As Seen on TV: The Bachelor, The Bachelorette, and Teen Mom

June 30: As Seen on TV: Jeopardy

**Also, we are looking to hire a part-time worship leader. See the full-page insert for details!**

### Three Services, Three Styles

St James offers three worship times and styles each Sunday for you to be inspired:

- ☀ *reverence* – 8:00 am – a 30-minute prayer service
- ☀ *spirit* – 9:00 am – our liveliest worship with contemporary songs and favorite hymns
- ☀ *sacred* – 11:00 am – traditional worship rooted in song and liturgy

And join us for fellowship and snacks—8:30 until 9:00 and 10:00 until 11:00.



### Missed a Sunday?

Catch all the sermon audio online at [www.stjamessc.org/sermons](http://www.stjamessc.org/sermons).

## communication and connection

### Communication and Connection

Following our HCI study, the Day of Celebration, and our Day of Visioning involving many members of the St. James community we are beginning to develop and put in place some new approaches to our newsletter and the bulletin.

- **Newsletter:** Due to changes at the Post Office regarding cost and regulations as well as congregational feedback that a printed newsletter isn't as effective as it once was, St. James is transitioning to an email/web-based (Facebook, church webpage) sending of the newsletter. If you do not have electronic access (email, Facebook, website access), please call Mary at the office so she can make enough hard copies to have available. We will be establishing a set place where those will be available by mid-summer.
- **Bulletin:** Research at St. James has shown that large sections of our bulletin go unread due to the volume as well as repetition of information from week to week. If you have seen other bulletin options that effectively communicate the essential elements without being overwhelming we would love to have you share with us as work begins on this.

We are aiming for better and more effective communication. Be watching for these changes to roll out mid-July. Please share ideas to be part of the process.

John Carter and Jenny Jorgensen, Communication and Connection



Beginning June 15, the **Single Board** and **Council on Ministries** minutes will be available for review in the church library and on our website. This will include past month's notes and minutes

## SEEKING TO HIRE: Worshipleader

The people of St James United Methodist Church are seeking to hire a part-time worship leader. We are looking for someone who will:

cultivate inspiring worship

provide primary leadership for our 9:00 am service

invite, connect, equip and sustain volunteers to grow worship and

provide spiritual leadership for the people of St James and the wider community

We seek to hire someone with worship leadership and expertise to continue to raise the quality of worship. We seek a leader to make a 15-hour week commitment and are able to pay up to \$1,100/ month towards this position thanks to the financial commitments of those in our congregation.

Please contact the following persons with your thoughts or questions:

Pastor Ryan Christenson (ryanc.umc@hotmail.com)

Jennifer Kneebone, staff-parish  
(jennifersummers2001@yahoo.com)

Evelyn St Peter, staff parish (evjohn8@msn.com)



## VBS, Everywhere Fun Fair is coming up June 16-20, 5-8 pm!

Check out the preview video at  
<http://youtu.be/Wt2a7BUI6VE>  
then get yourself and your friends registered.  
→ There are two options for registration:



1. Online at  
<http://2013.cokesburyvbs.com/StJamessc> or
2. Pick up a form at the Connection Point.

For registration questions, contact Christine Cappetta at 202-6761.

**VBS planning meeting is Sunday, June 2  
at 6:30 in the fellowship hall.**

## St James Meals on Wheels Volunteers honored

On Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, the drivers (all current, former and faithful subs) for MEALS ON WHEELS will be honored by the Governor of Iowa at Storm Lake at 12:30 p.m. I will be contacting you toward the week-end to see if you can still go and we will make the final arrangements for car-pooling and the time we should be leaving. Any questions before then, call Juanita 276-5942.



## Baby Shower!

Help us shower Sara Williams Gill as she and Joel prepare to welcome baby Remington Otto!  
Sunday, June 23 in the Fellowship Hall at 4 pm.

Please RSVP to Christine Cappetta by Wednesday June 19.

## Thank You

Thank you to all who helped get the Messenger ready to mail this month - Hazel Perrin, Donna Treft, Kay & Doug Delzell, Joyce Bennett and Mary Ann Yates.



## Worship Ministry Schedule for June, 2013

### June 2 & 9

\*\*\* **reverence (8:00 a.m.)**

**Greeter** – Shirley McKnight

\*\*\* **spirit (9:00 a.m.)**

**Ushers** – Paula Bonham  
Sylvia Hinrickson  
Pam Pottorff

Jenny Jorgensen

**Greeters** – Aggie Clausen & Abby  
Annette Mast & Jaidan

**Liturgist** –

**Acolyte** – Shelby Houghtaling

**A/V** –

**Nursery** – Julie Luhr, Vicki Anderson (6/2)

**Connection Point** – Retha Lillie

**Communion Assistants** (June 2) –

Mary Ann Yates

Marge Zarr

Alex Anderson

Evelyn St Peter

**sacred (11:00 a.m.)**

Ed & Lois Nagel  
Reuben & Kathy Bolles

Will Johnston

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**Worship Feedback** – (for whichever worship time you attend)

June 2: Rachelle Barnum, Roger & Dianne Beck, Jay & Christy Menke

June 9: Joyce Bennett, Roger & Penny Burgett, Steve & Linda Camarigg,  
Kevin Kyle

### June 16, 23 & 30

\*\*\* **reverence (8:00 a.m.)**

**Greeter** – Ed Kunkel

\*\*\* **spirit (9:00 a.m.)**

**Ushers** – Jeff & Alex & Casey Anderson  
Steve Camarigg  
Larry Bates

**Greeters** – John Carter  
Marlin Noble

**Liturgist** –

**Acolyte** – Mateah Menke

**A/V** –

**Nursery** –

**Connection Point** – Sundee Anderson

**Worship Feedback** – (for whichever worship time you attend)

June 16: Matthew & Christine Cappetta, Jacob Clark, Marge Clausen,  
Marcia Crabb, Jack & Laura Dam

June 23: Kristina Christenson, Ruth Corbin, Duane Griep, Joe & Mary Lou  
Haindfield

June 30: April Hesse & Taylor, Paula Bonham, Cheri Farrell, Stephanie  
Sides

Will Johnston

*If you'd be willing to work a Sunday morning in the nursery from  
9:00-10:00, please call Vicki Anderson (712)-276-1573.*

### Services for Phyllis Rule

Graveside service will be held June 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at Graceland Cemetery with a luncheon at St James afterwards. Anybody is welcome to come to the cemetery and/or the luncheon if they knew her & would like to visit with the family.

### Thank You

The family of James Bartels would like to everyone for your prayers during these past weeks & months. Please continue to keep our mom, Shirley in your prayers during this difficult time.



### Stewardship Minute

We've set monthly goals for our giving in 2013, based on our patterns of giving in past years

May Goal: \$10,933

May giving: \$9,748

Budget goal through 5/26: \$53,021

Giving towards budget through 5/26: \$52,264

Blanket Sunday Giving: \$338



### Lost & Found

If you're missing a jacket or umbrella or...(?) please check the coat rack & shelf above by the parking lot entrance.

**We are no longer sending out postcard reminders for ushers, greeters, connection point, etc. Please check over the list in the bulletin each week and in the monthly newsletter to see when you're scheduled. If you can't serve on the days you're scheduled please let us know by calling the church office (276-2667) or Freda (276-4316).**

### God at Work!

During the month of May, we celebrated ways in which God has been leading us as we go, grow, and gather. In particular, on May 12, we recognized 54 B.I.G. Time participants, with 16 of them coming forward to sing. Additionally, we've had to add another B.I.G. Time group for our younger children!

Recall that we did some intentional planning and changes 3 1/2 years ago to better minister to children and families. And this is some of the fruit of that faithful work.

Praise God!

### Relay for Life and Lumnaria Information

Every one of us knows someone who has been affected by cancer. Now is our time to fight back for a future without cancer.

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30p.m.-midnight at Heelan High Memorial Field.

St James is putting a team together - sign up at the Connection Point.

Team Captain is Mary Miller

If anyone would like to make a donation to the team (specify a team member - the list is at the Connection Point), this can be done a couple of ways.

By cash, a check payable to The Relay For Life of Siouxland, or Online. Below are the instructions on how to do it online.

Go To: [www.relayforlife.org](http://www.relayforlife.org)

Go to: Find a Team

Enter: The MKM Walkers

Click: Search and then double click on the MKM Walkers (this is a list of the walkers registered on line)

Click on the walker that you would like to donate to. Click: Donate Now, Compete #1, 2 & 3. After completed you may print a copy for your records.

If you need help with this, please call Mary Miller at 515-238-0503.

Lumnaria Information: The deadline for any donations or luminaria forms is June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks for Donating!

## **“What is This??” Corner**

### **UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief)**

**Relief-Supply Kits** Relief-supply kits help provide care for the most vulnerable people during times of crisis. Health kits, sewing kits, school kits, bedding kits, birthing kits, and cleaning buckets are collected by generous donors across the United States. These items are then sent to one of two supply depots, where volunteers assemble, verify, and pack the kits so that they can be sent to where they are needed most. Kits also help sustain everyday life for people who lack ready access to essential supplies. They provide vital support for UMCOR’s global development work and make a tangible difference in people’s lives.

**Project Information** Disaster Relief (UMCOR Sager Brown, Baldwin, LA)

Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend relief and recovery to people in need in the United States, Africa, Asia, Central and South America, the Caribbean, and Eastern Europe. Our work with affected communities helps them build capacity to meet the needs generated by an emergency.

When a disaster strikes a community in the US, local churches provide the first response. This basic understanding—that disaster response is local—is the foundation for all of UMCOR’s US disaster training programs and emergency response. We are, first and foremost, a resource for the local response. UMCOR provides training, expertise, and networking to help communities recover. UMCOR also may provide financial assistance if requested by a bishop in an affected annual conference.

When a natural disaster occurs outside the US, UMCOR serves as the primary channel for United Methodist assistance. We work in partnership with the Central Conference of The United Methodist Church, other Methodist bodies, and international relief agencies to assess needs and implement early and long-term programs that help communities recover.

**Sager Brown** Each year, more than 2,000 volunteers prepare about \$4 million in supplies for shipment from the Baldwin campus. Locally, UMCOR Sager Brown reaches out to Baldwin neighbors through food distribution and housing rehabilitation projects, engaging volunteers in these projects that help families and the elderly. See more information at <http://www.10-fold.org/projects/89/Disaster-Relief>

**The next page has a list of kits needed by UMCOR - -**

### **Kits that we can supply:**

*Find a complete list, with descriptions, on the UMW bulletin board in Fellowship Hall*

#### **School Kit**

blunt scissors, 8 1/2 x 11 spiral notebooks, pencil sharpener, 12 in/30 cm ruler, 6 unsharpened pencils, 2 ½ inch eraser, 24 count box of crayons

#### **Health Kits**

hand towel, washcloth, comb, metal nail file or clipper, bath size soap, toothbrush, adhesive bandages, plastic bag, \$1.00 to purchase toothpaste

#### **Sewing Kit**

3 continuous yards of fabric, pair scissors, package needles, spool thread, buttons, plastic bag

#### **Layette Kit**

cloth diapers, shirts, wash cloths, gowns or sleepers, diaper pins, sweater or jacket, receiving blankets

#### **Cleaning Bucket**

5 gallon bucket with resealable lid, liquid laundry detergent, liquid household cleaner, dish soap, air freshener, insect repellant spray, scrub brush, cleaning wipes, sponges, scouring pads, clothespins, clothes line, 24 roll heavy duty trash bags, dust masks, pair disposable kitchen gloves, pair work gloves

#### **Bedding Kit**

2 flat sheets-double size, pillow cases, pillows

#### **Birthing Kit**


small bar soap, pair latex, surgical or thin rubber gloves, 1 square yard of clear plastic sheeting, 12 inch long pieces of cotton string, single edge razor blade, receiving blankets, 1 gallon plastic bag

### **St James Scholarship Committee News**

The Scholarship Committee extends congratulations to Ashley Eaton and Erin Johnson. They each will receive a \$500 check the first of August. We wish each young lady well as she continues pursuing her college degree. Thank you to each person who supported fundraising or gave thru designated funds for the committee to disperse to these young people.

After several years of heading up the scholarship committee, Deb Santee is resigning as chairperson. If you have an interest in participating on this committee please let Doris Moss or Pastor Ryan know.

## Prayers of Praise

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- ◇ For the marriage of Jessica & Michael Wismont
  - ◇ Ashley Eaton - graduating from high school
  - ◇ Marilyn Turner - graduated from University of South Dakota with her Master of Science degree in Health Services Administration
  - ◇ Bella Grace Cappetta - born April 27<sup>th</sup>! Congratulations to mom & dad, Matthew & Christine; and sisters, Emma & Sophia!
  - ◇ St James "Meals on Wheels" group has been selected for a 2013 Governor's Volunteer Award by Siouxland Aging Services for outstanding commitment and service. They will receive the award on June 4<sup>th</sup> in Storm Lake.
  - ◇ Jenny Jorgensen's brother, Greg, who had been hospitalized in Korea while on a business trip. was able return home

## Prayers for Health, Healing, and Comfort

- ◇ Family of Jean Bowman - Jean recently passed away
- ◇ Irene Kruithoff has entered hospice
- ◇ Bernice Mudgett - Casa de Paz
- ◇ Shirley Bartels & family - Jim passed away recently
- ◇ Joyce Vastine and her daughter, Julie - Julie has been diagnosed with melanoma
- ◇ Jennifer Lorenzen's brother Doug Johnson & family - Doug's wife Judy passed away recently
- ◇ Family & friends of Bernice Tracy - Bernice passed away recently
- ◇ Vern & Mary Ann Yates' friend, Paul - seriously injured in a hit-&-run accident
- ◇ Joyce Kaiser's friend, Kylie - 17-yr-old diagnosed with a tumor in her neck
- ◇ Danielle, friend of Joyce Kaiser - recovering from neck fusion

## Long-Term Prayers

- ◇ Curt & Marilyn Turner and their families as Curt continues treatment for lymphoma. Get updates at [caringbridge.org/visit/curttturner](http://caringbridge.org/visit/curttturner)
- ◇ Shirley Bartels
- ◇ Pam Hanson - bone disease
- ◇ Kids impacted by the Food 4 Kids program

Prayer concerns may be added or updated by contacting Pastor Ryan or Mary at 276-2667 or [scsaintjames@aol.com](mailto:scsaintjames@aol.com).

*(rc's notes, continued)*

would have a clear, unified financial strategy that supports and flows from our vision. Finally, the leadership team (Single Board and Council on Ministries) has been doing significant leadership training in the midst of all their regular work, and the leadership team will be presenting a plan for regular and personal communication with the congregation.

Fourth, we've got a team of people that will be working on our **discipleship pathway**. This team will identify a pathway for all people—both those in the church and those not yet in the church—to grow in their love and knowledge of God and to deepen their relationships. We will be taking the best elements of our small groups and study groups to build a engaging and exciting path of growing as disciples.

Finally, we will complete an **annual ministry audit** that will hold all leadership and ministry accountable to the mission and vision of the church. We will use the ministry audit provided in our HCI book "Direct Hit", and each ministry will be able to articulate what part it is playing in achieving our mission and vision. Some groups will undoubtedly shift or refocus their ministry to be more effective or more aligned with the vision. And some ministries will discontinue—which is a response to many leaders and servants that we need to have better quality ministries than having a greater quantity of ministries that burn people out.

Friends, I am encouraged by the faithful, fruitful work that you all have been doing. I'm already seeing positive transformation happening, and I look forward to better days ahead. Thank you for your good and faithful service!

Peace,  
rc

### A Night of Praise in the Park

When - Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Where - Ponca City Park

*This worship celebration will feature the St James Team, along with artists from many area churches.*

*(bring your own lawn chair)*