

St. James Journal

October 2010

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

8:00 AM Traditional Worship
9:15 AM Bible Study
9:30 AM Contemporary Worship
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Traditional Worship

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

7:00 AM Men's Breakfast
3:30 PM WOW
5:30 PM Meal
6:15 PM Confirmation
6:15 PM Wednesday Night Live
6:15 PM Bible Study
6:15 PM Worship Band Rehearsal
7:00 PM Chancel Choir

THE ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR

October 30th St. James Bazaar & 5K walk/run. As you prepare those canned goods or handcrafted items, think of donating a couple to the bazaar. Dust off those tennis shoes and prepare for the 2nd Annual 5k walk/ run!!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

There are still a number of you that haven't arranged for your photo. The October dates are inside.

THE BRIDGEBUILDER TASK FORCE

will soon be adding a few members. If you would like to serve on that Task Force, please contact chair Steve Post or one of the pastors.

COMMISSIONING SUNDAY is this Sunday, October 3, at St. James. The stewardship "Route Leaders" will be commissioned as they will be helping with the distribution of this year's *Time & Talent Sheets* and *Estimate of Giving Cards*. We hope you, members and friends of St. James, can be at one of the three worship services this Sunday.

Pastor Jeni's Thoughts

NEW ST. JAMES VISION STATEMENT— Presented to the congregation on Sunday, September 12:

"Living out our mission, our vision is to be a vibrant Christian community gathered in God's name where all are welcomed, fed, and nurtured. We envision our entire St. James family enthusiastically united in spirit-filled prayer, worship, music, Bible study, and fellowship. We see our congregation devoted to Christ-like service in our community and the world."

This is our new Vision Statement which came after months of meeting, prayer, conversations with groups, boards, and individuals within the congregation, and a long Bridgebuilding retreat. Our Bridgebuilder process is far from over, but we are excited to move forward as a congregation with a new vision and to continue our work together in ministry. In the coming months, we will be talking a lot more about this vision statement through sermons, conversations, and educational opportunities. We will also continue our work as a task force, going through the Bridgebuilder report and finding the best ways to continue the ministry at St. James. This vision statement is one step of a long process. Please keep the members of the task force, and our congregation, in your prayers and talk to any of us about concerns you may have.

++++
Also on Rally Day, we began an exciting new Sunday School year for all of our children ages 3 through 6th Grade. We had a GREAT turn out of children and adults that day and are excited for this **brand new start** for all of our St. James ministries! Look through this newsletter (especially our youth and family newsletter) for an update on some of our exciting new programs!

AND on Rally Day, we handed out *oodles and oodles* of BIBLES to our Pre-Schoolers through 3rd Graders! What a privilege to be able to hand our children God's Word and see the excitement on their faces to receive it. It is my hope and prayer that as they dive into these Books, they will be enriched as God's Word comes alive for them!

In this NEW YEAR, may we all find NEW ways to dive into God's Word and grow together in faith and vision!

News From Our Members

HOSPITAL NEWS

Hospitalizations or surgeries of members of St. James since the last Journal... Verna Anderson, Corrine Bolz, Christine Foth, James Furleigh, Gen Lepird, Harold Mersereau, Betty Milbrath, Marilyn Monahan, Gladys Northrup, Jeff Trask and Iola Whipple.

Please notify the church office whenever a member of St. James is hospitalized. Also, please call if anyone has been inadvertently omitted in the above list.

WHEN THERE IS ILLNESS IN YOUR FAMILY please notify the church office or one of the pastors. Also, a periodic update on their health is appreciated. We want to pray for those who are facing health issues.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to:

- Omar Burkgren on the death of his wife Katie. She died on September 11. The funeral was in Fort Dodge on September 15.
- Lee & Ron Dannen and family on the death of Lee's brother, Mitchel Hartwig. Mitchel died on September 11; the funeral was in Thornton on September 15.
- Penny and Rob Sturges and family on the death of brother-in-law Dennis "Shag" Schultz. Dennis died on September 15. Funeral was in Mason City on September 19.

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

- Anniston Gayle Ostrander, daughter of Bob and Kim Ostrander was baptized on September 5. Her sponsors are Brooke Anthony, Nick Frenz, Austin Hemmen, Mitchell Longcor, Danielle Coronado and Madelyn Holmgaard.
- Carter Angelo Jamaica, son of Frankie and April Jamaica, was baptized on September 12. His sponsors are Ashley Higgins and Eric Jamaica.
- Jasmyne Marie Lee, daughter of Joseph and Rose Lee, was baptized on September 25. Her sponsor is Denise Joecks.

Congratulations!

GOD'S BLESSINGS AND BEST WISHES TO :

Iola Whipple who celebrated her 90th birthday this past Saturday.

If any names have been inadvertently omitted, please call the church office so that we can include the name in the upcoming Journal.

Congratulations!

- Spencer Hanson and Jaque Saewert are parents to a baby boy, Pierce Jameson, grandparents are Marlin and Donna Hansen and Matt and Annette Saewert. Pierce was born on September 2. He was 4 lbs 9 oz and 18 ¹/₂ inches long.
- Marlin and Diane Deike are grandparents to baby girl Autumn Ryann Cooper, parents are Aimee and Nick Cooper. Autumn was born on September 18 and was 6 lbs 14 oz.
- Don and Jeanette Priebe on the addition of a new granddaughter, Kariana Lea Melcher. She was born February 1, 2010 in Bogata, Columbia and was adopted by Kerry and Cresta Melcher of Mantorville, MN. She is joined by two brothers, Kaleb and Cohen.

**PERMIT #426
NON-PROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
P A I D
MASON CITY, IA**

1148 4th St SE * Mason City, IA 50401
(641) 423-4702 * fax (641) 423-4755

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

www.stjamesmc.org

St. James Staff:

Pastor: Paul C. Nelson

stjamespastor@mchsi.com

Pastor: Jeni Bohls

pastorjeni@mchsi.com

Administrative Coordinator: Sarah Grant

stjamesoffice@mchsi.com

Building Supervisor: Bill Trask

Kitchen Coordinator: Sherri Fitzgerald

CHURCH & COMMUNITY NEWS

RIVERSIDE FALL RECHARGE 2010

Everything New

Juniors (Grade 4-6) Oct. 15-17

Junior High (Grades 6-9) Oct. 22-24 and Nov. 5-7

Senior High (Grades 9-12) Nov. 19-21

Join in a weekend of fun, worship, great music, and Bible studies. Flyers on table in Narthex.

Register today!

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Creating Community across Ethnic-Racial Boundaries:

An Interactive Workshop.

Saturday, October 9, 2010

9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

First Congregational

United Church of Christ

100 1st Street Northeast

Mason City

This workshop is open to everyone who wants to begin mending the brokenness of racism by building relationship and having open, honest dialogue—even when the conversations are difficult. While this event is being sponsored by First Congregational United Church of Christ, this event has been intentionally designed to be a multi-faith, multi-racial, multi-cultural gathering of those wishing to foster wholeness, spin webs of relationship and untangle knots of oppression.

St. James News

BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP:

A support group for all breast cancer patients (including spouses and/or support persons) will be held the first Sunday of each month at 4:00 PM here at St. James, in the Friendship Room. The

speaker for October 3 will be Ellen Montgomery from the Basic Birder.

For questions, please contact Millie at 424-3360 or Kathy at 424-4997.



SCRIPTURE READERS

If you are unable to read on the scheduled Sunday please call someone else and exchange with them. If a change is made, please call the church office.

	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	10:45 AM
October 3	Dar Wade	Lori Hain	Gene Larsen
October 10	Norm Schmidt	Liz Kellogg	Linda Paulsen
October 17	Marvyl Ransom	Dave Jacobson	
October 24	Linda Schmidt	Alexys Pederson	Kathy Nelson
October 31	Ralph Preuss	Linda Watt	Pastor Ernest Thompson

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PICTURES

Thanks again for your efforts in making our pictorial directory a success! There are still a number of you that haven't arranged for you photo. It won't be complete without you! The October date are the following:

Friday, October 1st - 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 Saturday, October 2nd - 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 Monday, October 4th - 3:00 PM - 6:30 PM
 Wednesday, October 6th - 3:00 PM—8:00 PM,

Let's make this the best book ever!

THANK YOU to Jeanette Priebe who makes the baptismal towels given at every baptism at St. James. She does the very special embroidery on towels and surges the edges.

Thank offering services will be November 21st. Ladies we hope you have been putting your coins in your boxes for all the blessings you have received. If you do not have a box please pick one up. They are on the table in the narthex on the East wall.

~ Karrie Frenz, Mission Action Co-Chair



THE ST. JAMES' TWINS TRIP will be this Saturday, October 2. The group will leave from the church at 9 a.m. All attending have signed up in advance.

BLOOD DRIVE AT ST. JAMES is set for Wednesday, November 10th from 2:30-5:00 PM

SOMETHING SPECIAL...

Sam Craft won two individual events as the 9th rated Mohawk girls swim team beat Charles City 84-15, Thursday, September 23. Sam won the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke and also swam a leg on the 400 freestyle relay.

ARTICLES FOR NOVEMBER'S JOURNAL

are due by Monday October 18, by 1:00 PM.

BULLETIN ARTICLES

are due by Thursday by 10:00 AM every week.

St. James News

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY is this coming Sunday, October 3. We will again be using the Pony Express/Relay program. Watch for the mailbag to arrive at your house in the month of October. You are then asked to complete the forms enclosed and deliver the bag to the next household on the list in the “saddle bag”.

By the end of October all members of St. James are scheduled to receive a “saddle bag”. If the “saddle bag” doesn’t reach you, please call the church office so we can get the material to you. If for some reason you would prefer to not receive the mailbag at your house, please call the church office. The following people have consented to serve as Circuit Riders:

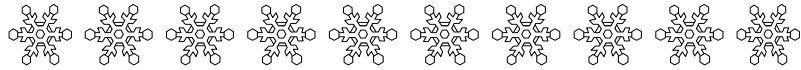
Don and Jan Abrahamson
George Arduser
Carol Bartleson
Greg and Carrie Braun
Kris Buehner
Wade and Gayles Busch
Lynn Christensen
Chris and Susan Clarkson
Marlin Deike
Dan and Stacie Dingman
Carol Edwards
Mike and Sherri Fitzgerald
Bob and Kathy Follmuth

Tim and Diane Francis
Dan and Millie Godfrey
Shirley Hain
Chuck and Dixie Harris
Larry and Laurie Haugen
Dave and Dawn Jacobson
Alf and Suzan Larson
John and Donna Martin
Suzanne McKee
Marcia Menke
Ed and Donna Meyer
Todd and Charissa Meyer
Nancy Moen

Jerry and Cindy Nelson
Sue Ollman
Hal Pohlman
Jim and Mona Pope
Norm and Linda Schmidt
Merv and Ann Sletten
Betty Slock
Shirley Tatum
Mark and Erica Tlusty
Rich and Cynthia Tompkins
Bill and Linda Trask
Dar Wade

MONDAY EVENING VOLLEYBALL will resume this coming Monday, October 4th. All interested in playing volleyball are encouraged to come to the St. James Gym on Monday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. People of all ages, high school and above, are welcome! No experience necessary! Whenever you have a free Monday night consider this special opportunity at St. James.
Come for great fellowship and exercise.

PORTALS OF PRAYER AND CHRIST IN OUR HOME for October through December are available on the tables in the narthex.

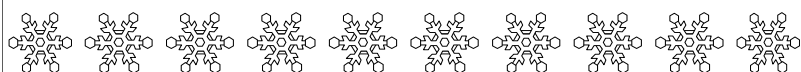


WE WOULD LIKE TO HELP all elementary students to be warm and dry this winter! We can do this by collecting winter gear for students to use at school when needed. They are in need of the following clothing items for both boys and girls:

If you can help by donating new or gently used items

- Sweatpants
- Socks
- Mittens or gloves
- (No scarves, please)

please drop them off in the Bell Tower. There is a wicker basket for these items. This will be greatly appreciated by the schools and students. Thanks for your help in doing this.



AUTOMATE YOUR REGULAR OFFERING

St. James wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular offering. Electronic giving provides convenience for you and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation. Getting started is easy. Authorization forms and additional information are available in Sarah’s office.

St. James Education

ANY ADULTS OR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

interested in teaching or helping with Sunday School during the next rotation in January, 2011, please let Becky Miller know—423-5886.

WE NEED ONE MORE CONFIRMATION LEADER

Please contact Pastor Jeni if you feel a calling to help our youth grow spiritually. Confirmation leaders are necessary for our confirmation program to be successful.

On Sunday, September 12, MANY Bibles were handed out to our young people. Children ages 3 through 2nd grade received new SPARK Story Bibles. 3rd graders received Good News Bibles. These Bibles were graciously donated by memorial funds as designated by our Memorial Board. What a blessing to be able to place the Word of God into the hands of our children! They will be using these Bibles every week in Sunday School.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is from 9:30 to 10:30. If the 9:30 service concludes prior to 10:30, parents of Sunday School children are asked to wait in the Friendship Room or the narthex until Sunday School is over. Refreshments are available in the Friendship Room while you wait.

THE SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

has resumed. The class, led by Norm and Linda Schmidt, meets at 9:15 a.m. on Sundays. The second portion of Acts is being studied.

ANNUAL CROP WALK will be this Sunday, October 3. Registration begins at 1:30 PM with walk time at 2:00 PM. Start and finish is at the Community Kitchen, 606 N. Monroe. CROP Hunger Walks help support the worldwide programs of Church World Service. In partnership, CWS supports self-help development, meets emergency needs, and helps address the root causes of poverty and powerlessness. We will walk three miles...if you cannot walk that far but want to share in the walk, a route of one mile will be set up for you. Talk with Pastor Jeni about signing up.

St. James New Members

TO BETTER ACQUAINT YOU WITH OUR NEW MEMBER ...

Charlotte Stensrud 423-0063
2823 N. Carolina Ave

Charlotte joined St. James on August 29. Charlotte worked for Winnebago Industries for 25 years. She enjoys reading, playing games, dancing, going for walks, baking and having coffee with friends. She has five children: Randy Stensrud, Joice, IA, Charlene Martin, Marshalltown, IA, Marlene Jessen, WA, Renae Thompson, WA and Rhonda Fender of Oregon. Charlotte thinks St. James is friendly, has good sermons and it feels right to join the church.