



The St James church office would appreciate announcements for the bulletin by Weds. morning for the weeks printing. Articles for the months newsletter are due by the 20th of the month. The church office is open M-TH 8:00 AM-12-noon.



Currently St. James is holding public worship via YouTube, and Dumont Cable channel 1004. If you need assistance accessing worship virtually, please call the church office. Worship with Holy Communion will occur the first and fourth Sundays of the month. During public worship, communion will be distributed at the communion rail with the option of taking communion in the pew if a member so desires. Thank you for joining us in creative means as we continue to worship!



It takes many people to keep this congregation running smoothly and efficiently. Thank you to the many members who have given of their gifts. It makes our worship services special and inviting to attend. Your service shows in our communities as a witness to mission and it is appreciated.

Thanks to the one who plants and waters the outside flowers. It is so uplifting to see color!

Thank you Ted for the attention to the lawn care at the parsonage. The Church lawn looks great too Charlie!

Thank you for your patience in advance as we worship together the next month in unconventional ways.

Thanks to ALL the volunteers that made the Community VBS program at Wilder Park a success. We are doing a new thing!

Devotional materials are available now for July-September at the office or the table in the narthex.

**St. James Visiting Committee for
July & August 2023**

**Syd Brinkman, Shirley Wubbena,
Deb Blockhus, Robin Morton**

Illness is an ongoing concern at Care Centers and Asst. Living facilities. Please call first to know what the policy is. Call those homebound members to see what their preference is. You may wish to call or send a note to them.

THOSE NEEDING PRAYERS

Rev. Paul Schaedig, Audrey Freeseemann, Bill McDowell, Daleth Pothast, Jennifer McCready and Jeremy Idler.



On Thursday, July 6 we will have our monthly Bible study at 9:30 a.m. in the kitchen of the Parish Hall. We use the Gather magazine for our Bible study. All are invited to attend. We have great discussions as we study God's word. If you do not get the Gather, Syd can furnish you with a copy of the lesson. Of course there is always coffee and a snack. Bible study and snacks will be given by Bonnie Dralle.

HARVEST FESTIVAL!!!! The St. James Harvest Festival will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 19th in the Parish Hall. We are going to offer lunch and this year there will be a Bake Sale Table, Crafts Table and Produce Table. We are looking forward to returning to our normal festival. If you have a craft you like to donate or bake goods and produce, we would love to have them to sell. All proceeds go toward our mission projects.

SEWERS & CUTTERS: Summer is a good time to cut squares and sew them together for the fall quilting days. Fabric is in the sewing cupboards in the Parish hall. Thanks in advance for helping.

The list of members unable to be out and about continues to grow. Help is needed to visit these members. The women visit each member who is homebound, once every two months. Those who presently visit find this a rewarding experience and are so glad they did the visit. Please give this prayerful consideration and join those who already visit. If you would like to help call Bonnie at 319-493-4404.
God's Blessings Bonnie Dralle



The Allison Care Center and Elm Springs has resumed BINGO for the residents. The additional amount of residents has increased the need for BINGO helpers. The residents LOVE to play BINGO but some could really use assistance. Please call the office at 267-2274 if you are willing to help with BINGO.



NO ACOLYTES THIS SUMMER



ALLISON CARE CENTER WORSHIP

Worship with Holy Communion at the Allison Care Center is held on the 2nd Thursday of each month @ 9:15 A.M. Thanks to all who lead this service.



	May	
	Monthly	YTD
Income	\$14,335.27	\$64,694.61
Expense	\$15,337.00	\$118,525.00

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Summer blessings to St. James members and friends! While we are in a little bit of a "lull" at St. James due to summer schedules, we still have many activities happening at the church and with the community. We thank all those who are organizing and making a Community VBS happen the last week of June. With the efforts of all churches in Allison and rural areas we are holding VBS at Wilder Park this year and will have a closing family fellowship meal. Thank you also to the people who put together the additional patio area on the south side of the church for future use with LOL and other church/community activities. We are planning a Community Park service with the Congregational & Trinity churches on Sunday July 23 at 9:00 with fellowship to follow. We have youth from our congregation traveling on a Mission Trip to Montana so we will be joining in worship with St. Peters in Greene on Sunday July 9 at 9:00 in Greene for a send-off and blessing for this trip. Other activities are in the works for August. And... I'm looking for a leader to line up projects for "God's Work - Our Hands" Sunday September 10. We had such a successful day last year and hope to continue that mission again.

Most Importantly - we are more than excited and happy to welcome Pastor Rebecca Baird and family to our St. James fellowship beginning August 1. We have waited and prayed for this day for a very long time and we are blessed to have them join with us in our mission. Please welcome Pastor Rebecca, Tim, Benjamin and Oliver!

Dates to Remember in July

July has a variety of Sunday Worship opportunities. Please read carefully.

July 4: Parish Office closed

July 9: Worship together with St. Peter, Greene, which includes a sending for the youth participating in the mission trip

July 23: Community Worship at Wilder Park

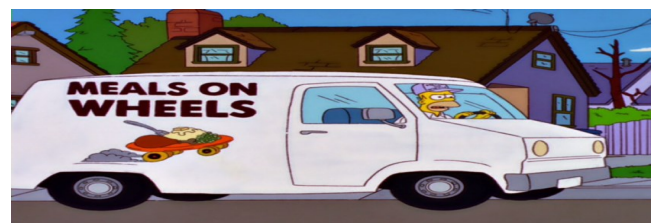


COMMUNITY GARDEN

St. James is looking for enthusiasm to help create and care for a community garden. If that your passion, call the church office at 319-267-2274 to add your name to a list of helpers.



The list of members unable to be out and about continues to grow. **Help is needed to visit these members.** WELCA visits each member who is homebound once every two months. **But this group could really use some additional help.** Those who presently visit find this a rewarding experience. Those being visited are very thankful you came to see them, and giving them a connection to their church home. Please give this prayerful consideration and join those who already visit. Contact the church office 267-2274 if you'd like to help!



MEALS ON WHEELS

August is a great month to deliver Meals on Wheels to the community residents. Please consider giving 45 minutes of your day to help deliver. Don't wait until the last minute! Call the church office 267-2274 to reserve your day(s).



St. James Council Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Deb McWhirter. Present: Deb McWhirter, Mystie Hummel, Scott Bruns, Duane Folkerts, Jason Shaull, Leslie Groen, Aimee Deuell, Jill Ford, and Financial Administrator Mindy Pecha. Devotions given by Deb. Agenda was reviewed and approved.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's report was given by Mindy. \$60,000 has been transferred to a new CD and \$30,000 to a companion savings account. Moneys were transferred from the general fund. Report lists all current assets with a balance of \$178,030.57. One clarification being made to verify that Jill Ford is the church council secretary and Karla Schmidt is the financial recording secretary. Motion to approve report by Scott, seconded by Jason. Motion carried.

Secretary's report: May minutes reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes by Jason, seconded by Scott. Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports:

Education: Plans for VBS are being finalized. Over 40 kids are signed up to participate. VBS will be held at Wilder Park from June 26-28. Volunteers are still needed. There will be a supper the last night but no program.

Evangelism: An informal worship service will be held on June 25 consisting of an old-fashioned hymn singing with special music and readings. Coffee and fellowship will follow to meet and welcome Pastor Rebecca Baird. On July 23 a community worship service will be held with Trinity Reformed Church, Congregational Church, and St. James at Wilder Park. Bring a lawn chair and stay for brunch. The committee is also planning a family fun night to be held on a Wednesday night before the school year starts with games, grilled hot dogs, etc. More information forthcoming. September 10 will be this year's God's Work Our Hands date.

Property: Duane spoke to Mel Bohlen who recommended contacting Matt Harken in Aplington as he

did a new roof for Pleasant Valley Church in Holland. More information and cost estimates will be obtained concerning replacing the roof without the necessity of removing the existing roof.

Stewardship and finance: No meeting or report.

Worship and music: Robin Morton is on the organist schedule through September and plans to play those Sundays. The committee will have further discussion regarding organists and musicians going forward.

Youth Ministry: Working on plans for LOL to resume in the fall followed by Wednesday night meals.

Old Business:

1. Morning prayer service with a recorded sermon planned for June 23 including hymns and readings. Still working on supply pastors for July. July 23 is the community worship service at Wilder Park. July 9 worship will be held at St. Peter in Greene with a send-off for the youth group going on the Montana trip.
2. Baird family ordination is scheduled for June 24 followed by the meet-and-greet service at St. James on June 25. Coffee and fellowship following.
3. Parsonage wrap-up. Carpets have not been cleaned as of yet but there's no hurry to get it done at this time. All other projects/work completed.

New Business:

1. A joint service with St. Peter will be held August 27 at Wilder Park.
2. More election information provided by Leslie Groen. Topic tabled at this time. As indicated in the May minutes, this would need a congregational vote if this option was going to move forward.
3. Steve and Robin Morton formally requested to be removed from St. James membership. Both indicated a willingness to substitute with music and/or technology issues.

Motion to adjourn made by Scott, seconded by Jason. Meeting adjourned. **Council will not meet in July.** The next meeting will be held August 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.