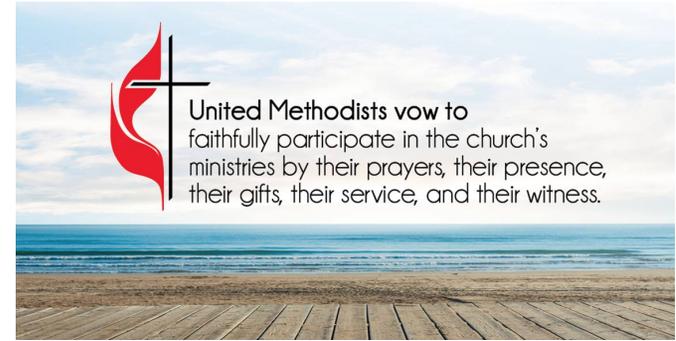


St James United Methodist Church



November 20, 2022

CONNECT WITH US!

Complete a Connect card in the pew rack and place it in the offering or text your name and email address to (520) 222-8690. We will add you to our email news list. Or if email is not a good way to reach you, put your phone number on the connect card and we will text you a link to the email news.

OFFERING

The offering is an act of worship! You can also make a donation to St James online! Go to stjamestucson.com and click on the green ONLINE GIVING button and follow the prompts! You can even set up recurring giving, so your offering is automatically deducted each week/month. You can also mail an offering to St James UMC 3255 N Campbell Av Tucson, AZ 85719

If you give online, please place the "I Gave Online" card from the pew rack in the offering place as your act of worship by giving.



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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/StJamesTucson>
Facebook page: [facebook.com/sjumchurch](https://www.facebook.com/sjumchurch)



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Your host today is Rev. Richard Jones. Richard is the pastor at St James UMC. You can contact him by email (stjamestucson@gmail.com), or by text or phone at (520) 222-8690.

Refreshments and Conversation Stop in the Tatom Room (next to the sanctuary) before or after worship for a treat or a cup of coffee. Spend some time in conversation. And yes, feel free to bring your coffee into the sanctuary with you!

Bible Reading Schedule for the Week Read the Scriptures. Think about what they mean for your life.

Monday Psalm 24

Tuesday Matthew 6.19-34

Wednesday Mark 10.17-31

Thursday Luke 12.13-34

Friday Mark 12.28-34

Saturday Isaiah 2.1-5

Sunday Matthew 1.1-17

GATHERING

- Welcome
- Prelude: "Now Thank We All Our God with Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Johann Crüger/George L. Elvers Arr. Cindy Berry
- Call to Worship
- *Hymn: "Come Ye Thankful People, Come" #694 verses 1,2,4
- *Passing the Peace

PROCLAIMING

- "Bless the Lord"
- Kids' Talk
- Scripture Reading
- Sermon: *Whole Life Stewardship*

RESPONDING

- *Song: "Great Are You, Lord"
- VIDEO: *Thanksgiving Anthem*
- *Affirming Our Faith: *Psalm 23*
- Prayer
- The Lord's Prayer
- Prayer Response: "In the Lord"

THANKSGIVING/COMMUNION: "For the Fruit of All Creation"

Traditional Welsh Melody Arr. Zach Unke

- Communion Liturgy
- Blessing the Elements

GIVING OUR OFFERING

- Offertory: "We Gather Together" *Niederlandtsch Gedenckclank* Arr. Victor Labenske

- Doxology

SENDING OUT

- Church News
- Benediction
- Postlude: "Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing!" Arthur H. Messiter Arr. Douglas E. Wagner

*Please stand if possible

This Sunday (and last Sunday), we are discussing stewardship. Traditionally, this deals with the offering-with giving. But it is about MUCH MORE than that. Ultimately, stewardship is about discipleship and MY participation in the mission and work of God in our world. You may have received a stewardship pledge card in the mail, and there is one in your bulletin. You will be asked to make commitments around all of the membership vows of the United Methodist Church.

**Frequently Asked Questions about Pledging
at St James United Methodist Church PART TWO**

7. Can I automate my giving?

Yes, you can set up your giving to come out of your account every month, just like a direct debit payment (like your insurance, for example). The advantage to this is you don't forget and if you are away on a Sunday, your automatic gift still supports the work of the church. Go to <https://stjamestucson.com/giving/> and click on "I would like this donation to automatically repeat each month".

8. What guidelines should I use in determining my pledge?

Many places in Scripture speak of contributing a tithe, which is ten percent. While this is primarily an Old Testament concept, it is a good pattern to follow. The most complete New Testament passage on giving is in 2 Corinthians 9:6-8:

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

In the passage above, Paul encourages the believers at Corinth to make up their minds ahead of time about how much they should give. This is all we are asking you to do.

Again, in 1 Corinthians 16:1,2 Paul comments on giving:
Now about the money being collected for the Christians in Jerusalem: You should follow the same procedures I gave to the churches in Galatia. On every Lord's Day, each of you should put aside some amount of money in relation to what you have earned and save it for this offering. Don't wait until I get there and then try to collect it all at once.

Paul again encourages regular, purposeful giving to the work of God.

A final thought...

The work of Jesus Christ through this local church is important. Please prayerfully and purposefully consider your pledge amount. You will be greatly enriched by your generosity!