



So far it has been just a wonderful summer. The gardens have exploded with all kinds of wonderful color and fragrances. And of course, at least at my house the mosquitoes seem to be delighted with the weather. Notwithstanding, I am thrilled that summer is here and the long winter is behind us. It is a glorious summer.

The summer, especially July, is for me a great time of reflection and honoring times of major life changes, for a variety of reasons. It is a time of gratitude as well. As we start the back half of the year I am reminded to embrace the day with all the challenges and times of profound spiritual enlightenment that a new day brings. As one journey ends a new and exciting one begins.

I am hoping that for you this summer is a time of reflecting and relaxing. For some of you it will be a time of vacations, get-a-ways and trips to the beach. I offer traveling mercies to you all, wherever this summer's adventures take you. Remember to stop in to a local church and say hello and share with them about your home church and how God has touched your life. One of my fond memories as kids was my mother always had us stop by churches where ever and whenever we were visiting places to go in just say a little prayer and look around. She would say that it was important so when the day came to meet God face to face he would recognize us and remember we had stopped by to say hello. That funny little story still has me stopping by churches whenever I am on the road.

For some this has been a difficult and challenging summer. Perhaps even to the point of trying our faith. Please know that you are not on this journey alone. God is always with us and makes God's presence known by surrounding us the friends and family (as I like to say, some I'm related to). I truly believe that God is with me the most when times are hardest and I feel it the least. My history is proof. I believe it to be true for you as well.

Others of us are just laying low enjoying those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer. Remember that list of everything we were going to do this summer....relax a little. The list is always bigger than the time and energy to do it. Do what you can, but remember to enjoy.

As we spend the summer relaxing and having fun we have so much to look forward to with a new season of worship and spiritual growth. May your summer be a restful, revitalizing time, Spirit-filled and surrounded by the grace and love of God. And remember that regardless of where the summer takes you, you are held in God's unconditional love, boundless mercy, and unending grace and there is a place for you here in at St James. Have a great summer. See you Sunday!

Take care and be well, Peace

Ken

Altar Care

July: John & Marilyn Beattie

August: John & Marilyn Beattie

Communion Servers

July: Prepare: Jerry Lindke

Serve: Bev Kulman & Jerry Lindke

August: Prepare: Roberta Fisher

Serve: Devon Klomp & Roberta Fisher



July 3 - Open

July 10 – Dan & Devon Klomp

July 17 – Doris Doss & Larry Bandlow

July 24 - Open

July 31 - Open

August 7 - Open

August 14 – Open

August 21 – Open

August 28 - Open



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July 10 – Open

July 17 - Open

July 24 - Open

July 31 - Open

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August 28 - Open

Please consider signing up as Usher & Greeters and/or Scripture Readers.

Scripture Readings for July

Sunday, July 3

*2 Kings 5:1-14
*Ps 30 or Isa 66:10-14
*Ps 66:1-9
*Gal 6:(1-6),7-16
*Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Surprising Prophets

Sunday, July 17

*Amos 8: 1-12
*Ps 52 or Gen 18: 1-10a
*Ps 15
*Colossians 1: 15-28
*Luke 10: 38-42

Word and Work

Sunday, July 31

*Hos 11: 1-11
*Ps 107: 1-9, 43 or Eccl 1:2,12-14;2:18-23
*Ps 49: 1-12
*Col 3: 1-11
*Luke 12: 13-21

Soul Investment

Sunday, July 10

*Amos 7:7-17
*Ps 82 or Deut 30:9-14
*Ps 25: 1-10
* Colossians 1: 1-14
*Luke 10: 25-37

Caring Neighbors

Sunday, July 24

*Hos 1: 2-10
*Ps 85 or Gen 18: 20-32
*Ps 138
*Col 2: 6-15, (16-19)
*Luke 11: 1-13

Shaped by Prayer

Scripture Readings for August

Sunday, Aug. 7

*Isa 1:1, 10-20
*Ps 50: 1-8,22-23 or Gen 15: 1-6
*Ps 33: 12-22
*Heb 11: 1-3, 8-16
*Luke 12: 32-40

Living into the Promise

Sunday, Aug. 14

*Isa 5: 1-7
*Ps 80: 1-2,8-19 or Jer 23: 23-29
*Ps 82
* Heb 11: 29-12:2
*Luke 12: 49-56

Restore Us

Sunday, Aug. 21

*Jer 1: 4-10
*Ps 71: 1-6 or Isa 58: 9b-14
*Ps 103: 1-8
*Heb 12: 18-29
*Luke 13: 10-17

Healing Reign

Sunday, Aug. 28

*Jer 2: 4-14
*Ps 81: 1, 10-16 or Sirach 10: 12-18 or Prov 25:6-7
*Ps 112
*Heb 13: 1-8, 15-16
*Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Open Table



Prayers for

Karen Marie, Sue, Scott, Mimi, Dan, Kathy, Rich, Maraleen, Doug, Gordy, Jack Bishop Sr., George, David, Angel, Josh, Deborah, Lynn, Cory, Mike

For those

- in recovery and those struggling with addiction
- imprisoned and those responsible for their care
- homeless, hungry and abused
- having difficulty in their relationships
- facing financial hardships and issues with employment
- home caregivers
- those in the armed forces, for protection and peace
- traveling mercies for those on geographic and spiritual journeys
- our own personal transformation

REV. DR. KEN GADD, PASTOR can be reached at (810) 326-0592 or kgadd@ourstjameschurch.org for all your pastoral needs.

Adventures in Faith Announcement

Please do not forget Adventures In Faith is still collecting cans and bottles for our adopted children. Please leave them in the garage, by the back door or contact Don or Betty Robertson and they will pick them up.

Kids In Distress

Donations needed this month are: kid's shorts and shirts. All sizes. There is a bin in the basement here at church for your donations.

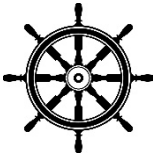
CHRISTMAS SHOE BOX COLLECTION

This year I would like to fill 100 boxes. If everyone provides a little each month this goal is attainable. In order to make filling the boxes a little easier this year, I would like to start collecting items for the boxes ahead of time. Each month I will post in the bulletin what items to purchase so we provide the necessities as well as fun items. Each month will be different items. First of October I will notify you of the items we are short on, so we can stuff boxes the end of October. The items should be brought to church and placed in a box I will have set up for collections.

For July the items being collected are:

- Washcloth (can be found at dollar store, squeezed together)
- Socks (boys and girls, various sizes)
- Toy (small enough to fit in box)

Save the Dates:



Huron Lady II Dinner Cruise - Friday, August 5, 2016

207 Water St, Port Huron, MI on the south side of
Black River between Vinomondo Wine Bar
and Desmond Marina.

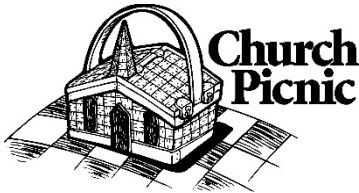
Call (810-984-1500) or visit website www.huronlady.com to purchase tickets ahead of time or at Huron Lady II ticket booth from 10am to 4pm day of cruise. Parking is available at Maritime Center or at the end of Water Street. (Boat holds 100 people, so buy tickets early to make sure you get a place on the cruise).

Cruise from 6:00pm – 9:00pm (board at 5:30pm). Meet at boat by 5:30pm.

Boat ride, buffet –style dinner catered by Kelly Joys Smokehouse and Music provided by Tommy Keith and Brothers in Arms (soft rock and country)

\$55.00 per person

Handicapped accessible 27" passage way to board boat, small transom to pass on foot to sit in enclosed dining area. Bathrooms are not handicapped accessible.



Saturday Aug 27th for our "annual" church picnic

"Lots of fun ~ many more details to follow!"

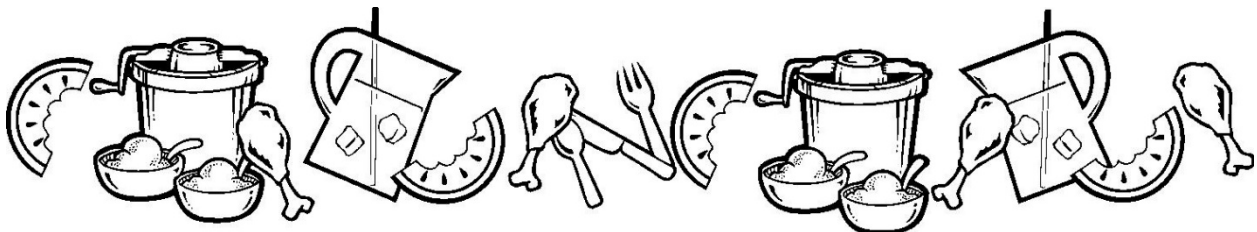


Welkin Vintage Base Ball Club

Saturday, September 10, 2016 – 1:00pm

Held at Lincoln Park at Electric and Military Streets between North and South Blvds. In Port Huron, MI

Come join us for a free game of vintage baseball played by mid nineteenth century regulations. Use the historic Base Ball Terms (to follow) and have some Cracker Jacks.









[God] seems to do nothing of himself which he can possibly delegate to his creatures. He commands us to do slowly and blunderingly what he could do perfectly and in the twinkling of an eye. ... Creation seems to be delegation through and through. I suppose this is because [God] is a giver.

—C.S. Lewis, *The World's Last Night*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 *Barb Ski
3 Communion	4  INDEPENDENCE <i>Day</i> *Taylor Uppleger	5	6	7 *Judy Tringali *Katelyn Strunk	8	9
10 Council Meeting After Worship	11	12	13	14	15	16 *Lynn Robertson
17 Communion	18	19	20 	21	22	23 *Ralph Ski
24	25 *Dave Robertson #Mark & Paula Beattie	26 *Bernice Callahan	27	28	29	30
31 Healing Service						



O day of rest! How beautiful, how fair,
 How welcome to the weary and the old!
 Day of the Lord! and truce to earthly care!
 Day of the Lord, as all our days should be!
 —Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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 Don't take a Vacation from Church	1	2 *Colleen Stover	3 *Kerry Bandlow	4  Summer is full of Swing	5 Huron Lady Cruise 5:30pm	6 *Kerin Uppleger
7 Communion #Kerry & LeAnne Bandlow	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Council Meeting after worship *Dorothy Lomerson	15	16 *Carole Bryant	17  7	18	19	20
21 Communion	22 #Jeremy & Dawn Strunk	23	24	25	26	27  Church Picnic 2pm *Marilyn Beattie
28 Outdoor Worship 9am	29	30	31 