



Summer time, summer time, the gardens are bursting, the birds are chirping and our spirits just seem a little more elevated. There is just something about morning coffee or tea on the porch or deck.

It is time to take a deep breath, smell the roses (literally and figuratively) and give our minds, bodies and spirits a moment to simply be. Slow down, plan a day trip, go to the beach, sit lazily under a tree and read, or simply enjoy time with family and friends.

For me anyway, and maybe for you, the key is to not try to rush through the relaxation. Just be present and enjoy. You know that long list of things you need to get done this summer. I say start the summer accepting the fact that the list is bigger than there is summer and get done what you can but not at the expense of having some time for yourself.

Summer is a time of regeneration, discovery, and of transformation. The summer is full of exciting opportunities such as graduations, employment, weddings and vacations. It can also be a challenging time with much going on including issues with health, finances and relationships. Whatever the summer holds for us, know that we lift each other up and keep each other in our hearts and in our prayers.

As we wind down the church year, I know that some are already busy planning and getting ready for the fall season here at St James. So many of you are busy in selfless ministry. Please remember to take time to breathe and enjoy. This includes Music, Sunday School, outings, fun activities, euchre, meals, events, coffee hours, keeping the inside and outside of the property well cared for, bulletins and newsletters published, and on and on and on. Makes me want to rest just thinking about how hard you all work. A BIG thank you to all of you.

I am glad we can all take a well-deserved break and allow things to be just a little more casual. As we venture off for a time of reflection, vacations and summer fun, remember that wherever you are, God is there also. So when you have an opportunity, stop in other churches along the road and say "hello". Wherever you are, God is always happy to see you. And when you are back in town, we look forward to seeing you at St. James.

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 first month of summer. I look forward to sharing the summer with you.

Take care and be well, Peace  
Ken



## **K.I.D.S. in Distress**

Please don't forget Kids in Distress is an ongoing project at St. James. A tote box is in the basement for your new and gently used clothing. With summer arriving, they are in need of kids shorts and shirts of all sizes. Thank you for your support.

## **St. Pats Day Dinner**

Thank you to all who helped make this event a success again this year. We are happy to report a \$3,932.63 profit. We cannot do this without all the busy folks here at St. James.

## **Some things to look forward to**

### **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](http://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.

### **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.

## Liturgist June

June 5 – Open

June 12 – Open

June 19– Open

June 26 – Open



## Altar Care June

Tami & Stella Czenkus

## Ushers & Greeters

### June

June 5 – Open

June 12 – Kim & Taylor Lindke

June 19 – Open

June 26- Don & Betty Robertson



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

## Scripture Readings for June

### **Sunday, June 5**

\*1 Kings 17:8-16(17-24)

\*Ps 146

\*Ps 30

\*Gal 1:11-24

\*Luke 7:11-17

### **Gorgeous Compassion**

### **Sunday, June 19**

\*1 Kings 19:1-4(5-7),8-15a

\*Ps 42 & 43 or Isa 65:1-9

\*Ps 22:19-28

\*Gal 3:23-29

\*Luke 8:26-39

### **In God's Presence**

### **Sunday, June 12**

\*1 Kings 21:1-10(11-14),15-21a

\*Ps 5:1-8 or 2 Sam 11:26-12:10

\*Ps 32

\*Gal 2:15-21

\*Luke 7:36-8:3

### **Choose Justice**

### **Sunday, June 26**

\*2 Kings 2:1-2,6-14

\*Ps 77:1-2, 11-20 or 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

\*Ps 16




\*Gal 5:1, 13-25

\*Luke 9:15-62

### **Pick up the Mantle**



My father used to play with my brother and me in the yard. Mother would come out and say, "You're tearing up the grass." "We're not raising grass," Dad would reply. "We're raising boys."  
 —Harmon Killebrew

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday                                      | Friday                                     | Saturday  |
|---|--|---|-----------|---|--|---|
|   |  |   | 1         | 2<br><br>*Larry Bandlow                       | 3  | 4   |
| 5<br><br>Communion  | 6  | 7   | 8         | 9   | 10<br><br>*Betty Robertson<br>*Mike Lindke | 11  |
| 12<br><br>#Dave & Lynn Robertson  | 13   | 14<br>Flag Day!<br>Council Meeting<br>6:30pm<br>*Dawn Kargula | 15        | 16  | 17   | 18  |
| 19<br><br>Father's Day!<br>Communion<br>Father's Day Coffee Hour | 20<br><br>First Day of Summer | 21<br><br>*Elise Lyszczyk                                     | 22        | 23  | 24<br><br>*Ann Marie Yochum                | 25<br><br>59 <sup>th</sup><br>Anniversary<br>of the United<br>Church of<br>Christ                   |
| 26  | 27<br><br>*Gil Pavey   | 28<br><br>#Art & Cheryl Wagner                                | 29        | 30<br><br>#Mel & Dorie Bandlow<br>*Doris Doss |  | <br>SUMMER FUN |

## Financial Fun Fund

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| Week of:         | Items  | Amount        | Quantity | Total |
|------------------|--|---------------|----------|-------|
| <b>June 5</b>    | For every electrical appliance in your house. Big & Small – Refrigerator to Hair Dryer | <b>\$0.03</b> |          |       |
| <b>June 12</b>   | For every year of your age   | <b>\$0.03</b> |          |       |
| <b>June 19</b>   | For every one of your children (or pets)   | <b>\$0.25</b> |          |       |
| <b>June 26</b>   | For every job you hold in church (Usher, Committee Member, etc)                        | <b>\$0.10</b> |          |       |
| <b>July 03</b>   | For every year you have Attended a church.   | <b>\$0.05</b> |          |       |
| <b>July 10</b>   | For every year of your marriage  | <b>\$0.05</b> |          |       |
| <b>July 17</b>   | Ladies: for every pair of ear rings<br>Men: For every tie                              | <b>\$0.03</b> |          |       |
| <b>July 24</b>   | For every pair of shoes you have, Slippers & Flip Flops included                       | <b>\$0.04</b> |          |       |
| <b>July 31</b>   | For every Grandchild   | <b>\$0.25</b> |          |       |
|                  | For every Great Grandchild   | <b>\$0.35</b> |          |       |
| <b>August 7</b>  | For every hat, gloves, mittens, scarves you have                                       | <b>\$0.10</b> |          |       |
| <b>August 14</b> | For each pound you weigh   | <b>\$0.03</b> |          |       |
| <b>August 21</b> | For every sweater or sweatshirt you own  | <b>\$0.03</b> |          |       |
| <b>August 28</b> | A love offering for what the St. James U.C.C. family means to you.                     |               |          |       |

**We are asking you to get some kind of bank at home. Then read the asking for the specific week. When you have done the figuring, put the money in the bank. Mark it on your paper. You do not have to turn in the paper as it is for your information. Bring your "Fun fund" to church and put it in the offering plate marked as such.**