

# St. James United Church of Christ

## News from Pastor Ken

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It must be summer. People are talking about weddings, family reunions, and fun on the water. To say nothing about the fact that the gardens are bursting, the birds are chirping and everyone seems just a little happier. Must be the vitamin D.

I do so enjoy finally having morning prayers and meditation on the deck. With a couple cups of coffee or tea, of course.

Something about summer that somehow give us permission 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 start the summer accepting the fact that the list of things I want to do is longer than the summer is. So, 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, weddings and road trips. It can also be a challenging time for some. Life certainly seems to be full of interesting journeys. Whatever the summer holds for us, know that we lift each other up and keep each other in our hearts and in our prayers.

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ June 4 - Communion and Discretionary Fund Collection
- ◆ June 13 - Council Meeting
- ◆ June 17 - Euchre
- ◆ June 18 - Father's Day and Communion

It always amazes me that even as the church year winds down, some of you 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

### The Discretionary Fund June 4th, 2017

Did you know this fund is utilized to aid with rent, utilities, medical supplies, food and transportation to doctors, etc.?

This is generated from the loose change collected the first Sunday of each month. Please empty your pockets and change purses that day to meet the needs of our church and community.



### Military Prayer List

I will be including a list in the newsletter of our men and women in the military, to acknowledge those who serve and to pray for the safety. Please provide your love one's or friend's name, rank and branch of service to Roberta Fisher.

## Prayers for....



Karen Marie  
Sue  
Scott  
Mimi  
Dan  
Kathy  
Rich  
Maraleen  
Doug  
Gordy  
Jack Bishop Sr. & Jr.  
Shirley  
Megan & Dave  
Roslynn  
Dale  
Kathy

George  
David  
Deborah  
Lynn  
Johnnie  
Paul  
Peggy  
Marion  
Elmer  
Rev. Perkins  
Harmony  
Mike  
Rachael  
Clark Russell  
Michelle

## Outreach Ministry

### Kids in Distress

Current needs are as follows:

Underwear for boys 2T-3T, 4, 6-8 and 14-16

Socks for little girls' sizes 4-6 and 6-10, underwear sizes 2T-3T and 6-14

Desperate need of twin sheets and blankets as well as full size, twin size is the priority, can be gently used.

### Blue Water Area Rescue Mission - B-WARM

#### In Need of Cleaning Supplies

Blue Area Rescue Mission needs cleaning supplies and paper products. Collection bin (B-WARM) is in the church basement.

B-WARM provides emergency shelter and mission program 7 days a week, 365 days a year for the homeless of St. Clair County as well as a discipleship program.

### St. Augustine Richmond Food Pantry

In need of... jello, mac and cheese, jam/jellies in assorted flavors, canned carrots and mixed vegetables, stove top stuffing

## Happy Birthdays in June

2 - Larry Bandlow  
5 - Doris Doss  
10 - Mike Lindke  
10 - Betty Robertson  
11 - Ian Riley  
14 - Dawn Kargula  
21 - Elise Lyszczyk  
24 - Ann Marie Yochum  
30 - Erin Riley

## Earthly Gifts Ministry

### Financial Goal Report May Financial Goal Report

The May goal is \$5,760.00. As of Sunday, May 21 \$2,648.00 has been received which includes \$252.00 from Euchre. Please contribute what you can to meet the financial obligations of St. James.

## Fellowship Ministry

**Baseball Game** - July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 - All Star Game at Jimmy John stadium to watch our local teams play on Saturday night at 7:05pm. Cost of \$17.50 includes hotdog and soft drink (must buy 4 tickets) or \$15.00 without food included. Please purchase your own tickets and meet us all there. Purchase tickets on line, (section information) Infield Section, Level 1, Section 104.

## Happy Anniversary's in June

7 - Carol & Al Bryant  
7 - Sue & Mark Tews  
12 - Lynn & Dave Robertson  
25 - Teri & Bob Wagner  
28 - Art & Cheryl Wagner

## Spiritual Growth Ministry

Sunday School will resume in the fall.

## Worship Ministry

### Volunteers Needed Please sign-up

Usher/Greeter, Liturgists and Altar Care are all ministries we invite ALL to participate in. Sign-up sheets are provided in the basement for each ministry. If you have any questions what these ministries entail please contact Devon Klomp. Many have found that serving in these roles enriches their worship experience.



"He's using the devotional we gave him for Father's Day."

## Outreach Ministry

June 2017 collection is for notebooks, pens and hygiene items such as soap, washcloths, combs, headbands, barrettes, bows and socks. **No need for dental floss or toys for the 2-4 age group, have more than enough.** Items accepted anytime: toys, school supplies, notebooks, coloring books, crayons, pencils, pens, erasers, pencil sharpeners, soap, washcloth, combs, socks, hats, gloves or mittens and always \$7.00 for mailing costs.

**For 2017, we can no longer provide toothpaste (all that is collected will go to Kids in Distress and local shelters), toy guns or army men, paint sets and glue bottles.**

If you are not a shopper, you can still donate to this worthy cause by providing a cash donation.

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### Roof Collection



The goal to replace funds of \$25,000.00 from the investment funds stands at \$935.00. Please try to make an effort to help make St. James in a better financial status incase another large expense happens. Donations can be made by using your regular envelope and marking how much goes to the ROOF FUND or use the small pew envelope making it roof and your name so it can be posted to your giving account.

## Fun Page to Color



SUMMER  
BEGINS

**Altar Care**

June - Open

**Communion Servers**

**Preparer:** Ralph Ski

**Communion Servers:** Ralph Ski & Audrey DeFer

**Ushers & Greeters**

June 4 - Open  
June 11- Roberta Fisher  
June 18 - Doris Doss  
June 25 - Teri Wagner

**Liturgists**

June 4 - Teri Wagner  
June 11 - Mark Tews  
June 18 - Roberta Fisher  
June 25 - Ron Fisher

**Sunday, June 4**  
**Pentecost Sunday**  
Acts 2: 1-21 or Num 11: 24-30  
Ps 104: 24-34, 35b  
1 Cor 12: 3b-13 or Acts 2: 1-21  
John 20: 19-23 or John 7: 37-39  
**Pentecost Sunday**

**Sunday, June 18**  
**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Gen 18: 1-15, (21: 1-7)  
Ps 19: 2-8a  
Ps 100  
Rom 5: 1-8  
Matt 9: 35-10:8, (9-23)  
**Witness of Love**

**Sunday, June 11**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
Gen 1: 1-2: 4a  
PS 8  
2 Cor 13: 11-13  
Matt 28: 16-20  
**This is Good**

**Sunday, June 25**  
**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Gen 21: 8-21  
Ps 86: 1-10, 16-17 or  
Jer 20: 7-13  
Ps 69: 7-10, (11-15), 16-18  
Rom 6: 1b-11  
Matt 10" 24-39  
**Spirit of Witness**



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