



Having just experienced a couple fall like days I realize that no matter how much I love it how not ready I am for fall I am.

Every year I say I have no idea where the summer went. Can you hear those more senior folks now, "The older you get, the faster time goes." That was funnier before I was one of them senior folks. Interesting, that's not so funny anymore, Thanks Dad.

Having said all of that, I hope you have all enjoyed your summer to the fullest, whether swimming in the lake, camping, gardening or just sitting in the shade with a good book. The interesting thing about summer is that so much life happens while we are trying to slow down. It is a time of both rest and transition.

For many it has been a summer of joy and celebration. There have been graduations, weddings, vacation adventures, times with family and friends, or simply a time of relaxation and reflection. For some, it has been a time of challenge and loss as we struggle with issues of losing loved ones, health, employment, relationships, our own human limitations and just living life on life terms. For some of us the summer has been a mix of both. It is in these times that I am so grateful that God is ever present in our lives, especially in those moments when it least feels like it. I am also deeply touched by the privilege to have been a part of many of those moments with you and you with me.

As we start to prepare for the fall, I anticipate that we will have an exciting season of change and growth at St James as well. I look forward to the exciting return of church life. As our church family continues to grow, get healthier and stronger in number and Spirit each week. Although I am not ready for summer to end, I am excited about the year ahead.

I encourage you to share the good news of St James with your friends, family and neighbors as we continue to move forward into an exciting future with new opportunities for growth and Ministry. Continue to be persistent inviters. You never know whose life might be touched in a profound way by experiencing the love of God as expressed through our St James family.

Remember always that wherever you are on life's journey, there is a place for you at St James and you are always welcome here. May you live Spirit-filled, surrounded by grace and the love of God.

Take care and be well, Peace

Pastor Ken

Altar Care for September

Betty Robertson



Sept. 6th - Open

Sept. 13th – Bev & Gordie Kulman

Sept. 20th - Open

Sept. 27th – Doris Doss

Communion Servers for September

Prepare: Devon Klomp

Serve: Teri Wagner & Ralph Ski



Sept. 6th - Open

Sept. 13th – Bev Kulman

Sept. 20th – Gordie Kulman

Sept. 27th - Open

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

Scripture Readings for September

Sunday, Sept. 6

*Prov 22:1-2,8-9,22-23

*Ps 125 or Isa 35:4-7a

*Ps 146

*James 2:1-10,(11-13),14-17

*Mark 7:24-37

Be Opened

Sunday, Sept. 13

*Prov 1:20-33

*Ps 19 or Isa 50:4-9a

*Ps 116:1-9 or Wis of Sol 7:26-8:1

*James 3:1-12

*Mark 8:27-38

Who Are You, Jesus?

Sunday, Sept. 20

*Prov 31:10-31

*Ps 1 or Wis of Sol 1:16-2:1 or Jer 11:18-20

*Ps 9:9-20 or Job 38:1-11

*Ps 54

*James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

*Mark 9:30-37

First in Caring

Sunday, Sept. 27

*Est 7:1-6,9-10;9:20-22

*Ps 124 or

Num 11:4-6,10-16,24-29

*Ps 19:7-14

*James 5:13-20

*Mark 9:38-50

Courage for Community



Prayers for

Ellen Grimnes, Joe Tocco and family, Joe and Carmela, Doris Suess, David, Karen Marie, Mary, Barbara, Anne Enders, Leo Solomon, Tom and Sandy A & family, Carlene Kaniski, Erin, Sue, Kenny Murphy, Scott, Erin and Charlie, Jeremy, Carol, Rachel, Ken, Mimi, Dan, Kathy, Jeff, George, Barb, Christopher, Maraleen, Jeanette, Aaron, Chris, Marion, Kerry

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

If there are updates to the prayer list including names to be added or removed, please contact me via phone or email. Thank you

Also, just as a reminder we have a box in the vestibule for submitting prayer request. I check it every week to add names to my weekly prayer list. It is the little wood church that we all keep tripping over in the doorway to the vestibule☺.

Be kind to yourself, Peace

Pastor Ken

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

Kids In Distress Annual Fundraiser

Selling Tickets for Sept. 25th

Tickets are on sale for Kids in Distress Services 13th annual open house. The open house is Sept. 25 at Pine Shores Gold Club, 515 Fred Moore Hwy, St Clair.

Doors open at 6pm.

The event includes live entertainment, tours of the KIDS facility, a live auction and basket raffle. For more information, contact Robin Hanrahan at (248)231-4984

In need of Usher/Greeters and Liturgists

We invite you to participate in the ministry of the church by being an usher/greeter or liturgist during our worship services. Many have found that serving in these roles has enriched their worship experience. Please sign up for a Sunday of your choice on the clipboards downstairs.

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: boys jeans sizes 3-10, diapers all sizes, children's underwear and socks all sizes. They are also still accepting shoes for recycling. There is a bin in the basement for donations. If you get them here....we will get them there.

Natural Gas T-Shirt Fundraiser



There is an order form in the basement to purchase a "Got Gas?" T-Shirt to help fund-raise for the church's conversion to natural gas in a humorous way. Shirts are \$15, and sizes 2XL and up are \$17. Money will be collected upon placing your order. The last Sunday to order shirts will be September 13th. Shirts are expected to arrive late September/early October. Upon sign up, place your money or check written to "St. James UCC" in an envelope provided by the sign up sheet.

Or, you can purchase your shirt online at [teespring.com](https://www.teespring.com), although you will have to pay the shipping costs. Details on ordering online will be provided by the sign up sheet in the church basement.

Chili Cook-Off Help



Colleen Stover would like to hold a meeting during coffee hour to discuss assignments for the Chili Cook-Off on **Sept. 13th**. This year's chili Cook-Off will be held on October 18 at Perch Point. Before that date I will need a list of volunteers for Chairperson positions for The Kitchen Crew, Tickets, The Chili Table, The Bake Sale Table, The Gift Basket Table, Raffle Ticket Tables and Door Ticket Table. We need all positions filled BEFORE we have the organizational meeting and those chairpersons will need to be in attendance at this meeting (which she will hold at the convenience of the majority of the group).

There are sign-up sheets in the basement. Please look for them and sign up as you enjoy your coffee.