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News from Pastor Ken



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Greetings to all. There is no doubt that this year has been truly unique on so many levels. As we are finally getting the opportunity to venture safely out of doors, I hope you are enjoying the summer. So far it has been just wonderful.

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 rich time of reflection, gratitude and honoring times of major transformation in my life. As we start the back half of the year, I am reminded to embrace each new day with all the opportunities, challenges and times of profound spiritual enlightenment that each 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 into 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 wherever 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 that God would recognize us and remember we had stopped by to say hello. That funny little story still has me stopping by

Pastor Ken Newsletter Continued

For some of us 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 with friends, family (as I like to say, some I'm related to) and the occasional encounter with a stranger that God sends along to deliver a message. 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 laid-back 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. Have a great summer. See you Sunday!

Take care and be well, Peace
Ken

****Live streaming of Sunday Services will continue at 11:00am on the St. Johns website.****

Prayer List



Maraleen
Sharon
Linda
Andy
Wayne I.
Carole
Karleen
Karen
Colleen
Barb

George
Claudette
Wayne B.
Shirley
Russ
Dan K.
Keith
Sue
Toni
Karen
Janett

Outreach Ministry

Blue Water Area Rescue Mission - B-WARM

B-WARM NEEDS

Both Men and Women houses:

Cleaning supplies: Toilet bowl cleaner, bleach, laundry soap, dishwasher detergent, bathroom cleansers, disinfectants.

Paper Supplies: Napkins, toilet paper and Kleenex, trash bags small & large

Helping Hands

Current Needs: Manwich, snack pack pudding cups, juice boxes/pouches, boxed instant oatmeal, pancake mix/syrup and one-pound bags white rice. Clothing items for children from newborn to high school.

No expired or opened boxes of food accepted.

Kids in Distress

Current needs are as follows:

They are in need of clothes for all sizes, especially shorts for summer.

Happy Birthdays in July

- 2 – Barb Ski
- 7 – Judy Tringali
- 7 – Katelyn Strunk
- 16 – Lynn Robertson
- 17 – Jerry Lindke
- 18 – Alexia Teltow
- 23 – Ralph Ski
- 25 – Dave Robertson
- 26 – Bernice Callahan

Anniversaries in July

- 4 – Julie & Chad Robbins
- 7 - Sue & Mark Tews
- 12 - Julie & Frederick Erhardt
- 19 – Brenda & James Maedel
- 25 – Mark & Paula Beattie

Earthly Gifts

The goal for June is \$5852.00. With everyone giving what they can by mail, direct donation during service and PayPal a total so far received is \$3999.00 which is outstanding with the situation that almost most of us are in. Thank you for your endeavors to keep St. James in a position to keep us close to financial obligations. Your donations today, the last Sunday of June will be most appreciated.

Donations can be mailed or delivered to Ralph our Treasurer at 8326 Meisner, Casco, MI 48064 or mailed to St. James UCC, 9008 Meisner, Casco, MI 48064. Mailboxes are checked daily.

Giving can also be done through St. James website’s “Giving” page. Giving through the St. James website can be done via a Debit/Credit card or Paypal.

Thanking everyone for their contributions to help make St. James solvent.

Spiritual Ministry

Please contact Sue Tews if you are interested in helping with Sunday school.

**The Discretionary Fund
July 5, 2020**

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.

Worship Ministry

Looking for Liturgists, Communion Servers and Usher/Greeters during Holy Week. Let Robin Meldrum know if you are interested in any of these ministries.

Need help in the following ministries Communion Servers, Usher/Greeter, Liturgists and Altar Care. Sign-up sheets for each are provided in the basement.

Summer Poem



Summer Brings Us...



Summer brings us days on a beach,
Wearing flip flops,
And sand between your toes



Long, long days, filled with sun
And sunscreen on your nose



Splashing in pools, friends all around
Wearing bathing clothes

Trees full of leaves, the humming of bees
Vacation cars on roads



Days of heat, nights so warm
Riding down a river that flows



Summer brings us watermelon seeds,
Ice cream drips,
And watching how the sunset glows.



By: Robin Zelaya



Christmas Tote Bags for Local Community Charities

July 2020 collection is for washcloths, socks, colored pencils, crayons and notebooks.

The items accepted anytime: hygiene items such as: toothpaste, washcloths, headbands, barrettes and bows, and school supplies.

We are also in the need of material to sew the tote bags with. If you would be interested in sewing tote bags at home let me know and I can supply you with material.

We collect the below items for boys and girls from the age of 2 to 14 years old. Our goal is to fill 100 tote bags by November 2020 without running out of items.

If you are out in store that has any these items, pick them up and bring them to church once we start to have services at St. James. Thank you!!!

Ministry Needing Helpers!!!!

Members are needed to take the items received for donation to B-Warm, Kids-In-Distress and Helping Hands in Marine City, MI. As you see the boxes/tubs getting full please feel free to help in this ministry by taking the items to the designated places. **Call first**, to make sure they are open for deliveries.

B-Warm

1920 24th St
Port Huron, MI 48060
(810) 956-0768

Kids-In-Distress

Bev & Gordie Kulman
1114 S 7th St
St. Clair, MI 48079
(810) 326-4505

Helping Hands

310 s. Parker St.
Marine City, MI 48039
(810) 765-3848

Bottle / Can Collection

We are collecting empty and clean bottles and cans with a deposit on them to support our Christian Education Program. Please bring them to church, there is a box in the basement, back room, by the door for them.

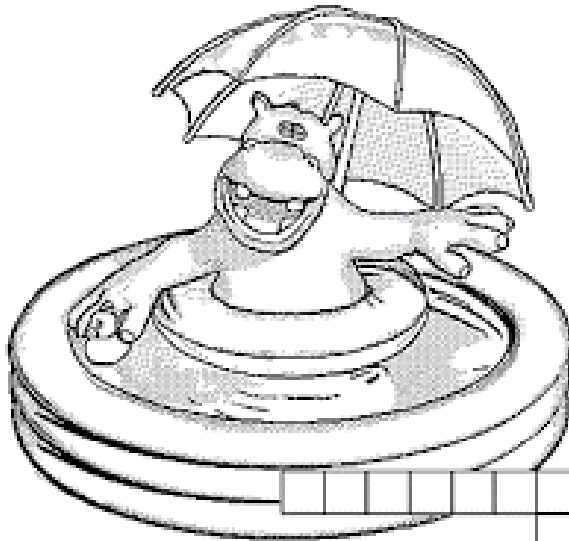


Military Prayer List

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 their safety. Please submit your love one's, family member or friend's name, rank and branch of service to Roberta Fisher to be placed on the list.

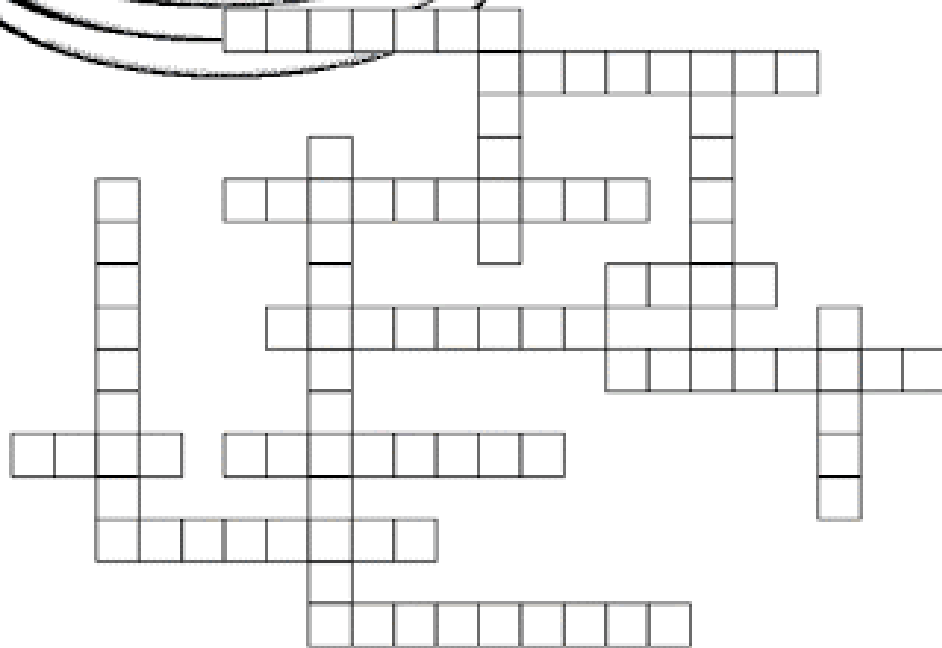
PFC Shane David Kinney Army Airborne

Kid's Page



HOT SUMMER DAYS

Use the Hot Summer Days word list to fit all of the words in the correct boxes of the puzzle.



4 LETTERS	SUMMER	BARE FEET	10 LETTERS
BOAT		SWIMMING	WATERMELON
POOL	7 LETTERS	UMBRELLA	
	FLOWERS	LEMONADE	12 LETTERS
5 LETTERS			STRAWBERRIES
BEACH	8 LETTERS	9 LETTERS	
	ICE CREAM	FLIP FLOPS	
6 LETTERS	SUNSHINE	SUNSCREEN	

Scripture Readings for July / August

Sunday, July 5

Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

Gen 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67, and Ps 45: 10-17 or

Song of Sol 2: 8-13

Zech 9: 9-12 and Ps 145: 8-14

Rom 7: 15-25a

Matt 11: 16-19, 25-30

hosen Journeys

Sunday, July 12

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Gen 25: 19-34 and Ps 119: 105-113

Isa 55: 10-13 and Ps 65: (1-8), 9-13

Rom 8: 1-11

Matt 13: 1-9, 18-23

A House Divided

Sunday, July 19

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Gen 28: 10-19a and Ps 139: 1-12, 23-24

Wisd of Sol 12: 13, 16-19 or Isa 44: 6-8 and

Ps 86: 11-17

Rom 8: 12-25

Matt 13: 24-30, 36-43

Wheat and Weeds Together

Sunday, July 26

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Gen 29: 15-28 and Ps 105: 1-11, 45b or
Ps 128

1 Kings 3: 5-12 and Ps 119: 129-136

Rom 8: 26-39

Matt 13: 31-33, 44-52

Weaving the Future

Sunday, August 2

Ninth Sunday of Pentecost

Gen 32: 22-31 and Ps 17: 1-7, 15

Isa 55: 1-5 and Ps 145: 8-9, 14-21

Rom 9: 1-5

Matt 14: 13-21

Face to Face

Sunday, August 9

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gen 37: 1-4, 12-28, and Ps 105: 1-6,
16-22, 45b

1 Kings 19: 9-18 and Ps 85: 8-13

Rom 10: 5-15

Matt 14: 22-33

When all Seems Lost

Sunday, August 16

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Gen 45: 1-5 and Ps 133

Isa 56: 6-8 and Ps 67

Rom 11: 1-2a, 29-32

Matt 15: (10-20), 21-28

Bold Moves

Sunday, August 23

Twelve Sunday after Pentecost

Ex 1:8-2:10 and Ps 124

Isa 51: 1-6, and PS 138

Rom 12: 1-8

Matt 16: 13-20

Be Transformed

Sunday, August 30

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ex 3: 1-15 and Ps 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45b

Jer 15: 15-21 and Ps 26: 1-8

Rom 12: 9-21

Matt 16: 21-28

Spirit-Led Living



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