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News from Pastor Ken



Summertime, Summertime! People are talking about vacations, 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 outside on the deck. With a couple cups of coffee or tea, of course.

Something about summer seems to 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.

I have found the challenge for me, and maybe for you, is to not rush through the relaxation. Just be present and enjoy. You know that long list of things you need to get done this summer. I have learned to 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.

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 church calendar.



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Upcoming Events

- June 3 Communion Sunday Discretionary Fund
- June 12 Council Meeting
- June 14 Flag Day
- June 17 -Communion Sunday Father's Day Father's Day Breakfast
- June 30 2nd Outdoor Movie Night

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, fellowship and outreach, meals, events, coffee hours, keeping the inside and outside of the property well cared for, bulletins and news letters 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.

It is nice to 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.

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

Take care and be well, Peace Ken

St. James Yard Sale

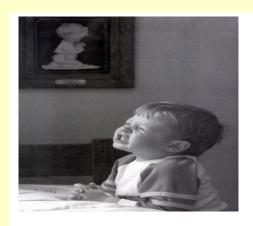
Clean out your ATTICS, GARAGES and BASEMENTS and make some money for yourself and help raise funds for St. James Roof Fund at the same time. St.



James will be hosting a Yard Sale on Saturday, July 28th from 9am to 3pm. You can purchase a table for your items at the low cost of \$10.00. You keep the profits from your table. You will be responsible for pricing, setting up, manning your table and taking away/donating any items not sold at end of day. We will be one of three Yard Sales in the area being advertised (Casco Twp. Hall and St. Paul's). We will also be

selling hotdogs, lemonade and water for hungry and thirsty shoppers. The last hour of the yard sale it will be fill a bag for \$2.00.

Prayers for....



George Karen Marie David Sue Deborah Scott Lynn Mimi Johnnie Dan Paul Rich Peggy Maraleen Marion Dale Roslynn Irene Joanne Clark Russell

Tony Baby Kennedy Claudette

Outreach Ministry

Kids in Distress

Current needs are as follows:

High chair, crib, twin sheets and spring and summer clothes for both boys and girls in all sizes.

St. Augustine Richmond Food Pantry

In need of... assorted jams and jellies, boxed potatoes, Hunts Manwich, pancake mix/syrup, instant oatmeal, Hamburger Helper and granola bars.

Blue Water Area Rescue Mission - B-WARM

B-WARM NEEDS

Cleaning supplies: Toilet bowl cleaner, bleach, laundry soap, dish washing detergent, bathroom cleansers.

Men's clothing: sweatshirts, coats, and jackets.

Paper supplies: paper towels, napkins, toilet tissue, kleenex.

Miscellaneous: deodorants, shaving cream, shampoo, disposable razors.

The Discretionary Fund June 3, 2018

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.

Happy Birthdays in June

- 3 Larry Bandlow
- 5 Doris Doss
- 10 Mike Lindke
- 10 Betty Robertson
- 11 Ian Riley
- 14 Dawn Kargula
- 21 Elise Lyszczyk
- 24 Joan Teltow
- 24 Bryce Bacheldor
- 30 Erin Riley



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.

Earthly Gifts

Our financial goal for May was \$5,750.00 but only received donations in the amount of \$3836.00. Please remember St. James when you are out of town of vacations or whatever since our financial obligations continue on.

Anniversaries in June

- 7 Carole & Al Bryant
- 7 Sue & Mark Tews
- 12 Dave & Lynn Robertson
- 25 Teri & Bob Wagner
- 28 Art & Cheryl Wagner
- 30 Shirley & Fred Teltow

Worship Ministry

Volunteers Needed Please sign-up

Please consider signing up for the ministries of Usher/Greeter, Liturgists and Altar Care. Sign-up sheets for each are provided in the basement.

Roof Collection

We are still looking for donations to repay the investment fund for funds used to reroof the church. Still needed is \$16,589.00. Any donation amount will help by placing your donation in your regular envelope marking it how much goes to the roof or use the small pew envelope marking it roof with your envelope number or name.



Happy Father's Day!!!

Fathers are wonderful people Too little understood, And we do not sing their praises As often as we should... But FATHERS are just wonderful In a million different ways, And they merit loving compliments And accolade of praise, For the only reason Dad aspires To fortune and success Is to make the family proud of him And to bring them HAPPINESS... And like our Heavenly Father, He's a quardian and a guide, Someone that we can count on To be aways on our side. Happy Fathers Day

Christmas Shoeboxes

We collect the below items for boys and girls from the age of 2 to 14 years old. Our goal is to fill 100 boxes by November 2018 without running out of items. May 2018 collection is TOYS, notebooks and socks (no small children socks). Items accepted anytime are: hat, gloves, socks, toys, school supplies (pens, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, small note books, glue, crayons), hygiene items (soap, washcloths, combs, toothbrushes, floss), headbands, barrettes and bows.

We have made 100 tote bags to be included in each shoebox this year. Thank you to all who contributed their time, material/cord or lunch items.

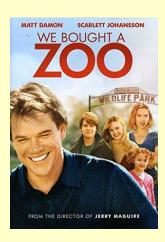
We can no longer provide toothpaste, toy guns or army men, paint sets and glue bottles.

If you are not a shopper, you can still donate to this worthy cause by providing a cash donation or monies to cover the \$9.00 mailing costs.

Movie Under the Stars

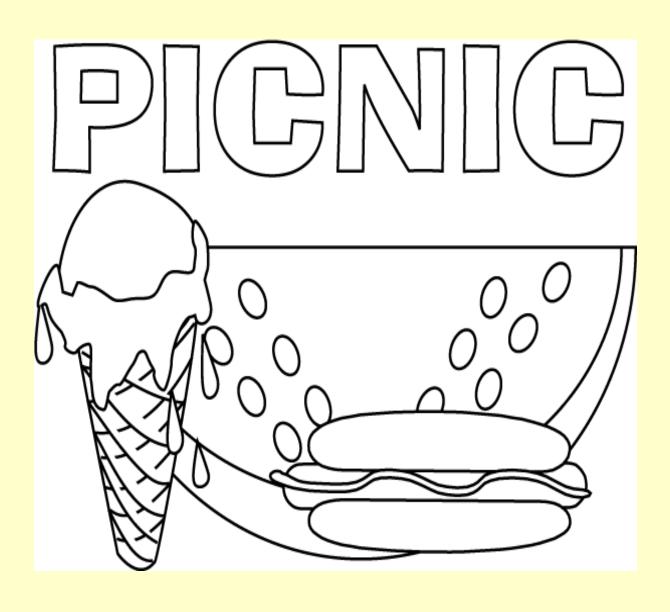
Come join us for Movie Night and fellowship under the stars. Refreshments will be sold and the free will donation are going to the Roof Fund.

"We Bought a Zoo"
Saturday, June 30, 2018
St. James UCC Church Grounds



Kid's Page

Coloring Page



Altar Care

June - John & Marilyn Beattie

Communion Servers

Preparer: Bev Kulman

Communion Servers: Bev Kulman &

Robin Meldrum

Ushers & Greeters

June 3 - Open June 10 - Open June 17 - Open June 24 - Open

Liturgists

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Scripture Readings for June

Sunday, June2

Nineth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sam 3: 1-10 (11-20) Ps 139: 1-6, 13-18 or

Deut 5: 12-15 Ps 81: 1-10 2 Cor 4: 5-12 Mk 2: 23 - 3: 6

Stretch Out Your Hand

Sunday, June 17

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sam 15: 34-16: 13

Ps 20 or

Ezek 17: 22-24 Ps 92: 1-4 or 2 Cor 5: 6-17 MK 3: 20-35 Flourshing Sunday, June 10

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sam 8: 4-11, (12-15), 16-20

Ps 138 or Gen 3: 8-`15 Ps 130

2 Cor 4: 13-5: 1 Mk 3: 20-35 The Will of God

Sunday, June 24

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sam 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49

Ps 9: 9-20 or Job 38: 1-11 Ps 107: 1-3, 23-32 2 Cor 6: 1-13

Mk 4: 35-417

In the Boat Together

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.



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