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News from Pastor Ken



Greetings to all. I hope you are enjoying the summer. Now that we have made our way through what seemed to be an endless spring of rain I am excited about this wonderful summer weather.

The gardens have exploded with all kinds of wonderful color and fragrances. I am excited about a couple new projects taking shape in my gardens as well. And as nature would have it, at least at my house the mosquitoes seem to be delighted with the weather as well. 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 and gratitude reflecting on 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 every new day can bring. 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 graduations, weddings, 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 in to 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 where ever 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 he would recognize us and remember we had stopped by to say hello.



Upcoming Events

- July 7 Communion Sunday9amDiscretionary Fund
- July 21 Communion Sunday -9am
- August 4 CommunionSunday 9amDiscretionary Fund
- August 11 St. John's Annual Picnic and Service 11am
- August 17 Movie Under the Stars 8pm
- August 18 Communion Sunday9am
- August 25 Outside Service 9am Annual Picnic

Pastor Ken Newsletter Continued

That funny little story still has me stopping by churches whenever I am on the road whether traveling for pleasure or for work.

For some of us this has been a difficult and challenging summer dealing with issues of health, money, loss or just life on life's terms. 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 (and 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

The Discretionary Fund July 7, 2019 & August 4, 2019

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.

Prayer List



Karen Marie Sue Rich Maraleen Clark Tonv Baby Charlee Trudy Amv Sharon Linda Russell Andy

George David Deborah Lynn Johnnie Peggy Joanne Claudette Lorene Dorothy Darrell Tom Wayne Henry

Outreach Ministry

Kids in Distress

Current needs are as follows:

Girls size 3 pants & shirts, Infant socks, Boys size 2T-3T underwear, Boys socks size 3-9, Girls size 2T-3T underwear, Girls socks size 6-10, Boys PJ's all sizes, Boys size 5 shirts, New nylon pants for boys & girls all sizes, baby wipes, shampoo & conditioner

To put in to perspective the impact KIDS has on the community, in 2018 they distributed... 4,611 baby outfits, 1,766 coats, 3,723 pairs of shoes, 9,605 socks, and underwear, 18,249 shirts and 14,417 pants.

KIDS also collect's overly worn with holes or stains and sells them to a recycle company. We the money they raise it allows them to purchase items that are needed and helps keep the washer and dryers running to do laundry for the children they serve.

St. Augustine Richmond Food **Pantry**

Current Needs: pancake mix, syrup, jams and jellies, and boxed potatoes, Manwich, jello, pudding, pork & beans

Blue Water Area Rescue Mission - B-WARM

B-WARM NEEDS

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

Paper products: paper towels, napkins, toilet

paper and kleenex

Men's clothing: sweatshirts and jackets. Hygiene Items: shaving cream, disposable

razors, deodorants, shampoo

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

Happy Birthdays in August

- 2 Colleen Stover
- 3 Kerry Bandlow
- 6 Kerin Uppleger
- 12 Teri Wagner
- 14 Dorothy Lomerson
- 16 Carole Bryant
- 19 Devon Klomp
- 22 Evan Lyszczyk
- 22 Jeremy Strunk
- 27 Marilyn Beattie

Worship Ministry

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

Anniversaries in July

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

Anniversaries in August

7 - Kerry & LeAnne Bandlow

Earthly Gifts

The contribution goal for June is \$5852.00. So far this month \$3348.00 has been donated and today is the last day for your June contribution. If you forgot your envelope or don't have one, just use the small envelope in the pew and put your name on it and put it in the offering or give it to Ralph downstairs in the office. Every donation is appreciated.

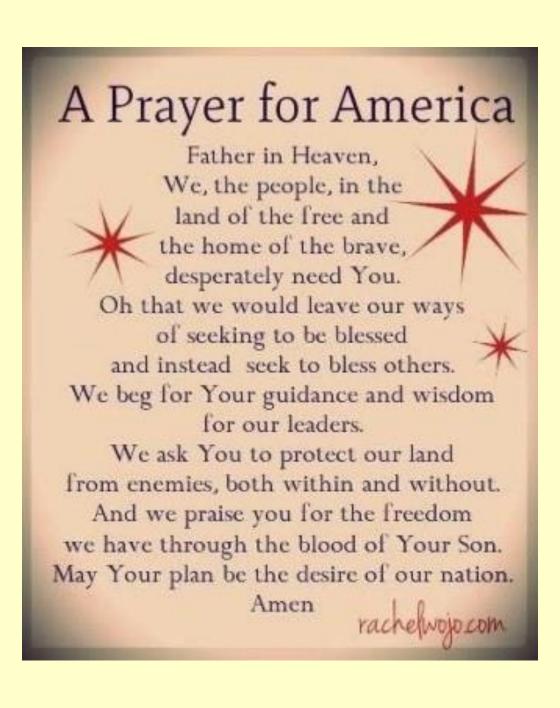
Roof Fund

TOTAL COST OF ROOF \$27,498.45
PAID BY MEMORIAL AND CEMETERY FUNDS \$2498.45
(THESE FUNDS HAVE BEEN REPAID).

FUNDS WITHDRAWN FROM THE WEDELL AND REID INVESTMENT FUND \$25000.00 TO REPAY BALANCE FUNDS ON HAND IN MEMORIAL FUND TO REPAY INVESTMENT FUND \$1760.00 AND AMOUNT PAID BACK TO INVESTMENT FUND \$8775.00. TOTAL \$10535.00. DONATIONS ON HAND TO BE DEPOSITED \$3274.17 (ON TEMP HOLD)

FUNDS NEEDED TO REPAY ROOF FUNDS USED FROM INVESTMENT FUND AS OF YESTERDAY 6/23/19 \$11,190.83. IF THERE ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE ABOVE PLEASE CONTACT RALPH

4th of July Poem



Christmas Tote Bags for Local Community Charities

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 11, 2019 without running out of items. July 2019 collection is for socks, washcloths and combs, dental floss Items accepted anytime are: hat, gloves, toys, school supplies (pens, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, small note books, glue, crayons), socks (All Men, Women and Children - all sizes), hygiene items such as: toothbrushes, toothpaste, headbands, barrettes and bows, soap, toys for ages 5-14 both boy and girl (we have plenty for 2-4-year-old) .

Ministry Needing Helpers!!!!!

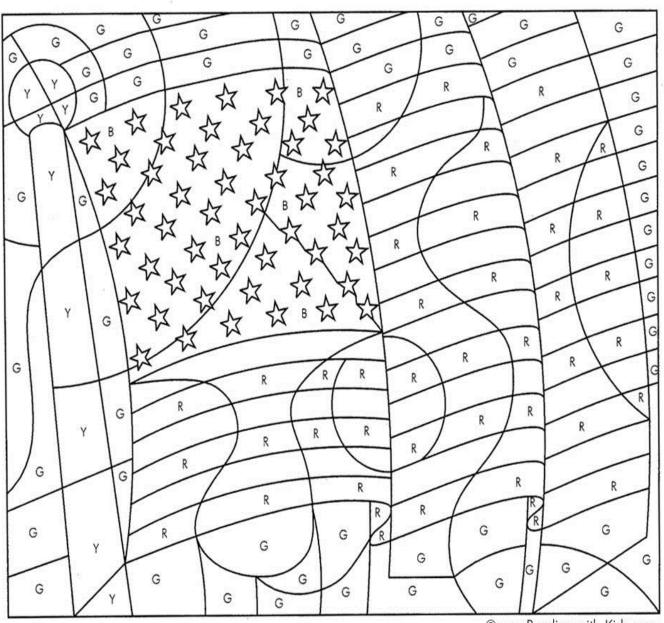
Members are needed to take the items received for donation to B-Warm, Kids-In-Distress and Richmond Food Pantry (St. Augustine). As you see the boxes/tubs getting full please feel free to help in this ministry by taking the items to the designated places. **Call first**, to make sure they are open for deliveries.

B-Warm	Kids-In-Distress	Richmond Food Pantry	
	Bev & Gordie Kulman		
1920 24th St	1114 S 7th St	St. Augustine	
Port Huron, MI 48060	St. Clair, MI 48079	68035 Main St	
<u>(810) 956-0768</u>	<u>(810) 326-4505</u>	Richmond, Mi 48062	
		<u>(586) 727-5215</u>	

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.

Kid's Page



B = Blue G = Green R = Red Y = Yellowwww.Reading-with-Kids.com

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Altar Care

July - Don & Betty Robertson August - Roberta & Ron Fisher

Ushers & Greeters

July 7 - Open July 14 - Open July 21 - Open July 28 - Open August 7 - Open August 14 - Open August 21 - Open August 28 - Open

Communion Servers

July Preparer: Mark Tews

Communion Servers: Mark Tews &

Roberta Fisher

August Preparer: Sherri Ingles

Communion Servers: Sherri Ingles &

Ralph Ski

Liturgists

July 7 - Open
July 14 - Open
July 21 - Open
July 28 - Open
August 7 - Open
August 14 - Open
August 21 - Open
August 28 - Open

Scrinture Readings for July

Sunday, July 7
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 5: 1-14

Ps 30 or Isa 66: 10-14 and Ps 66: 1-9

Gal 6: (1-6), 7-16 Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20 Surprising Prophets

Sunday, July 21

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 8: 1-12 and Ps 52 or Gen 18: 1-10a and Ps 15

Col 1: 15-28 Luke: 10: 38-42 Word and Work Sunday, July 14

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Amos 7: 7-17 and Ps 82 or Deut 30: 9-14 and Ps 25: 1-10

Col: 1: 1-14 Luke 10: 25-37 Caring Neighbors

Sunday, July 28

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Hos 1: 2-10 and Ps 85 or Gen 18: 20-32 and Ps 138

Col 2: 6-15, (16-19) Luke 11: 1-13 Shaped by Prayer

Scripture Readings for August

Sunday, August 4

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Hos 11: 1-11 and Ps 107: 1-9, 43 or

Eccl 1: 2, 12-14, 2:18-23 and Ps 49: 1-12

Col 3: 1-11 Luke 12: 13-21 Soul Investment

Sunday, August 18

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Isa 5: 1-7 and Ps 80: 1-2, 8-19 or

Jer 23: 23-29 and Ps 82

Heb 11: 29-12:2 Luke: 12: 49-56 **Restore Us** Sunday, August 11

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Isa 1: 10-20 and Ps 50: 1-8, 22-23 or

Gen 15: 1-6 and Ps 33: 12-22

Heb 11: 1-3, 8-16 Luke 12: 32-40

Living into the Promise

Sunday, August 25

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Jer 1: 4-10 and Ps 71: 1-6 or Isa 58: 9b-14 and Ps 103: 1-8

Heb 12" 18-29 Luke 13: 10-17 **Healing Reign**

St. John's Annual Picnic

St. John's would like to invite the St. James Congregation to our Annual Church Picnic on Sunday, August 11. Worship will be at 11am followed by a Picnic lunch. Hot dogs and buns, condiments, coffee and water will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. Following lunch there will be games and activities for all. More information and a sign-up sheet will be forthcoming. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, August 11!



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.

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