

St. James United Church of Christ

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Newsletter
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News from Pastor Ken



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As much as I love fall. I would just be willing to wait a couple more months before it gets here. That being said, over the past years September seems to allow us to enjoy the summer for a few extra weeks.

I catch myself ever month lately wondering what happened to the previous month or months. I still remember my folks saying (and I would roll my eyes at them), "The older you get, the faster time goes." Now that I am my folks, it is a little less funny.

Having said all of that, I hope you have all enjoyed your summer to the fullest, whether swimming in the lake, camping, visiting friends and family, 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 filled with 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 blend of both. It is in these times that I am so grateful that God is ever present in our lives, not just when I want God or I find myself desperately searching for God. The good news is that God is always here especially in those moments when it doesn't feel like it.

As we start to prepare for the fall, I anticipate that we will have an exciting season of change and growth in our church family. 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.

Upcoming Events

- ◆ September 1 - Communion Sunday 9am
Discretionary Fund
- ◆ September 10 - Council Meeting 7pm
- ◆ September 14 - Fun and Games night. Cost is \$5 per person or \$8 per family. Refreshments will be provided
- ◆ September 15 - Communion Sunday 9am
- ◆ September 21 - Euchre Resumes 6:30pm
- ◆ September 29 - Healing Service 9am
Sew Christmas Tote Bags after Service

I encourage you to share the good news of this faith community 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 family.

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

Take care and be well, Peace
Pastor Ken

The Discretionary Fund September 1, 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
Tony
Trudy
Amy
Sharon
Linda
Russell
Andy
Sue

George
David
Deborah
Lynn
Johnnie
Peggy
Joanne
Claudette
Dorothy
Tom
Wayne
Fred
Shirley

Outreach Ministry

Kids in Distress

Current needs are as follows:

Girls size 10-12 and 14-16 underwear, Girls socks size 6-10 and 10-4, Boys size 4-5 and 10-12 underwear, Boys socks 3-9, Infant socks Boys & Girls, Women's underwear size 5, 6, and 7 for teenage girls. Baby onesies 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, back to school treats

Blue Water Area Rescue Mission - B-WARM

B-WARM NEEDS

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

Paper napkins, toilet paper and Kleenex, trash bags small 7 large

Women's Shelter: PJ's of all sizes

Happy Birthdays in September

2- Patti Maedel
10 – Cheryl Wagner
13 – Lynnette Osterland
13 – Denise Szymanski
15 – Mark Tews
17 – Mike Callahan
23 – Stella Czenkus
23 – Audrey Teltow
30 – Matthew Kargula
30 – Elmer Uppleger
30 – Kris Dombrowski

Anniversaries in September

6 – Jerry & Kim Lindke
12 – Ralph & Barb Ski
26 – Jessie & Chad Teltow

Earthly Gifts

The contribution goal for August was \$5852.00 and with our good donations \$5266.00 was received. GOOD GOING!!!! The goal for September is once again \$5852.00 lets see if we can meet the goal. Once again, thanks to all.

Spiritual Ministry

Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 22nd.

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

Roof Fund

St. James is still looking for donations to repay the investment fund for the money it used to replace the roof. Any donation will be welcomed. Just indicate on your regular envelope or pew envelope the amount you want to give towards the repayment of the roof. Any amount will help with this repayment to the investment fund.

Worship Ministry

There are many opportunities to be part of the church service each Sunday by signing up for the one of the ministries; Usher/Greeter, Liturgists and Altar Care. Sign-up sheets for each are provided in the basement.

Autumn Poem By Thomas Hood



Once Upon an autumn day,
Colorful leaves began to fade
In the midst of a chilly, frosty air
As multitude of trees grew steadily bare.

Once upon an autumn day,
The whispering breeze was here to stay
Moving aimlessly through the countless trees
Scattering leaves with the greatest of ease.

Once upon an autumn day,
The leaves whirled freely in every way,
Until at last they came to rest
Finding a haven in which to nest.

Once upon an autumn day,
The trees were dormant, and the leaves lay
Waiting for the winter snow to fall
To quickly obscure them one and all.

Christmas Tote Bags for Local Community Charities

September 2019 collection is for pencil sharpeners, scissors, colored pencils, socks(Men, Women and Children – all sizes), **hats, scarfs.** Items accepted anytime are: gloves, toys, , hygiene items such as: toothbrushes, toothpaste, dental floss, washcloths, combs. headbands, barrettes and bows, toys for ages 5-14 both boy and girl (we have plenty for 2-4-year-old) . 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.

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

1920 24th St
Port Huron, MI 48060
[\(810\) 956-0768](tel:8109560768)

Kids-In-Distress

Bev & Gordie Kulman
1114 S 7th St
St. Clair, MI 48079
[\(810\) 326-4505](tel:8103264505)

Richmond Food Pantry

St. Augustine
68035 Main St
Richmond, Mi 48062
[\(586\) 727-5215](tel:5867275215)

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

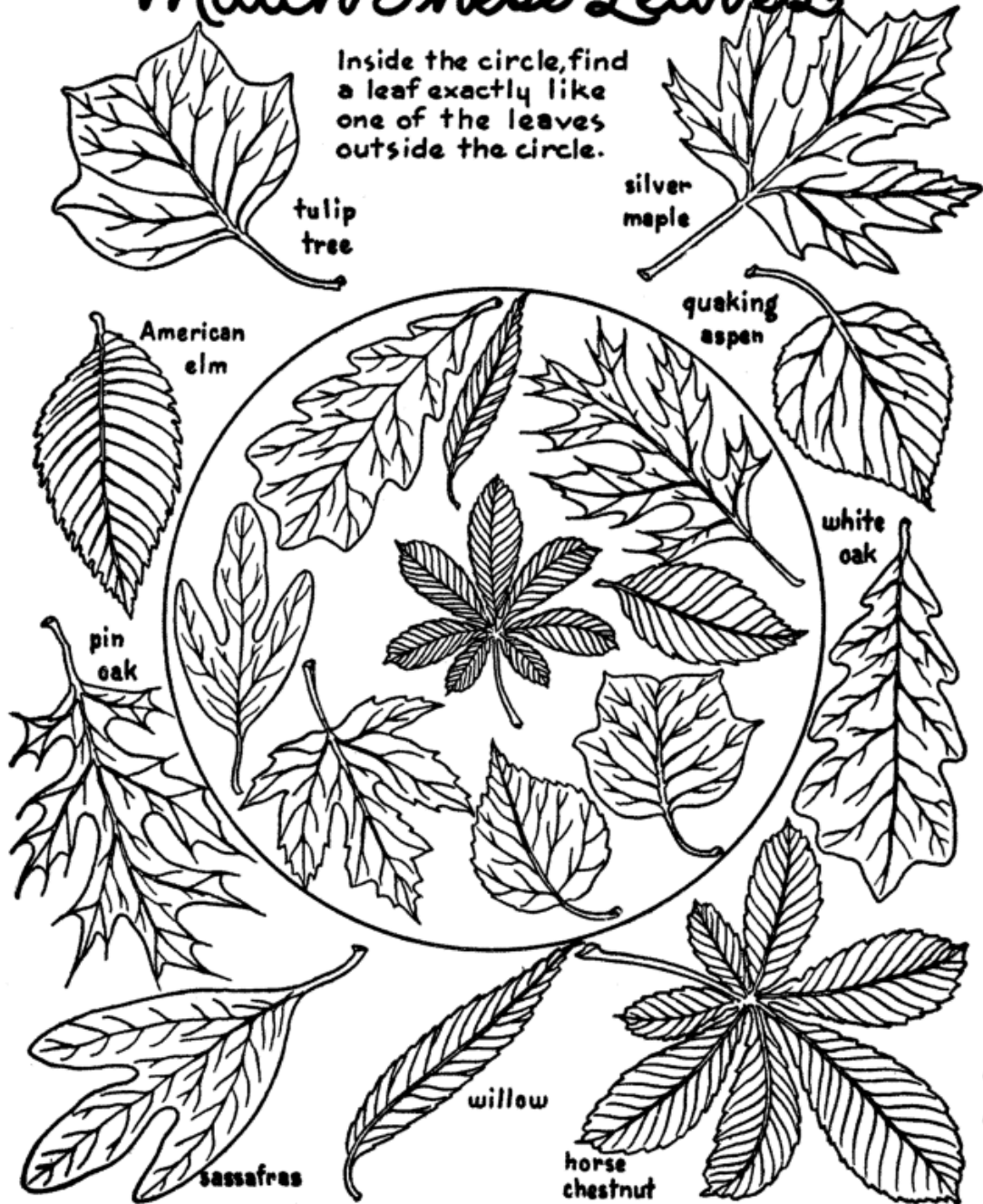
I will be including a list in the newsletter of our men and women in the military, to acknowledge those who serve and to pray for their safety. Please submit your love one's, family member or friend's name, rank and branch of service to Roberta Fisher to be placed on the list.

PFC Shane David Kinney Army Airborne

Kid's Page

Match These Leaves

Inside the circle, find a leaf exactly like one of the leaves outside the circle.



Altar Care

September - Ron & Roberta Fisher

Communion Servers

September Preparer: Shelley Kargula
Communion Servers: Shelley Kargula
& Robin Meldrum

Ushers & Greeters

September 1 - Open
September 8 - Open
September 15 - Open
September 22 - Open
September 29 - Open

Liturgists

September 1 - Open
September 8 - Open
September 15 - Open
September 22 - Open
September 29 - Open

Scripture Readings for September

Sunday, September 1

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Jer 2: 4-13 and Ps 81: 10-16 or
Sirach 10: 12-18 or Prov 25: 6-7 and Ps 112
Heb 13: 1-8, 15-16
Luke 14: 1, 7-14
Open Table

Sunday, September 15

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Jer 4: 11-12, 22-28 and Ps 14 or
Ex 32: 7-14 and Ps 51: 1-10
1 Tim 1: 12-17
Luke: 15: 1-10
Growing in God's Love

Sunday, September 8

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Jer 181:1-11 and Ps 139:1-6,13-18
or Deut 30: 15-20 and Ps 1
Philem 1: 1-21
Luke 14: 25-33
A New Identity

Sunday, September 22

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Jer 8: 18-9, and Ps 79: 1-9 or
Amos 8: 4-7, and Ps 113
1 Tim 2: 1-7
Luke 16: 1-13
Prayerful Living

Sunday, September 29

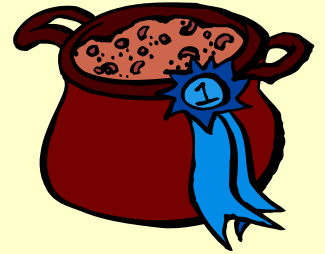
Jer 32: 1-3a, 6-15 and PS 91: 1-6, 14-16 or
Amos 6: 1a, 4-7, and Ps 146
1 Tim 6: 6-19
Luke 16: 19-31
Surprising Investment

St. James U.C.C. Annual Chili Cook-Off



Sunday, October 20, 2019

Perch Point Conservation Club
7930 Meisner Road, Casco
4:00PM



Anyone may enter their chili for judging!

Raffle Prizes: Handmade Quilt
Wood Bench & Table

Price

Adults \$10.00

Children 12 and under Free will offering

(Includes: Chili, hot dogs, chips, drink and dessert)

Fun for Everyone

Lucky Draw Auction
Bake Sale



Dinner and Raffle tickets available at 586-719-5314.
Reserved seating suggested. Limited capacity.





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