

# St. James United Church of Christ

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## News from Pastor Ken



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Well, we are off to a strange start to summer which seems par for the year so far. I will share with you though that I have had the opportunity to have some deep conversations with some folks about life's priorities and things that we are grateful for.

People are talking about trying to fit in or reschedule vacations, weddings, family reunions, and fun on the water. I know that for many this has been a challenging spring and now summer. Disappointments about graduation activities. Too much time cooped up, whether with family or alone. Not enough to do or places to go and not enough money to do it with.

The key for me in these situations has always been acceptance. There is only so much you have control over. I can control my attitude, and the way I react to things. Getting ourselves all worked up over things we cannot control or over things that have not even happened, simply ruins our ability to stay in and enjoy the moment. Give ourselves permission to take a deep breath, smell the roses (literally and figuratively) and give our minds, bodies and spirits a much-needed moment to simply be. Maybe even plan a day trip, go for a walk, or bike ride, learn and play a board game sitting on the deck, sit lazily under a tree and read, or simply enjoy time with family and friends.

Maybe just enjoy finally having morning prayers and meditation outside on the deck, with a couple cups of coffee, of course.

At the same time the gardens are bursting, the birds are chirping, and some folks even seem just a little happier. Must be the sunshine and the fact that we are ever so slowly finding our way out of the house.

## Pastor Ken Newsletter Continued

I have found the challenge for me, and maybe for you, is to not rush through the relaxation and down time. 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.

Use this Summer down time as a time of regeneration, discovery, and of transformation. Life certainly seems to be full of interesting journeys, doesn't it? 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. 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 newsletters 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 is back open for Sunday Services as of Sunday, May 31 at 9am. Live streaming will still be happening, but at 11am. from St. John's Facebook page.**



### Prayer List ....

Maraleen  
Sharon  
Linda  
Andy  
Wayne I.  
Carole  
Karleen  
Karen  
Colleen

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

## Outreach Ministry

### Kids in Distress

**Current needs** are as follows:

Currently closed at this time. Will check back once the state has stopped restrictions on being open.

### 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.**

### 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

## Happy Birthdays in June

2 – Larry Bandlow  
5 – Doris Doss  
7 - Wayne Ingles  
10 – Mike Lindke  
10 – Betty Robertson  
11 – Ian Riley  
21 – Elise Lyszczyk  
24 - Joan Teltow  
30 – Erin Riley

### Spiritual Ministry

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

### The Discretionary Fund June 7, 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.

## Anniversaries in June

7 –Carole & Al Bryant  
7 – Sue & Mark Tews  
9 - Amy & Trevor Friedeberg  
12 – Dave & Lynn Robertson  
25 – Teri & Bob Wagner  
28 – Art & Cheryl Wagner

## Earthy Gifts

The goal each month is \$5852.00. The roof for the parsonage was \$6500.00 so \$10,000.00 was requested from our Investment Fund to cover this expense and cover the shortage for normal expenses. In this critical time we are in, please still remember St. James to the lights on.

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.

### 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





## Christmas Tote Bags for Local Community Charities

**June 2020 collection is for toys, 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.**

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!!!**

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### 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.

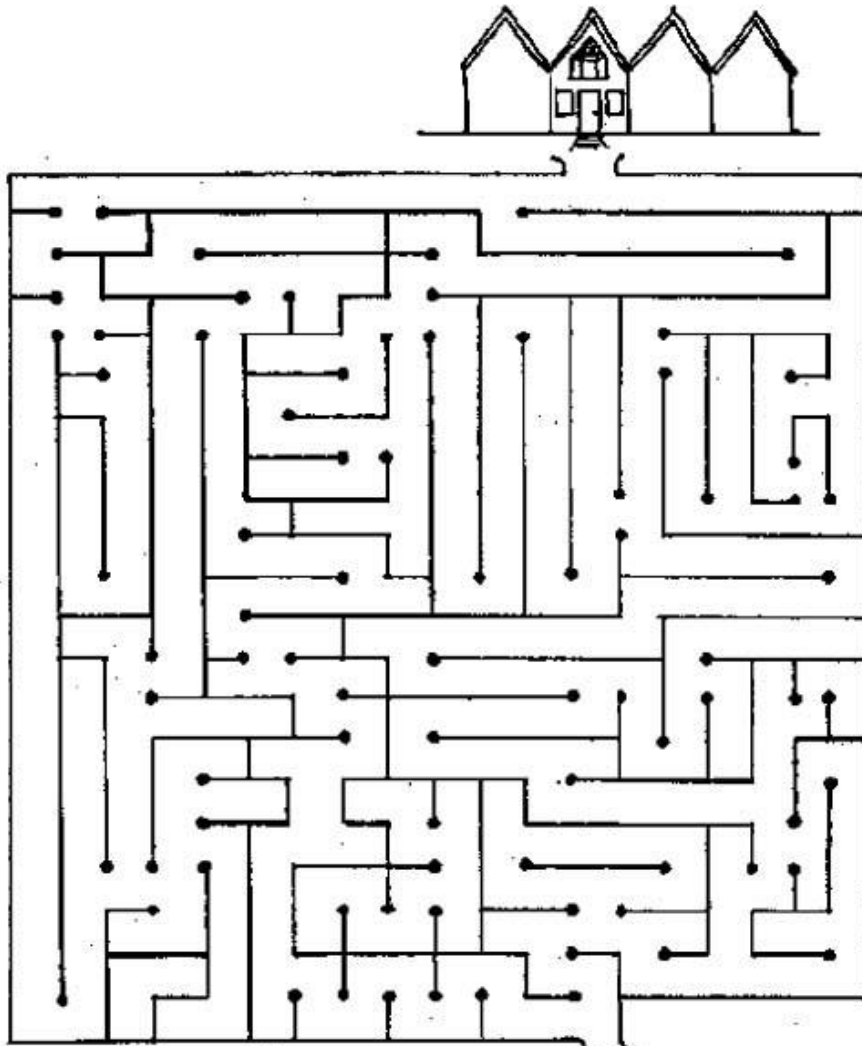


### **Military Prayer List**

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



There are two ways  
from the park to home.  
Can you find both?

## Scripture Readings for June

**Sunday, June 7**

**Trinity Sunday**

Gen 1: 1-2; 4a

Ps 8

2 Cor 13: 11-13

Matt 28: 16-20

**This is Good**

**Sunday, June 14**

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Gen 16: 1-15, (21: 1-7) and Ps 116: 1-2,  
12-19 or Ex 19: 2-8a

Ps 5: 1-8

Rom 5: 1-8

Matt 9: 35-10:8 (9-23)

**Sarah Laughed**

**Sunday, June 21**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

Gen 21: 8-21 and Ps 85: 1-10, 16-17 or

Jer 20: 7-13 and Ps 69: 7-10, (11-15), 16-18

Rom 6: 1b-111

Matt 10: 24-39

**Daring Discipleship**

**Sunday, June 28**

**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

Gen 22: 1-14 and Ps 13 or

Jer 28: 5-9 and Ps 89: 1-4, 15-18

Rom 6: 12-33

Matt 10: 40-42

**Holy Welcome**





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