

# St. James United Church of Christ

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## News from Pastor Ken



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Greetings to all.

I hope that you have all been taking time to enjoy this beautiful summer. We have had some hot days, rainy days, and in between days. A little bit of everything for everybody.

I am glad to see that family and friends are gathering and sharing time together. This time of isolation has been difficult for many, so it is good to get reconnected on a personal level. .

As I look around, I am delighted to see the gardens have exploded with all kinds of wonderful color and fragrances. I am happy about the new activity and helping hands taking part in growing and developing the gardens. I am thrilled that summer is here and what seemed like a long winter is behind us. It is a glorious summer.

Personally, 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 into a local church and say hello and share with them about your home church and how God has touched your life.



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## Pastor Ken Newsletter Continued

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, he would recognize us and remember we had stopped by to say hello. That funny little story still has me smiling and stopping by churches whenever I am on the road whether traveling for pleasure or for business.

For some of us this has been a difficult and challenging summer dealing with issues of health, money, loss, this crazy world of ours, or just life on life's terms. Perhaps even to the point of challenging 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 am related to) and the occasional encounter with a stranger that God sends along to deliver a message. I genuinely 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 take time and 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

## Prayer List ....

Prayers for ..... Claudette, Barb, Ralph, Wayne, Danielle, Keith, Karen, Ryan, Judy, Sue, Dan, Laurant, Bradley, Lorraine, Trudy, Carolyn, Ken, Sharon, James, Families of St. John & St. James



## Outreach Ministry

### Helping Hands

**Current Needs:** Canned soup and tuna, fruit and veggies

Not accepting books and furniture currently.

**No expired or opened boxes of food accepted.**

### Kids in Distress

**Current needs** are as follows:

Infant hygiene items like shampoo and body wash, boys and girls Size 5 summer clothes. boys and girls summer PJ's, shoes are always needed.

**\*\*Live streaming of Sunday Services will continue at 9:00am on the St. James Facebook page and at 11:00am on St. Johns Facebook page. Both will be available by video once live streaming is completed.\*\***

### Facebook

Please follow St. James on Facebook. New postings, events and Sunday Services are posted on a daily or weekly basis.

### Weekly Emails of Encouragement and Enlightenment

Please sign-up for our weekly emails provided by Pastor Ken. Provide your email address to Pastor Ken at [kgadd@ourstjameschurch.org](mailto:kgadd@ourstjameschurch.org)

## Birthdays in July

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

## Birthdays in August

8/2 Colleen Stover  
8/3 Kerry Bandlow  
8/4 Sherrie Ingles  
8/6 Kerin Uppleger  
8/9 Kelly Marie Pauley  
8/12 Teri Wagner  
8/14 Dorothy Lomerson  
8/19 Devon Klomp-Mao  
8/22 Evan Lyszczyk  
8/27 Marilyn Beattie  
8/27 Richie Mao  
8/28 Terry Edward Pauley

## The Discretionary Fund July 3<sup>rd</sup> & August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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 July

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

## Anniversaries in August

8/7 LeAnne & Kerry Bandlow  
8/25 Devon & Richie Mao

## Earthly Gifts

Our monthly goal for contributions for June was \$5,877.25, received was \$3,731.00 in regular donations and a total of \$264.33 from Fox-Fire Fixin Fundraiser Dinner with an additional \$40.00 free will offerings for a grand total of \$304.33. If you desire church envelopes because you never requested any or lost yours, please leave a message on the church phone 586-727-1623 or send an email to [www.ourstjameschurch.org](http://www.ourstjameschurch.org) with your name and address so envelopes can be sent usually within a week.

## Spiritual Ministry

Sunday School is not in session until fall. Please feel free to bring your children to church and partake in the weekly Sunday School classes. Please contact Sue Tews if you are interested in helping with Sunday school.

## 50/50 Raffle Tickets

The winner of the second quarter drawing was Kelly Pauley. Tickets are now available for sale for the third quarter of 2022. The price per ticket is \$5.00 (purchase as many as you want and as often as you like) and the drawing will be on **September 25<sup>th</sup>** at 10am, after service. A total of 200 tickets can be sold for a payout of \$500.00 if all tickets are sold. Please see Roberta Fisher if you wish to purchase or sell tickets.

## Summer Poem

# Midsummer's Eve



Where are you going, summer breeze?  
Off beyond the fields and trees.

What do you see when you blow that way?  
Children jumping from bales of hay.

What do you hear as you travel the land?  
People dancing to an outdoor band.

What do you smell as you rush about?  
The perfume of blossoms bursting out.

What do you taste as you soar up high?  
Fresh corn on the cob and apple pie.

What do you feel as you climb to great heights?  
The heat of the day and the warmth of the nights.

What do you wish for as you leave?  
Let all folks enjoy this midsummer's eve



## Christmas Tote Bags for Local Community Charities

The items accepted anytime: hygiene items such as: school supplies (colored pencils, colored markers, erasers, pencil sharpeners, crayons, scissors, rulers) toothpaste, washcloths, headbands, barrettes and bows, and socks (small sizes – boys & girls), washcloths, floss, and toothpaste and toys. We collect the below items for boys and girls from the age of 2 to 14 years old. We filled 116 tote bags this year for the below organizations. Thank you all for the giving of items, your time, material and for delivering the bags.

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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.

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

Due to the circumstances right now, we will no longer be taking in actual bottle and cans. We are collecting cash donations from empty and clean bottles and cans you return to the store yourself that have a deposit on them to support our Christian Education Program.

Please bring the cash or a check to church. You may give Roberta Fisher or Ralph Ski the funds to give Betty Robertson. If you are unable to take them back, we will still take them at church for donation. Place them downstairs in the storeroom.



### 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.

# Kid's Page

## Summer Time

1. Parrot 2. Watermelon 3. Whale  
4. Bird 5. Palm 6. Airplane 7. Sunscreen  
8. Cocktail 9. Skydiving 10. Sun





## July Activities

Sunday, July 3 – Sunday Service with Holy Communion – 9am.  
Discretionary Fund Collection

Tuesday, July 12 – Council Meeting – 7pm

Saturday July 16 – Euchre at 6:30pm at St. James

Sunday, July 17 – Sunday Service with Holy Communion – 9am

Thursday, July 21 – Blood Drive at St. Johns – 1pm to 7pm,

Sunday, July 31 – Sunday Service with Healing – 9am.

## August Activities

Sunday, August 7 – Sunday Service with Holy Communion – 9am.  
Discretionary Fund Collection

Tuesday, August 9 – Council Meeting – 7pm

Saturday August 20 – Euchre at 6:30pm at St. James

Sunday, August 21 – Sunday Service with Holy Communion – 9am

## Fundraising Dinner – Murphy Inn

Take yourself, family or friends to dinner and help out St. James at the same time. St. James will be hosting a fundraiser dinner at Murphy Inn from 4:00pm – to 7:00pm on **Wednesday, September 14th**. The restaurant is located at **505 Clinton Ave, St Clair, MI 48079**. They have a large variety of dinner selections along with alcohol available if you would like a beverage with your dinner. Just let them know you are with St. James U.C.C. and St. James will receive 20% of the total proceeds from the dinners and alcohol served between 4-7pm.



## Scripture Readings for July

**Sunday, July 3**

**Fourth Sunday After Pentecost**

2 Kings 5:1-14 and Ps 30

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 17**

**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

Amos 8: 1-12 and Ps 52

Gen 18: 1-10a and Ps 15

Col 1: 15-28

Luke 10: 38-42

**Word and Work**

**Sunday, July 10**

**Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

Amos 7: 7-17 and Ps 82

Deut 30: 9-14 and Ps 25: 1-10

Col 1: 1-14

Luke 10: 25-37

**Caring Neighbors**

**Sunday, July 24**

**Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

Hos 1<sup>st</sup> 2-10 and Ps 85

Gen 18: 20-32 and Ps 138

Col 2: 6-15, (16-19)

Luke 11: 1-13

**Shaped by Prayer**

**Sunday, July 31**

**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

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

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

Col 3: 1-11

Luke 12: 13-21

**Soul Investment**

## Scripture Readings for August

**Sunday, August 7**

**Ninth Sunday After Pentecost**

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

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

Heb 1: 1=3, 8-16

Luke 12: 32-40

**Living into the Promise**

**Sunday, August 21**

**Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost**

Jer 1: 4-10 and 71: 1-6

Isa 58: 9b-14 and Ps 103: 1-8

Heb 12: 18-29

Luke 13: 10-17

**Healing Reign**

**Sunday, August 14**

**Tenth Sunday After Pentecost**

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

Jer 23: 23-29 and Ps 82

Heb 11: 29-12;2

Luke 12: 49-56

**Restore Us**

**Sunday, August 28**

**Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost**

Jer 2: 4-13 and Ps 81: 1, 10-16

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**



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