

St. Johns United Church of Christ

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News from Pastor Ken



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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.



Pastor Ken Newsletter Continued

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 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

Happy Birthdays in June

6/6 Lynn Reh
6/8 Bill Galvin
6/17 Bob Fritz
6/24 Molly Grace Galvin

Happy Anniversary's in June

6/6 Harvey & Lynn Reh
6/22 Patrick & Katie Phelan

Worship Ministry

Volunteers Needed Please sign-up

Please consider signing up for the ministries of Usher/Greeter, Liturgists and Altar Care.



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 be placed on the list.

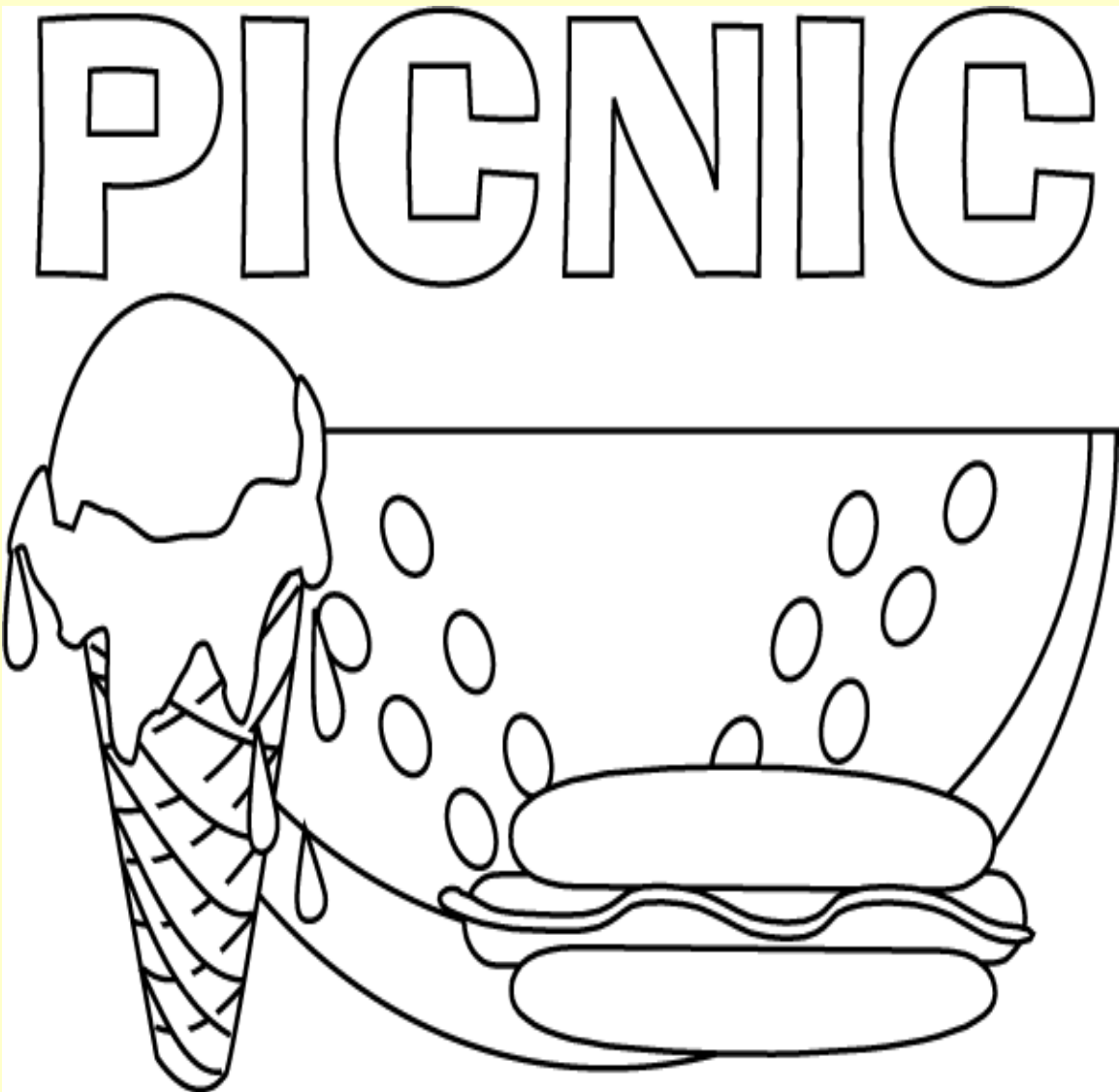
Josh Bieske
Staff Sgt.
US Air Force

Prayers For

Cindy	Eric
Michelle	Miriam
Beth	Tricia
Tamara	Linda S.
Ben H.	Lisa
Diane	Becky
Stephen	Nick L.
Carla	Jake & Family
Tim & Family	Barb
Helen	Alana
Amy J.	Jen V.
Lauren	Marie N.
John	Bob J.
Marge	Joy L.
Bill	Jim
Ida	Alma
Lori	Charlie
Kathy	Buddy
Lois	Jean
Catherine	Brink & Baby
Mark R.	Addy-Jean
Mike M.	Peggy
Family of Holly	Pat
Claudette	St. James
Children of the World	
St. John	

Kid's Page

Coloring Page





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 **guardian** and a guide,
Someone that we can count on
To be **always** on our side.

Happy Fathers Day

June Activities

Saturday, June 2 - 9:00 am - All Church Clean Up.

Sunday, June 3 - 11:00 am - Morning Worship Service with Holy Communion
Coffee Hour following Worship.

Monday, June 4 - 2:30 pm - God's Grace Through Prayer meets in the
Fellowship Room.

Tuesday, June 5 - 12 Noon - Mary Martha Guild Annual Picnic at the home of
Lois and Don Weichert. Please let Lois know if
you'll be coming and what you will be bringing as a
dish to pass. Hot dogs, buns, condiments and
beverages will be provided.

Sunday, June 10 - 11 am - Morning Worship

Monday, June 11 - 2:30 pm - God's Grace Through Prayer meets in the
Fellowship Room.
6:30 pm - Council meets

Sunday, June 17 - 11 am - Father's Day
Morning Worship with Holy Communion

Monday, June 18 - 2:30 pm - God's Grace Through Prayer meets in the
Fellowship Room.

Saturday, June 23 - 9 am - All Church Clean Up, if needed.

Sunday, June 24 - 11 am - Morning Worship

Monday, June 25 - 2:30 pm - God's Grace Through Prayer meets in the
Fellowship Room.

Saturday, June 30 - 8:00pm Movie Under the Stars - "We Bought a Zoo"
Movie starts at dusk. Concession stand is open
before and during the showing of the movie. Free
Will donation for the movie to benefit our roof fund.

Additional Activities

Pantry Box

God's Grace Through Prayer, our St. John's Prayer Group, is sponsoring a Pantry Box. The box is located in the Fellowship Room. We are accepting any non-perishable items. These will be donated to the Downriver Helping Hands and other organizations in the area. Please help support those in need in our Community. Thank you!

Special Dreams Farm

We will be doing community service with Special Dreams Farm. Special Dreams Farm, located on Fred Moore Hwy. in St. Clair Township is a real working farm for adults with developmental disabilities. We will be collecting paper products, such as paper towels, napkins, paper plates, toilet paper, Kleenex tissues, plastic silverware to be delivered to the farm. Look for the box in the Fellowship Room marked for Special Dreams Farm Donations. We will be accepting cash donations, as well.

The Farm has a store which is open to the public to purchase home grown products (flowers, fruits, vegetables, eggs) and crafts made by the farm workers. If you're in the area, stop by and visit. You'll be surprised at what's happening at Special Dreams Farm.

Church Clean-up

Saturday, June 2 at 9:00 am we will be meeting to do an All Church Clean-Up. This will be for both the outside and inside of the church. There will also be a Pot Luck Lunch. Please sign up if you are able to work and will be bringing a dish to pass for lunch. June 23rd will be our second Saturday Clean-Up, if needed.

Annual Church Picnic

Sunday, July 8, will be our Annual All Church Picnic. Watch for further details in our Sunday Bulletin. There's a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Room, if you will be attending and what dish you will be bringing. Hot dogs, buns and beverages will be provided.

Reports and Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Treasurers Report for April, 2018

Beginning Cash Balance	\$86,572.28
Receipts	\$7,956.47
Expenses	\$4,622.55
Ending Cash Balance	\$89,906.20

Savings Account	\$57,425.58
Savings Account Flagstar	\$33,734.38
Checking Account	\$7,199.00
Total	\$98,358.96

Expenses from Fah's Savings	\$8,452.76
Total	\$89,906.20

St John's CD	\$8,753.27
Fah's Endowment Savings	\$2,369.11
Total	\$11,122.38

Respectfully Submitted,
Dorothy Schultz
Treasurer

St. John's United Church of Christ
Council Meeting
April 9, 2018

Present: Kurt Schultz, Dorothy Schultz, Loretta Prange, Lynn Reh, Miriam Guyor, Carolyn Hosford, Lynn Andrews, Georgia Phelan, Denise Beattie, Rev. Ken Gadd

Call to order at 6:45 p.m. Opening prayer by Rev. Gadd

- I. Minutes of the March 12, 2018 meeting presented by Miriam. Motion by Dorothy, second by Loretta to accept minutes as presented. Carried.
- II. Reports
 - A. Treasurer's Report presented by Dorothy. Motion by Lynn Reh to accept report as presented. Second by Miriam. Carried.
 - B. Financial Secretary's Report presented by Loretta. Motion by Georgia to accept report as presented. Second by Lynn. Carried.
 - C. Mary Martha Guild
 1. At the April meeting to be held this coming Thursday, the Guild will welcome the Program Director from Special Dreams Farm at 1:30 to explain how we can do outreach there through volunteer service. It was noted that St. James may be interested in partnering with us.

2. The Rummage Sale set up will begin after service on April 29. The sale will be held May 3 - 5.
3. The Guild will soon have a pantry box for donations to Helping Hands or other organizations with an interest in receiving donations.

D. Sunday School

1. Lynn Reh and Rev. Gadd will be coordinating Confirmation which will be held on May 20.
2. The last Sunday School classes before the summer break will be held on May 13.

E. Pastor's Report

1. Holy Week was very busy, and many enjoyed our Lenten Studies and Services and the coming together of St. John's and St. James for these services.
2. Entrepreneurial Trainings previously discussed: Rev. Gadd would like to offer a short session for both St. John's and St. James' members and families to initiate the program before doing a wider offering. Council is in favor of proceeding. Rev. Gadd will put it together and we will begin offer it after the Rummage Sale, probably on a Monday evening.

F. Building and Grounds

1. Don Weichert has submitted what he feels may be priority projects for this spring and summer. Council reviewed these and feel the highest priorities should be needed work on the soffit, gutters and the threshold and quotes will be obtained for this work. Some painting/varnish projects could be done ourselves, and Kurt has offered to strip and seal the floors.
Another priority Council would like to address soon is an upgrade to brighter lighting in the Sanctuary through the use of LED lighting. Don's input on our building and grounds needs is very much appreciated.

III. Unfinished Business. None at this time.

IV. New Business

- A. Our old Bunn coffee maker leaks and can't be donated in its present condition so it will be disposed of.
- B. It was discussed at our last meeting of the possibility for the Washington Life Center using our facilities in case an emergency shelter is needed. Council agrees this is a good idea and Kurt will inform them of our decision. Kurt has also found a reasonably priced locking key box to provide them access if necessary.
- C. The printer/copier is having issues. Lynn Andrews made the motion to have the copier serviced. Second by Georgia and carried.
Lynn Reh made the motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Second by Denise, carried.
Closing prayer by Rev. Gadd

Submitted by Miriam Guyor, Secretary

Newest St. John's Members

On Sunday, May 20, St. John's received into membership, by rite of Confirmation, our two newest members, Jacob Hincherrick and Emma Forest. Both Jake and Emma were baptized as infants at St. John's and attended Sunday school here, as well. They are both completing 8th grade this year at Marine City Middle School. Both are members of the Junior National Honor Society. Jake likes to play football and track. Emma's interests include, softball, basketball and spending time with her new horse. Jake is the son of Mark and Megan Hincherrick, grandson of Bill and Mary Galvin and great grandson of Peg Galvin. Emma is the daughter of Aaron and Lisa Forest and granddaughter of Tom and Pat Kaufman. Congratulations Emma and Jacob. May God richly bless you throughout your lives!



Scripture Reading for June 2018

Sunday, June 2

Ninth 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

Flourishing

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: 35-41

In the Boat Together

Let's Recycle

Watch for the new blue recycling bins at St. John's! We will be recycling paper (weekly service programs included) and other paper.

Look for that bin near the doors to the Sanctuary. We'll also be recycling plastic, like water bottles and plastic cups. That bin will be near the coffee station. Let's tread lightly on God's earth- help us go green at St. John's and recycle your paper and plastic!

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