

St. Johns United Church of Christ

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News from Pastor Ken



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Greetings to all. I hope you are enjoying the summer. So far it has been just wonderful.

The gardens have exploded with all kinds of wonderful color and fragrances. I am thrilled that summer is here, and the long winter has past. It is a glorious summer.

As we reach the half way point in the year and July starts the back half, I am reminded to embrace each new day with all the opportunities, challenges and times of profound spiritual enlightenment that a new day brings. As one journey ends a new and exciting one begins. July is for me a rich time of reflection, gratitude and honoring times of major transformation in my life.

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 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, where ever you go, to stop in 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.



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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 stopping by churches whenever I am on the road.

Unfortunately, for some of us this has been a difficult and challenging summer. 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 (as I like to say, some I'm related too) 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

Happy Birthdays in July

7/1 Karen Jolicoeur
7/1 Tom Fisher
7/1 Norma Bassett
7/1 Katie Phelan
7/1 Noah Phelan
7/5 Aaron Forest
7/6 Cole Forest
7/7 Eliot Buckingham
7/7 Marilee Schultz
7/18 Bea Gubanche
7/25 Easton Buckingham
7/30 Doug Beattie

Happy Anniversary's in July

7/8 Dorothy & Kurt Schultz
7/27 Mary & Bill Gavin

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.

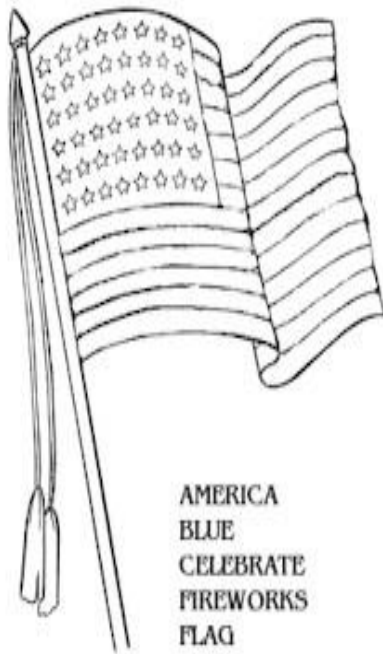
Josh Bieske
Staff Sgt.
US Air Force

Prayers For

Betty D.	Harvey
Robin Y.	Janet B.
Tamara	Tricia
Carolyn	Galvin Family
Mike	Mary
Ben H.	Jim M.
Alana	Lynn
Bill K.	Ann
David	Stacey
Ginny	Joan
Claudette	Carrie
World Peace	St. James
St. Johns	Children of the
Joy	World
Pat	Ed
Addy Jean	Gordie
Don & Lois	Lauren
Gary	Steve
MaryAnn	

Kid's Page

Find the hidden words



4th of July

- AMERICA
- BLUE
- CELEBRATE
- FIREWORKS
- FLAG
- FOURTH
- FREEDOM
- HOLIDAY
- INDEPENDENCE
- JULY
- PARADE
- PICNIC
- RED
- STARS
- STRIPES
- SUMMER
- UNITED
- WHITE

Q F V S J S F A C O F E K S Y
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A Prayer for America

Father in Heaven,
We, the people, in the
land of the free and
the home of the brave,
desperately need You.



Oh that we would leave our ways
of seeking to be blessed
and instead seek to bless others.



We beg for Your guidance and wisdom
for our leaders.

We ask You to protect our land
from enemies, both within and without.

And we praise you for the freedom
we have through the blood of Your Son.
May Your plan be the desire of our nation.

Amen

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July Activities

Sunday, July 1 - 11:00 am - Morning Worship Service with Holy Communion
Coffee Hour following Worship.

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

Sunday, July 8 - 11 am - All Church Picnic. Worship at 11 am followed by
lunch. Bring a dish to pass. Hot dogs and all of the
trimmings and beverages will be provided.
Sign-up sheets are in the Fellowship Room.

Monday, July 9 - 2:30 pm - God's Grace Through Prayer meets in the
Fellowship Room.

Sunday, July 15 - 11 am - Morning Worship with Holy Communion

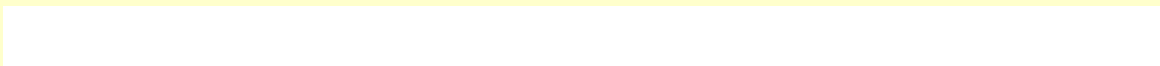
Monday, June 16 - 2:30 pm - God's Grace Through Prayer meets in the
Fellowship Room.

Sunday, July 22 - 11 am - Morning Worship

Monday, July 23 - 2:30 pm - God's Grace Through Prayer meets in the
Fellowship Room.

Sunday, July 29 - 11 am - Morning Worship. Healing Service at the end of
Worship.

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



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.

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

Cash on Hand		
Savings Account	-	\$ 57,430.30
Savings Account Flagstar	-	33,737.25
Checking Account.	-	<u>7,029.95</u>
Total	-	\$ 98,197.50
CD Account	-	\$ 8,753.27
Fah Savings	-	<u>2,369.21</u>
		\$ 11,122.48
Total Cash on Hand.	-	\$109,319.98

Respectfully Submitted,
Dorothy Schultz
Treasurer

St. John's United Church of Christ
Council Meeting
May 14, 2018

Present: Kurt Schultz, Dorothy Schultz, Loretta Prange, Miriam Guyor, Rev. Ken Gadd

Absent: Lynn Andrews, Lynn Reh, Georgia Phelan, Denise Beattie, Carolyn Hosford

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

- I. Minutes of the April 9, 2018 meeting presented by Miriam. Motion by Dorothy to accept minutes as presented. Second by Loretta. Carried.
- II. Reports
 - A. Treasurer's Report presented by Dorothy. Motion by Miriam to accept report as presented. Second by Loretta. Carried.
 - B. Financial Secretary's Report presented by Loretta. Motion by Dorothy to accept report as presented. Second by Miriam. Carried.
 - C. Mary Martha Guild. Loretta reported on the visit to Special Dreams Farm. They need help with yard/barn work that we may

not be able to do. They also need donations of cash and paper products and we will possibly do a fund raiser with St. James. We will start a donation bin for paper products.

- D. Pastor's Report. The upcoming Sunday service will be Pentecost Sunday, Confirmation and a Communion service.
- E. Building and Grounds.
 - 1. Sanctuary lights are needed. 60 watt corn bulbs are \$45 each and we have ten lights and should have two extras. Loretta made the motion that we purchase these bulbs. Second by Dorothy. Carried.
 - 2. We need to do a spring clean-up, inside and out. We will set a clean-up day for June 2nd beginning at 9 a.m. June 23 will be our rain date or used if more work needs to be done.
 - 3. Kurt has purchased a key box and will install it.
 - 4. Kurt can pick up new light bulbs for the hallway, boiler room and bathroom for about \$20. Loretta made the motion that these bulbs be purchased. Second by Miriam. Carried.
- F. Unfinished business.
 - 1. Kurt is looking into a new phone system to give us phones in various areas of the church.
 - 2. Kurt is taking the copier in for servicing.
 - 3. Kurt has found a new microphone system for \$59.99. Motion by Loretta to make this purchase. Second by Dorothy. Carried.
- G. New Business.
 - 1. We need a representative to be at the Marine City High School awards ceremony to present our scholarships. The date is not known, we will get someone when we know the date.
 - 2. Dorothy made a motion that we hold the Church picnic on July 8. Second by Miriam. Carried. We will include this in our announcements.
 - 3. Our piano needs a new rod. Kurt will attempt to fix this and will get repairs lined up if needed.
 - 4. It was suggested that we suspend council meetings in July and August and will call a special meeting if items come up that need to be addressed. Motion by Dorothy to not hold scheduled meetings in July and August. Second by Loretta. Carried.

Motion by Dorothy to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Second by Miriam. Carried.

Closing prayer by Rev. Gadd.

Submitted by Miriam Guyor

Scripture Reading for July 2018

Sunday, July 1

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Sam 1: 1, 17-27

Ps 130 or Wis of Sol 1: 13-15, 2: 23-24 or

Lam 3: 22-33

Ps 30

2 Cor 8: 7-15

Mk 5: 21-43

Healing Powers

Sunday, June 15

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Sam 6: 1-5, 12b-19

Ps 24 or

Amos 7: 7-15

Ps 85: 8-13

Eph 1: 3-147

Mk 6: 14-29

God Inspired Joy

Sunday, July 8

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Sam 5: 1-5, 9-10

Ps 48 or

Ezek 2: 1-5

Ps 123

2 Cor 12: 2-10

Mk 6: 1-13

Sent with Power

Sunday, June 22

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Sam 7: 1-14a

Ps 89: 20-37 or

Jer 23: 1-6

Ps 23

Eph 2: 11-22

Mk 6: 30-34, 53-56

Wherever You Are

Sunday, July 29

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Sam 11: 1-15

Ps 14 or

2 Kings 4: 42-44

Ps 145: 10-18

Eph 3: 14-21

Jn 6: 1-21

God's Abundant Presence

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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