

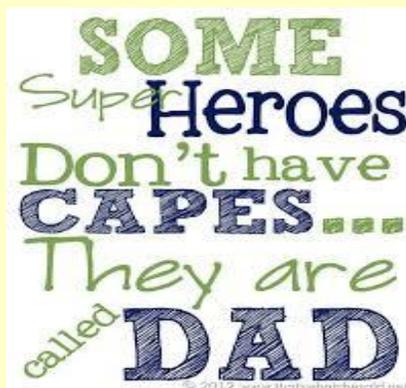
St. Johns United Church of Christ

News from Pastor Ken

June 2022

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It must be summer. People are talking about vacations, graduations, family reunions, and fun on the water. To say nothing about the fact that the gardens are bursting with new life, 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 on the deck. With a couple cups of coffee or tea, of course.

Something about summer that somehow give us permission to take a deep breath, smell the roses, peonies or lilacs, literally and figuratively. It is a time to give our minds, bodies and spirits a moment to simply be. To slow down, plan a day trip, go to the beach, sit lazily under a tree and read, simply enjoy time with family and friends. Just be still for a moment.

For me anyway, and maybe for you, the key is to not try to rush through the relaxation. Just be present and enjoy. You know that long list of things you need to get done this summer. Here's my suggestion. Start the summer accepting the fact that the list of things we want to do is longer than the summer is. So accept the fact that we are going to get done what we can but not at the expense of having some time for ourselves.

Summer is supposed to be a time of regeneration, discovery, and transformation and of course some fun. The summer is full of exciting opportunities either around the house, in the yard or on a road trip. This can also be a challenging time. Some of us are facing issues of health, money and loss. Life certainly can be full of interesting journeys. It is good to know that whatever the summer holds for us, we lift each other up and keep each other in our hearts and in our prayers.

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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 season. 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, euchre, meals, fellowship, outreach, 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.

I am glad we can all 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 go, God is always happy to see you. And when you are back in town, we look forward to seeing you and hearing your stories.

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 season with you.

Take care and be well, Peace
Ken

Happy Birthdays in June

6-6 Lynn Reh
6-8 Bill Galvin
6-17 Sandy Fritz
6-22 Patrick Phelan



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.

Joshua Bieske Sgt. First Class US Air Force

Prayers For

Claudette, Barb, Ralph, Wayne, Danielle, Keith, Karen, Sue, Dan, Luran, Bradley, Doris, Lorraine, Trudy, Carolyn, Mark, Lynn, Don, Lois, Marion, Tom, Brenda, Prange Family, Tamara, Ken, Kathy, Michael, Gina, Melanie and Family, Tricia, Shawn M., Joy, Bill, Joe, Bernetta, Jeff, Jim, Lupe-ka, People of the Ukraine, Families of St. John & St. James

Worship Ministry

Volunteers Needed
Please sign-up

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

****Live streaming of Sunday Services will continue at 9:00am on the St. James Facebook page and St. Johns Sunday Services will continue at 11:00am on the St. Johns Facebook page. Both will be available as a video any time after the live streams.****

About my Dad

My Dad's name is _____
My Dad is really good at _____
I love my Dad more than _____
My Dad taught me how to _____
My Dad's favorite thing to do is _____
My Dad can do amazing things! He can _____
faster than anyone.
He makes the best _____
When I feel sick, he _____
We always play _____
He likes to eat _____
He likes to drink _____
He cooks the yummiest _____
Dad's job is _____
He makes me so happy when _____
He can fix _____
I love it when he _____
Dad and I like to _____ together.
Dad likes to say, " _____."
My Dad really loves _____
If I could go anywhere in the world with my Dad,
we would go to _____.
I love my Dad because _____

By _____ — grade
Date _____

Father's Day Tribute

What Makes A Dad

***God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad***

Author Unknown

Meeting Minutes / Reports

St. John's United Church of Christ

Council Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2022

Call to order: 6:35 p.m.

Roll Call/Council Members: Carolyn Hosford, Shari Faucher, Miriam Guyor, Katie Phelan, Don Weichert,. Linda Girard, Georgia Phelan, Pastor Ken Gadd

Opening Prayer: Pastor Ken

Minutes of last meeting: Motion by Carolyn to approve minutes of March 14, 2022 meeting. Second by Katie. Carried.

Calendar Updates: April 13: Last discussion group session
 April 14: Maundy Thursday service at St. James, 7:00
 April 15: Good Friday services followed by Stations of the Cross at St. James at noon,
 St. John's at 7:00
 April 16: Holy Saturday service at St. James, 7:00
 April 17: Easter Sunday service, 9:00 at St. James and 11:00 at St. John's
 May 20-21: Rummage and Bake Sale

Ministry Reports

1. Worship
 - A. Lent and Easter
 - I. Easter will be a full Communion service
 - II. Diane will be playing at Good Friday services
 - III. Sandy has obtained the palm fronds
 - IV. Pastor Ken encourages attendance at Easter Week services
 - B. Altar Cloths. Cloths can be stripped now as next service here is Good Friday

2. Fellowship
 - A. Ken will post Easter Easter week schedule on our Facebook page
 - B. The Chili Potato Dinner is tentatively set for Oct. 8.
 - C. Shari will send out thank you notes for memorial donations

3. Outreach
 - A. Donations for the rummage sale can be brought in after Easter. Try to bring in large items after April 30. No couches, beds or computers accepted.
 - B. Ukraine Relief donations of \$1285 from St. John's will be combined with St. James donations before sending in.

4. Spiritual Growth

- A. Sunday School. Last class will be Mother's Day, May 8.
 - B. "The Apostles" discussion group, last session April 13.
 - C. Confirmation. Ken continues to have sessions with the candidate.
5. Earthly Gifts
- A. Treasurer's Report. Shari made the motion to table the February and March report until the negative numbers in Disaster Relief are addressed. Second by Carolyn. Carried.
 - B. Building and Grounds. Linda received two quotes for service to address ants. Motion by Katie to get interior/exterior spray for \$345. Second by Shari. Carried.
 - C. Kurt got quotes for needed downspout extensions. Miriam made motion that Kurt purchase materials for approximately \$150. Second by Carolyn. Carried.
 - D. Kurt will be cleaning and buffing floors the week after Easter.
 - E. Shari made the motion to renew our yearly Food Service License. Second by Katie. Carried.

Records/History Book.

Irene Lindeborg service will be entered.

Pastor's Report.

Ken has been very busy with pastoral duties: funerals, counseling, Easter services

Unfinished Business

Draft use agreement/Community Room use. Tabled

New Business

Scholarships. Georgia will clarify with the high school counselor who the two recipients will be. St. John's will also be awarding a third scholarship for our graduating member. Mary Martha will also award a scholarship.

Motion to adjourn made by Miriam at 7:55 p.m. Second by Carolyn. Carried.

Closing prayer by Georgia.

Next meeting: May 9, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

**St. John United Church of Christ
 Profit & Loss
 April 2022**

	Apr 22	Jan - Apr 22	% YTD
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Disaster Relief	0.00	60.00	0.0%
Envelope Offering	0.00	15.00	0.0%
Initial Offering	5.00	80.00	6.3%
Interest Earned	0.44	1.46	30.1%
Interest Income	1.26	2.69	46.8%
Lenten Service	69.00	204.00	33.8%
Mary Martha Donations	830.00	1,285.00	64.6%
Memorial Fund	100.00	1,075.00	9.3%
Miscellaneous Income			
Coffee Hour	26.60	129.65	20.5%
TOPS #1904	20.00	60.00	33.3%
Tuesday Night AA	100.00	200.00	50.0%
Total Miscellaneous Income	146.60	389.65	37.6%
Our Christian World Mission	20.00	25.00	80.0%
Plate Offering	6,617.58	18,074.53	36.6%
Scholarship Fund	0.00	5.00	0.0%
Ukraine Relief	0.00	1,285.00	0.0%
Total Income	7,789.88	22,502.33	34.6%
Expense			
Bank Service Charges			
Paypal Charge	0.00	3.78	0.0%
Bank Service Charges - Other	5.00	20.00	25.0%
Total Bank Service Charges	5.00	23.78	21.0%
Disaster Relief Expense	0.00	820.00	0.0%
Dues and Subscriptions	0.00	334.20	0.0%
Insurance Expense	0.00	2,786.00	0.0%
Internet and Phone	71.27	248.39	28.7%
License & Permits	130.00	130.00	100.0%
Office Supplies	0.00	32.96	0.0%
Payroll Expenses	3,191.66	12,616.64	25.3%
Postage and Delivery	0.00	58.00	0.0%
Reimbursement	0.00	13.50	0.0%
Repairs and Maintenance	69.54	1,389.54	5.0%
Utilities	258.03	1,572.94	16.4%
Total Expense	3,725.50	20,025.95	18.6%
Net Ordinary Income	4,064.38	2,476.38	164.1%
Other Income/Expense			
Other Income			
Interest Earned on Money Market	3.11	12.43	25.0%
Total Other Income	3.11	12.43	25.0%
Net Other Income	3.11	12.43	25.0%
Net Income	4,067.49	2,488.81	163.4%

The meeting was called to order at 12:20pm by Loretta.

Members present: Loretta, Carolyn H., Bea, Lois, Linda, Lynn and Judy.

Judy was the hostess.

Minutes from the January, February, and March meetings were read. Motion by Lois, seconded by Bea to accept as presented. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report - The balance in our checking account as of March 31, 2022 was \$595.24. Motion by Carolyn, seconded by Linda to accept the report as presented. Motion carried. Donations of \$30.00 were collected from Linda and Carolyn H.

Old Business - We need to sell more tickets for the Quilt Raffle. The floor in the Fellowship Room will be cleaned after Easter. The Hostess Schedule for 2022 is posted in the kitchen.

New Business - The Rummage Sale will be held Friday, May 20 from 9am to 5pm and Saturday, May 21 from 9 am to 3pm. Mary Martha will have a Bake Sale at the Rummage Sale. We will also sell raffle tickets and announce the winner at the end of the sale on Saturday. Motion made by Lynn, seconded by Bea, to give a scholarship to a Marine City graduate for \$300. Motion carried.

Motion made by Carolyn H., seconded by Lynn to adjourn the meeting at 1:55pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Reh
Secretary/Treasurer

The Mary Martha had a very successful Bake Sale at the Rummage Sale held on May 20 and 21. For the first time in a long time, we sold all of our baked goods and made \$700.50. In addition, to the Bake Sale, we also raffled off a quilt, made by our President, Loretta Prange, with help from the rest of the Mary Martha girls. We sold a total of \$1,320.00 in raffle tickets. The winner of the quilt was Miriam Guyor. This is the first time that a church member has won the quilt. Congratulations, Miriam!

The money raised will be used to give a scholarship to a graduating Marine City Senior and will be donated to local charities and families in need throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who supports our projects throughout the year.

Lynn Reh

Sunday, June 5

Pentecost Easter

Acts 2: 1-21 or Gen 11: 1-9
Ps 104: 24-34, 35b
Rom 8: 14-17 or Acts 2: 1-21
Jn 14: 8-17, (25-27)

Gathered and Scattered

Sunday, June 19

Second Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19: 1-4, (5-7), 8-15a
Ps 42 and 43
Isa 65: 1-9 and Ps 22: 19-28
Gal: 3: 23-29
Luke 8: 26-39

In God's Presence

Sunday, June 12

Trinity Sunday

Prov 8: 1-4, 22-31
Ps 8
Rom 5: 1-5
Jn 16: 12-15

Wisdom Calls

Sunday, June 26

Third Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14
Ps 77: 1-2, 11-20
1 Kings 19: 15-16, 19-21 and Ps 16
Gal 5: 1, 13-25
Luke 9: 51-62

Pick Up the Mantle

Let's start with one of my favorites- our annual congregational scholarships to local graduating seniors. It's especially fun this year because we get to award scholarships to two of our own- Jacob Hincerick, son of Megan and Mark Hincerick, and Emma Forest, daughter of Lisa and Aaron Forest. Both Jacob and Emma will attend our **Scholarship Service on Sunday, June 12**. Another congregational scholarship will be awarded to Richard Basso. His family has also been invited to attend our service.

Our Mary-Martha Guild will award their own scholarship this year to Eric Durette. All scholarships are in the amount of \$300 and will be sent directly to the recipients' schools in their names. I would like to offer a little extra kudo to Jacob. Jacob has made his presence known here at St. John's, offering to help out when needed. He has volunteered at the Chili Potato Dinner and pitches in to help his grandparents, Bill and Mary Galvin, when they work on our building and grounds. Many thanks- and don't be a stranger, Jacob!

I plan to bring cards (and maybe a little something extra) for each of our recipients. Feel free to join me, but it's certainly not necessary.

You know summer is here when we set the date for our **Annual Outdoor Service and Family Potluck Picnic. Sunday, July 17**, is the date, so get it on your calendars! For those who haven't participated in the past, we have service outside under one of our magnificent trees, with the potluck following. Chicken is provided, so just plan to bring your side dishes and desserts. Such a fun day! Per Pastor Ken- shoes are optional 😊

Have I mentioned our Rummage Sale? What an adventure that always is! So many thanks to the numerous people who made this happen. We had an incredible amount of goods to offer this year, resulting in a profit of something north of \$2,500. We managed to outwit a big Saturday storm to carry on the rest of the day. Well, almost outwit it- Miriam and I were caught under the almost-completely-taken-down canopy when it hit. We now have another life-story to tell- see the photo- LOL!

Council Member Shari Faucher is spearheading a new ministry here at St. John's- a **Blood Drive for the American Red Cross. Our date is July 28**, so please plan to participate in this very needed effort- you could save a life and it certainly is doing God's work for those in need.

A BIG thank you to Kurt Schultz for stripping, cleaning and polishing our floors in the Community Room, adjacent rooms and hall. That was a lot of work and it is well appreciated. They look great! I will be announcing a date for a Worship Ministry mini workshop. We need to have a few more people who know how to prepare our altar for services. Please watch for this date and be a part of worship.

And thank you to Pastor Ken for securing new flags for our poles in front of church. We can head into our summer holidays with new banners, particularly our new Christian flag- the most important of all.

Georgia Phelan

Hundreds of older and disabled neighbors in our community need help getting to doctor appointments, the grocery store or other essential errands. Being able to get food and medical care can make it possible for them to remain in their homes as long as possible. The **Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers** program is in need of drivers who are available during daytime hours. If you have just a couple hours a month that you can give to someone in need, you can make a huge difference in the life of a struggling neighbor. You tell us what days, times and areas are convenient for you and we call you with specific appointments that meet your criteria. If you are free, say yes. If you're not, simply decline and we will call you another time. Even one more ride a year makes a big difference to the person who needs it!
Please call our office today at (586) 757-5551. Learn more at www.ivcinfo.org

June Activities

Sunday, June 5 – Sunday Worship with Holy Communion – 11am

Wednesday, June 8 - Mary Marth Guild meeting and picnic at 12 noon.

Thursday – June 9 – St. James Fundraiser Dinner at Fox fire Fixin's 4pm -to 8pm.
Located at 7200 River Rd, Marine City, MI 48039

Sunday, June 12 – Sunday Worship 11am.
Scholarship Service

Monday, June 13 – Council Meeting – 6:30pm.

Sunday, June 19 – Sunday Worship with Holy Communion – 11am.
Father's Day!!!

Sunday, June 26 – Sunday Worship – 11am

July Activities

Sunday, July 3 – Sunday Worship with Holy Communion – 11am

Sunday, July 10 – Sunday Worship 11am.

Monday, July 11 – Council Meeting – 6:30pm.

Sunday, July 17 – Outside Sunday Worship with Holy Communion and Potluck Picnic– 11am.

Sunday, July 24 – Sunday Worship – 11am

Saturday, July 28 – American Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, July 31 – Sunday Worship with Healing Service – 11am.

Additional Activities

Sunday Services

Sunday Service is in person 11:00 a.m. Service is also available via online streaming on Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. If it is not available on our Facebook page, please try St. James' - it is the exact same service. Both will be available to view as a video any time after the live streams. www.facebook.com/Stjohnsuccmarinecity or www.facebook.com/St.James-United-Church-of-Christ-10150090210425008.

Council Meetings

Church Council's next meeting is June 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

Sunday School

Sunday School is closed until Fall.

Mary Martha Guild Annual Picnic

The June Mary Martha meeting will be on Wednesday, June 8 at 12 noon. This will be our annual picnic, which will be held at the home of Lois and Don Weichert. Please let Loretta know what dish you will bring to pass. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided.

4th Annual Chili Potato Dinner

Saturday, October 8th

Coffee Donations

There is a container on the counter by the coffee pots for freewill donations to help pay for the cost of Coffee Hour. Any help will be greatly appreciated.

Giving Lasts All Year!

St. John's & St. James' Christmas Charity Tote Bags: Some needed items:

School supplies:

Colored pencils/markers

Crayons

Pencil sharpeners/erasers

Scissors/rulers

Toothpaste/Floss

Washcloths

Socks- for ages 2-14

Headbands/barrettes/bows

Toys ages 2-14

Donations accepted all year to accumulate 100 of each item;
distribution is via local organizations. Donation box & COMPLETE LIST on table.

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