

# St. Johns United Church of Christ

## News from Pastor Ken

June 2024

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Summertime, Summertime! People are actually starting to come out of seclusion and 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 or anywhere, sit lazily under a tree and read, or simply enjoy some long-awaited 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.

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.

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## Pastor Ken Newsletter Continued

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

## Happy Birthdays in June

6/6 Lynn Reeh  
6/17 Robert Fritz  
6/24 Molly Galvin

## Happy Anniversaries in June

6/22 Katie & Patrick Phelan

## Worship Ministry

Volunteers Needed

Please sign-up

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

Joshua Bieske	Sgt. First Class	US Air Force
Lacey Tite	Security	US Navy

### Prayers For .....

Prayers for .... Anthony, Tom & Tamara, Judy, Marion, John, Joe, Richard, Lois, Sherry, David, Jan, Judy & Jack Family, Carolyn, World Peace

Families of St. John & St. James

# FUN FACTS ABOUT • DAD •

MY DAD IS \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS OLD.

MY DAD'S FAVORITE THING TO DO IS \_\_\_\_\_

MY DAD'S FAVORITE SPORT IS \_\_\_\_\_

MY DAD'S FAVORITE FOOD IS \_\_\_\_\_

MY DAD IS REALLY GREAT AT \_\_\_\_\_

MY DAD IS FUNNY BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_

MY FAVORITE THING TO DO WITH MY DAD IS \_\_\_\_\_

I LOVE IT WHEN MY DAD \_\_\_\_\_

I KNOW MY DAD LOVES ME BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_

I LOVE MY DAD BECAUSE \_\_\_\_\_

# HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

# Father's Day Poem

## Happy Father's Day

Dad, you mean the world to me,

I hope that's something you can see,

Through every up and every down,

You've been there to help me rebound.

I thank you for your constant love,

And guidance from up above,

For all the times you held my hand,

I'm grateful for you, my amazing dad.

*~ Kip Alderidge*

## Meeting Minutes / Reports

### April 8, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 6:35 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Miriam

Council Members Present: Pastor Ken, Kurt Schultz, Dorothy Schultz, Miriam Guyor, Shari Faucher

Absent: Katie Phelan, Linda Gerard

March 11, 2024 Minutes: Shari made the motion to accept the minutes with correction. Second by Dorothy. Carried.

Calendar updates:

May 10: Don Weichert Memorial, 11:00 a.m. Colonial Chapel

May 15-17: Set up for rummage sale

May 17-18: Rummage and bake sale

July 25: American Red Cross Blood Drive, 1-6 p.m.

#### Ministry Reports

Worship See Pastor's report.

Fellowship Shari will get flowers for the Mother's Day service.

Outreach Blood drive: Shari has scheduled for July 25 from 1 to 6 p.m.

#### Spiritual Growth

A. Sunday School: Humane Society donations will be delivered on April 20. Last class of the year will be May 12.

B. Passover Seder Celebration will be held on April 24 at St. John's at 7:00

#### Earthly Gifts

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the report by Miriam. Second by Shari, carried.

One of the Huntington Bank CDs matures on April 16, Miriam will call for new rates.

#### Building and Grounds:

A. Spring cleaning of the church will be May 11 from 9-12. Volunteers needed.

B. Kurt is making arrangements for lawn care.

Records/History Book: No report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Ken is looking for more participation in Worship Ministry.

New Business: Motion by Dorothy and second by Shari to purchase pens with St. John's imprint at a cost of \$202 for 200 pens. Motion carried and pens ordered.

Unfinished Business: None at this time.

Correspondence: None at this time.

Adjournment: Shari made the motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Second by Dort and carried.

Closing prayer: Pastor Ken

Next meeting is May 13, 2024

## President's Letter

Greetings to all,

May was indeed a busy month at St. John's with the spring cleaning of the sanctuary, as well as the annual rummage sale and a few other miscellaneous things. That said, I would like to thank all those who put in the time and hard work to make it all possible.

We are already in the month of June, and it seems like that is not even possible.

We have some projects around the building that need to be investigated, so I will be contacting a few of my congregational brothers to do a walk around with me so I may ask them to share their wisdom.

The month of June we continue our Pentecost services. Pentecost comes from the Greek word Pentekoste, which means fiftieth. The holiday is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, which is fifty days after Easter, hence the name.

Since its date depends on the date of Easter, Pentecost is a movable feast, that is, the date is not fixed. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the feast of weeks.

As we continue to watch all the new beautiful growth around us that comes each spring, let us stop, enjoy the beauty, and thank God for all his blessings.

Prayers of love, health, and Happiness to all.

Kurt Schultz

Council President

## **June Activities**

Saturday, June 1 – Euchre at St. James – 6:30pm

Sunday, June 2 – Sunday Worship with Holy Communion – 11am

Sunday, June 9 – Sunday worship with Litany of Graduates

Monday, June 10 – Council Meeting – 6:30pm

Saturday, June 15 – Euchre at St. James – 6:30pm.

Sunday, June 16 – Sunday Worship with Holy Communion -11am

Sunday, June 30 - Sunday Worship with Healing – 11am

## **Mary Martha Guild**

The Mary Martha Guild sponsored the Bake Sale at the church's annual Rummage Sale. Thank you to everyone who baked, donated and purchased baked goods. We made a total of \$660 from the sale. The proceeds will be given to organizations or people in need in our community throughout the year. Our next meeting will be our annual picnic on Thursday, June 13 at 12 noon. The picnic will be held at the home of Karen Jolicoeur and Jim Wood in Marysville. Please contact Karen or Loretta if you have any questions.

The Mary Martha Guild will not be meeting in July or August. Our September meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2024, at 12 noon.



# ***Giving Lasts All Year!***

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

We are starting over again for the next year. The tote bags are for both boys and girls between the ages of 2 and 14. The items accepted anytime: hygiene items such as: toothbrush holders, toothbrushes, toothpaste, washcloths, dental floss, comb/brushes, hair accessories such as head bands, ponytails, clips, bows, and barrettes and school supplies such as: notebooks, crayons, colored pencils, colored markers, pencil sharpeners, scissors (for youngsters and older children), rulers, large erasers. Pens, pencils and socks, hats, scarves and gloves/mittens and toys.

**Please donate travel size items**, we only have so much space to store the items in for the year and we need to get all items to fit in the bags. Please try to **stick to the list** so we receive enough of the items we need and not a little of items that are considered extra items.

Thank you!!!

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

## **Scripture Readings for June**

**Sunday, June 2**  
**Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
1 Sam 3: 1-10, (11-20)  
and Ps 139: 1-6, 13-18 or  
Deut 5: 12-15 and PS 81: 1-10  
2 Cor 4: 5-12  
Mark 2: 23—3: 6  
**Stretch Out Your Hand**

**Sunday, June 16**  
**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
1 Sam 15: 34-16:13 and Ps 20 or  
Ezek 17: 22-24 and Ps 92: 1-4, 12-15  
2 Cor 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17  
Mark 4: 26-34  
**Flourishing**

**Sunday, June 30**  
**Sixth Sunday after Pentecost**  
2 Sam 1: 1, 17-27 and Ps 130 or  
Wisd of Sol 1: 13-15, 2:23-24 or Lam 3: 22-33 and Ps 130  
2 or 8: 7-15  
Mark 5: 21-43  
**Healing Powers**

**Sunday, June 9**  
**Third Sunday after Pentecost**  
1 Sam 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)  
and Ps 138 or  
Gen 3: 8-15 and Ps130  
2 Cor 4: 13 = 5:1  
Mark 3: 20-35  
**God's Will**

**Sunday, June 23**  
**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**  
1 Sam 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 and PS9: 9-20  
or 1 Sam 17: 57-18; 10-16 and PS 133 or  
Job 38: 1-11 and Ps 107: 1-3, 23-32  
2 Cor 6: 1-13  
Mark 4: 35-41  
**Pushing the Boat Out**

# Additional Activities

## Sunday Services

Sunday Service is held at 11:00 a.m. each week. This service is also available live via online streaming at 11:00 a.m. St. James' service is streamed at 9:00 a.m. Both are available to view as a video any time after the live streams. [www.facebook.com/Stjohnsuccmarinecity](http://www.facebook.com/Stjohnsuccmarinecity) or [www.facebook.com/St.James-United-Church-of-Christ-10150090210425008](http://www.facebook.com/St.James-United-Church-of-Christ-10150090210425008)

## Council Meetings

The Church Council's next meeting is June 10th at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room.

## Sunday School

Sunday School is held the second and fourth Sundays of each month. **Sunday School will be ending on May 1, 2024, until Fall.** Students are encouraged to attend services on the first and third Sundays as well. Lynn Andrews and Miriam Guyor are teachers this year.

## Mary Martha Guild

Mary Martha Guild will meet Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at noon at the home of Karen Jolicoeur and Jim Wood. Please contact Karen or Loretta for further information.

## 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.

## Prayer Group

God's Grace Through Prayer meets the second Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Community Room. We will be praying for our family and friends. Anyone is welcome to join us. Please let us know if you have any prayer needs.

## Coffee Hour

Although we gather for coffee, visiting and goodies each Sunday after service, we have a special Coffee Hour the first Sunday of each month when special food is prepared and shared. This is provided by members. To take a turn to host, please sign up in the Community Room.

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](http://www.ivcinfo.org)

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