

St. Johns United Church of Christ

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News from Pastor Ken

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Well, we are off to a strange start to summer which seems par for the year so far. I will share with you though that I have had the opportunity to have some deep conversations with some folks about life's priorities and things that we are grateful for.

People are talking about trying to fit in or reschedule vacations, weddings, family reunions, and fun on the water. I know that for many this has been a challenging spring and now summer. Disappointments about graduation activities. Too much time cooped up, whether with family or alone. Not enough to do or places to go and not enough money to do it with.

The key for me in these situations has always been acceptance. There is only so much you have control over. I can control my attitude, and the way I react to things. Getting ourselves all worked up over things we cannot control or over things that have not even happened, simply ruins our ability to stay in and enjoy the moment. Give ourselves permission to take a deep breath, smell the roses (literally and figuratively) and give our minds, bodies and spirits a much-needed moment to simply be. Maybe even plan a day trip, go for a walk, or bike ride, learn and play a board game sitting on the deck, sit lazily under a tree and read, or simply enjoy time with family and friends.

Maybe just enjoy finally having morning prayers and meditation outside on the deck, with a couple cups of coffee, of course.

At the same time the gardens are bursting, the birds are chirping, and some folks even seem just a little happier. Must be the sunshine and the fact that we are ever so slowly finding our way out of the house.

Pastor Ken Newsletter Continued

I have found the challenge for me, and maybe for you, is to not rush through the relaxation and down time. 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.

Use this Summer down time as a time of regeneration, discovery, and of transformation. Life certainly seems to be full of interesting journeys, doesn't it? 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. 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

St. Johns is back open for Sunday Services as of Sunday, May 31 at 11am. Live streaming will still be happening, but at 11am. from St. John's Facebook page.

Happy Birthdays in June

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

Anniversaries in June

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

Worship Ministry

Volunteers Needed Please sign-up

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

Prayers For

Kathy & Doug	Liza
Mary	Michelle
Tricia	Alma
Diane	Tina
Starr	Linda & Ron
Liz	Jeff
Noah	Nanette
Prange Family	Brenda & Tom
Miriam	Harvey & Lynn
Jim & Karen	Donald
Carolyn	Carissa
Corey	Nick
Becca	Jake
Rosemarie	Mr. Rosello
Don & Lois	Joy
Health Care Workers	
Coronavirus Victims	
Families of St. John & St. James	



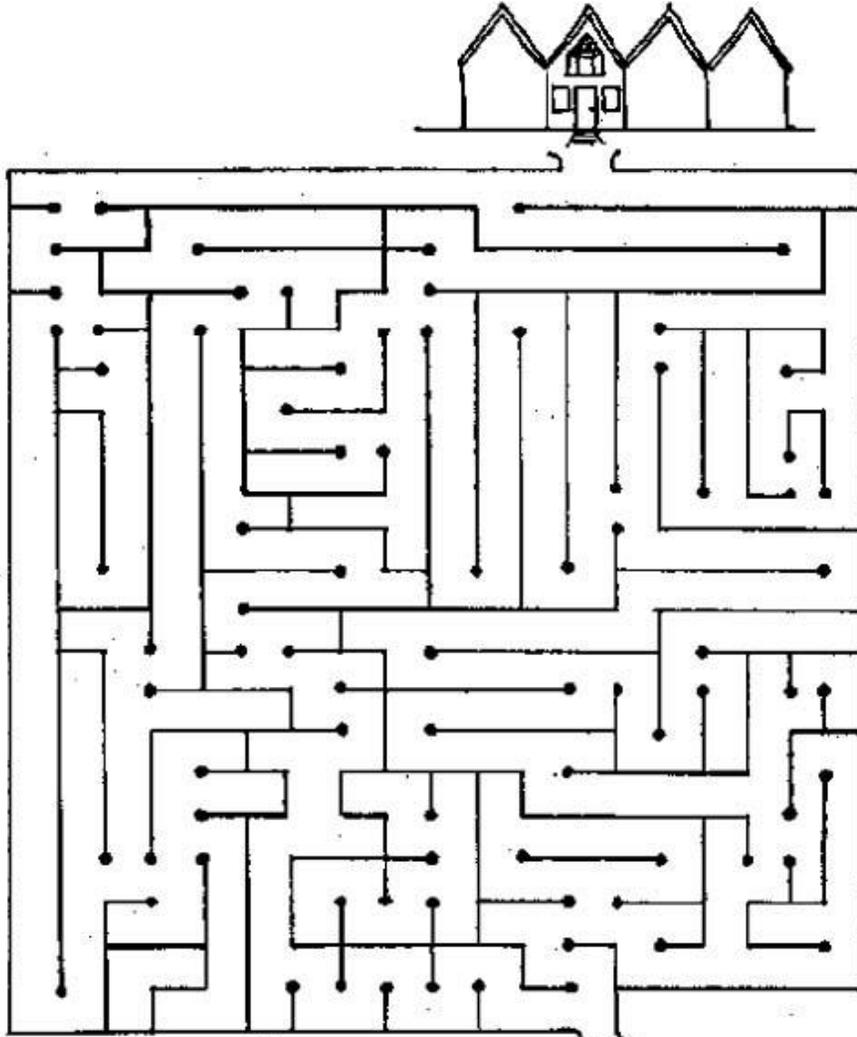
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Military Prayer List

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
Alex Tite	Private	US Army
Joshua Bieske	Sgt. First Class	US Air Force

Kid's Page



There are two ways
from the park to home.

Can you find both?

Summer Poem



Sunny days are back again
Sunny days are back again
The clear blue sky and high
Feeling of that warmness in the air
But there is brightness in the air
Sunny days are back again
With things that get to see
So feel that warmness and the light
For summer is a way to bright
Summer season is surely fun
As it brings along a new light
Happy summer season!

From the Prez

We are back! On Sunday, May 31, services resume at St. John's UCC. Masks and social distancing are encouraged.

This has been a long haul and your understanding and cooperation have been appreciated. I also appreciate everyone being respectful of each other's position on all of this- we all function at our own level and will return to "normal" at our own pace.

Although we will be legally meeting, please keep in mind the state's stay home order for other gatherings exceeding 10 people is still in effect in our area of the state.

Our Church Council will be meeting soon and we have a lot of catching up to do! Not least of all, we will have to evaluate our financial situation. If you have not been contributing while we were all at home, please consider catching up- nearly all our financial obligations were still occurring, even while we were away.

We will also address how to "reopen" our building to the other groups who utilize it. How this will happen will be a work in progress, following state guidelines.

We are happy to announce that our yearly scholarships to graduating seniors are still taking place. Two scholarships from our congregation were awarded to Ariana Desero and Alyssa Pollauf and one from the Mary Martha Guild will go to Heather Meldrum. Congrats to these students and all their fellow graduates!

I hope you are all well and remain that way.

God's love to all-

Georgia

Additional Activities

Sunday Services

Sunday Services beginning Sunday, May 31st at 11:00am.

Sunday School

No Sunday School until further notice.

The program is for children ages 4 through 11 and meets after the children attend the beginning of church and have a special time with Pastor Ken. We are in need of additional teachers for this year. Please see Lynn if you have any questions or are interested in teaching.

Mary Martha Guild

No meetings until further notice.

We meet on the second Wednesday of every month for lunch and a business meeting (except in July and August). Bring a sandwich. Beverages and dessert are provided. Each month we have a hostess who provides dessert. Dues for the year are \$10. Please see Loretta or Lynn, if you have any questions.

Grace of God Prayer Group

No meetings until further notice.

Health & Vitality Meetings

No meetings until further notice.

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.

Let's Recycle

Look for the blue recycling bins at St. John's! We recycle paper and cardboard (please, no candy wrappers or trash); this bin is next to the sanctuary door for ease of use following service. We also recycle plastic, like water bottles and clean plastic cups; this bin is near the door to the parking lot. Please do not recycle Styrofoam or plastic wraps. Let's tread lightly on God's earth and try to leave it closer to the way he created it for us!

Food Pantry

God's Grace Through Prayer, our St. John's Prayer Group, is sponsoring a Pantry Box. The box is 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!

Scripture Reading for June

Sunday, June 7

Trinity Sunday

Gen 1: 1-2; 4a

116: 1-2,

Ps 8

2 Cor 13: 11-13

Matt 28: 16-20

This is Good

Sunday, June 14

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Gen 16: 1-15, (21: 1-7) and Ps

12-19 or Ex 19: 2-8a

Ps 5: 1-8

Rom 5: 1-8

Matt 9: 35-10:8 (9-23)

Sarah Laughed

Sunday, June 21

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Gen 21: 8-21 and Ps 85: 1-10, 16-17 or

Jer 20: 7-13 and Ps 69: 7-10, (11-15), 16-18

Rom 6: 1b-11

Matt 10: 24-39

Daring Discipleship

Sunday, June 28

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Gen 22: 1-14 and Ps 13 or

Jer 28: 5-9 and Ps 89: 1-4, 15-18

Rom 6: 12-33

Matt 10: 40-42

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