

The Beacon

St. Jude's Episcopal Church
Fenton, Michigan

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching Out to Others
July/August, 2014 (our 156th year)

“Empty pews everywhere; we call it summer”

This was what the caption read on a cartoon that went around Facebook last week. Attendance is, indeed, down – as are our number of services. There are fewer meetings; even the vestry is taking off in July. Things are quieter around the church and we have some time for rest and refreshment. In fact, that is probably what a whole lot of you are doing this time of year. You are visiting with friends and family, traveling around the country or headed up north to get away from the business of daily life.

We need these times of rest; we need these times of leisure and play, a time out from all the things we usually do in order to regain energy and life. And yes, this even includes the parish church. It is good to get away from meetings and committees and other jobs that you may love, but can wear you down over time. God called this Sabbath time, time to dedicate to fun and fellowship and letting go of work in whatever form we are used to it, for a time.

The Book of Common Prayer even includes a prayer for leisure, which I have put at the end of this article. And that is what we may want to remember this summer. We may rest from our normal schedule, enjoy hobbies we don't have time at other times of the year, embrace family, or just slow our tempo down a little, but wherever we go and whatever we do, God goes with us. Even as some of you take a break from church, this may be a time to renew your relationship with God, to find the time for daily prayer or reading that you have been skipping. Maybe you should try a new spiritual practice.

One simple thing to do would be to take your prayer book with you on vacation (or borrow one from the church if you have... um... ahem.... mislaid yours). Then choose one service each day, Morning Prayer on pg. 80, Evening Prayer on pg. 115, or Compline on pg. 127. There is nothing that I would enjoy more than sitting down with you talk about how to follow the service and where to find Bible lessons for each day. Your vestry members have been taking turns leading worship each month and would encourage you to learn to lead it as well.

Whatever your plans this summer, I hope you will find time for refreshment and relaxation, and that you will take this opportunity to refresh your relationship with God at the same time.

O God, in the course of this busy life, give us times of refreshment and peace; and grant that we may so use our leisure to rebuild our bodies and renew our minds, that our spirits may be opened to the goodness of your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Faithfully,
Josh

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Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist: 9:00 a.m. for July/August

News and Happenings

Vestry Notes – June 2014

- The new water line has been installed in the choir room; work to waterproof the wall will begin the week after July 4th.
- There has been difficulty finding a gardener for the Memorial Garden; however, there are two new leads to follow.
- Progress is being made toward remodeling and drying out of the downstairs.
- The vestry discussed where they have seen God in their lives recently, and talked some about prayer.

Property Update

There are three large projects going on this summer that we find very exciting.

1 – We have replaced the water line to the church and will now be waterproofing the foundation wall by the choir room in order to address ongoing water damages.

2 – Bids are currently coming in to replace the lighting, put up wall board, and install new windows in the education wing downstairs, the first steps that will eventually lead to a much nicer learning environment, all courtesy of Russ Haddon.

3 – Holden Holsinger will begin his Eagle project at the end of July. Look for a new shed by mid-August. Holden will be updating the church and soliciting volunteers in the next few weeks.

BOOK BAGS FOR READ AND FEED

Don't forget!

Bags are needed for the Read and Feed program (August 12 - 14 and August 19 - 21)

This year's goal is to have 40 bags completed and ready for distribution by August 1st.

Volunteers are needed to help make these bags.

Patterns are available, or you can donate fabric in bright/kid friendly colors

If none of these activities appeals to you, a small donation would help defray the cost of making the reading bags. However you choose to help will be greatly appreciated.

Contact Beverly Mills, 248-634-3416, to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Summer Worship

This summer we will be going to one service at 9:00 in July and August. This is an opportunity for those who attend our two different services to know each other better and to give a more relaxed feel to our summer months. In July we will be using the Book of Common Prayer Rite I service, and in August we will be using Rite II.

Summer Calendar

Even as the program year begins to wind down, there is a lot going on. Josh will be out of the office (and town) the following dates this summer:

July 21-26 serving as chaplain at Camp Chickagami and away from Aug. 8-23 for a family vacation.

Calling All St. Jude's Youth & Friends to Attend Camp Chickagami, along with Rev. Josh

Thanks to your donations to our St. Jude's Camp Chickagami Scholarship Fund, our church has lots of money for scholarships for campers needing help to attend Senior Camp (July 13-19 for ages 12-16) and Junior Camp (July 20-26 for ages 8-12). Camp is just around the corner. Any camper wishing to go to camp and in need of a scholarship will need to act fast – and ask Josh. Josh would love to talk with you about a scholarship for you, your child, grandchild, and/or your non-St. Jude's family friend(s). It doesn't matter whether you have, or have not, received a camp scholarship in the past. The other great news is that Josh will be at camp again this summer – his third summer -- as the Camp Chickagami Chaplain and spiritual leader for campers and staff, while William and Julia will be having lots of fun as Camp Chickagami Junior Campers.

Much additional information, and numerous pictures and comments by camp counselors, other staff, camp directors, etc. are available on the website www.CampChickagami.org, and the “**I Heart Camp Chickagami**” Facebook page. As Josh and the Hoover family know, as many other St. Jude's youth and family members know, and we know, you will love Camp Chickagami and everything it has to offer, including the great counselors, other staff, and camp directors.

John & Carol Pettipher

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Summer Scrip

We will continue to place orders on the first and third Sunday of each month throughout the summer. While you're planning your vacation, check out www.glscrip.com to see the hotels, car rental, and cruise lines they have to offer. There have been many new retailers recently added. Have some fun looking through the category listings. The more you use Scrip, the more profit it makes for St. Jude's!

About those Lawn Mowers!

After a rough start with heavy rains, broken mowers and the threat of having to pay for a lawn service, we are thrilled to report that our mowing situation is greatly improved and we have a lot of you to thank for it! The grounds look so much better – they match our beautiful building and provide such a welcome sight to the neighborhood.

So, a special thank you to the following:

Craig Adams
Molly Anderson
Bill Anderson
Jack Bretzke
Dave James
Deb James
Charlie Johnston
Francine Johnston
Dustin Rayner
Dave Rayner
Jackson Shepherd
Matt Shepherd
Emily Short
Bob Warren

If you feel like mowing, weed pulling, flower bed tending is something that you would like to do – please feel free to sign up in VandenBergh Hall. If you need a lesson on the mower...there are a number of people who would be happy to show you the ropes!

Family Promise

When St. Jude's was considering whether or not to sign up as an official helper congregation for Family Promise, our biggest concern was getting enough volunteers four times per year, so we came to you, the congregation, and asked if you would support this excellent program that is the only homeless shelter in all of Genesee County that allows families to stay together. And you were clear in your support and your willingness to volunteer in this worthy cause.

Now I am writing you to ask for your help. Our next week to act as helpers is Sunday, July 6 – Sunday, July 13. We have had members step up to help with dinners our three nights, but we still need help in two important jobs.

- We need 2 adults, one male and one female, to spend the night at St Paul's on Sunday, July 6, and Tuesday July 8. This is for liability and safety reasons. The job includes making sure families have what they need as they turn in and then waking them on time in the morning and getting breakfast for them.
- We need a handful of people to spend Saturday afternoon, July 12 with the families, and to organize some activities for the kids. This could include playing outside, or any of a variety of games.

If either of these is possible for you, please respond to this email and we will be back in touch with you to discuss details.

In addition, we could use fans to help keep our guests cool during the warm summer nights. If you have any fans at home that you no longer use, please consider donating them for this program.

Family Promise has only been serving people since February, and already two families have been able to move into permanent housing. It is a worthy and successful program, and when we work with it we are following Jesus' words to care for the homeless.

Faithfully,
Josh

We Are Family

Please Hold In Your Prayers

**For those in particular need of
prayer:** Gail Bessette; Patsy Davis;

Ralph Gladfelter; Bill Loudon; Aaron Myers;
Leonard Myers; Anthony Nastasy; Marion Parnell;
Jillian Reed; Denny Sharpe; Arin Shinabarger;
Sandy Train and Latoyah Upton.

And those in continuing need of prayer: David
Barrows; Bret Beal; Theresa Braun; Margot
Brummett; Betsy Davies; Dot Day; Sarah Dolza;
Julie Gates; Bunny Gladfelter; Renee Goss;
Grossmann Family; Brian Henderson; Laurie
Ingram; Mary Lou Jenkins; Ev Koller; Teresa
Maynard; Tonna Nichols; Jonna Paul; Rick M;
Debbie Provost; John Provost; Susan Taber; and
Gavin Woods

Pray for Our Ministers

July 6th – Kathryn Brow; Margot Brummett; Ryan,
Melissa, Ella, & Phoenix Buchalski; Jon & Rosiland
Burroughs

July 13th – David, Carol, Courtney & Kayla Chambers;
Ron, Jennifer, Connor & Sophia Chambers; Shane and
Hayden Chambers & Heather Kaul; Harry & Linda
Chciuk

July 20th – Gale Cronk; Kelly & Lisa Cronk; Roger,
Vicki, Ashley, Brandon & Connor Davis; Sandy Davis

July 27th – Dot Day; Nancy Day; Ed & Ashley
Ransley; Gail Delaney; Stan DeLisle; Dee Dickens

August 3rd – Paul & Sarah Dolza; Marcie and Riley
Doughty; Dorothy Dowlan; Dean, Julie, Tess &
Dominic DuPei

August 10th – Lottie Engelhart; Bonnie Ensign; Marilou
Ensign; Rick & Rita Feeley

August 17th – Josephine Feijoo; Mary Felix; Marv &
Judith Fisher; Bob, Lucy & Josie Foguth

August 24th – Bill & Marcia Freeman; David, Lynn,
Gabrielle & Erica Freeman; Mark, Pat, Krystn Freeman
and Andrew Carrington; Matt, Linda, Joshua, Jacob,
Laura & Madison Freeman

August 31st – Amy Freeman Rosa; Connie Fry; Ty &
Debbie Fry; Doug, Michelle & Lauren Gangwer

JULY BIRTHDAYS

5th Bob Warren
9th Abigail Smith
13th Jerry Graham
Les Harding
21st Kathy Kortge
25th Shirley Gernack
Troy Rising
26th Connie Fry
Eric Karsten
28th Bill McDonald
30th Kathy Hopper

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1st Bill Freeman
3rd Kyle McAllister
6th Tessa Short
9th Lucas Short
13th Channer Podlesak
15th Connie Koch
16th Matt Freeman
18th Melinda Smith
19th Herb Aldrich
20th Gabrielle White
24th Dee Dickens
Tom Gernack

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

1st Charles & Francine Johnston (36 years)
7th Lester & Nancy Jones (41 years)
11th Bob & Barb Meikle (33 years)
12th Dave & Denise Rayner (40 years)
20th Marv & Judith Fisher (40 years)
22nd Jeff & Melinda Smith (19 years)
28th Jack & Rita Bretzke (63 years)
29th Scott & Sandra Smith (42 years)
31st Josh & Allie Hoover (15 years)

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

6th Harry & Linda Chciuk (41)
18th Craig & Gay Adams (39)
Lynn & Kathy Hopper (34)
22nd Ronald & Jennifer Chambers (14)
Jerry & Francine Rucker (48)
23rd Tom & Shirley Gernack (32)
27th Chris & Barb Walker (29)

We are Family (Con't)

COFFEE HOUR Hosts:

A world of thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during June: Angela, Dan, Gabby and Laurel White, the St. Jude's Bush Park Sunday service (and the many yummy passed dishes), Barb and Brian Goss and the Short family, the Hoover family and Bill and Marcia Freeman. For July, we would like to thank Dot Dowlan, Deb and Dave James, Diane Putnam and Josephine Feijoo, Bob and Mary Warren and Lynn Ronthi, Charlie and Francine Johnston and Tom and Shirley Gernack. And, we would also like to thank our good friends at *CRUST* for the dedicated delivery of delicious baked goods each Sunday.

Every day they continued to meet together...they broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts. Acts 2:46-47

Congratulations to our Graduates

June has come and gone, and left in its wake are the happy smiles of our graduates and their families! Congratulations – your hard work and dedication have brought you to a new fork in the road. We wish you all well as you begin this next part of your journey!!

College: Regina Dolza, daughter of Paul and Sarah Dolza, from Columbia College in Chicago

High School: Austin, Leah and William Moller, children of Richard and Lorraine Moller, from Holly High School

Ashley Davis, granddaughter of Sandy Davis and daughter of Roger and Vicki, from Fenton High School

Josie Foguth, daughter of Bob and the late Joanna Foguth, and granddaughter of Nancy and Les Jones from Fenton High School

Hunter Holsinger, son of Mike and Kathy Holsinger, from Linden High School

If any grads have been passed over, please make sure the office gets your name, and we'll be sure to get it in the next Beacon

Fourth of July Parade

If you are thinking about attending the parade on July 4th, please think about joining us on Leroy Street in front of St. Jude's. The doors will be open for restrooms, we get some shade from the church and many of your friends will be there (some will be walking the route – cheer them on!!)

News and Happenings

Notes from the Choir

Something to consider this summer:

**WE HAVE A GREAT NEED
FOR MORE SINGERS
AND RINGERS!!**

Music is an important part of our worship experience – we would love to have YOU join us!
Practices begin again in September
on Thursday evenings.

Directory changes:

Raquel Gazzi
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Dean & Lisa Kusluski
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Josh Hoover
E-mail: revjoshhoover@gmail.com

In Requiem

Our Sincere Condolences to:

Jack and Beverly Mills on the death of Regina Miller, who was very dear to their hearts.

May Regina's soul, and the souls of all those we love, but see no longer, rest in eternal peace.

Baptisms

We welcome
to the body of Christ:

Mika Elizabeth Barkman,
daughter of Kim and Joe Barkman
and granddaughter of Judith and Marvin Fisher

Aurora Elizabeth Welch, daughter of Adam and Vera Welch

Office Notes:

Office hours will be from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Thursday. Office vacation hours will be posted in the bulletin. Have a very happy and safe summer!

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VESTRY 2014

Senior Warden.....	Josephine Feijoo.....	248.529.3264
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Clerk.....	Dave James.....	810.735.4547
Treasurer.....	Michelle Gangwer.....	810.208.0120

2015

Linda Chciuk.....	248.887.6832	Josephine Feijoo.....	248.529.3264
Lisa Kusluski.....	248.634.4694	Dustin Rayner.....	248.634.2748

2016

Sarah Dolza.....	248.634.0225	Dave James.....	810.735.4547
Lorraine Moller.....	810.449.2881	Bill Anderson.....	810.208.0097

2017

Bob Hutchins.....	810.458.4102	Ben Oliver.....	248.634.8399
Michele Peters.....	810.441.5324	Fran Rucker.....	810.750.9578

DELEGATES to the DIOCESAN CONVENTION

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Flint River Convocation Representative		Jack Mills.....	248.634.3416
