

# The Beacon

St. Jude's Episcopal Church  
Fenton, Michigan

*Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching Out to Others*  
May, 2014 (our 156<sup>th</sup> year)

I got a lot of mileage with my colleagues this year by complaining about a major outreach project falling during Holy Week. It was great to get sympathy, though I felt a bit guilty since the reality is that I did very little to help with the Family Promise program. The coordination and organization by Steven Melchor and Dave Rayner, both with our partner churches and within St. Jude's, and the hard work of volunteers made me superfluous.

But it did create a conundrum for some of you, the members of our church. On the one hand, we had committed to a week of helping to host families at St. Paul's for Family Promise. You were asked to help by cooking or serving, spending the night or simply being present to assist. You were asked to give of your time, what little free time you have, in order to follow Jesus' teaching to care for the least among us.

Meanwhile, your priest was reminding you of the importance of walking through Holy Week, of experiencing the events as they happened. He told you that Easter can only be felt in the context of Good Friday and the other events of Holy Week. Then he shared the many opportunities to worship throughout the week. Times of contemplation are incredibly important, times for listening for God's voice, times to learn and be challenged, in worship and out.

So what were you to do? Serve others? Spend the week attending services? Care for your neighbors or spend time away in prayer? There are times when we know exactly how God is calling us and have to decide if we will respond. Then there are times when we don't know, when we are trapped between two goods and can't tell which is the best. There is no right answer in times like these; instead we need to find a balance.

If you always choose action, you may lose your foundation, your reason for wanting to reach out and experience burn out. If you always choose worship, you may find yourself well fed, but miss the calling to go out and feed others, miss the purpose God has in mind for your life.

This is one of the reasons I am so glad that we are a community together; no one of us has to do it all. Instead some serve while others pray, some make sure we have the resources we need, while others go out into the community to see how we can use those resources to help others. St. Jude's is at its best when different members come up with different answers to the hard questions – and you are at your best when you pay attention enough to know right now what you need to be living as a faithful disciple in the world.

So, if you chose worship this week, because you felt it was what you needed, have no fear; we have three more opportunities with Family Promise this year. And if you chose to go out and serve, no worries; Holy Week is scheduled to come around again next year. But whatever you chose, remember to give thanks for those who chose differently, for those who kept our church community in balance. Because this is what it takes to be a healthy church and I feel blessed to be in this place where we can come up with different answers, argue about some issues, and still worship together, support one another and live in the world as the body of Christ.

May your Easter season be blessed, and may your life be filled with resurrection experiences.

Faithfully, Josh

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**Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.**

**Christian Formation: 9:15 a.m.**

# News and Happenings

## Vestry Notes – April 22, 2014

Here are a few highlights from the April Vestry meeting:

- ❖ Josh announced the Time and Talent Survey was finished.
- ❖ A group started planning to do work on the Sunday school classrooms.
- ❖ Work to waterproof the wall in the choir room and run a new water line is progressing with receiving quotes.
- ❖ Vestry approved the establishment of new endowment funds.
- ❖ Senior student breakfast is tentatively planned for June 8 at 9:00 a.m.

## National Day of Prayer (breakfast)

### Thursday, May 1, 7:00 a.m. at Fenton Presbyterian

This is a day set aside for us as a nation to come together in prayer. Kiwanis and the Fenton Area Clergy are sponsoring a breakfast at Fenton First Presbyterian Church to hold up this day in Fenton. There will be live music, a talented speaker and prayers for all parts of this good creation. Tickets are \$10 available at the door or from Josh.

## Episcopal 101, or Stump the Priest

### Wednesday, May 14, 21, 28 at 7:00 p.m.

Where do Episcopalians come from? Why do we worship the way we do? What are we supposed to believe? These are just some of the questions we will explore on Wednesdays in May. If you are new to the Episcopal Church or have been around long enough to have forgotten everything from confirmation classes, this is the class for you. Come armed with questions and try to stump Josh, or just come to listen. We look forward to seeing you.

## Bible Study

### Thursdays, May 15 and 29 at noon

We've made it out of Egypt, but now what does it look like when we try to organize God's people, how shall we live, under what rules? This month find out as we read about the giving of the Ten Commandments, and the birth of a nation.

## Pentecost is Coming

On Sunday, June 8 we will celebrate the church's birthday on the feast of Pentecost. Don't forget to wear red, an old custom. And if you can read in any foreign languages, please let Josh know, as we will be reenacting the speaking in tongues from that famous day. Pig Latin is not included...

## Choir Room Mold and Water Remediation

Have you ever had a project at your home that kept growing the more you learned?

We've had the same thing happen in the choir room as we try to make it a safer place and be sure that the walls of the church aren't being damaged by water. After tearing down wallboard and plaster, we learned that the pipe that brings water into the church is original to the building.

Yes, the same pipe has been bringing water into our church for over a century now, and it is time to retire it. So, in addition to waterproofing the walls, the vestry will be looking at bids to replace the water pipes from the main to the building, a second, rather expensive project.

After the wonderful support of the church in raising the money for new furnaces and air conditioning throughout the church, we will *not* be doing a hard push to raise this money, instead choosing to use some of the money from our investments to cover the costs. However, if you would like to donate to help with these projects, we would be very appreciative. You can talk to Josh, Josephine Feijoo, or Bob Hutchins for more information.

## CREDO Conference

Josh will be out of town from Monday, May 5 until Wednesday, May 14. He is attending a conference called CREDO that is supported by the Church Pension Fund. During this time he will be learning about and considering his physical, spiritual, fiscal, and vocational health. There will be sessions in all these areas both in small groups and in one on one conversations with experts. The vestry has happily supported this opportunity and Josh has heard wonderful things from those who have attended past conferences. Les Harding will be filling in on Mother's Day, and if you have any pastoral concerns during this time, please contact a warden.

# We Are Family

## **Please Hold In Your Prayers**

**For those in particular need of**

**prayer:** Trudy Baehr; Bret Beal;

Don & Cheryl Cortese; Gayle Cronk; Raymond Doughty; Marilou Ensign and family; Doug, Michelle and Lauren Gangwer; Mr. & Mrs. H; Rex & Judi Harris; Connie Hibbard; Claudia Hollinger; Bill Keating; Bailey Lewis; Aaron Myers; Leonard Myers; Rick M; Sarah; Imam Simberg; Denny Sharpe; Joanne Stratton; and Truman Todd; Sandy Train.

**And those in continuing need of prayer:** Bruce Adams; David Barrows; Kenneth Baxter; Theresa Braun; Margot Brummett; Louella Budenaers; Angela Buwalda; Betsy Davies; Dot Day; Glenn Delaney, Dennis Engelhart; Vincent Ganapini; Ed Gatt; Bunny Gladfelter; Ralph Gladfelter; Renee Goss; Brian Henderson; Tracy Hensley; Sally Hutchinson; Laurie Ingram; Mary Lou Jenkins; Connie Koch; Susan Michelson; Regina Miller; Beverly Mills; Devin Norris; Debbie Provost; John Provost; Cindy Trimmer Stout; Susan Taber; Ryan Wells; and Gavin Woods

## **Pray for Our Ministers**

**May 4<sup>th</sup>** – Susan Premo; Clay & Diane Putnam; Lois Putnam; Nancy Day, Ed & Ashley Ransley

**May 11<sup>th</sup>** – Dave & Denise Rayner; Dustin, Megan and Ben Rayner; Troy, Kirsty, Lily & Ella Rising; Mark & Lynne Ronthi

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Angela & Camden Roy; Jerry & Francine Rucker; Brian, Renee, Emily, Tessa, Lucas & Brady Short; Jeff, Melinda, Abigail & Emma Smith

**May 25<sup>th</sup>** – Norine Smith; Scott & Sandra Smith, Ron Spaulding; Richard Stratton

*We welcome to the body of Christ:*

Ian William Pennington, son of Chris and Theresa Pennington and grandson of Dee Grossmann. Ian was baptized on Easter Sunday at the sunrise service (and he was a very good boy!)

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Benjamin Rayner
5 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Johnston Kate Weber
6 <sup>th</sup>	Dominic DuPei Joshua Freeman
10 <sup>th</sup>	Edith Hersbeck Emma Smith
11 <sup>th</sup>	Angela Roy
12 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Chambers
14 <sup>th</sup>	Judith Fisher
15 <sup>th</sup>	Eveline Karnowski Steve Koch Mark Ronthi
16 <sup>th</sup>	Connor Chambers
19 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra Smith Bruce Trimmer
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Vance Gordon
24 <sup>th</sup>	Lynn Hopper
25 <sup>th</sup>	Aryanna Grant
26 <sup>th</sup>	Lois Putnam

## **Opportunities for Fellowship**

### **LUGNUTS BASEBALL**

*Thursday, JUNE 26<sup>th</sup>*

*7:00 p.m. Game Time*

*Do you love singing "take me out to the ballpark"  
and eating a ballpark hot dog...all while  
watching a great game?*

*Would you love doing all of these things even more  
in the company of good friends??*

*If the answer is yes, consider coming along to watch  
the Lugnuts of Lansing with fellow  
parishioners from St. Jude's!*

Tickets are \$11.00 and must be purchased by Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Please see Kathy Hopper or leave the money in the office for your order!

**Car Pooling will be organized as needed.**

## We are Family (Con't)

### **COFFEE HOUR Hosts:**

It is sad to say, but if we had coffee hour for the month of April, it was somebody who pulled together at the last minute to make coffee and add to the treats that CRUST provides on a weekly basis. And thanks are given to whomever was there to make the coffee and put out juice. Thanks also to those who made the delicious breakfast for Easter Sunday as a way of showing our appreciation for the beauty of the music our choir gave us for both services!

*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*

### **Coffee Hour Hosts Needed**

In recent months, we have had fewer parishioners sign up for coffee hour. Please consider taking a turn at setting out coffee and juice, supplementing the baked goods that CRUST so graciously sends on a weekly basis (something simple like cheese slices, carrot sticks) and cleaning up.

It can be a lovely way to commemorate an anniversary or birthday, and it really does provide that backdrop for the important ministry of breaking bread together.

### **DIRECTORY**

Updating the Directory is a continuous process or as some might say, "a work in progress." If you are not in the Directory, please notify the office if you have any additions or changes to your information.

#### **Directory Updates:**

Freya Hutchinson

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A huge thank you goes out to the Outreach Committee and to all volunteers/donors for the Spring Lunch Program. We were able to provide a lot of nutritious meals to families who are challenged with having hungry children home on Spring Break who normally receive a subsidized lunch.

## *News and Happenings*

### **Notes from the Choir**

THANK YOU to all our musicians for their dedication and talents for helping to make Holy Week and Easter so special.

These Sundays that immediately follow Easter are very joyous while illustrating scriptural truths. Our Lord's walk to Emmaus is retold on May 4 (*Sing, Ye Faithful, Sing with Gladness*).

The beloved Psalm 23 is featured on May 11 (*Shepherd Me, O God*.)

On May 18, Christ states, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation and Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life* speak to this theme.

May 25 is the traditional Rogation Sunday (*This is my Father's World*). Jesus teaches us in the gospel lesson, "If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments." We will also remember those who serve our country, past and present.

This is a busy month. May it be a blessed one for all.

Marlene Weston

### **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Mike & Peggy Kearns (24<sup>th</sup>)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Mark & Patty Karsten (31<sup>st</sup>)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Leslie & Judith Harding (54<sup>th</sup>)
- 9<sup>th</sup> David & Marjie Andrejciw (22<sup>nd</sup>)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mark & Lynne Ronthi (18<sup>th</sup>)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Herb & Sharon Aldrich (55<sup>th</sup>)
- Ed & Marlene Weston (41<sup>st</sup>)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Don & Mary Kurtz (66<sup>th</sup>)\* \*\* \*
- 24<sup>th</sup> Troy & Kirsty Rising (15<sup>th</sup>)
- 27<sup>th</sup> Ken & Eva Fizette (42<sup>nd</sup>)

### **E-MAIL ALERT**

Quite often, when Josh sends an e-mail that requires a response, the response is then sent to the office e-mail which is not staffed on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Alternatively, responses for e-mails sent from the Office may be sent to Josh's e-mail. This process delays the turn-a-round time needed to proceed with our never ending tasks. You are asked to please simply "reply" to the e-mail and then it automatically goes back to the sender which helps improve communications in a more timely fashion.

**Donate to St. Jude's Camp Chickagami Fund by May 31 –  
And Your Donation will be Matched,  
And our St. Jude's Youth will have Great Developmental Opportunities!!!**

As many of you know, we had a fun and informative Camp Chickagami Sunday at St. Jude's on March 30, 2014. Our very experienced, wonderful, and talented Camp Chickagami Camp Director Brian Ouellette visited St. Jude's and shared with us his tremendous enthusiasm and passion for camp, and the powerful spiritual opportunities it provides for our youth, families, and friends. Our Rev. Josh (including in his role as a Camp Chickagami spiritual leader) -- along with son William, daughter Julia, and wife Allie and young Timothy – also shared with us their passion for our Diocesan camp. And they all shared with us their camp songs, skits, humor, tricks on dad (by Julia), etc.

Our St. Jude's Camp Chickagami Sunday special (“loose-plate”) offering designated for camp raised \$400 that will be provided to camp. Thank you very much for your generosity!

During our St. Jude's Camp Chickagami Sunday, we announced and offered to match all donations provided (by May 31) to our existing **St. Jude's Camp Chickagami Fund**. Our fund was established a few years ago to provide scholarship support to St. Jude's youth wishing to go to camp, but unable to go without financial assistance. We made this matching offer because of our personal knowledge and experience with the great faith-based and developmental opportunities Camp Chickagami offers to our youth, and because of several comments received from our St. Jude's youth. One of our youth who attended camp as a camper and then counselor shared with us that Camp Chickagami provided him an incredible opportunity to explore and discuss his faith questions and experiences with his peers in a fantastic camp setting – an opportunity and experience that he said clearly was not possible and available to him in his normal school setting. You and we also heard similar powerful comments from our youth who prepared for and attended their St. Jude's pilgrimage last summer with their peers, Rev. Josh and other spiritual leaders.

Please support our present and future St. Jude's youth, and a potential opportunity for them to explore and experience at Camp Chickagami with their peers their faith development and faith journey.

Check out all the opportunities at Camp Chickagami in 2014 for youth camps, family camp, your friends (cabin rentals), Work Weekend volunteer work over Memorial Day Weekend, etc. at [www.CampChickagami.org](http://www.CampChickagami.org).

Thank you on behalf of our present and future youth of St. Jude's for your consideration of any donation.

John & Carol Pettipher



# Busy May Days

Getting To Know You...



My name is John Kusluski; I am 14 years old, and I LOVE soccer! My favorite movie is called "Avengers" and my favorite book is Harry Potter by J.K. Rowling. The best vacation I've ever taken with my family was to Arkansas. I am learning about how relationships are important in Sunday school right now, and I had a great time going to the Milford Pool with my youth group last month.



## It's Party Time!!

Come join us on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> for our annual End of Year Carnival. We will be playing balloon darts, painting faces, having an egg race, and much much more!

We can't wait to celebrate the terrific year we've had with you!

## Thanks

I would personally like to thank all of the wonderful people at St. Jude's that have volunteered their Sunday mornings to work with our children. Our church would not be the amazing place it is without such giving members. I would also like to thank all of the children of St. Jude's for their hard work and dedication to our program this year. I'm so proud of all of you!



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