

The Beacon

St. Jude's Episcopal Church
Fenton, Michigan

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching Out to Others

October, 2014 (our 156th year)

When I took the ALS challenge at the end of the summer (you can find the video on both my and the church's Facebook page), I challenged the members of St. Jude's to not only give to ALS, but to other groups and institutions that you believe are doing the work of God in the world. Specifically, I challenged everyone to give 10% of their pledge to other organizations. To use the good things that God has given you to make a difference in the world and do your part to make this world more like the kingdom of heaven.

The thing is, I strongly suspect that most of you are already doing this. I have seen your generosity when we ask for help for the CROP Walk, socks for the homeless, the Read and Feed Program, or places where our church needs extra help. I suspect that church is neither the only place that you give to nor the only place you give through. And I think we all need to be reminded of that from time to time. While our Outreach committee does excellent work giving us opportunities to support great programs with our money and volunteer time, it is not, by far, the only outlet.

And that is what we hope to do this year as part of our Stewardship Campaign. We hope to celebrate not only the generosity of our members when it comes to supporting the church, but also how our members are giving to the greater community and the world. When you receive your pledge card this year, it will include an opportunity to let us know where else your money is going this year – an opportunity to list all of those places you are sharing your treasure in order to be a good steward of your blessings. After the campaign, we will be making a list of all those different organizations, movements, and programs that are being supported by our church; a list of all the ways we are blessing the world.

So why 10%? Well, the standard the church uses for giving is the tithe, which is equal to 10% of our income. Our family pledges 10% of my pay back to the church, and money from Allie's salary goes to other causes. If the church asks you to give 10%, then it seems reasonable to me that the church should also ask that you give 10% of that for other things that are doing God's work in the world.

It has been said that to know what a person really cares about, you only need to look inside of their checkbook, though in this day and age their credit card bill would be a more likely place. This is a chance to share, anonymously, what you care about. I am excited to see the results, and learn about all the great things being supported by members of our St. Jude's family. I am excited to see how you are being faithful stewards of the good things God has blessed you with.

Maybe you are moved by the work of Heifer to bring sustainability to poor farmers, or by the work of the Red Cross to respond to disasters with immediate relief. Maybe you have a loved one who died or has been diagnosed with a specific disease, or maybe you have a passion for education and literacy. Whatever your reason, whatever the cause, God has made you excited, or even driven, to make creation a better place. And that is not only your gift to the world, but the knowledge that you have done this is God's gift to you.

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 – September 2014

- Discussed progress and next steps in renovation of Sunday School and Choir Room
- Made plans for staining the new shed and gave thanks for the work of Holden Holsinger and the volunteers he recruited
- Reviewed goals for the year and talked about progress and what still needs to happen
- Made plans for meeting with Bishop Todd during his visitation
- Received update on progress in Memorial Garden and plans to keep it in good shape

Time Change

Advance notice!!

Saturday, November 1st --

please be sure to set your clocks back one hour.

Don't be the one who arrives at church just in time for coffee hour.

Bible Study

Thursdays, October 9 and 23 at noon

This month we will review the book of Exodus and begin to look at Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy as we continue our survey of the first five books of the Bible.

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 4 – Feast of St. Francis at 10:00

St. Francis told us to treat of all God's creation with love and respect, because caring for what another has made is a way of caring for the creator. Perhaps there is no better example of this than in the way we love our pets, not only taking them in, but treating them as one of the family.

On Saturday, October 4, join us at 10:00 a.m. in the church parking lot as we pray for and bless the companions who travel with us on this earthly pilgrimage. No pet is too big or too small – so long as you can get it there. We look forward to seeing you and your pet.

Music on October 5

Join us on October 5 at the 10:30 service. Tracy Dunlop, our violinist in residence, will be playing with Marlene and our choir. It is always wonderful

to have Tracy with us and we look forward to hearing her play on October 5.

Bishop's Visitation

Sunday, October 12

We welcome the Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley, our diocesan bishop, to both services on Sunday, October 12. Todd will be preaching and will be available for conversation. This is our regular reminder of our connection to a greater church, and especially to the Diocese of Eastern Michigan. We are not alone in our hopes and dreams or our struggles and fears. Come and meet Todd, and ask him about plans for the diocese and the larger church. On Saturday afternoon, the vestry will be meeting with him to also talk about what is happening at St. Jude's and how we fit into the larger church.

Opportunities for Fellowship:

Tailgate Sunday

On Sunday, October 19th, the social Committee is organizing Tailgate party after the 10:30 service in the parking lot. Wear your favorite team colors, jersey, hats and bring a dish to pass. It is really a fun afternoon of fellowship!

Women's Advent Tea

Sunday, December 7th
at 6:00 p.m.

A Light Unto My Path

Give yourself the gift of time and enjoy an evening filled with reverence, fellowship and light as we prepare for the Christ Child

A sign-up list will be posted in October for hostess and guest participation – look for further details in upcoming *Beacons* and weekly bulletins. We look forward to seeing you again this year!

St. Jude's Card Ministry

If you know of someone who is ill, had a death or birth in the family, or simply just needs to be remembered by the St. Jude's family, please contact Norine Smith at 810-629-3673 or the office at 810-629-5681 and let them know so a card is available on Sundays for signatures.

News and Happenings

Redesigning the Episcopal Church

Thursday, October 2 at 7:30 at the Diocesan Center (Saginaw)

Almost three years ago, the General Convention of the Episcopal Church charged a taskforce to rethink the structure of our church. Where are we wasting resources? What could be done to better promote our denomination and churches? How can we better live out and share the gospel? These are just a few of the many questions they were charged with discussing.

The Taskforce to Reimagine the Episcopal Church (TREC) will be hosting a live discussion for the entire Episcopal Church on Thursday, October 2 at 7:30. You can join in this discussion at the Diocesan Center where we will be hearing from them via the web, and they will respond to questions from around the church. All are invited to attend. To read more about their work, including reports from the last two years, and proposals for General Convention to consider next summer, you can go to take the time to view the following website: <http://reimagnetec.org/category/news-reports/>

Josh plans to attend the meeting, so if you can't go and have questions or concerns, please talk to him before the 2nd. There are exciting changes going on that may have real dividends for St. Jude's. We hope you will take the time to stay informed and to voice your opinions.

Civil Discourse in America: Finding Common Ground for the Greater Good

Wednesday, October 22 at 2:00

Many of us in today's world are wearied with discussion of politics and religion. This isn't because we don't care, or even that we don't have something to say. Rather, it seems like any time you bring up politics or religion, you are shouted down with slogans or denials, or are faced with people who are scared to get involved. The church is trying to change that.

Join us on October 22 at 2:00 for a webinar from historic Christ Church in Philadelphia for a conversation about how to talk to one another about these touchy subjects. How do we respect those who are different? How do we express nuance in a sound bite world? These are just a few of the subjects that will be addressed.

The one hour program will include two panel discussions, *Civil Discourse in Faith*, and *Civil Discourse in Politics and Policy*, and a keynote speech by Presiding Bishop, Katharine Jefferts-Schori. Afterward, there will be an opportunity for further discussion among those present.

St. Jude's is honored to be hosting this program for the greater Flint area and we expect to have people from several churches attend. Please think about joining us, and if you want to share in offering hospitality, contact Josh.

Diocesan Convention

October 17 and 18

Please keep delegates, Jack and Beverly Mills, and John and Carol Pettipher, along with Josh, in your prayers as they journey together to Port Huron for the annual Diocesan Convention. They will attend workshops, elect officials for diocesan positions, and worship with other deputies from around the diocese. Pray for discernment about how God is calling the diocese forward and in helping to choose leaders who will faithfully follow that call. You can talk to them about issues of importance to you, and discuss what you would like to see the larger church doing. After convention look for information about plans and dreams for the future of our diocese.

Coats for Kids

The Outreach Committee will be sponsoring a Coats for Kids campaign this October. Please bring in new or gently used coats for children of all sizes. Mittens and gloves would also be appreciated. A drop off box will be located in VandenBergh Hall. Let's make an effort to help the many families in our community who are in need as the cold weather approaches. We would also like to collect mittens and hats for children in need at the Holly elementary schools. Thank you in advance for your kindness and prayers.

SCRIP

It is a good time to start thinking about the stores, restaurants, and gas stations that you enjoy or like to give gift cards to. With the holidays approaching, you can begin to set them aside AND help St. Jude's with the percentage that your purchase brings to us. It is truly a win-win!

We Are Family

Please Hold In Your Prayers

For those in particular need of

prayer: John Babcock; Patsy Davis; Jane Diehl; Doug; Gail Endahl; Eric; Julie Gates; Judy Godsell; Lindon James; Bill Lenny; Eveline McCoy; Delores Melfi; Aaron Myers; Taylor Nicely; Ron Trimmer and Latoyah Upton, Fred Wells.

And those in continuing need of prayer: David Barrows; Bret Beal; BJ Family; Theresa Braun; Jack Bretzke; Margot Brummett; Betsy Davies; Dot Day; Bunny Gladfelter; Ralph Gladfelter; Renee Goss; Grossmann Family; Brian Henderson; Ev Koller; Leona; Teresa Maynard; the Lewis family; Rick M; Debbie Provost; John Provost; Denny Sharpe; Arin Shinabarger; Sandy Train; Susan Taber; and Gavin Woods.

Pray for Our Ministers

October 5th – Lynn & Kathy Hopper; Bob & Terri Hutchins; Freya Hutchinson; Mark, Beth & Nicole Jagos

October 12th – Dave & Debbie James; Charles & Fran Johnston; Les & Nancy Jones; Eveline Karnowski

October 19th – Eric & Patty Karsten; Mike & Peggy Kearns; Wayne & Kathy Knotts; Carl & Connie Koch

October 26th – Doug Koch; Jeff, Jennifer & Madeleine Koch; Steve, Laura, Evan & Ella Koch

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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2nd Jerry Rucker
3rd Jack Bretzke
Leah Pence
5th Kim Alexander
Mike Pattan
6th David Andrejciw
Lucy Foguth
Yasuko James
7th Kara Shepherd
Bruce Wheeler
10th Nancy Day
12th Natalie Hassel
Kim Wheeler
14th Laura Bentz
16th Terri Hutchins
17th Evan Koch
18th Ed Ransley
19th Holly Boggs
Hunter Holsinger
20th Paul Nancarrow
22nd Beth Harvey
Ron Chambers
25th Dorthea Day
William Hoover
26th Dot Dowlan
Mark Jagos

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

6th Mike & Kathy Holsinger (24 years)
12th Paul & Deborah Nancarrow (59 years)
17th Bill & Marcia Freeman (62 years)
19th Dean & Julie DuPei (18 years)
20th Mark & Pat Freeman (35 years)
Jeff & Jennifer Koch (12 years)
21st Mike & Ashleigh Pattan (11 years)
29th Matt & Kristen Shepherd (9 years)

sweet arrivals!

Maurin Day Chambers Oliver, born September 4th (and has a very remarkable birth story) to Lenae Chambers and Ben Oliver and big sister Gwen! 8 lbs., 8 oz and 21 inches.

Henry James Pence, born September 13th to Leah and Eric Pence. 8 lbs., 6 oz and 20 inches. Henry is also the grandson of Deb and Dave James (and most

We are Family (Con't)

COFFEE HOUR Hosts:

Our thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during September: The anonymous donor of a vegetable tray, Carl and Connie Koch and Freya Hutchinson, Linda Chciuk and Sandy Davis, Rex and Judi Harris. And, we would also like to thank our good friends at *CRUST* for the dedicated delivery of delicious baked goods each Sunday.

Oops - we would also like to acknowledge the coffee hour hosted by Joan and Jerry Graham. They were inadvertently left off the list in the last *Beacon* – our sincere apologies for that oversight!

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

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you

There are so many to thank for good works done around St. Jude's this past month. So many, in fact, that the danger is in not naming ALL those who have contributed. If that happens, please accept our apologies in advance, and make sure you give the office a call, so it can be corrected!

The big news is that our shed is now complete! Taken on as his Eagle Scout project, Holden Holsinger raised the funds (along with a vestry contribution), and oversaw the project, working with fellow Eagle Scouts and other volunteers. It really is a beauty, needing only to be given a coat of stain.

The cement floor for the project was donated by the Freeman Brothers, and we thank them for their generosity. Well done, Holden!!

Mowing for the month of September were Sandy Davis, Lynn Ronthi, Herb Aldrich and John Kusluski. We are grateful for your keeping our grounds trimmed and inviting!

The Sunday School, Nursery and Choir Rooms have been receiving a much needed overhaul. We will provide a list of those involved when the project is complete, but we thank you for your participation!

Many thanks to Diane Putnam and Lynne Ronthi for all the hard work they do to help us get our SCRIP cards and help St. Jude's to earn extra monies. Nice job!

News and Happenings

Notes from the Choir

October is a month of transition from the foliage and warmth of early autumn to the colors and barrenness of late fall. There is also a shift in the liturgical calendar from the well loved stories we have heard through the summer to teachings of healing, humility, and faith as we prepare for Advent. The musical selections reflect these themes.

We begin the month with a visit from Tracy Dunlop, violinist, on October 5 that will feature music from the classics. Some of the great hymns of the church will be featured throughout October, such as *Christ is made the sure foundation, O praise ye the Lord, Rejoice, the Lord is King, God of grace and God of glory*, and *Jesu, Jesu*.

Marlene Weston

OFFICE NOTES

Worship Leader Schedule: As we return from summer vacations and get back into the swing of things, we recognize there are many things occurring at St. Jude's and for some at school and work as well. Schedules become tighter and that can be frustrating.

HELP US HELP YOU!

If you are a part of the rotating Worship Leader Schedule for reading, ushering or being an acolyte, you will be sent an e-mail asking for your availability each month prior to the *Beacon* being published. This will be followed by a tentative schedule based on responses received for your review. If you don't respond to the e-mail, the assumption is made that you are available/the schedule is okay...which leads to last minute calls for changing the schedule...which leads to the scramble to find a replacement...which is where the frustration comes in – for all!

Please take a moment out of your day when you see the availability and tentative schedules and we can try to work the kinks out. Thanks in advance for your help!

Wheelchairs: The church willingly lends out our wheelchairs to those with a temporary need. We currently have a member who needs one on Sunday, and both of our wheelchairs are missing. If you have one of the church wheelchairs, please either return it, or let us know that it is still in use.

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