



The Beacon

St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Fenton, Michigan

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching Out to Others

May, 2015 (our 157th year)

Sharing Our Stories

Have you heard or told a story like this: "When I was your age I walked to school! Up hill! Both ways!"

This is one of the more humorous examples of the stories that we tell about our past. But there are plenty of other stories, also.

Stories we tell, include:

- circumstances of our birth
- where we grew up
- hijinks with friends
- milestones in life (baptism, graduation, college, marriage, death of loved ones)
- mentors and role models

These stories are important to help us stay connected to friends and family. They help us reflect on our individual lives and we see our physical, emotional, and spiritual growth over the years. We celebrate the joyous times... those great moments of happiness and accomplishment. We might also notice how struggles have impacted us and made us stronger and provided the times of the most growth.

In this Easter season, we have been reading the Acts of the Apostles in church. We are talking about the foundational stories of Christianity and the first disciples who spread the word of Jesus Christ. These people serve as examples to us. They inspire us to proclaim that same Good News in our world today.

St. Jude's is a place in our time for sharing God's love. It is full of a really long, rich history. And at some point you entered into that story.

- how did you first come to St. Jude's?
- what kept you here?
- who inspires you?

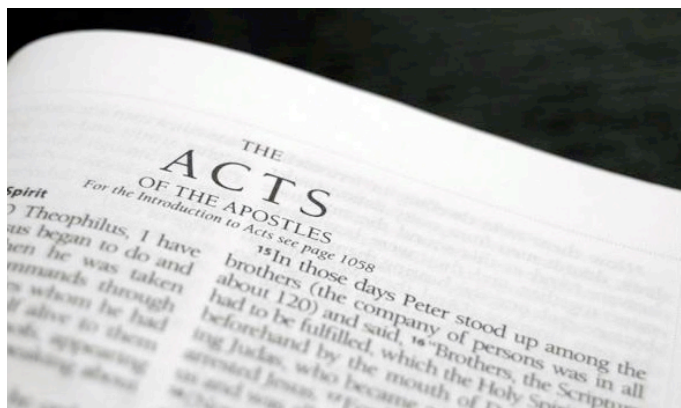
Visiting the past and sharing our stories helps us examine ourselves. We can see the communal and individual growth over those years. It also helps us look forward to our future.

- how will St. Jude's live into the Gospel?
- what is St. Jude's called to be in this community at this time in history?
- how might the stories of the disciples from Acts inspire us to be bold in our faith?

I invite your stories.

Yours,

Heather Barta +



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Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. • Christian Formation: 9:15 a.m.

We Are Family

May Birthdays

2nd	–	Benjamin Rayner
5th	–	Charles Johnston
6th	–	Dominic DuPei
10th	–	Edith Hersbeck
	–	Jenne Hadden
11th	–	Angela Roy
12th	–	Carol Chambers
	–	Susan Premo
14th	–	Judith Fisher
	–	Miryam Hassell
15th	–	Eveline Karnowski
	–	Steve Koch
16th	–	Connor Chambers
19th	–	Sandra Smith
	–	Bruce Trimmer
22nd	–	Vance Gordon
24th	–	Lynn Hopper
26th	–	Lois Putnam

Happy Birthday

Welcome to all Newcomers

Often times, we have new visitors and some not so new who attend St. Jude's. Unfortunately, the office is not always made aware of who these people are. If you know someone, or perhaps even yourself, could you fill out a "Welcome Newcomers" form (please ask an Usher for the form or take one from the rack by the office) and drop it in the Offertory Plate. This helps to get you on the Beacon recipient list and also we can recognize birthdays and anniversaries.

If you are already a member and notice a new face, please take time to welcome them and forward their information to the office.

May Anniversaries

5th	–	Mike & Peggy Kearns (25th)
8th	–	Leslie & Judith Harding (55th)
9th	–	David & Marjie Andrejciw (23rd)
18th	–	Mark & Lynne Ronthi (19th)
19th	–	Herb & Sharon Aldrich (56th)
	–	Ed & Marlene Weston (42nd)
22nd	–	Don & Mary Kurtz (67th)
24th	–	Troy & Kirsty Rising (16th)



Name Tags

For those who do not have a name tag, please sign up on the list by the Office rack and we will get one made for you.

Flower and Candle Dedications

For a mere cost of \$30 you can dedicate the altar flowers for a particular Sunday, or the candle for a month. Suggestions include, thanksgiving for your blessings, remembering a loved one, celebration of a birthday or anniversary, or simply for God's presence in your life. Forms are available in the rack by the office.



We Are Family

Pray for our Ministers

May 3rd – Bob and Terri Hutchins; Freya Hutchinson; Mark, Beth and Nicole Jagos; Dave and Debbie James

May 10th – Charles and Francine Johnston; Les and Nancy Jones; Eveline Karnowski; Mike & Peggy Kearns, Wayne and Kathy Knotts

May 17th – Carl and Connie Koch; Doug Koch; Jeff, Jennifer and Madeleine Koch; Steve, Laura, Evan and Ella Koch

May 24th – Evelyn Koller; Jim and Kathy Kortge; Don and Mary Kurtz; Dean, Lisa, Jake and John Kuslusi

May 31st – Renee LeBlanc; Neil Leonard and Betty Leonard; Nancy Maes; Nancy Mason.

For those in particular need of prayer: Brett Beal; Marie Church; Cheryl & Don Cortese; Erica and Gail Delaney; Jane Diehl; Doug; Matt Doyon; Gail Endahl; Caytie Gascoigne; Julie Gates; Tom Gernack; Ralph Gladfelter; Judy Godsell, Dee Grossmann; Mary Lou Jenkins; Collin Krause; Bill Lenny; Lenox Family; Lewis family; Eveline McCoy; Delores Melfi; Aaron Myers;

Taylor Nicely; Marge Riley; Latoyah Upton; John Vitovsky; Pat Walters and Fred & Lynne Wells.

And those in continuing need of prayer: John Babcock; David Barrows; Theresa Braun; Margot Brummett; Betsy Davies; Bunny Gladfelter; Renee Goss; Brian Henderson; Ev Koller; Leona; Jeff Leubke; Rick M; Denny Sharpe; Arin Shinabarger; Sandy Train; Susan Taber; and Gavin Woods.

Our sincere condolences

Nancy Day, Ed and Ashley Ransley and family on the death of Nancy's mom Dot Day.

Barb and Brian Goss family on the death of Barb's sister Patsy Davis.

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



Coffee Hour Hosts

Our sincere thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during April: Easter Breakfast, Feijoo, Chciuk, Hutchins, Gernack, and Holsinger families.

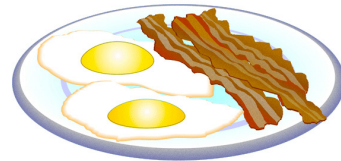
We also offer our thanks to Crust for their dedicated delivery of their delicious baked goods that we enjoy each Sunday.

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

Upcoming Social Committee Events

Breakfast on May 31

We will be having a joint breakfast between the services. Look for sign-ups and more information in the May announcements.



Lugnuts Baseball Game on August 8

The Lugnuts are a minor league team in the Toronto Blue Jays system. They play in Lansing. It is a small stadium, very family friendly, and fun to attend. The New Century Chorale is singing the National Anthem and many of our church members are part of that group.

Tickets will be sold starting after Easter.

The cost is \$11 per ticket.

The game starts at 7:00 p.m.



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.

May is a month of celebrations. On May 3 and 10, we hear about God's love for us (God is love, let heaven adore Him.) May 17 is the Sunday after our Lord's Ascension. Musical selections will include "See the Conqueror mounts in triumph" and "Hail the day that sees Him rise."

We celebrate Pentecost on May 24, the fifty days following Passover that saw the coming of the Holy Spirit and the actual birth of the Christian church. The musical offerings are joyous and illustrate this celebration.

May 31 is Trinity Sunday. Holy, holy, holy and Holy God, we praise thy name carry this theme.

Marlene Weston



Camp Chickagami

Standard Camp Fees at \$325 per camper. If registered between now and May 1st use the promo code EARLYBIRD for \$25 off registration. Scholarships are available. Contact McKenzie Bade for an application for financial assistance.

Family Camp | July 8 – 12, 2015

Bring your whole family (ages 0 to 107!) to experience the great things offered at Camp Chick! Swimming, singing, boating and worship – best of all: NO COOKING!

Trip Camp | July 8 – 12, 2015

Kids ages 12-16 are invited to take camp on the road and canoe down the Manistee River led by experienced camp staff!

Senior Camp | July 12-18, 2015

Our Senior Camp is an outdoor extravaganza in a welcoming, intentional Christian setting that features swimming, singing, crafts, archery, and of course – dodgeball! We welcome ages 12 - 16.

Intermediate Camp | July 19 - 25, 2015

Intermediate Camp is an outdoor education focused program with an intentional Christian setting – no one can complain that they are bored when they're at Camp Chick! This program is for ages 10 - 13.

Counselors in Training | July 19 - 25, 2015

Learn how to be an excellent counselor while still enjoying all the fun and silliness of being a camper. CITs are 15 - 16 years old.

Junior Camp | July 26 – August 1, 2015

Junior camp is the perfect camping experience for returning campers or first timers! The intentional Christian setting features top-notch programming, swimming, singing, arts and crafts and tons more! This program is for the youngest ages of 8 – 12 year olds.

***St. Jude's has scholarships to give –
get in touch with the church office!***

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May 10

Following the 10:30 service

Ashleigh Pattan is resigning as children and youth minister.

*Come celebrate
her great ministry
of 9 years!*

Vestry Notes – May 2015

- Vestry approved the transfer of funds into the three new endowment funds
- Kitchen plumbing issue is larger than originally thought; more quotes will be sought out before repairs are made
- Church spring clean-up tentatively marked for May 17 – following the 10:30 service. Wear, or bring, your jeans and gloves and rakes. There will be a list for people of all abilities to help with beautifying the church. If you are unable to help at that time, but would like to work on the yard / building, contact Ben
- Vestry approved money to purchase a fireproof filing cabinet for historical church documents

Messy Church : May 3, 5-7 pm

This is an opportunity designed for parents to take part in worship and activities with their children. All people are welcome to come and participate.

The night will include some creative time to explore the biblical theme through getting messy; a celebration time which might involve story, prayer, song, and games; and a meal together.

We begin with dinner at 5! We look forward to seeing you there!



Labryinth Workshop

May 15-18, Holy Family Episcopal Church, Midland.

Friday – 7-9 pm – free public lecture register at www.hfmid.org.

Saturday 9:30-2:30 – Workshop and lunch, register at www.hfmid.org

Sunday and Monday – Labyrinth Facilitator Training - register at veriditas.org/ft.

Healing Conference

St. Paul's Church, Flint. May 15 (6 pm registration), May 16- 8 am Breakfast with lunch and supper at 6 pm with classes throughout the day. May 17 -9 am Holy Eucharist/ Induction of New members. Rev. Dr. Jack and Anna Marie Sheffield are internationally recognized speakers. Cost is \$25 per person. Contact Mary Snell at marysnell@com-cast.net for more info or call her at: 810.694.0280.

Holden Holsinger chosen for design team

Holden has been chosen to be a member of the design team of the General Convention Official Youth Presence. This team consists of 18 youth from across the country.

What is General Convention? In simple terms, it is a bi-cameral legislative body, consisting of the House of Bishops (all bishops) and the House of Deputies. (4 clergy/4 lay elected by each diocese).

Meeting for two weeks at a time every three years, the General Convention sets the mission priorities, budget and policies of the Episcopal Church for the next three years. This year, General Convention is June 25 -July 3, 2015, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

In April, Holden traveled to Utah to meet in person with the team. They will continue their planning over the next few months and then gather again to help youth interact with General Convention.

This is a great honor! We are so proud of you, Holden!

Pilgrimage News

St. Jude's High School Youth Group is planning their next pilgrimage summer of 2016, so the fundraising has begun.

A Mother's Day Carwash is planned on Sunday, May 10th. (This is also the last day of Sunday School) Cars will be washed starting at 9:30 a.m. during Sunday School & 10:30 a.m. service in the parking lot by the Youth Group. Proceeds will go to the 2016 Youth Pilgrimage.

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Also returnable cans and bottles will be collected now through the time of pilgrimage.

If you have cans you would like to donate to the youth group, please bring them to church. Leave them on the landing by the side door. Thank you for any and all donations!

For more information, contact Lisa Kuslusi at LKuslusi123@comcast.net

National Honor Society Inductee

Matthew Moller will be inducted into the National Junior Honor Society on May 19.



Memorial Service

A Memorial service for Laurie Alexander-Stadfeld, daughter of Bob and Kim Alexander, will be held on May 23 at 11:00am at St. Jude's.



SCRIP News

If you are considering outdoor or indoor projects, or perhaps you are really ambitious and are in the planning stages of a home improvement or decorating project. Home Depot and Menards are great SCRIP cards to have on hand.

Mother's Day is not too far off. We have great SCRIP restaurant cards for the perfect place to take your Mother/Wife out to dinner!



Check out shopwithscrip.com to get the complete list of merchants. We order the first and third Sunday of each month. Your check or cash need to accompany your order. Let's continue to increase this fundraising income for St. Jude's!

Coffee Hour

We have many many openings to choose from. Please consider hosting/co-hosting this fellowship and provide simple refreshments in addition to the baked goods we receive each week.

Volunteer Angels

- Outreach and all volunteers/donors for Spring Lunch Program
- Many thanks to the Kitchen Fairies who cleaned and re-arranged the cupboards and shelves. Job well done!

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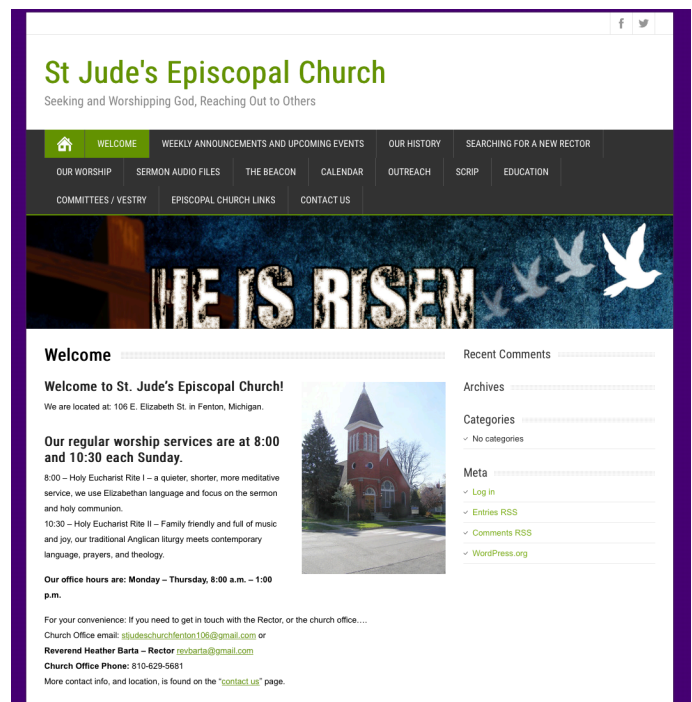
When is the last time you visited the church website? Did you even know the church had a website? It has been a work in progress for several years, with the first one being constructed and maintained by Ty Fry.

Fast forward to this year, and it has now been re-vamped (but is still maintained by Ty and Debbie). You could probably still call it a work in progress, since there is a bit of outdated information found on a couple of the pages, but, we are getting there!

You can download a copy of The Beacon here each month; find a schedule of upcoming weekly events and announcements; find a downloadable copy of the monthly calendar; we are even starting to load audio files of the sermons that you can listen to, or download, and you can let us know what you think in any of the 'comments' sections on some pages! There really is all sorts of information here, so don't forget to check it out and see what we've done.

With the help of Eric Karsten, Heather Barta, the committees, and a whole host of individuals, including Ty and Debbie, we plan to continue building this site so that it has anything and everything you need, or need to know, about St. Jude's Episcopal Church!

Look us up at www.stjudesfenton.com



Did you also know we can be found on Facebook and Twitter?

On Facebook, we are: St. Jude's Episcopal Church

On Twitter, we are: StJudesFenton (@StJudesFentonMI).

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Thank
You



From a Family Promise Family

Lindsay of Family Promise passed on a note she received from a Family Promise recipient:

"I hope all is going well. My patio doors are in and the blinds are up. I went to Crossover Ministries last week and they gave us really nice things. This evening I made sloppy joes in the crock pot they gave us. My kids have warm towels when they get out of the bath thanks to the towel warmer they gave us. After dinner me and the kids are going to use the comfy covers they gave us to lay across the floor and watch Empire because it is a common interest for us and gives us bonding time. Everything is falling into place slowly but surely. We may not have everything we want but we have everything we need. Well, gotta go. Just wanted to keep you updated. We will be visiting soon because the kids are begging me about being overnight hosts. From our home to yours... have a Fantastic evening!"*

*The towel warmers are courtesy of Bed, Bath and Beyond which contributes to Family Promise.

May 3

8:00 a.m. - Worship

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School / Adult Ed

10:30 a.m. - Worship

***Celebration of those who provided leadership
to education classes this year.***

***After 10:30 a.m. - Blessing of the remodeled
education areas***

(*Choir Room will have a separate blessing when it is completely finished)

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