



# The Beacon

St. Jude's Episcopal Church  
Fenton, MI

**Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching Out to Others**  
September, 2015 (our 157<sup>th</sup> year)

I have been reading a book called *Creativity, Inc.* The author is the founder of Pixar, the animation studios that have brought us movies such as *Toy Story*, *Cars*, *Inside Out*, and *Up*. He shares the insights he has gained while trying to create a culture of creativity and experimentation. He encourages everyone to try new things and assess the results. Rather than agonizing over all of the details before starting something new and spending enormous amounts of time creating a “perfect” plan, he says: be inspired, figure out a strategy, and try it out. Mistakes will always happen. Experiences will lead to improvement and inspire alterations and be a springboard to even more ideas. More planning isn’t necessarily better. Try it, learn from it, move to the next phase.

It is the combination of reading this book and listening to our Bishop, Todd Ousley, talk about experimenting in our churches that has made me very excited about beginning our new fall program and worship service: Messy Church which will be held on Sundays at 5:00 p.m.

I’ll share a bit of history: For several years, St. Jude’s has had a full 10:30 service. (“Full” in church language is 80% of the seats are filled.) People who come in to visit often feel like there is no space for them because it seems full. Also, in my first few months with you, many people expressed concern for children and youth. The people of St. Jude’s want to share faith with children and youth and have been searching for a new way to do that.

In hearing your stories, it seemed time to try something new. Messy Church is an intergenerational program that is accessible to children and youth, AND engaging for all ages. Each Sunday will have dinner, worship, and activities. Youth Group will have some dedicated time for their own activities. Children and adults will have activities and conversation.

We welcome you to join us on a Sunday, or to volunteer to help out. We need assistance with hospitality, dinner organization, and assisting with worship and activities. Let me know how you would like to share your talents with this experiment.

This is an addition to our Sunday schedule. 8:00 a.m. will continue to be a Rite I celebration of the Eucharist and 10:30 a.m. will continue with their liturgical and musical variety.

As we begin this expanded schedule of worship, we invite your participation and patience. We invite you to share this opportunity with others that you know. And the greatest thing about an experiment – we get to try something new. I am praying that more people will come to St. Jude’s to experience God’s love with the amazing community. I know that we will continue to experiment and adjust and listen to the community gathered and respond to where God is calling us...which is probably somewhere that we cannot imagine at this point, but will be creative and fun and full of light.

Peace,  
Heather

*A note of thanks to those who were able to come to our open house or send their happy wishes our way. It was fun and we are happy to have a beautiful space to enjoy God’s creation. (Especially the horses!)*

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# We Are Family

## Please Hold In Your Prayers

**For those in particular need of prayer:** Margaret Ancic; Christian Beck; Bill Cowger; Doug; Julie Gates; Stan Haddock; Bill Lenny; Jeff Leubke; Lewis family; Paul Riley; Spencer Sands; Norine Smith; Stan Spicer

**And those in continuing need of prayer:** John Babcock; David Barrows; Brett Beal; Theresa Braun; Margot Brummett; Marie Church; Betsy Davies; Erica and Gail Delaney; Jane Diehl; Gail Endahl; Bunny Gladfelter; Ralph Gladfelter; Judy Godsell; Renee Goss; Brian Henderson; Mary Lou Jenkins; Mary Kurtz; Lisa; Teresa Maynard; Leona; Rick M; Denny Sharpe; Arin Shinabarger; Sandy Train; Susan Taber; and Gavin Woods.

## Pray for Our Ministers

**September 6** – Linda Hardy; Rex & Judi Harris; Lois Hartranft; Dan & Beth Harvey

**September 13** – Tristin, Natalie, & Miryam Hassell; Harold & Edith Hersback; Connie Hibbard; Patrick & Abel Hibbard & Katie Fleming

**September 20** – Mike, Kathy, Hunter and Holden Holsinger; Kelly Hopper; Lynn & Kathy Hopper; Bob & Terri Hutchins; Freya Hutchinson

**September 27** – Mark, Beth & Nicole Jagos, Caroline James, Dave & Debbie James; Charles & Francine Johnston

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

10<sup>th</sup> Jim & Kathy Kortge (49 years)  
14<sup>th</sup> Carl & Connie Koch (58 years)  
24<sup>th</sup> James & Tonna Nicholls (27 years)  
26<sup>th</sup> Steve & Laura Koch (17 years)  
29<sup>th</sup> Scott & Sandra Smith (43 years)

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1<sup>st</sup> David James  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sally Diehl  
4<sup>th</sup> Maurin Oliver  
Sharon Rogers  
5<sup>th</sup> Courtney Chambers  
Linda Chciuk  
6<sup>th</sup> Marv Fisher  
7<sup>th</sup> Heather Barta  
Dee Grossmann  
9<sup>th</sup> Cloud James  
10<sup>th</sup> Holden Holsinger  
11<sup>th</sup> Diane Putnam  
Dave Rayner  
12<sup>th</sup> Connor Davis  
13<sup>th</sup> Nancy Jones  
15<sup>th</sup> Marjie Andrejciw  
16<sup>th</sup> Freya Hutchinson  
Jennifer Rosa  
17<sup>th</sup> Dean DuPei  
19<sup>th</sup> Marilou Ensign  
Francine Johnston  
Chris Roy  
20<sup>th</sup> Matthew Moller  
21<sup>st</sup> Joan Graham  
22<sup>nd</sup> Jack Mills  
Marlene Weston  
23<sup>rd</sup> Margot Brummett  
Jackson Shepherd  
25<sup>th</sup> Mike Kearns  
26<sup>th</sup> Lydia Anderson  
Kayla Chambers  
Renee Short  
28<sup>th</sup> Liza Dolza  
Jeff Koch  
Megan Rosa  
30<sup>th</sup> Pat Freeman

## Our Sincere Condolences to:

Judith Harding and family on the death of her husband, Les Harding.

Ivy Everett – Eveline Karnowski, on the death of her aunt, Ivy Everett.

*May the souls of Les, Ivy and all those we love, but see no longer, rest in eternal peace.*

## We are Family (Con't)

### COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

Sincere thanks to those who provided coffee hour for the month of August: the Shepherd, Putnam, and Kortge families. Again, our thanks to CRUST for their dedicated, and delicious baked goods.

*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*

### Office Notes:

#### Pledge Statements

The semi-annual statements are available in the library for you to pick up at your convenience. They are pro-rated per day, so please don't be confused if you have a cents balance. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at 810.629.5681 or email: [stjudeschurchfenton106@gmail.com](mailto:stjudeschurchfenton106@gmail.com).

#### THANKS

While summer is a time of vacations, rest and relaxation, many St. Jude's individual, families and friends still took time to volunteer their services in the Read & Feed Program, August 11-13 and 18-20, hosted by First Presbyterian.

Our lawn mowers for August included Matt Shepherd, Emily Short, and Kelly & Lisa Cronk.

And, of course, there were those who served as an EM, Reader, Acolyte, Usher or Altar Guild volunteers.

Thanks to all who serve God with their ministry of volunteerism!

#### ALTAR ANGELS

Each week when we come to Sunday Services, we see the flowers on the altar, the appropriate cloths covering the altar, current hymn numbers on the wall, the wine goblet filled and the bread and wafers placed on their plate.

We expect these things to be in place and take them for granted. However, there are a group of dedicated women who make this possible each week. Please take a moment to thank Gay Adams, Linda Chciuk, Sarah Dolza, Dee Grossmann, Judi Harris, Mary Ellen Hazell, Kathy Holsinger; Kathy Hopper, Terri Hutchins, Fran Johnston, Lorraine Moller, Mary Louise Susalla, and Christine Szostak for their continuing efforts.

### Notes from the Choir

Due to a technical glitch, the September Choir Notes from Marlene are not available. We are happy to report that the choir will be back in force on September 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in being a part of this important ministry, please see Marlene Weston, or talk to any of the choir members...it would be music to their ears.

### BUILDING USAGE

With the passing of the summer season, activities at St. Jude's will be increasing many times over. If you or your group are planning an event/meeting at St. Jude's, please contact Barb in the office to help insure that the room(s) is available: 810-629-5681 or [stjudeschurchfenton106@gmail.com](mailto:stjudeschurchfenton106@gmail.com).

### OFFICE HOURS

The office will be closed on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> in observance of Labor Day.

Beginning Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, office hours will resume the Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. schedule.

### FLOWER DEDICATIONS NEEDED

What better way to recognize a special event, a special person or simply in thanks to God for your blessings than to dedicate the altar flowers? You may sign up using the St. Jude's website at [www.stjudesfenton.com](http://www.stjudesfenton.com) and use the link to the Sign Up Station or use the sign-up sheet in VandenBergh Hall. Or simply drop your request off in the metal office mailbox or Offertory Plate with your gift of \$30.

### Notes for Jake Kuslusi

If you would like to send a note/care package directly to Jake during his basic training, you can use the contact information here:

Pvt. Kuslusi, Jacob D., Echo Company  
701st Military Police Battalion 2nd PLT  
7130 Colorado Avenue, Suite C  
Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri 65473.

Also, put '2nd Platoon' on the back of the envelope bottom row 2/3's to the right. This address should be good until the beginning of October or so. We will keep you updated about changes.

# News and Happenings

## Messy Church - Fun, Fellowship and Faith Formation for All!

Our new intergenerational program for children, youth and adults will kick off on Sunday, September 13th, at 5 p.m. We can't wait to share songs, arts and crafts, a book nook, resources for nurturing faith formation at home, making Halloween and Valentine Care Packages for college students, folks in the military and more. Special events like All Saints Pumpkin decorating, pie making and a St. Nicholas celebration will take place on occasion. We may even plan a special jam session or two or three throughout the year.

We'll start our evening with a simple but yummy meal. We plan a salad bar (everyone bring one ingredient) so that everyone can build their own salad. We may also have mac n' cheese available too. In the winter, we may switch to a soup and salad bar.

Our worship time will be specially designed to engage everyone. Godly Play stories will be our "lessons." Each participant will be invited to take a turn at trying different roles during worship: greeter, acolyte, challis bearer, musician, etc. We also hope to involve a few others, with a little training, in being Godly Play storytellers.

Intergenerational activities will follow worship. Though youth group (for 6th-12th graders) will often break off to do their own lesson and/or activity for the second half of Messy Church. In fact, we are planning a scavenger hunt and bonfire for fall.

Messy Church is for everyone - no matter what your age! Please join us for lots of fun, fellowship and faith formation!

## FAMILY FUN, FAMILY FUN!!!

Mike Green and family have invited families with children and youth out to his lake house for a picnic on Sunday, September 6th from 12:30-3:30. Bring your swimsuit and towel and sunscreen! Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass.

Please RSVP to Kris at (248) 568-6082 or [kris\\_stjudesfenton@yahoo.com](mailto:kris_stjudesfenton@yahoo.com). I'll share more details when you RSVP.

## Habitat for Humanity - 2015

This year St. Jude's will be working with First Presbyterian church to assist on one the 2015 Genesee County Habitat builds. Together we will be asked to assemble a team of 10 - 14 people for two days on September 25th and 26th. There are several builds currently in progress, so we won't know for a few weeks which location we will be working on.

Once details are available we will include them in the bulletin and on sign-up sheets. In the meantime, you can sign-up now online. Printed sign-up sheets will be posted on 8/30.

## Family Promise Update

*The Family Promise program continues to work well in Genesee County thanks to the hard work and dedication to all of the volunteers. Here are a few statistics from the Director that show the good work being accomplished:*

- *Our very first graduate LaToya has been in her own home for more than a year now. She and her sons, Jaden and Joaquin, are still in the same apartment they graduated into back in May of 2014.*
- *We have graduated thirteen families total. This year, having graduated nine families thus far, we are averaging a 55% success rate. I know that number will continue to grow!*
- *As of this writing, we have provided 1,974 nights of safe sleep for our families in 2015.*
- *Those 1,974 nights of safe sleep translates into roughly 5,922 meals for families.*

Our 3rd week as a support church for the Family Promise program is fast approaching. We will need volunteers for the week of September 20th. Our role is to provide meals three nights per week (Sunday, Tuesday, and Saturday), overnight chaperones two nights per week (Sunday and Tuesday), and onsite support Saturday afternoon, when the children are not in school. St. Paul's Episcopal Church is the host church and we share the weekly responsibilities with its members, as well as, members from St. Dunstan's of Davison.

In review, Family Promise provides accommodations, meals and assistance finding new work and living arrangements for Genesee County families who have temporarily lost their homes. The primary goal is to keep families together. something

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that no other shelter can do. Shelter and meals are provided at a different church each week, with each church taking four turns per year. In addition, each day while the children are in school, parents who are not at work stay at the "Day Center." At the Day Center, social services are provided to assist in finding work and permanent housing. The program can accommodate 15 family members at a time, but the number changes often as families find homes.

Please sign-up to volunteer either online now, or on the Outreach bulletin board starting August 30th. For more information about the volunteer jobs, go to the sign-up station on the St. Jude's website. Also consider asking a St. Jude's member who hasn't had a chance to help out yet to assist you. "Many hands make light work." Or if you are new to the program, please note that you would like to be paired with an experienced volunteer. There will be a volunteer meeting before the week of September 20th to review guidelines and answer any questions. Those who volunteer to prepare a meal will be given the count for how many family members they will be cooking for, but the numbers can change day to day. You may want to shop a day or two before your assigned date. Thank you, St. Jude's, for your continued support of this very important ministry.

## Gospel Choir - October 4, 2015

The Gospel Choir from St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Flint, will be coming to be with us on Oct. 4 at 10:30 a.m. Mark the date for this special music.

## Submit to *THE FEAST*

Last year we debuted our annual diocesan magazine, *THE FEAST*, to tell stories of the people of the diocese and the ministry they're doing in the world.

Well, it's that time again and I'm hoping you'll get involved. I'm looking for submissions that tell the story of your faith at work in the world; poetry, short-form essays, visual art, etc. Anything that creatively shares the faith, ministry, and love that exists in your relationship with God and community.

Submissions (and questions!) should be sent to [kforsyth@eastmich.org](mailto:kforsyth@eastmich.org) by September 20.

## Diocesan Magazine

*The Feast* will be published again and available at the Diocesan Convention. It will also be available on the diocesan website.

If you would like to receive *THE FEAST* in your mailbox later this fall, send your updated address to [bmeikle@eastmich.org](mailto:bmeikle@eastmich.org).

## Opportunities for Fellowship

GO TEAM!! Come and enjoy

### Tailgate Sunday

on Sunday, September 27  
following the 10:30 service

The social committee will provide hot dogs and condiments as well as paper plates and plastic ware. We will also provide some beverages.

Wear your favorite team colors, shirts, hats, etc. This can be high school, college, or professional team. Attendees may also provide some form of tailgate food, which will be served from the trunk of your car. Pull in the parking lot, open your trunk, and display the food there. We will walk around the parking lot and "graze" all the offerings. Outdoor games may also be shared, so bring your favorites along.

## Fall Scrip News

It's that time of year again...children, grandchildren, college students heading back to school. Kohl's, JC Penny, Land's End, Old Navy, Bed, Bath and Beyond are just a few of the retailers Scrip offers.

Check out Scrip online at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to find more merchants. Click on Order Scrip, and then browse the categories of your choosing. There are many more restaurants, hotels, and stores that are not featured on our regular order form. Many of the restaurants give a high percentage, which means more income for St. Jude's.

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## STEWARDSHIP BEGINS ANEW

I am Megan Rosa and as a lifetime member of St. Jude's I am currently taking on my first, self-proclaimed "adult role" as a member of the church. I became a vestry member at the beginning of the year and I have learned so much these past six months.

Heather posed a question to us: *Where have you seen God at work in your life this week?* Ever since May 17, our Spring Clean-up, I haven't been able to get that idea out of my head: how God was at work here at St. Jude's.

On that hot, humid day you could have found church family weeding, mowing the lawn, organizing, measuring, throwing out, looking up at trees, looking down sink drains, and doing many more tasks for the love and commitment to this building, our church home.

Realizing how much time most of us spend here, it got me thinking about all the time we commit ourselves to St. Jude's. Committee members, Eucharistic Ministers, acolytes, office volunteers, lawn mowers, educational leaders, coffee hour hosts--every time we enter the church doors we are sharing our time and talent with the St. Jude's family.

The purpose of my speaking with you is to plant the seed of stewardship. In the past, St. Jude's primary stewardship campaign has been in the fall. A shift to a (more subtle) year-round stewardship is in the works. I am learning and understanding stewardship to mean the time, talent and treasure we give to St. Jude's. The spring clean-up crew, the behind-the-scenes bulletin folders, the readers practicing those challenging bible verses, the choir, the altar guild making sure our linens are pressed--without their time and talent St. Jude's wouldn't be the place it is now.

In keeping with the season, I hope to have planted the seed of stewardship in you. I hope you can identify how you currently are stewards to St. Jude's and how you might add stewardship into your life. We are looking for members to form the committee to nurture the stewardship seeds throughout the season. If you are interested, please contact me, Ron Trimmer or Heather Barta.

Sincerely,  
Megan Rosa

## Read and Feed

Read and Feed was a great success this year with 22 registered students and many volunteers reading up a storm and enjoying snacks and lunch together!

Thanks to Dave Rayner, Diane Putnum, and Freya Hutchinson who served on the planning committee that made this happen!

Thanks also to the numerous volunteers from St. Jude's who took time to work during the week: Kim Alexander, Bob Alexander, Heather Barta, Lenae Chambers, Henry Chciuk, Linda Chciuk, Judith Fisher, Kris Forsyth, Amy Freeman, Dee Grossmann, Teri Hutchins, Freya Hutchinson, David James, Carl Koch (and Peaches!), Ben Oliver, Diane Putnam, Dave Rayner, Denise Rayner and Lynne Ronthi.

Also, **thanks to all those who donated books.**

Each child got to take home several books! Many bags of groceries also provided support to the children's families as they finish out the summer months.

This partnership between St. Jude's and the First Presbyterian is a great benefit to the community. The children (and volunteers) had a great time!

## SILENT AUCTION

The Silent Auction will be here before we know it, Oct. 17. We are looking for new, unused and antique items for the auction. You can bring them to the church during office hours. Please include your name, value of item and description. We also would like gift baskets. They were very popular at the last silent auction. You can make a "theme" basket (holiday, sports, games, food, etc) individually or make one with a group. Please include a list of all items in the basket, your name and value of the basket. Homemade items are accepted, too. The value on everything should be \$25.00 and up.

We look forward to getting your items. Tickets for the Silent Auction will be on sale Sept. 15. The cost is \$25.00 each and includes appetizers, drinks (beer, wine, pop, coffee) and a really enjoyable evening. We hope to see you there! If you have questions please call Freya Hutchinson at 248-328-0874 or Nancy Day at 810-750-1141.



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## EMPTY BOWLS

If you are looking for a great way to support the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, consider attending the Empty Bowls project for either lunch or dinner. For \$20.00, attendees receive a simple meal of soup and bread from a variety of area chefs and restaurants. A bowl is selected to take home from hundreds of hand-crafted bowls donated by area artists.

There is live music, area celebrities serving and tours of the food bank as well as a great meal. Call 810-396-0214 for more information or to make reservations. Any questions can be directed to Lorraine Moller or Bev and Jack Mills. They have attended in years past and would be happy to fill you in!

## CPR Classes Coming Soon!!

We are happy to say that we have been able to locate a provider right from our parish for the Heart Saver/AED classes that we have offered every two years for the past ten years.

Dan White will be teaching the class sometime in either September or October. Please consider whether you would like to take part. It is highly recommended for those who teach classes, work in the nursery or are heads of committees. When a date is secured, we will let everyone know!

## Canoe/ Kayak Trip

Due to a little bit of an ominous weather forecast, we decided to reschedule the canoe/ kayak trip to September. Stay tuned for the new date.

## Worship Leader Training

Worship Leader Training will take place on Saturday, September 19 at the Diocesan Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Since worship leaders are often charged with planning services as well as leading Morning or Evening Prayer, some exposure to church history, the church year and symbols, church polity, scripture, and music is included in the workshop. At the conclusion, each participant will receive a copy of the worship leader examination to be completed and returned to the workshop leader.

Contact Heather for a registration form to be sent in along with the \$25 fee. She can also provide emails/websites for more information.

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## *St. Jude's Episcopal Church*

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# AUTUMN TAPESTRY

A fundraiser for the ministries of St. Jude's.

**Saturday, October 17**  
**7:00 to 9:30 p.m.**

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Mark your calendars and invite your friends and family to join us for hors d'oeuvres, refreshments (beer, wine, coffee, tea & soft drinks), and of course, the pleasure of bidding on treasures!

There are rumors of items up for bid, such as:  
***lovely antiques, handmade items,  
exciting theme baskets, entertainment,  
services, and other delicious donations!***

**More items to be announced as  
we move closer to the October  
date. But, no need to wait!  
Be a part of the fun! Read  
more about how you can  
help in the Beacon.**