



The Beacon

St. Jude's Episcopal Church
Fenton, MI

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching Out to Others
October, 2015 (our 157th year)

Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity

Stress. Anxiety. Fear. These words capture well the state of mind of many of us in America today. We have witnessed dramatic market losses, the collapse of the world's largest insurance company, and many bankruptcies and mergers. Every day seems to bring another piece of economic uncertainty.

A recent survey found that over three in four Americans are stressed about the economy and their personal finances. Half were worried about providing for their family's basic needs. Over half of respondents reported feeling angry and irritable, and reported lying awake at night worried about this. The report concludes that "The declining state of the nation's economy is taking a physical and emotional toll on people nationwide."¹

Join us in worship the next four weeks for a sermon series entitled *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity*. Our nation is experiencing what many have described as the "American Nightmare." Increasing consumer debt, declines in savings, lower income growth, and a volatile stock market are all a part of our economic insecurity. We have lived in a society that tells us "you deserve it now," whether or not we can afford it or really even need it.

All of us have struggled with these issues at one time or another. They are important issues that we cannot ignore. So during the next four weeks, we will explore what the Bible teaches us about financial management through corporate worship and study opportunities. We'll hear expert advice and stories about what others have learned by working through financial challenges. Each week we will provide you with some practical tools you can use to assess your financial situation and develop a financial plan with a biblical foundation.

At the conclusion of the emphasis, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of our offerings to God through our church in the coming year. We will consecrate these commitments in the worship service on two consecutive Sundays (see the schedule that follows).

I hope you will join us in the coming weeks as we look at how we can manage our financial resources and truly experience simplicity, generosity, and joy.

If you'd like to study along with this series, **read this book: *Enough* by Adam Hamilton.**

Schedule of Events:

In Oct. Faith in the Midst of Financial Crisis
When Dreams Become Nightmares
Wisdom and Finance
Cultivating Contentment
Defined by Generosity

Nov. 8 & 15 Consecration Sunday 1 & 2 (pledge card offering)

Nov. 22 Celebration Sunday – Results Celebration and Consecration of Next Year's Ministry Commitments

¹ "Eight Out of Ten Americans Stressed Because of Economy," by Madison Park, from CNN.com, October 7, 2008;
<http://www.cnn.com/2008/HEALTH/conditions/10/07/economic.stress/index.html>.

*The text of this letter and stewardship communications come from **Enough: Stewardship Program Guide** by Adam Hamilton.*

We Are Family

Please Hold In Your Prayers

For those in particular need of prayer: Margaret Ancic; Christian Beck; Bill Cowger; Doug; Patricia DuCharme; Julie Gates; Stan Haddock; Jenny Hart; Bill Lenny; Jeff Leubke; Lewis family; Lisa; Sidney Nihill; Ed Ransley; Paul Riley; Spencer Sands; Norine Smith; Stan Spicer, the Stone family

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; Ev Koller; Mary Kurtz; Teresa Maynard; Leona; Rick M; Denny Sharpe; Arin Shinabarger; Sandy Train; Susan Taber; and Gavin Woods

Pray for Our Ministers

October 4th – Lester & Nancy Jones; Eveline Karnowski; Mike & Peggy Kearns, Wayne & Kathy Knotts

October 11th – Carl & Connie Koch; Doug Koch; Jeff, Jennifer and Madeleine Koch; Steve, Laura, Evan and Ella Koch

October 18th – Evelyn Koller; Jim & Kathy Kortge; Don & Mary Kurtz; Jacob Kuslusi

October 25th – Renee LeBlanc; Betty Leonard; Neil Leonard; Nancy Maes

St. Jude's Card Ministry

There have been many positive comments about those Birthday and Anniversary Cards from St. Jude's. Many thanks to Lynne Ronthi for sending them out each month. She is also sending Get Well, Sympathy, Just Thinking of You and others as well. 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 Lynne at 810-750.3409 or the office at 810-629-5681 and let them know so a card is available on Sundays for signatures.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 nd	Jerry Rucker
3 rd	Jack Bretzke
5 th	Kim Alexander
6 th	David Andrejciw
7 th	Kara Shepherd
9 th	Adam Prew
10 th	Nancy Day
12 th	Natalie Hassel
16 th	Terri Hutchins
17 th	Evan Koch
18 th	Ed Ransley
	Sue Reilly
19 th	Hunter Holsinger
20 th	Paul Nancarrow
22 nd	Beth Harvey
	Ron Chambers
26 th	Dot Dowlan
	Mark Jagos
28 th	Henry Barta
29 th	Nancy Maes

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

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.

We are Family (Con't)

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS:

Sincere thanks to those who provided coffee hour for the month of September: Dee Grossmann, Dot Dowlan, Bill, Mollie and Lydia Anderson; Tailgate/Social Committee.
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

Coffee Hour Coordinator:

Please use the sign up sheet in VandenBergh Hall to fill November and December vacancies.

1. It allows you to choose your own special date.
2. First person to choose that date gets it.
3. It will allow all to know which dates are free.

Keep coffee hour simple, unless you have a very special occasion to celebrate and want to share. Coffee hour should not be a burden, but a time to share with your fellow parishioners. CRUST has been gracious to provide sweet rolls each Sunday. Our job is to prepare the coffee and serve it, provide a simple snack, as well as drinks for the children, and clean up afterwards.

Please help! Call if you have questions.
Connie Hibbard, Coffee Hour Coordinator
810-735-7683 or 819-516-7608

Office Notes:

From time to time, there are opportunities for volunteers assist the office. Dates, time and the particular need will appear in the weekly email, as well as the announcements. If you would like and are able to help, please email the office at: stjudechurchfenton106@gmail.com or call Barb at: 810.629.5681.

As I will be on vacation Thursday, October 1 and Monday - Thursday, October 5-8, I am looking for helpers to answer the phones from 10 a.m. – noon.
Thanks !
Barb

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.

October 4 will be a special Sunday. *St. Paul's Gospel Choir* under the leadership of Rafeal McDaniel will be our musical guests. This group shares their lively style with many churches and groups. We thank them for their ministry as we welcome them to St. Jude's.

Marlene Weston

“And God Looked Down Upon Seniors”

Most seniors never get enough exercise. So, in His wisdom, God decreed that seniors would become forgetful that they would have to search for their glasses, keys, and other things misplaced and move around more. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God saw there was yet another need. So, God in His wisdom, made seniors lose coordination that they would drop things, which would require them to bend and reach and stretch. And God looked down and saw that it was good.

Then God considered the functioning of senior bladders and decided that in His wisdom there might be calls of nature more frequently, requiring more walking to the relief station, which would burn calories. God looked down and saw that it was good.

Seniors were obliged to exercise more from these senior shortcomings and did become more active as a result. So, if you find you are required to get up and down more as you age, remember it's God's will and in your best interest.

Found and submitted by Chet Susalla.

News and Happenings

Vestry – September, 2015

Vestry met on Sept. 15. Some highlights to the meeting follow:

- A Church Clean-up Day is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 25 after the 10:30 service.
- “Safeguarding God’s People” training will be set for Monday, Nov. 2 from 6-8:30 p.m. at St. Jude’s.
- The plumbing project is beginning soon; bids are also being sought for refinishing five church doors.
- The Welcome Committee is working on a process for greeting guests to St. Jude’s.

CPR-AED Class!!

On Sunday, October 11th, following the 10:30 service, there will be a CPR/AED/First Aid class being taught by Dan White. The class will run to approximately 5:30.

The class is limited to 10 people, so please sign up in VandenBergh Hall, or call the office to reserve your spot!

The cost is \$5.00, which covers the cost of the card. The rest is being done by Dan for our parish.

Rabbi Amy Bigman Church Visit

Thursday, October 8, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Rabbi Amy Bigman will be coming to share time with the Thursday Bible Study group. All are invited to come along to visit with her and ask questions.

October Scrip News

St. Jude’s silent auction is coming up in October. If you are creating a basket, think about adding a Scrip gift card. Gift cards and certificates have always been popular bidding items. Look at www.shopwithscrip.com and see if you’d like to donate something special from Scrip!

KFC is no longer participating in Scrip. If you have an order form at home, please cross that vendor out.

Sunday October 4th will be our only order date in October. We will resume with the first and third Sundays of each month in November.

Theology on Tap at Tenacity Brewing

beginning October 7, 6 p.m.

Tenacity Brewing in Flint

119 N. Grand Traverse St.

We are reading and discussing *A Faith Not Worth Fighting For*; the editors Justin Bronson Barringer and Tripp York have assembled a number of essays by pastors, activists, and scholars in order to address the common questions and objections leveled against the Christian practice of nonviolence.

Assuming that the command to love one's enemies is at the heart of the Gospel, these writers carefully, faithfully--and no doubt provocatively--attempt to explain why the nonviolent path of Jesus is an integral aspect of Christian discipleship. By addressing misconceptions about Christian pacifism, as well as real-life violent situations, this book will surely challenge the reader's basic understanding of what it means to be a follower of Jesus. (Summary reprinted from Google Books.)

Talk with Tristin Hassell -- 810- 964-2334 /

tshassell@gmail.com or Ben Oliver

(ben.dean.oliver@gmail.com) if you have questions.

Silent Auction Almost Here

Get your tickets now for the Silent Auction, Saturday, October 17 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. They are available from any member of the auction committee or at the church office. The price is \$25 each. We didn't raise the price from two years ago! And, don't forget to bring your items for the auction to the church during office hours, Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We're counting on you to join us for an enjoyable evening of food, drink and fun with our St. Jude's family. All profits go to the ministries of St. Jude's. So, come join the festivities. You know what they say: "Be there or be square!" If you have any questions, contact Freya Hutchinson at 248-328-0874.

Remembering Our Loved Ones

November 1st will be All Saints Day, a time to remember our loved ones and friends who have moved on. If you have anyone you would like included in the Special Prayer List, please submit their name(s) to the office no later than October 25th.

News and Happenings

Spiritual Journey Jan. 21-23, 2016

**Celebrating the 40th Annual Spiritual Journey
with 40 Women of the Bible
Rev. Dcn. Karen Thompson, keynote speaker**

Cost: \$185.00 for single room

\$165.00 for shared room

Price includes room/board and program. There are also commuter prices available for those unable to stay at the retreat center.

Held at Columbiere Center in Clarkston, this retreat is open to all women from the Diocese of Michigan and beyond...and sponsored by the ECW (Episcopal Church Women). Many from St. Jude's attend, and have had a wonderful, restorative, spiritually uplifting experience.

Registrations are due OCTOBER 16, 2015. In the past, reservations were done by a person who knew many of the women from St. Jude's, and could be a little flexible.

It would be good to make reservations *on time* this year since Amanda is not doing the reservations.

Also, there is usually financial help in the form of a partial scholarship for those who in need. Also, St. Jude's amazing guitar group will be providing the music this year.

To learn more about this retreat, contact Terri Hutchins at 810-407-4094. Details are on bulletin board in VandenBergh Hall.

Coming in December:

Ladies Advent Candlelight Tea

Longing for Light in the Darkness

Traditionally, the tea has taken place on a Sunday evening, but with our new Sunday evening Messy Church service, we are moving to Wednesday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

As always, we will have a sign-up sheet in VandenBergh Hall, both for women who would like to be table hostesses, and for those who would like to attend this event.

Make sure you mark your calendar for this beautiful, peaceful service and night of fellowship that ushers in the season of Advent. Look for more complete information in the November *Beacon*, and in bulletins at 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.



FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

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Rabbits and Horses and Dogs, OH MY!

Join us at Messy Church on Sunday, October 4th, at 5pm for a pet blessing. We'll gather outside first, weather permitting, for worship, a skit or story about St. Francis and the blessing prayers.

A simple messy church supper will follow the pet blessing. We plan soup or pasta and salad. If you'd like to contribute something for supper, we invite you to bring a topping for the salad. We love lots of veggies, croutons, shredded cheese, bacon bits, etc.

We also plan a few Messy Church creative activities as well. Folks are welcome to wander over to activity tables during or immediately following supper. In fact, our tentative plan includes a photo "booth" of sorts where you and your pets can be photographed together to mark the special occasion.

A few suggestions to help keep all of us and our pets as safe as can be:

- Animals who are friendly and well behaved are welcome to come to the pet blessing.
- Pets who become nervous or aggressive in the midst of other pets or unfamiliar people may be represented by a photograph.
- Pets should be controlled or restrained by a leash or crate of some kind.
- Please be sure your pet has identifying tags.
- We'll have plenty of water bowls ready and a few treats as well!

There is a rumor circulating that we may get to meet a couple of special horses at this year's pet blessing. Hope you can join us!

A Prayer for our Pets

Blessed are you Lord God of the universe. In your infinite wisdom you created the universe and blessed us with all living creatures. I especially thank you for entrusting me with my pet, my friend, who brings me so much happiness and whose presence very often helps me get through trying times.

Please bless my pet and make me a responsible steward of your creature. May we continue to give each other joy and be reminded of your power.

As my pet trusts me to take care of it, help me remember to trust you to take care of me, for in so doing we share in your love for all your creatures. And especially, we remember all endangered species and ask your help in taking care of them so that we may continue to appreciate all of your creation. Grant this thru Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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What Can I Expect at Messy Church?

So, maybe you've been saying to yourself, "I hear Messy Church is an intergenerational program but I really don't get what that means..."

Let's see if we can help:

- ♦ **"I'm a baby/ toddler/ preschooler. What will I do at Messy Church?"**

Generally, we eat supper first. We've been serving salad bar and mac n' cheese. Little ones are welcome to "come close" during worship. Our altar is childsize. Our liturgy is brief and simple. Most of our music is paperless which works well for non-readers. Sometimes we have motions to go along with a song too. We invite little ones play in our midst (we have some designated soft space and toys) but still be close enough to be able to see and hear everything. Parents and little children are welcome to stay for activity time after worship (some of our creative activities will be accessible for young children) or head home to start their nightly bedtime routines. In fact, we have a table set up with picture books relevant to the day's story/ theme. Families are welcome to borrow books from the table to take



"I'm an adult at Messy Church... coming soon too!"

- ♦ **"I'm an elementary age child..."** Children will find plenty to engage them at Messy Church. Scripture is shared in Godly Play story form. So, for instance, an upcoming story will be shared in the "Desert Box" with various figures and other items. All participants are welcome to serve in a worship leadership role so they can choose between carrying the cross, passing the offering plate, leading the prayers of the people and more. Worship is followed by Activity Time. A variety of fun and creative activities are available to help children further explore the story of the day.

- ♦ **"I'm a teen. What do I do at Messy Church?"** Again, teens are invited to play a role in a variety of worship leadership roles. In fact, later on, teens may want to consider becoming story tellers. After Worship, we head to Activity Time. **Most weeks, our middle and high school age youth will split off to meet on their own** for lessons, creative activities especially suited for them, teambuilding activities, fellowship time and more. Occasionally, our teens will be invited to join in intergenerational activities with the participating adults and children.

The Great Family Messy Church

Sunday, September 27th, 5pm

Our story will be told in the Desert Box this week. It's the story of Abraham and Sarah and baby, Isaac. We'll make bottles of stars and more during our activity time too. Youth Group will be meeting during the activity time too.

St. Francis Day Pet Blessing

Sunday, October 4th, 5pm

See first page for details.

The Exodus Messy Church

Sunday, October 11th, 5pm

We'll share the first part of the story of Moses and his people. Activity time includes a creative new take on Burning Bush art and a Manna snack too. Youth Group will journey out into Fenton on a quest to find "JACK!"

The Ten Best Ways Messy Church

Sunday, October 18th, 5pm

We will continue with the story of Moses and his trek up Mount Sinai to retrieve the 10 Commandments. Creative

Ten Best Ways continued...

fun will include Ten Best Ways Plank Art and more. Youth Group will meet during Activity Time. Pilgrimage Discernment & Design Team will also meet over dessert and coffee during activity time as well.

COMING EVENTS

The Ark & The Tent Messy Church

Sunday, October 25th, 5pm

*Our story will be the Ark & the Tent from Godly Play. Some creative activities are still to be determined but we will also assemble **care packages for college students** during the evening activity time. We invite small donations of items like candy, baked goods, sample size lotion and hand sanitizer, chapsticks, small Kleenex packs, warm socks, inexpensive gloves, pens, mechanical pencils, etc.*

The Ark & The Temple Messy Church

Sunday, November 1st, 5pm

It's All Saints Sunday so we plan a little competitive pumpkin painting! We'll share more in the coming weeks but come join in the intergenerational fun and learning! No special artistic skills needed!