



# The Beacon

St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Fenton, Michigan

*Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching Out to Others*

January, 2016 (our 158th year)

## Seasons

### ***What season are you in?***

The sermon on January 3 started talking about the idea of "seasons" and the variety of seasons in our lives.

We have personal seasons – what we are doing RIGHT NOW in our lives, who we are responsible for, and what our "work" is. I invite us to honor the season that we are in so that we might fully live into the responsibilities and also lessen the stresses of this particular season. We can celebrate the gifts of this time, while still realizing that there are unpleasant tasks.

We have liturgical seasons. These can help us focus on a few key themes in our communal life.

**Advent** – preparation / waiting – for Jesus as a human and the Great Coming in Glory.

**Christmas** – incarnation – God with us.

**Epiphany** – light

**Lent** – repentance, penitence – walking in the wilderness

**Easter** – resurrection

**Pentecost** – Holy Spirit coming into the world (season after – stories of Jesus' life)

By thinking about our time in seasons, we can know that there is a "big picture" but concentrate on one important part at a time.

As Christians, God is always calling us into relationship. How we structure out time and attention helps us remember that. How we are reminded about our relationship with God and "check in" with God on a daily basis is our Rule of Life. A Rule of Life is embraced and flexible. It's not a legal thing for you to do, but an invitation into that relationship. It's not a long list of prayers that have to be said at this time or that. We find our "rules" in the everyday actions. We take some time to observe what we do in a day, and then connect to God in those moments.

*Ideas on times to reconnect to God:*

If you drive a lot, every time to click your seat belt. If you sit for your job, it might be in the break of being able to stand up. If you're surrounded by little ones, it might be every time you hear one laugh.

Just one little thing to take a slight pause to remember our Source.

I invite us to think about the ways that we structure our lives – the "rule" that we live by. And think about how the seasons can help us shape and practice those rules. It's a chance to try a new "habit" and re-center ourselves on our relationship with God.

As we come into Epiphany, may Christ's light be with you.

*Heather Barta +*

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# We Are Family

## Prayer List

In the Anglican Cycle, for the churches in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia. For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Todd, our Bishop, Heather, our Interim Priest; for the Wardens and Vestry.

**For those in particular need of prayer:** Margaret Ancic; Christian Beck; Bill Cowger; Doug; Patricia DuCharme; 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, Jennifer Ubil.

**And those in continuing need of prayer:** John Babcock; David Barrows; Brett Beal; 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; Paul Otto; Leona; Denny Sharpe; Arin Shinabarger; Sandy Train; Susan Taber; and Gavin Woods.

## Pray for Our Ministers

**January 3** – Richard Stratton, Chet & Mary Louise Susalla and Bob, Christine & Connor Szostak

**January 10** – Bruce Trimmer, Ron & Cathy Trimmer and John Vitovsky

**January 17** – Bob & Mary Warren, Mike Wells and Marlene Weston

**January 24** – Dan, Angela, Laurel & Gabby White, Joan Winter and Jessie Withorn

**January 31** – Michael Wolos, Mike Wood and Fred & Lynell Wright

## January Birthdays

3rd	–	Jim Kortge
	–	Jason Weber
6th	–	Jorji Susalla
9th	–	Fred Wright
11th	–	Molly Anderson
	–	Ron Spaulding
	–	Lynne Ronthi
12th	–	Mary Felix
14th	–	Denise Rayner
16th	–	Ashleigh Pattan
19th	–	Mike Wells
20th	–	Richard Stratton
22nd	–	Lisa Cronk
25th	–	Ty Fry
	–	Carl Koch
28th	–	Sharon Aldrich
	–	Mary Warren
29th	–	Sandy Davis

Happy  
Birthday

## January Anniversaries

Kelly & Lisa Cronk (38 years)



## Music Notes

Thank you to all the musicians who made our Christmas Eve services so special. It was a wonderful evening to welcome the birth of our Lord.

January is the time of the epiphany season, that time in the liturgical calendar when we commemorate the baptism of our Lord and the beginning of His public ministry. We celebrate Christ, the light of the world, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives. On January 24, we welcome Tracy Dunlop, violinist, as she enhances our worship with her beautiful sounds. January is a time of contemplation and celebration.

Marlene Weston



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## Coffee Hour Hosts

Our sincere thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during December: Sue Premo, Marilyn Safa, Crouter, and Harris 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*

## Day By Day

Day by Day devotionals are available in the library in regular and large print books. Please take advantage of this resource for your daily study!

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## 2015 Christmas Families – Feel the Joy!

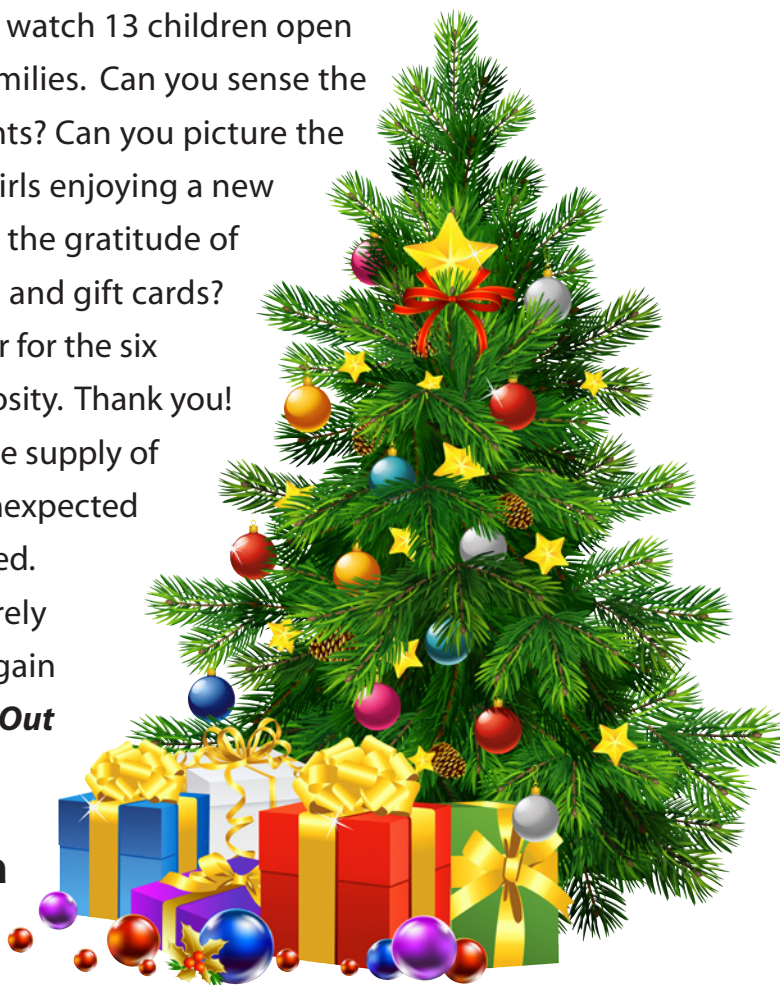
You were not there Christmas morning to watch 13 children open hoped-for gifts you helped provide to five families. Can you sense the children's joy and the gratitude of their parents? Can you picture the boys playing with their Hot Wheel cars and girls enjoying a new painting set adorned in "Frozen" pajamas? Or the gratitude of four parents who received much-needed gas and gift cards?

Christmas morning was also much brighter for the six group home residents because of your generosity. Thank you!

Dee Grossman, once again, provided a large supply of groceries to each family. This was surely an unexpected surprise for the families and greatly appreciated.

Your Outreach Committee wants to sincerely thank you, the people of St. Jude's, for once again demonstrating your commitment to **"Reach Out to Others."**

**Thank you – and we wish you a  
blessed and happy 2016!**



# News and Happenings

## Bible Study in January

There will be no bible study on Thursday in January. We will resume on Feb. 11 at 12 noon.

## Episcopal Relief & Development Advent Challenge

During advent this year, the youth and outreach committee challenged us to be a part of helping a hurting world through Episcopal Relief and Development. We donated over \$1500! (So - with the matched funds, that means \$3000 for the work of ERD). Thank you for your outstanding giving! If you still have your Advent coin folder, please bring it to church by January 31st and we will donate the remaining money on your behalf.



## EfM Online open for enrollment

Every baptized person is called to ministry. Education for Ministry (EfM) program, offered as an education-at-a-distance course by the School of Theology of the University of the South at Sewanee, provides Episcopalians and others with the education to carry out that ministry. Lay persons face the difficult and often subtle task of interpreting the richness of the church's faith in a complex and confusing world. As the Church continues to emphasize the importance of lay ministry, many laypersons have come to feel that they need a theological education that supports their faith and also teaches them to express that faith in day-to-day events. EfM is one way for them to gain that knowledge. EfM offers a four-year course, covering the basic subjects of a theological education: Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, and Theological Choices (a study of theological trends and movements in the Church). Participants register for one year at a time.

There is an EfM online group that is open for enrollment for their February - November year. If you are interested in learning more, contact Linda Chciuk at linda.chciuk@gmail.com). To register, contact Heather Barta.

## Donate to Family Promise with Habitat for Humanity ReStore

Habitat for Humanity ReStore picks up furniture and building materials. If you would like to make a donation toward Family Promise, please indicate that when calling to make a pick-up appointment and, again, during the pickup of the items. Beds and appliances are stored and sent out. Other items are tagged for sale and Family Promise receives a portion of the purchase price (60%) back in the form of vouchers. Those vouchers are then given to families upon graduation. They have been enormously beneficial for the families!



\*Looking for building materials and home furnishings come check out our large selection of new and gently used items.

\*If you have any furniture or other building supplies left over from your home project you can donate them to the ReStore and receive a tax deductible receipt.

Need your donation picked up?  
Call 810-766-9089x2 to schedule one today

## Shop, Donate, Volunteer

### What the ReStore takes/has:

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| *Doors      | *Windows   |
| *Appliances | *Furniture |
| *Tools      | *Hardware  |
| *Electrical | *Plumbing  |
| *Houseware  | *Cabinets  |

\*Visit [Geneseehabitat.org](http://Geneseehabitat.org) and click on the ReStore link for a complete list of accepted and unaccepted material also to print your %15 off coupon. \*

Now Selling Urban Wood  
[www.urbanwood.org](http://www.urbanwood.org)

\*ReStore is located at:  
101 Burton St, Flint,  
48503

\*Hours:  
Tuesday - Saturday  
9am-5pm

\*Next to the Original  
Flint Farmers Market





# News and Happenings

## Electronic Funds Transfer Now Available

During our Stewardship campaign in October, many of you expressed an interest in giving your pledge using Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). EFT is the process where your bank account is automatically debited for your donation to St. Jude's. We now have the ability to make this happen! You can enjoy your Sunday worship service without having to worry about whether or not you are paying your pledge.

Please contact the office to get signed up. You will need a voided check. Liz will get everything set up and let you know when to expect the first transfer. It's that easy!

## The Feast

Most of you have seen the magazine published by the Eastern Michigan Diocese. (There are additional copies in the library.) The diocese would like to mail these directly to you. Please let the office know if you would prefer one is not sent to you.

## Theology on Tap

*Theology on Tap* is restarting for 2016 on January 13th at 6 pm at Tenacity Brewing in Flint (119 N. Grand Traverse St.). The discussion will be on the book *The Experience of God: Being, Consciousness, Bliss* by D.B. Hart. Talk with Tristin Hassell – (810) 964-2334 / [tshassell@gmail.com](mailto:tshassell@gmail.com) or Ben Oliver ([ben.dean.oliver@gmail.com](mailto:ben.dean.oliver@gmail.com)) if you have questions.

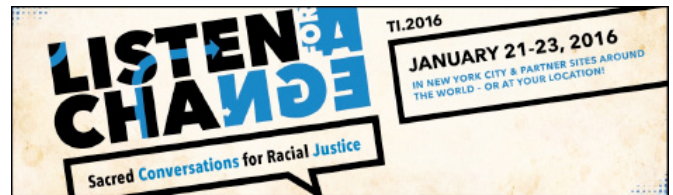
## Join us for Trinity Institute 2016

"Racial justice is a matter of life or death; we can't afford to stay silent and tacitly accept the (mostly) invisible systems that support inequalities, create suffering, and deny human dignity. Rather we need to have an open dialogue - a process that starts with listening."

So says the call to participate in Trinity, Wall Street's 2016 Trinity Institute - "Listen for a Chance: Sacred Conversations for Racial Justice."

This year's speakers for the event include Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, NPR's Michele Norris, Pulitzer Prize Winner Nicholas Kristof, and MacArthur Fellow Anna Devere Smith.

Two congregations in the Diocese are partner sites for the conference - St. Paul's, Flint and Grace, Port Huron. Join us January 21-23, 2016 at one of those sites to view the speakers via webcast and participate in the conversation. The webcast begins Thursday evening at 6:30pm with opening worship. Contact St. Paul's at (810) 234-8637 or Grace at (810) 985-9539 to register or go to <https://www.trinitywallstreet.org/> to learn more!



## RETREAT: Listening Servants - Gifts Discernment for Everyone

- WHAT:** Listening Servants: Gifts Discernment for Everyone is a popular retreat-style workshop that equips ministry leaders with the tools of discernment. It is a three-day program focused on reflection, insight, and realizing implications for future ministry.
- WHO ATTENDS:** Those who have a yearning to identify and deploy their spiritual gifts for ministry. They have a capacity for personal insight and have expressed interest in a deeper spiritual life.
- INSTRUCTOR:** Nancy Mason Bordley, D. Min and Adjunct Professor at Sienna Heights University  
The Ven. Anna Leigh Kubbe, Archdeacon of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan
- WHEN:** Three day-long sessions - April 30, May 21, and June 4
- WHERE:** St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Bay City, MI
- COST:** \$75 per person
- REGISTRATION:** Coming soon. This event is capped at 25 participants.

## Questions?

Contact the Rev. Dr. Valerie Fargo, Director of the Coppage-Gordon School for Ministry, at [vfargo@eastmich.org](mailto:vfargo@eastmich.org).



## Valentine Making Workshop

Join us at Messy Church on **Sunday, January 31st**, for a story about Saint Valentine and a Valentine Workshop. We will make some of our creations to send to homebound friends and make some to take home too. Bring a crafty item to share!



## Camp Chickagami Day at St. Jude's



McKenzie Bade, our diocesan staff person for youth and young adults (also our executive director of Camp Chickagami) is scheduled to visit St. Jude's on Sunday, January 17th. She will be at all three services to share about summer camp and will be available afterwards for conversation and to share Camp Chickagami's display materials. New 2016 camp brochures will also be distributed.

McKenzie grew up in a Port Huron area Episcopal congregation. She was active in diocesan youth activities including camp and participating in a delegation from our diocese to the Episcopal Youth Event.

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# Prepping for Rite-1 3 Liturgy at Messy Church

Now we're moving beyond the Nativity stories about Jesus at Messy Church. First up in a series of stories about Jesus is the only story about him as a child.

During a trip to Jerusalem, Jesus became separated from his parents. His absence wasn't noted until the large group of family and friends traveled some distance home to Nazareth. Mary and Joseph turned back to search for him. After three days, they found him in the temple seated among the rabbis and teachers, the Bible says, "amazing them" with his insights. Understandably, Mary and Joseph are annoyed. "Didn't you know we'd be worried?" they asked him. He replied, "didn't you know I'd be in my father's house?"

One can imagine the scene. Of course, Mary and Joseph think to themselves, this child is the long promised Messiah. He was born in a barn and visited by Shepherds who were led there by angels. Later, learned visitors from the east arrived bringing expensive and somewhat mystifying gifts. Mary herself was

visited by a messenger from God who came to share that she was chosen to be the God bearer. Joseph, as well, received messages from God in dreams.

Did Mary and Joseph, in the midst of the busy-ness of day to day life, lose sight of who Jesus really was? Do we do the same with our own children sometimes? Do we, as a congregation, lose sight of the awesome promise of the young people who are present in our midst?

It is helpful to have a way to mark the time when young people become young men and women and when they begin to step onto the path that will lead to adulthood. It's also helpful for the community of faith to remember and rededicate ourselves to the promises made at the baptisms of our youth.

We'll explore this foundational story, from our youth program, and continue to prepare our young teens to celebrate this rite of passage in the coming weeks. Our celebration will take place soon after Easter.

## Jesus in the Temple at Twelve Years Old Messy Church

Sunday, January 10th, 5pm

*We'll share the story, from the Gospel of Luke, of Jesus being lost and found. We'll play a game involving lost and found and more!*

## Camp Sunday at Messy Church!!!

Sunday, January 17th, 5pm

*McKenzie Bade, the staffer for Youth & Young Adult ministries, for the Diocese of Eastern Michigan will be with us at all three services to share about Camp Chickagami. St. Jude's young people who have participated in our diocesan camping program are also encouraged to come.*

## Holy Baptism Messy Church

Sunday, January 24th, 5pm

*We'll share a "Liturgical Action" story for the first time at Messy Church and remember our Baptisms. Also, Youth Group & Parents of Youth Group participants will meet for a Pilgrimage meeting (from 6:15-7:30).*

## Saint Valentine Messy Church

Sunday, January 31st, 5pm

*We will celebrate Saint Valentines a little early with a story and Valentine making workshop. We are celebrating early in order to allow time for us to send finished Valentines to folks who are homebound, in the military or away at college.*

**COMING  
EVENTS**

# ***WORSHIP LEADERS* for January 3 through February 7, 2016**

DATE	LEM (s) 2 <sup>nd</sup> CHALISE	READER (S)	ACOLYTE (S)	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
<b>January 3</b>					
<i>Counter:</i> Nancy Day <i>Coffee Hour:</i> Shepard <i>Flowers:</i> Lynne Ronthi <i>Vestry Person of the Day:</i> Ben Oliver					
8 am	Clay Putnam	Josephine Feijoo	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Dave Rayner	Megan Rosa Dan White	Molly Anderson	Lorraine Moller Carl Koch	Mary Ellen Hazel Mary Louise S.
<b>January 10</b>					
<i>Counter:</i> Lois Putnam <i>Coffee Hour:</i> Mills <i>Vestry Person of the Day:</i> Megan Rosa					
8 am	Jerry Rucker	Chet Susalla	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Dee Grossmann Lynn Hopper	Amy Freeman Greg Forsyth	Molly Anderson	Kelly & Lisa Cronk	Dee Grossmann Judi Harris
<b>January 17</b>					
<i>Counter:</i> Lorraine Moller <i>Coffee Hour:</i> Dolza					
8 am	Mary Louise Susalla	Josephine Feijoo	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Amy Freeman Dan White	Beverly & Jack Mills	Lydia Anderson	Lynne Ronthi Rex Harris	Christine Szostak Linda Chciuk
<b>January 24</b>					
<i>Counter:</i> Lynne Ronthi <i>Coffee Hour:</i> DuPei <i>Vestry Person of the Day:</i> Bob Hutchins					
8 am	Mike Wells	JerryRucker	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Paul Dolza Greg Forsyth	Dave & Debbie James	Laurel & Gabby White	Charlie Johnston Lorraine Moller	Terri Hutchins Francine Johnston
<b>January 31</b>					
<i>Counter:</i> Nancy Day <i>Coffee Hour:</i> Johnston					
8 am	Clay Putnam	Chet Susalla	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Judi Harris Dee Grossmann	Raquel Gazzi Marjie Andrejciw	Molly Anderson	David & Denise Rayner	Kathy Hopper Lorraine Moller
<b>February 7</b>					
<i>Counter:</i> Lois Putnam					
8 am	Jerry Rucker		-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Lynn Hopper Dave Rayner	Dee Grossmann Paul Dolza	Laurel & Gabby White	Nancy Day Lynne Ronthi	Sarah Dolza Gay Adams



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