



The Beacon

St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Fenton, Michigan

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching Out to Others

February, 2016 (our 158th year)

Sundays in Lent 2016: **WALK A MILE IN MY SHOES**

We will be spending Lent thinking about walking a mile in others' shoes (and variations on this theme).

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 10, 12 noon and 7 p.m. services)

"Walk a Mile in My Shoes" – who might we be looking for and how might we respond?

Week 1 –

"Walk a Mile in My Socks" – Stinky returns, looking for help getting socks to our neighbors in Flint.

Week 2 –

"Walk a Mile Together" – The Outreach Committee will ask you about programs in which you want to put effort and energy.

Week 3 –

"Walk a Mile in My Shoes" – with The Rev. Barbara Cavin, about her trip to Africa.

Week 4 –

Craig Levitt from Crossover Outreach in Flint will share how your donations are used.

Week 5 –

A graduate of Family Promise of Genesee County will share about her walk through the program – from homelessness to stability.

Week 6 (Palm Sunday) –

"Walking Softly in our Shoes" – Amy Freeman talks about how to care for our environment and reduce the impact of our footprint.

Wednesdays in Lent:

Our annual soup and salad supper and conversation with 1st Presbyterian!

We are reading *"Renegade Gospel,"* by Mike Slaughter. Books are available at church for \$10. Come along for a meal together and conversation (even if you haven't read the book).

(Please bring soup or salad or bread to share on the nights that it's at St. Jude's)

Feb. 17 at 1st Pres: Intro and Chapter 1

Feb. 24 at St. Jude's: Chapter 2

Mar 2 at 1st Pres: Chapter 3

Mar 9 at St. Jude's: Chapter 4

Mar 16 at 1st Pres: Chapter 5-6

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Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist: 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. • Messy Church: 5:00 p.m. • Coffee Hour follows 10:30 service

We Are Family

Updates to Prayer List

Help us keep our prayer list up-to-date. Take a minute to look over our prayer list. If you know of any changes that should be made, please let the office know.

Prayer List

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; Eveline Karnowski; Bill Lenny; Jeff Leubke; Lewis family; Lisa; Sidney Nihill; Ed Ransley; Paul Riley; Spencer Sands, Stan Spicer, Louis Sternello, 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; Elijah Unkefer, and Gavin Woods.

Pray for Our Ministers

February 7 – Craig & Gay Adams, Herb & Sharon Aldrich, and Bob & Kim Alexander

February 14 – Bill, Molly & Lydia Anderson, David & Marjie Andrejciw, and Martha Applebee

February 21 – Sarah Bancroft, Joe Binder, Jack & Rita Bretzke, and Kathryn Brow

February 28 – LeeAnn Brummett, Margot Brummett, and Jon & Rosiland Burroughs



February Birthdays

- 1st – Julie DuPei
- 2nd – Chet Susalla
- 4th – Marcia Freeman
 - Judi Harris
- 6th – Madeleine Koch
 - Emily Short
- 11th – Mike Holsinger
- 12th – Brady Short
- 13th – Bob Hutchins
 - Austin Moller
 - Leah Moller
 - William Moller
- 15th – Connor Szostak
- 18th – Theresa Braun
 - Anani Love
 - Lorraine Moller
- 20th – Dan White
- 21st – Lottie Englehart
- 24th – David Freeman
- 25th – Martha Applebee
- 27th – Lester Jones
- 29th – Jennifer Chambers



February Anniversaries

- 2nd – Jon & Rosiland Burroughs (3rd)
- 19th – Jack & Beverly Mills (50th)



February is a month of contrasts. It begins with the final Sunday of the Epiphany season. We celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord as well as enjoy the last "alleluias" until Easter. The music is appropriately joyous.

The month then continues with the Sundays of Lent. On February 14, we hear the account of our Lord's temptation during the forty days in the wilderness after His baptism. Forty days and forty nights is one of the hymns that recount this. On the following Sundays, we hear about God's promise to Abraham, God's call to Moses from the burning bush, Christ's lament over Jerusalem, and His call for repentance. The God of Abraham praise and Take up your cross, the Savior said are among the musical selections that relate to these themes.

Marlene Weston

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Coffee Hour Hosts

Our sincere thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during December: Shepard, Mills, Dolza, DuPei and Johnston 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

Thank you to the Outgoing Vestry

Thank you to outgoing vestry Sarah Dolza, Lorriane Moller and David James, for your hard work and service!

Lenten Calendar Available

If you are interested in a Lenten calendar, they are \$1. Please let the office know by Feb. 1st. Other booklets will be available, also. Check the library at the beginning of February for offerings.

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!

Day By Day

The Feb – April 2016 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!



Warm items needed!

Common Threads Yarn Ministry. Making prayer shawls, caps, hats, mittens, scarves.

St Paul's Episcopal Church, every other Thur. Next meeting Jan 28 10-noon.

We also buy gloves, hats & mittens. Donations gratefully accepted.

For more information, contact: Laura Meyer, email: kinkollector3@comcast.net or call 810-239-9376 (home) or 810-938-4053 (cell).

News and Happenings

See Presiding Bishop Michael Curry in Detroit, February 12 or 21

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will preach at the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan's Absalom Jones celebration. This takes place at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016 at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Detroit. To ensure that adequate seating is available in the Cathedral, tickets will be issued for the service. Please contact Jennifer Michalak at (313) 833-4414 or jmichalak@edomi.org to make a reservation no later than Friday, Feb. 12. Tickets will be mailed in advance of the service.

After the service, a brief reception will be held in Barth Hall. Full details will be forthcoming.

Curry was elected the church's 27th presiding bishop — and first African-American presiding bishop — on June 27 at the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church. Curry was installed as presiding bishop and primate Nov. 1 at the Washington National Cathedral.

Bishop Gibbs will serve as celebrant for the Absalom Jones service. Curry will also preach on Sunday, Feb. 21 at Christ Church Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills.

More information found at: <http://www.edomi.org/presiding-bishop-elect-to-preach-at-cathedral-feb-20>

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.



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Flint is holding a Kitchen Shower to benefit Feeding Programs in their area on Sunday, February 28th following their 10:30 a.m. service.

Snacks will be served during the shower.

For more information, contact Patti Gantz (810) 730-7691 or Dianne North (810) 874-2883.

Please bring any of the following items to go toward their programs:

Mr. Clean Magic Erasers

Pledge

Windex Spray

Liquid Dish Soap

Comet

Kleenex Tissues

Lysol Spray

Clorox Wipes

Febreze Spray

Toilet Bowl Cleaner & Brushes

Dish Scrubbers

White Paper Towels Rolls

Dish Towels/Cloths (terry cloth works well)

Small Boxes of Baking Soda (for freezers & refrigerators)



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Lenten Wednesday event

Lenten Simple Meals run February 17 – March 16, discussing the book *“Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus,”* by Mike Slaughter. Partnering with 1st Presbyterian, Reverend Heather Barta will lead us in discussion asking “Who was Jesus, really? Wouldn’t associating with him have meant joining a rebel movement? Doesn’t it still?” Join us for a simple meal of soup and salad beginning at 5:30; the study is from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Books will soon be available in the office for \$10. Meet at First Presbyterian on February 17, March 2 & 16, and at St. Jude’s on February 24 and March 9.

Get ready for Lent!

Join us as we spend time trying to figure out who we are, who God is calling us to be, where we are and where we want to go.

We recommend using the resource *“Growing a Rule*

of Life” for Lent 2016, developed by the Society of St. John the Evangelist and the Virginia Theological Seminary. This step-by-step resource uses a gardening metaphor to grow our relationships with God, Self, Others and the Creation.

The concept for a rule of life was developed for monastic communities, but for us, acts as a guide that can lead to personal change, growth and a deeper relationship with God. This program was designed for either individuals or small groups as part of Lenten study. A facilitator’s guide is available for groups.

Participants will:

- Design a balanced plan for growing into a deeper relationship with God, Self, Others, and Creation.
- Celebrate areas of their lives that are thriving and explore areas that need extra nourishment.
- Tune their sensitivity to the rhythms of nature to help them in keeping a Rule of Life.
- Grow in fellowship with other participants and support them through the growing process.

FAMILY PROMISE

Snippets from “Friday Fun Facts” by Lindsay Moore, Executive Director

The holidays were a nice time to catch up with some of our grads.

Tammy (2014) is gearing up for a move to Bay City to explore an opportunity there. She’s excited but a little nervous.

Katie (2014) and her family are doing really well. Antione was recently promoted to manager of a restaurant which has helped them financially.

LaToya (2014 – first family to graduate) is working two jobs and still living in her apartment, making life work. She still always sounds happy when I talk with her.

Sha’Nika (2014) has been working faithfully as an MA. She has been granted the opportunity to work between both of the doctor’s urgent care offices so she is usually quite busy! The kids are doing well in school.

Shawtayvia is still working and living where she was when she graduated in the first part of 2015. I think I included this before but they have the most adorable dog!

Quin called the other day too and said all is going well on her end. She graduated in the first half of 2015 too. She spoke at our 2015 Winter Gala and received so much support and affirmation that it really touched and motivated her.

Amanda (June 2015) is still settled and doing well. I haven’t been able to see the kids but she says they’re doing pretty well in school, especially her youngest, LaTorrian (or Tori for short). He was always such a delight.

Crawley and Odie are doing really well too. Their daughter just got married and Odie was a beautiful mother of the bride and Crawley was a proud papa. He is still driving the van in the afternoons and as needed. He built a new gate for our Day Center which is very sturdy and able to better keep the children safe. He’s been a huge blessing for vehicle know how too. He’s been able to help several moms figure out some stuff and even do the work for free. He is always such an inspiration for the families, as they are going through the program.

Kim (September 2015) and her 4 are doing well. She is still working for her friend’s antique shop. Her car quit working but, being that she is settled in Holly, where she works and the kids go to school, she’s able to get where she needs to go. The kids are doing well in school and Cameron (her son) is working and enjoying it!

Kyle and Amy are settled. The boys aren’t too excited about the school district but they are giving it their best shot.



Building community, strengthening lives.

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Lent in a Bag for Families

Easter comes early this year which means Lent comes early too. Ash Wednesday is February 10th. Then, because Easter is such a great mystery, we'll have six weeks to get ready. Those six weeks make up the liturgical season called Lent.

At St. Jude's we'll observe Lent at our worship services, at Messy Church and with a special Lenten study for adults. We will also send special bags home for families so that Lent can be practiced at home too. The bags will include symbols of the season and suggestions or instructions to go with each item.



Here are two suggestions for using the contents of the bag:

- Choose one night of the week and invite those around your table to pick one of the symbols as a starting point for conversation for the whole group, including children.
- For your own devotion (daily or weekly), choose one of the symbols for your own reflection as you make your way through the season of Lent.

This resource (though, ours may be modified a bit) comes from Building Faith: Christian formation inspiration from the Center for the Ministry of Teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary. buildfaith.org

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

St. Jude's middle and high school age young people invite the congregation and community to a yummy pre-Lenten feast!

Tuesday, February 9th, 5-7pm

We invite and encourage free will donations. Proceeds go to the youth Pilgrimage fund. Our young people plan to journey out on Pilgrimage summer 2017.



SHROVE TUESDAY

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Creativity & Prayer at Lenten Messy Church



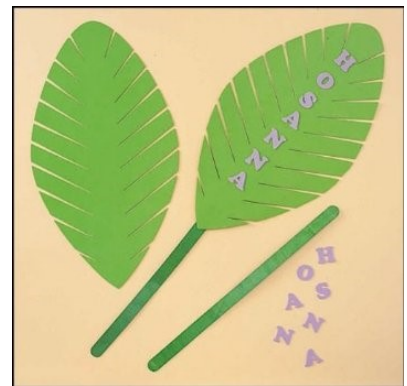
Making & Using Anglican/
Episcopal Prayer Beads



Resurrection Rolls



Faces of Easter Godly Play Story



Children's Good Friday Service



Lent & the Pretzel

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.

Books of the Bible Messy Church

Sunday, February, 7th, 5pm

We'll share a story about the Books of the Bible and make bookmarks for our Bibles. We will also lay out remaining Valentine materials for those who would like to continue from the previous week.

Faces of Easter I Messy Church

Sunday, February 14th, 5pm

Join us for the first of a series of Lenten Godly Play stories. We'll also start a series of creative and prayerful activity stations. Come "get ready" during the six weeks of Lent.

Faces of Easter II Messy Church

Sunday, February 21st, 5pm

Continued Lenten story & activities

Faces of Easter III Messy Church

Sunday, February 28th, 5pm

Continued Lenten story & activities

COMING EVENTS