

The Beacon

St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Fenton, Michigan

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching Out to Others

March, 2016 (our 158th year)

Holy Week and Easter Services

March 20-27, 2016

Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday – 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5 p.m.

The most emotional day of the year goes from the triumphant entry into Jerusalem to Jesus' horrible trial and crucifixion. The 10:30 service will begin outside, on the corner of Elizabeth and Leroy Streets.

Holy Monday – Holy Eucharist – 7:00 p.m.: A quiet service with time to meditate on Jesus' final days.

Holy Tuesday – Seder – 6:00 p.m.: We will celebrate a traditional Jewish Seder.

Holy Wednesday - Tenebrae – 7:00 p.m.: A traditional combination of Morning and Evening Prayer especially created for Holy Week, we slowly darken the church as we accompany Jesus to the cross.

Maundy Thursday – 7:00 p.m.: Experience with the disciples the washing of the feet and the institution of Holy Communion, followed by the arrest of Jesus. After the service, take time for quiet prayer during our overnight vigil; you can sign up for a time on the board in VandenBergh Hall.

Good Friday

12:00 p.m.: Ecumenical service at Fenton United Methodist Church.

3:00 p.m.: Children's Good Friday service at St. Jude's.

7:00 p.m.: Traditional Episcopal Good Friday service at St. Jude's. Favorite hymns and the moving devotions at the cross join a Good Friday sermon.

Easter Sunday (Choir sings at both services)

Easter Vigil – 7:00 a.m.: Gather with the disciples to read scripture and sing songs in remembrance of how God has worked in the world. Then move into the church for the joyous Easter Acclamation and festive Eucharistic celebration of the resurrection. This is THE Easter moment, as we literally watch darkness turn to light.

Breakfast – 9 a.m.: Come for breakfast between the services. Sign up for food if you are able. (A great way to thank the choir for singing at both services that day!)

Festival Eucharist – 10:30 a.m.: Our Easter celebration

is full of joy, promise, and Alleluias.

Join us for the highest of holy days.

Messy Church – 5 p.m. Come celebrate and participate in Easter activities!

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

We Are Family

Please Hold In Your Prayers

Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Todd, our Bishop; Heather, our Interim Priest; and the Wardens and Vestry.

For those in particular need of prayer: Margaret Ancic; 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, Carroll Yardley.

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; Sharon James; Arin Shinabarger; Sandy Train; Susan Taber; Elijah Unkefer, and Gavin Woods.

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.

Pray for Our Ministers

March 6th – David & Carol Chambers, Ron, Jennifer & Conner Chambers and Shane, Heather & Hayden Chambers

March 13th – Harry & Linda Chciuk, Gale Cronk and Kelly & Lisa Cronk

March 20th – Sally Ann Crouter, Sandy Davis and Nancy Day & Ed Ransley

March 27th – Gail Delaney, Dee Dickens and Sally Diehl

Our sincere condolences

To David and Debbie James on the death of Dave's father Lindon Donald James on January 20th.

May the soul of Lindon, and all those we love but see no longer, rest in eternal peace.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2nd Mary Louise Susalla

3rd Bob Minock

5th Chloe Mae Pattan

8th Bob Foguth

Connie Hibbard

Carol Pettipher

9th Sophia Chambers

10th David Chambers

Brian Goss

Dan Harvey

13th Kristen Shepherd

14th Ella Koch

15th Jeff Smith

18th Rex Harris

Scott Michael

Jessie Withorn

19th Rosiland Burroughs

23rd Bonnie Ensign

Gabriella Pennington

31st Francine Rucker

Matt Shepherd

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

6th Rex & Judi Harris (51st)

14th Bob & Teri Hutchins (52nd)

26th Brian & Barb Goss (56th)

Updates to Birthdays & Anniversaries

If you have a birthday or anniversary that you are celebrating this month and it is not included here, please let the office know. Thank you!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

STARTS ON

Sunday, MARCH 13TH

If you don't remember to

"Spring Forward," you

will arrive at church

just in time

possibly for communion,

definitely for announcements,

and you'll enjoy a

lovely Coffee Hour.

Be prepared!

Set your clocks an hour ahead before you go to bed on Saturday night for Sunday, March 13th.

We are Family (Con't)

COFFEE HOUR Hosts:

Our sincere thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during February: Lynn Ronthi, Lisa and Kelly Cronk, the White family, the Shepherd family and John and Carol Pettipher. We continue to thank CRUST for their dedicated delivery of delicious baked goods for us to enjoy.

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

“I used to believe that
prayer changes things,
but now I know that
prayer changes us,
and we change things.”

Mother Teresa

Easter Flowers

If you would like to purchase flowers for Easter, please fill out one of the yellow sheets located in the rack next to the office and turn in with your payment of \$24. If you have any questions, please contact the office or Judi Harris.

Electronic Funds Transfer Now Available

Have your pledge automatically taken directly from your account to ours! Forms are available in the rack outside the office door. Enclose form and voided check and turn it into the office. Liz will contact you to set it up!

The note below was to appear in the January Beacon, but was inadvertently omitted...

To all my friends at St. Jude's –

Thank you for your kind words and the gifts you sent at Christmas time. I miss you all and wish you a (belated) Blessed and Merry Christmas, and all of the best in the year ahead.

Barb Smith

News and Happenings

Notes from the Choir

While March holds the promise of spring and warmer weather, it is special in the liturgical calendar as well. It continues the Sundays of Lent, that time of reflection on the life of Christ and His sacrifice for our sins, and concludes with Easter. These Sundays incorporate beloved events from the life and teachings Jesus. As we contemplate on His cross (*Cross of Jesus, cross of sorrow*), we also recount the parable of the Prodigal Son and the anointing of Jesus' feet. The musical selections reflect these themes.

March continues its riches with Palm Sunday which begins with great joy as we celebrate our Lord's ride into Jerusalem (*All glory, laud, and honor*) and concludes in meditation with the Passion story (*O sacred head, sore wounded*). Holy Week is filled with worship and musical opportunities as we recount His suffering for us.

Easter is appropriately joyous with much music as we celebrate our Lord's resurrection. Have a blessed and holy month.

Marlene Weston

LABYRINTH WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 12, 2016

St. Jude's Episcopal Church
106 E. Elizabeth St., Fenton, MI

Leader: Tracy Moore

10 a.m. - Noon - Program:
Walking the Labyrinth

Please pre-register for this portion (\$15/person)

1- 3 p.m. - Labyrinth Walking
(open house style - come & go)

No need to register for this portion, but donations are appreciated

Tracy Moore is a trained spiritual director. She is from Michigan and studied at the Dominican Center in Grand Rapids. She has worked with the labyrinth for 20 years, using it as a personal tool for prayer and meditation and as a co-facilitator of labyrinth workshops in the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan, and as a facilitator for workshops in the Anglican Diocese of Athabaska in Northern Alberta, Canada

Tracy will be available from 1-3 p.m. for consultation

Vestry Notes – February 2016

- The Vestry had a great retreat all day Feb. 6 at St. Jude's with a wonderful lunch break at The Laundry.
- A resurrection of the Buildings and Grounds Committee is headed by Kathy Kortge. We may be seeking your support in various areas of the church.
- Megan Rosa has been elected the newest Junior Warden.
- Ben Oliver will take over as Clerk.
- The 2015 Parochial Report was approved and will be submitted.
- Our annual audit will be scheduled soon; it should be completed by the end of March.

Holy Week & Easter Sign-Ups

Please take a look at the bulletin board in VandenBergh Hall. There are several sign-up sheets for Lenten meals, Tuesday Seder, Maundy Thursday night Vigil, and Easter breakfast. If you are able to attend or help with any of these events, please sign up! Thank you!

Confirmation Classes

Feb. 18, Mar. 3, Mar. 17, 7-8:30 p.m. They are open for ANYONE, but created for those who will be confirmed or received into the Episcopal church or would like to renew their confirmation vows. Diocesan Confirmation is May 14th at 2 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church in Midland. If you have any questions, contact Heather.

Calling All Bargain Shoppers!

We regularly need the following items:

- 8 ½ x 11 and 11x17 white copy paper
- 8 ½ x 11 and 11 x 17 colored copy paper
- Ziplock Bags
- Envelopes of various sizes
- Paper towel rolls
- Styrofoam and paper cups, plates, napkins and silverware

If you see a sale on any of these items, please let the office know!

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

(clip and save)

FAMILY PROMISE

The week of March 27th marks our first week supporting Family Promise this year (2 more coming, one week in July and one week in October). There are currently 3 families active in the program, but the numbers are quite fluid so we won't know the exact numbers for our week until the last minute.

As in the past we will be providing dinners on Sunday (27th), Tuesday (29th) and Saturday (2nd); overnight hosts on Sunday and Tuesday; and Saturday afternoon hosts.

Family Promise continues to be one of our primary outreach projects in support of the local community. Not only do we provide volunteers during our support weeks, but because of our participation with St. Paul's and St. Dunstan's, our Diocese provided a \$10,000 grant again this year.

Sign up lists we be soon be posted in VandenBergh Hall and online. Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile project.

CEREAL DRIVE

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM:

We are having a cereal drive once again from March 6th-March 31st to support our school lunch program on April 2nd. If you could, please bring a box or two of cereal to church. Our goal is 300 boxes! We appreciate your support. Thank you!

Lenten Simple Meals

Happening every Wednesday night through March 16th. We are partnering with First Presbyterian Church across the street. Join us for a simple meal of soup and salad beginning at 5:30 p.m.; the study discussing the book *Renegade Gospel: The Rebel Jesus* by Mike Slaughter is

from 6:15- 7:30 p.m. Books are available in the office for \$10. We meet at First Presbyterian on March 2nd & 16th and St. Jude's on March 9th. Sign-up in VandenBergh Hall to help provide meal on March 9th.

SUPPORTING OUR NEIGHBORS

I have been attending a series of classes/forums on the FLINT WATER CRISIS by U of M-all campuses. The University is committed to disseminating correct information for the community along with expert information on municipal water systems, infra-structure, health effects, and vehicles for lead, copper, toxicity in water and solutions for the water contamination. The Officer of Public Health-Genesee spoke at a recent class and informed us that Flint restaurants are going out of business due to people being afraid to drink Flint water. He clarified that there is a program in place and monitored by them to assure the safety of the water used in cooking and serving. He encouraged us to go out to dinner in Flint as business people had taken measures to ensure their water is safe. This is being monitored and ensured by the Health Department. Going out to dinner in Flint is a simple thing we can do to support our neighbor's in their time of trouble. I have discussed with Dave Rayner possible additional actions St. Jude's can do to help with the crisis. Some restaurants in Flint are 501 Grille, Flint Crepe Co., Halo Burger, Good Bean's, Churchill's, The Torch, El Posteros. The Flint Farmer's Market is open Tues., Thurs., Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and they feature a number of eateries. Enjoy.

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STEWARDSHIP TODAY

Our fall annual pledge campaign exceeded the expectations of many. St. Jude's members came through and several increased their pledges to the church for 2016. We would like to say thank you.

The Stewardship Committee maintains that Stewardship is just not a once a year request for support in order to prepare for the upcoming budget plan. It is an ongoing process that we all continue to take part. Individually and collectively we are continually striving to be good stewards using our time, talents and treasures.

This definition is from an article entitled "Stewardship: Not just a Pledge By Jeannie Babb." The Episcopal Network on Stewardship defines stewardship as—"Everything I do after I say I believe."

They're maybe some of us that live beyond our means and still others that feel we do not have enough. There is a real struggle to "keep us with the Joneses." Let us be mindful as we give of ourselves each day, week, and month. Am I truly fulfilling my obligation to God? Am I being a good steward to St. Jude's? Over the next few months, the Stewardship Committee hopes to share with you different ideas of stewardship opportunities at St. Jude's.

Your Stewardship Committee, Megan Rosa, Bill Anderson, Ron Trimmer and Reverend Heather Barta

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