



The Beacon

St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Fenton, Michigan

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching Out to Others

May, 2016 (our 158th year)

Dear Friends!

This is a time of transition. Transition brings with it all kinds of emotions. This particular transition may bring with it some grief as you say goodbye to your interim priest, Heather. It may bring with it some excitement and perhaps some trepidation as you prepare to welcome a new priest and her family. I'm excited to meet all of you in person as together we serve God beginning May 2, my first day as your Rector. My husband, Dave, and our son, Mike, are also looking forward to meeting and getting to know you.

Last month you heard a little about some of the experiences I bring. The foundation of my leadership is like a four-legged stool of inter-related and inter-woven areas of focus. Life-long formation as we search for God and discover God's purpose in our lives as individuals and in our life together as a community of faith. Worship that sets a place for all of us to discover God alive in our gathered community, in prayer, in Word and in Sacrament; worship that is transformative. Outreach that draws us into community with our neighbors as we find meaning living into our abilities to love and serve our neighbors, seeing in them the face of Christ. I see myself as a Ministry Developer whose role is to help all of us continually discover our ministry as baptized people on an ongoing journey of living into our baptismal vows.

I'd like to share some other information to help you get to know me and my family. Dave and I celebrated our second anniversary last October 5. Both of us love working outside in our yard gardening and creating a sanctuary. When I'm not working or out in the yard, you will likely find me out walking, sitting near bodies of water, curled up with a good book, perhaps creating artificial flower arrangements, or at times colouring. Although I haven't spent a lot of time in my workshop lately, one of my passions is doing stained glass. Dave and I have purchased a condo in Linden and I'm looking forward to getting back to stained glass and making some panels to go in some of the windows. We are working towards closing on the condo in early June and then doing some renovation work before we move. We are still in the process of selling our home in Marysville.

We have between us four boys, all grown and living their lives in various places. My two sons, Patrick and Sean, both live and work in London, Ontario where my parents also live. Dave also has two sons. Chris lives and works just outside of Minnesota. Mike lives in Farmington Hills and you will have a chance to meet him on a fairly regular basis on those weekends when he's home. Dave's parents live in Marysville where he grew up. Dave will continue to commute to Marysville for three days a week of field work for his land surveying business.

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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

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Todd, our Bishop; Tracie, our Priest; for the Wardens and Vestry.

For those in particular need of prayer:

Craig Adams; Margaret Ancic; Doug; Jack Bretzke; Patricia DuCharme; Stan Haddock; Jenny Hart; Eveline Karnowski; Bill Lenny; Lewis family; Lisa; Teresa Maynard; Bob Minock; 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; Paul Otto; Leona; Richard Perkins; Denny Sharpe; Arin Shinabarger; Sandy Train; Susan Taber; Elijah Unkefer, and Gavin Wood

Pray for Our Ministers

MAY 1 – Bruce & Glenda Fletcher, Bob, Josie & Lucy Foguth and Gaye Foor

MAY 8 – Greg, Kris & Leigha Forsyth, Amy Freeman, Bill & Marcia Freeman

MAY 15 – Dave, Lynn, Gabrielle & Erica Freeman, Mark & Pat Freeman, Matt & Linda Freeman and Michael Wolos

MAY 22 – Connie Fry, Ty & Debbie Fry and Doug, Michelle & Lauren Gangwer

MAY 29 – Sharon Gay, Raquel Gazzi, Gabriella & Arthur Pennington and Tom & Shirley Gernack

Our sincere condolences...

to Brian and Barb Goss on the death of their beloved grandson, Jason Shandlin

and to Jack and Beverly Mills on the death of Jack's dear mother, Cecelia Mills

May Jason, Cecelia and all those we love but see no longer, rest in eternal peace.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 nd	Benjamin Rayner
5 th	Charles Johnston
6 th	Dominic DuPei
10 th	Edith Hersbeck Jenne Hadden
12 th	Carol Chambers Susan Premo
14 th	Judith Fisher Miryam Hassell
15 th	Eveline Karnowski Steve Koch
16 th	Connor Chambers
19 th	Sandra Smith Bruce Trimmer
22 nd	Vance Gordon
24 th	Lynn Hopper
26 th	Lois Putnam

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

5 th	Mike & Peggy Kearns (25 th)
9 th	David & Marjie Andrejciw (23 rd)
18 th	Mark & Lynne Ronthi (19 th)
19 th	Herb & Sharon Aldrich (56 th) Ed & Marlene Weston (42 nd)
22 nd	Don & Mary Kurtz (67 th)
24 th	Troy & Kirsty Rising (16 th)

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I'm looking forward to getting to know you and your routines as we build this new relationship.

Remembering names is not one of my strong points and I will really appreciate it if each time we meet, you tell me your name. I know that you've spent this past month taking selfies, which I'm looking forward to studying as I begin to connect names and faces. If you're in the church building during the week and I'm in the office, I invite you to pop in and say hello! Tell me a bit about what God is up to in your life! If you want to make an appointment to chat, give me a call at the church office and we can set something up.

It is with great joy and hopeful anticipation that I look towards our ministry together!

Blessings,
Tracie

We are Family (Con't)

COFFEE HOUR Hosts:

Our sincere thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during April: Bill and Marcia Freeman, Amy Freeman and Megan Rosa, Dave and Denise Rayner, Lorraine Moller, the Social Committee and those who provided cakes for the All Birthday Sunday and the Vestry, and all those who provided delicious eats for Heather's going away potluck. It was beyond spectacular!

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

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of the people who stayed after church on April 10th and April 17th for our Spring Clean-Up: Bill Anderson, Kelly & Lisa Cronk, Liza & Paul Dolza, Raquel Gazzi, Judi & Rex Harris, Terri Hutchins, Charlie & Francine Johnston, Arthur & Gabriella Pennington, Carol & John Pettipher, Megan Rosa, Marilyn Safa and Lynell Wright. Your hard work helps make St. Jude's a more welcoming place. Thank you!

MEMORIAL GARDEN

Many thanks to Fred Wright for our wonderful updated Memorial Garden map! The map is located on the porch in the Memorial Garden. Please stop by to have a look and help us check our accuracy! If you see anything that is still incorrect, please let the church office know. Also, thank you to Bill and Marcia Freeman for all of their hard work on updating our plaques in the hallway. Thank you!

Ways to Contact Rev. Tracie!

For pastoral emergencies: feel free to call Tracie's cell phone (810-300-9177).

Online by e-mail (TracieLLittle@gmail.com)

and you can find her on Facebook.

News and Happenings

Notes from the Choir

May is a very special and fun month. Not only do we have spring in all its beauty, but there are several special celebrations.

On May 1, Jesus declares that those who love Him will keep His commandments. We also rejoice in God's creation as it is traditionally Rogation Sunday. The musical selections reflect these themes.

We celebrate Pentecost on May 15, the fifty days following Passover that saw the coming of the Holy Spirit and the actual birth of the Christian church. The musical selections illustrate this joyous celebration. St. Jude's Ringers also make their final appearance for the season with a fun "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."

May 22 is Trinity Sunday. "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Holy God, We Praise thy Name" are traditional for this day.

Marlene Weston

UPCOMING SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS

Lansing Lugnuts Baseball Game August 20th

The New Century Chorale is singing
the National Anthem!!
and ...FIREWORKS after the game!!!

What more could you ask for????

Tickets: \$11.00 each
Game Time: 7:00 p.m.

Tickets must be ordered by mid-June. Order forms are on the board in VandenBergh Hall. Think about going to a great Minor League game in a family friendly part for a great night out! Please see Kathy Hopper for tickets!

Electronic Funds Transfer Now Available

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

News and Happenings

Notes from the Vestry Underground— April 2016

- Our April meeting was both a celebration of Heather and her good work in our parish and a conspiring and planning of the good works we hope to continue as we move forward.
- As always, Kathy Kortge brought a fabulous update on our grounds and is working diligently to improve our phones, garden, and the electrical wiring of our church.
- We reviewed the wonderful work Kris Forsyth is doing with our youth, most notably regarding the Rite 13 liturgy and the honoring evening that was for our developing youth.
- Ty Fry and his brilliant band of Welcoming Committee members are ever improving the way St. Jude's welcomes new members and maintains records so we may be ever more thoughtful of those we welcome into our congregation.

Finally your Vestry reviewed the finances and made preparations ready for the coming of our new rector. As always, Vestry invites any questions you may have.

Signing off,
Your Clerk, BenJamin Oliver

Dear St. Jude's:

THANK YOU for the amazing send off. I was overwhelmed with love on Sunday. The day was amazing and I appreciate your kindness and generosity. It has been an honor to work with you. I have appreciated the amazing adventure that we had - the fun, the challenges, and the opportunity to explore where God might be calling God's people to serve.

I wish you all the best in your next part of your journey.

You are in my heart.

Peace,
Heather

2016 Seder – An Evening to Remember

Our March 22 Seder evening proved to be even more special this year with the Rayner's friends Joe and Myra Burnstein leading us through the Seder ceremony. We were able to journey through the Seder with our own copies of the booklet Joe authored, "The Burnstein Family Haggadah." Joe and Myra described in great detail every part of the Seder ceremony – both its meaning and significance. We enjoyed hearing the prayers in both Hebrew and English as well as Myra's beautiful voice during the prayers. They welcomed our questions and answered in detail.

We all enjoyed the Burnstein's family personal Seder stories. Many touches of humor were appreciated, down to the Matzo man doll dancing to his Matzo song. This evening celebrated our Judeo-Christian traditions and evolution together. Thank you to our youth who participated: Tess and Dom DuPei and Gabby and Arthur Pennington. Congratulations to Arthur for locating the hidden Afikomen! Close to the end of the ceremony we enjoyed a delicious meal.

Thank you to the many people who helped create this beautiful evening – whether by bringing food for our meal, setting up or cleaning up.

submitted by Carol Pettipher

Camp Chickagami Registration

If your child(ren) is interested in going to Camp Chickagami this summer, please register as soon as possible. If you would like scholarship money from St. Jude's, please let the office know.

Think Spring! Think SCRIP!

Thinking of upcoming spring projects? Lowe's or Home Depot gift cards would be great for home improvement projects or planting flowers. With Mother's Day coming soon, Kohl's and JC Penny cards would be great! Enjoy a dinner out--think Scrip cards. Keep buy the Scrip cards and continue to reduce St. Jude's budget deficit. We thank you!

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ATTENTION



TAKING RESERVATIONS **ALLURE OF THE SEAS** **(NEED TO BOOK 8 STATEROOMS)** **(TO MAKE THIS COME TRUE)**

DEPARTING: FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
SATURDAY, JULY 9, 2017 TO SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2017
- SEVEN NIGHT EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE -

PORTS-OF-CALL
PHILIPSBURG, ST. MAARTEN
SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO
LABADEE, HAITI

DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$250.00 PER PERSON
INSIDE STATEROOM: \$1,257.17/PERSON
BALCONY STATEROOM: \$1,567.17/PERSON
DEPOSIT REQUIRED BY APRIL 24, 2016

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How Pilgrimage Began

Remember the story of Moses from the book of Exodus in the Old Testament? After Moses' call from God at the Burning Bush and the Plagues of Egypt, Moses led God's people out of their slavery in Egypt across the Red Sea into the wilderness and safety. Moses did this because God had made a promise to the people of Israel through Abraham.

The people wandered in the wilderness, in the desert, for 40 years – going from camp to camp. It was a hard life. God provided but it was hard.

Eventually, Moses died but Joshua led the people over the River Jordan into the Promised Land. You may remember that there were people already living on that land who didn't want to share with the Israelites.

Many years of fighting and battles followed. The people of Israel ultimately won (for a time) and established the monarchy.

People settled in Jerusalem and David brought the ark there. The city grew and became busy with commerce, trading and the activity of the temple.

People began to tire, though, and they realized one thing: In the desert, in the wilderness, they had been close to God. They heard God's voice more clearly.

But in the promised land, amidst the wars and battles and city life, they had lost something. God's voice became quieter.

So, they began to travel back into the wilderness... not to live, not to stay, but for a short period of time. It definitely wasn't a

vacation and it wasn't a mission. The people went back into the wilderness in order to strip away all of the noise of their daily lives in hope that they might, once again, hear God.

Where did they go? The pilgrims traveled down through what is today Israel, through the Negev desert, into what is today Egypt, across the Sinai desert to Mount Sinai which they climbed.

The pilgrims thought that if they traveled back into the wilderness there would be TIME and SPACE and QUIET enough to hear God.

If you visit those routes today – the route from Jerusalem to Mount Sinai – you would see enormous rocks with inscriptions carved into them dating all the way back to before Jesus; even today a huge rock called the "Rock of Inscription" stands in the middle of the Sinai desert with inscriptions in Nebatanean, Greek and Manora.

Eventually, Jesus was born, crucified and resurrected. Christianity came into being.

Still, people looked for ways to hear God's voice and still pilgrims traveled to holy places in order to strip away distractions so that they might find God. To this day, Pilgrims travel to Mount Sinai, but as the Christian Church grew and spread throughout the world, other places became sacred and holy – places where saints had lived, places where a particular monastery, church or religious community thrived, places where pilgrims had traveled in the past. Ever since those first pilgrims traveled from Jerusalem back into the wilderness, people of faith have journeyed on pilgrimage.

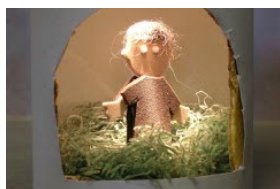
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Story & Creativity for May



Holy Spirit Collage



Paul's Conversion



The Synagogue and the Upper Room



Jesus and the Twelve



Paten & Chalice Making

Synagogue and Upper Room Messy Church

Sunday, May 1st, 5pm

Circle of Holy Eucharist Messy Church

Sunday, May 8th, 5pm

It's also our new Rector's first day at Messy Church. Come join in welcoming her!

Pilgrimage Meeting

Sunday, May 15th, 4:30pm

For middle & high school age youth and their parents. Lots to accomplish after last month's meeting. We'll pare our list of six potential destinations to three. We'll plan the carwash and also review the Covenant Agreement for Pilgrimage. No strings attached yet but this is an important meeting.

Mystery of Pentecost Messy Church

Sunday, May 15, 5pm

Wear red and join us in making Holy Spirit kites and a Holy Spirit collage.

The Holy Trinity Messy Church

Sunday, May 22nd, 5pm

Paul's Discovery Messy Church

Sunday, May 29th, 5pm

Join us in making Paul's conversion crafts. Do you munch on Pringles? We need the cans! Save for us!

VBS News coming soon!

COMING EVENTS