



# The Beacon

St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Fenton, Michigan

*Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching Out to Others*

June, 2016 (our 158<sup>th</sup> year)

Dear friends!

Transformation. It's a word that brings many images right to the front of my mind's eye. As I write this, there is transformation right outside! A group of hard-working folks has been out in the memorial garden since about 9 a.m. transforming overgrown gardens into a beautiful and peaceful environment for quiet meditation. There's a lot of dreaming going on. There's a lot of collaborating going on. There's a lot of hard work going on. It's been such a joy and blessing to watch this all take place!

So what does transformation look like in a garden? Well, it begins with a plan – a master plan that everyone can see and work from. There's a lot of digging happening as older and established plants are moved about here and there. Those plants aren't being moved haphazardly. "Where will this plant flourish in this garden?" is asked each and every time. New plants, fresh from the nursery, are being added to the garden. As they are removed from their pots their roots are being loosened so they can grow into a new home bringing nourishment and strength and health to the plant. There's a bare spot that wasn't drawn into the plan. What needs to be planted there so that the master plan is honored?

There's a lot of teaching going on as those with much knowledge are helping those of us who are just getting started at this whole gardening thing. So, how do you split a hosta? How do you care for a hydrangea that's being re-homed? Is this a weed?

As I listened and watched this amazing collaborative effort unfold, I began reflecting on how the process of transforming the garden is similar to how our lives are transformed through our faith. Faith growth is a collaborative effort as well. Think back to how many people have been a part of your faith journey – folks who were present for a long time or maybe just for a moment. Our faith can sometimes take us to new places as we live into our giftedness, sometimes discovering gifts we didn't even know were there.

The memorial garden is seeing a transformation because of many hands willing to dig into the dirt, working together with others to reshape a beautiful spot into an even more beautiful garden. As all of these hands dig and pull and plant and dream, everyone is very much aware of those who rest in this peaceful spot. This is a timeless place. A place where those who have gone before gather with those whose feet still walk along these brick paths.

Each week that we gather in worship we gather with one another and with those who have gone before. We tell stories of God's interaction with the world through history. We make connections with those stories and our lives today. We break bread together and gather around the Table of Jesus. We join the heavenly chorus in singing our praise. In gathering together, in breaking open scripture, in sharing a morsel of bread and a sip of wine, we practice what it means to be children of God. And in so doing we are awakened to new possibilities, new dreams, as together with God we flourish and bear much fruit. We are transformed! May this be a season of transformation for us all!

Blessings,  
Tracie

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# 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; Eveline  
Karnowski; Bill Lenny; Lewis family; Lisa; Teresa  
Maynard; Bob Minock; Sidney Nihill; Paul Riley;  
Spencer Sands, Stan Spicer, Louis Sternello, the  
Stone family, Jennifer Ubil; Ron Winters

**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 & Rose 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  
Woods.

### **Pray for Our Ministers**

**June 5** – Sharon Gay, Raquel Gazzi and Arthur &  
Gabriella Pennington, and Tom & Shirley Gernack

**June 12** – Vance Gordon, Brian & Barb Goss and  
Jerry & Joan Graham

**June 19** – Dee Grossmann, Mark Hamel, Mike,  
Chace, McKenna & Aiden Green and Bruce &  
Linda Hardy

**June 26** – Rex & Judi Harris, Lois Hartranft, Dan &  
Beth Harvey and Tristin, Natalie & Miryam Hassell

### **MEMORIAL GARDEN PLANTING THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all of the people who came out  
Thursday, May 19 in the morning to help plant in  
the Memorial Garden. There were so many  
volunteers, we are afraid we will exclude someone  
if we try to list them all. But know that your work

and the giving of your time were truly appreciated.  
Our garden looks beautiful! Thank you!

## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Peggy Kearns Beverly Mills
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tess DuPei
6 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Dolza Lois Hartranft
7 <sup>th</sup>	Amy Freeman
8 <sup>th</sup>	Clay Putnam
10 <sup>th</sup>	Gale Cronk Linda Freeman
12 <sup>th</sup>	Caroline James
13 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Anderson
14 <sup>th</sup>	Leigha Forsyth Ev Koller
15 <sup>th</sup>	Craig Adams Gail Delaney
16 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Mason Libby Wright
18 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Alexander Debbie James Ashley Ransley
20 <sup>th</sup>	Lynell Wright
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Doug Koch Mary Kurtz Adrienne Shepard
24 <sup>th</sup>	Christine Szostak
25 <sup>th</sup>	John Vitovsky
26 <sup>th</sup>	Ashley Prew
30 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Green

## **JUNE Anniversaries**

5 <sup>th</sup>	Tristin & Natalie Hassell (6 yrs)
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ed and Nancy Day Ransley (36 years)
8 <sup>th</sup>	Reid & Adrienne Shepard (3 years)
25 <sup>th</sup>	John & Carol Pettipher (50 years)
26 <sup>th</sup>	Bob & Kim Alexander (34 years)

## **GROUP HOME SPRING CLEAN-UP**

Thank you to everyone who helped at the Group  
Home Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, May 21:  
Dave & Denise Rayner, John & Carol Pettipher, Ty  
& Debbie Fry and Dave, Tracie & Mike Little!

## We are Family (Con't)

### COFFEE HOUR Hosts:

Our sincere thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during May: Connie Hibbard, Kathy Kortge, Bob and Teri Hutchins, Connie Fry, Ty and Deb Fry, Dave and Deb James, Freya Hutchinson & Sharon and Herb Aldrich.

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*

### **CRUST Coffee Cake**

Just when you thought it couldn't possibly get any better...

CRUST has been sending a delicious, large coffee cake for coffee hour for quite some time. This past week, we conducted an "experiment" and tried heating the coffee cake wrapped in aluminum foil on low (175 degrees) for the duration of the service. Results: WOW!! It ramped up the delicious factor by 10! Not a piece was left at the end of coffee hour.

## News and Happenings

### Notes from the Choir

It is incredible that we are in June. This brings a close to the music ministry season for another year. St. Jude's Ringers tolled their final time several weeks ago and the choir concludes its season on June 5. It has been a busy and fulfilling season.

Thank you to all our talented and dedicated musicians who give so freely of their time. This includes not just in worship, but in the other ministries of the church since many serve in other capacities as well.

WE HAVE A GREAT NEED FOR MORE SINGERS AND RINGERS. Please consider either joining us or recommending someone we may not be aware of.

We will resume in September. Have a blessed summer.

Marlene Weston

### UPCOMING SOCIAL COMMITTEE EVENTS

#### **Lugnuts Baseball Game on August 20**

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 park for a great night out!

Please contact Kathy Hopper  
to purchase tickets,  
or for more information

# News and Happenings

## Taize Compline

Beginning in June, we will be having Messy Church every third Sunday of the month throughout the summer. The first, second and fourth Sundays, will be a Taize Compline service, a service with meditative music, quiet contemplation, readings and prayer. More information about these special services will be coming soon!

## 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.

## Scrip for Grads and Dads

Grads would appreciate SCRIP from Best Buy, Staples, iTunes, or numerous gas cards to choose from. If that doesn't float their boat, how about gift cards for Burger King, Buffalo Wild Wings, Domino's Pizza, or Starbucks?

Many dads are about to start those fix-it-up projects. Lowe's, Home Depot, and Menard's SCRIP would make the perfect gift. The way to your dad's heart might be a dad's Mongolian Grill, Outback, or Olive Garden gift card.

Remember, St. Jude's gets a percentage of what you purchase, while you get dollar for dollar what you pay for to use on purchases. It is win/win! Thank you for your support in this program

## Ground Maintenance:

### Our Thanks to YOU!!

Thank you to Bill Anderson, the James', Paul Dolza, Jack Mills, the Cronk's, Ellen Tripp, Greg Forsyth, Raquel Gazzi, Matt Shepherd, Lois Hartranft, Mary Louise Susalla, Julie DuPei and Megan Rosa for mowing our grounds and weeding the Memorial Garden this month!

Here is the schedule for June:

### Lawn Mowing

6/5- Matt Shepherd

6/12 – Kelly Cronk

6/19 – Bill Anderson

6/26 – Rex Harris

### Walk and Weed

Kristen Shepherd

Mary Louise Susalla

Lynn Ronthi

Francine Johnston

## STEWARDSHIP TODAY

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

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."

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 and Ron Trimmer

## Financial Reports for April & May:

	APRIL	MAY
Week 1	2,915.00	2,350.00
Week 2	6,258.00	6,024.50
Week 3	2,222.00	2,597.00
Week 4	2,659.00	0000.00
Week 5	NA	0000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$13,767.00</b>	<b>\$10,971.50</b>

<b>YTD General Fund Giving:</b>	<b>\$68,461.24</b>
<b>YTD Received Pledge:</b>	<b>\$61,257.29 (39.8%)</b>
<b>Pledged:</b>	<b>\$153,786.00</b>



*An evening of  
meditative music ,  
quiet contemplation,  
readings and prayer.*

*June 5, 12, 26*

*July 3, 10, 24, 31*

*August 7, 14, 28*

*at 5pm*





## Vacation Bible School Adventures

From *Water U Doing: All About Jesus as the Living Water*

"The first goal of Vacation Bible School is to teach children that Jesus loves them and

wants them to live life abundantly. As they begin to understand Jesus' love, it is important to help them connect that love to the world."

We will join with our neighbors at First Presbyterian of Fenton to sponsor this amazing VBS program that comes to us from the folks at Watering Malawi and Passport, Inc.

Thru interactive Bible stories, mission stories, games, snacks, crafts, music and worship, we'll explore several water stories in the Bible including "Water U Doing at that Well?" from John 4:1-42 and "Water U Doing in that Belly" from Jonah 1-4 and "Water U Doing at the Pool?" from John 5:1-15 and "Water U Doing for Lunch" from John 6:1-13.

Some of the fun will include bridge building

relays, pvc pipe relays, ping pong blow, making crosses, growing veggies in cups, making a tissue paper well and so much more. We will also enjoy yummy snacks including "dirt cups, and fish bowls and ap-

ple boats among others.

We will need volunteer participants from St. Jude's. Youth in grades 6-12 are encouraged to participate as Counselors-in-Training or CIT's. Adults may also serve in care-

giver or shepherd roles or as activity leaders (crafts, games, story, etc.) We also have a variety of behind-the-scenes roles available. We'll need some help with printing of materials, some organizing of props and supplies in the week prior to VBS and with snacks and daily set up and clean up during VBS week. Some roles may involve a couple of hours or an evening. Others may require the full four sessions of VBS plus an orientation meeting.

Registration forms are available on the table right outside the office. There is one form for children and another for middle and high school age youth. Adults may contact Kris Forsyth to sign up for a role.

### All About Jesus as the Living Water...



*Jesus answered, "if you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking me for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water." John 4:10*

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# Summer Story, Creativity & Fun



Holy Spirit Collage



The Parable of the Sower



Blessing Bowls



Altoid Mini First Aid Kits  
for our Neighbors



Learning about Water Needs for  
Friends Far and Near at VBS

## Car Wash for Pilgrimage

Sunday, June 5th, 9am—12:30

*Our middle and high school age young people will wash cars after the 8am service and before, during and after the 10:30 service. Free will donations warmly appreciated.*

## Safeguarding God's Children

Thursday, June 16th, 6-9pm

*Workshop for adults who plan to work with children or youth at VBS or Read & Feed or Messy Church or camp. Vestry members are encouraged to attend as well. Parents and grandparents will also find this workshop very helpful. Please contact Kris Forsyth to register.*

# COMING EVENTS

## Messy Church

Sunday, June 19th, 5pm

*We will be exploring a few Parables (Sower, the Mustard Seed and the Good Samaritan) this summer during Messy Church. Join us for a simple supper, fellowship, creative activities and worship. **Note:** We will offer Messy Church on the third Sundays of June, July and August.*

## Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 27th—Thursday, June 30th, 6-8pm

*Volunteers needed including adults and youth (6th—12th graders) who might serve in activity leadership or caregiver roles with children or even behind-the-scenes.*

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