



The Beacon

St. Jude's Episcopal Church
Fenton, Michigan

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching Out to Others
July, 2016 (our 158th year)

What is it that brings you life? What is it that helps you know the presence of God?

Those two questions have been much on my mind lately. As sunny, warm days greet us, and especially as I've driven through the area seeing so many lakes, I've been treated to the scene of families and friends relaxing on or near the water, enjoying the beauty of God's creation. As I walk and drive through town I see the beautiful landscaping that adorns so many properties, and I'm reminded of how important it is to partner with God in God's ongoing work of creation. As Dave and I roll up our sleeves and help with the gardens at St. Jude's whenever possible, I see the progress that many hands have brought in our building and grounds and I'm reminded of how we see the power of God's love and transformation in community. As we get to know you and hear your stories, I'm reminded of just how active God has been and continues to be in all of our lives.

As Dave and I get settled into our new home and community, and especially as we begin to ponder what life changes will accompany condo living which is very new to us, I find myself pondering how we might deliberately find activities that bring us life and through which we will experience the presence of God. Truthfully, we haven't had to look too far to find those activities and we are looking forward to enjoying all that this area has to offer. We are beginning to feel a bit settled and are so thankful to be here!

We continue to reflect on and be grateful for the many ways that we've seen God's grace and love through the support, love and reaching out of others as we continue to grieve the loss of Chris, Dave's son. This community of St. Jude's has reached out in so many ways and we find ourselves unable to adequately thank you all for your support, your love and your prayers. We have been so blessed to see the presence of God throughout this entire time through all that you have done.

So many of the outreach opportunities that are summer happenings are places where life and God's presence are so evident. The VBS that is meeting this week and the Summer Reading Program are two of the events that I am participating in and through which I expect to find life and the presence of God. Family Promise Week is not just a summertime activity; however, it is another place to find God's presence and life as we, along with others, reach out to support families in a housing transition.

Where do you find life? Where do you experience the presence of God? May this summer provide you with many opportunities to do both. I look forward to hearing all about your summer experiences with God, both at St. Jude's and in the communities where you find yourselves, over this next while! Wherever you are, whatever you do, may you know God's love and grace!

Love and Blessings,
Tracie

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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; Jack Bretzke; D'Jair Cominotti; Stan Haddock; Connie Hibbard; Collin & Yasuko James; Eveline Karnowski; Bill Lenny; Sidney Nihill; Richard; Paul Riley; Mike Ryan; Spencer Sands; Nanae & Fukuko Shiraishi; Stan Spicer; Louis Sternello; 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; Gail Endahl; Bunny Gladfelter; Ralph & Rose Gladfelter; Judy Godsell; Brian Henderson; Mary Lou Jenkins; Ruth Krebs; Ev Koller; Mary Kurtz; Leona; Bob Minock; Paul Otto; Richard Perkins; Denny Sharpe; Arin Shinabarger; Susan Taber; Sandy Train; Elijah Unkefer, and Gavin Woods.

Pray for Our Ministers - July

July 3rd – Mary Ellen Hazell; Harold Hersback; Connie Hibbard; and Patrick & Abel Hibbard

July 10th – Lynn, Kathy & Kelly Hopper; Bob & Terri Hutchins; Freya Hutchinson; and Mark, Beth & Nicole Jagos

July 17th – Dave & Debbie James; Charlie & Fran Johnston; Lester & Nancy Jones; and Eveline Karnowski

July 24th – Mike & Peggy Kearns; Chuck & Nancy Kerruish; Carl & Connie Koch; and Doug Koch

July 31st – Jeff, Jennifer & Madeline Koch; Steve, Laura, Evan & Ella Koch; Evelyn Koller; and Jim & Kathy Kortge

Pray for Our Ministers – August

August 7th – Keith & Lorie Krebs; Don & Mary Kurtz; Jacob Kusluski; and Renee LeBlanc

August 14th – Betty & Neil Leonard; Tracie, David & Mike Little; Nancy Mason; and Teresa Maynard

August 21st – Pedro, Steven, Justin & James Melchor; Scott & Shron Michael; Jack & Beverly Mills; and Bob & Ann Minock

August 28th - Lorraine, Leah, William, Austin & Matthew Moller; and Ben Oliver, Lenae Chambers, Gwen & Maurin Oliver

JULY BIRTHDAYS

5 th	Bob Warren
7 th	Laurel White
10 th	Gwendolyn Oliver
13 th	Jerry Graham
14 th	Liz Sauvie
18 th	Ron Trimmer
21 st	Kathy Kortge
25 th	Bruce Hardy
	Shirley Gernack
	Troy Rising
26 th	Connie Fry
	Eric Karsten
28 th	Bill McDonald
30 th	Kathy Hopper

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 st	Bill Freeman
4 th	Pedro Melchor
15 th	Connie Koch
16 th	Matt Freeman
19 th	Herb Aldrich
20 th	Gabrielle White
24 th	Dee Dickens
	Tom Gernack
25 th	Marilyn Safa

We are Family (Con't)

COFFEE HOUR Hosts:

Our sincere thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during June: Freya Hutchinson, Nancy Day, Ellen Tripp, Dee Grossmann, Sue Premo & the Pettiphers (who were celebrating their 50th anniversary).

We are so grateful 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

With Thanks! (to those who have taken on some of these necessary jobs):

Mowers

Dave & Debbie James, Paul Dolza, Kelly & Lisa Cronk, Greg Forsyth, Bill Anderson, Matt Shepherd and Rex Harris

Walk & Weeders

Bill Anderson, Jack Mills, Ellen Tripp, Raquel Gazzi, Lois Hartranft, Mary Louise Susalla, Julie DuPei, Megan Rosa, Kristen Shepherd, Lynne Ronthi and Francine Johnston

...and to all of the Memorial Garden Committee and volunteers who have been working so hard to make our garden beautiful! The weeding, planting, pruning, planning, mulching is amazing – and the group is now taking their efforts out to the rest of our grounds to help them look as good. Please take a moment to sit and enjoy our peaceful, prayerful, restful space!

Our Sincere Condolences...

...to Barb and Brian Goss on the death of their dear daughter, Renee Short. Renee was also the beloved wife of Brian, and mother of Emily, Tessa, Lucas and Brady Goss

...to Dave, Tracie and Michael Little on the death of their dear son and brother, Chris

Please keep the Goss, Short and Little families in your prayers and hold them up in their sorrow. *And, may the souls of Renee and Chris and all of those we love but see no longer, rest in eternal peace.*

Pettiphers Thank You for Fabulous 50th Anniversary Party

We had a fabulous, once-in-a-lifetime, surprise 50th Anniversary Party at the site of our first date on Memorial Day 52 years ago at Kensington Metro Park (Possum Hollow). Thank you daughter Laura, Dave & Denise Rayner, and all of our fabulous St. Jude's family for making it happen and being a total surprise! Thank you for your wonderful presence at Kensington and/or coffee hour Sunday, and your cards, presents, blessings, and love!

By coincidence, Divine intervention, or God's continuing creation, "People" was our 1966 wedding song. People are still – more than ever – the most important thing in our lives. ***"People who need people are the luckiest people in the world. We're children, needing other children, and yet letting our grown-up pride hide all the need inside, acting more like children than children. Lovers ..."*** We are lucky, and we are lucky to have you be a part of us!

Love, John & Carol Pettipher

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1st Charles & Francine Johnston (38 years)
- 7th Lester & Nancy Jones (43 years)
- 12th Dave & Denise Rayner (42 years)
- 20th Marv & Judith Fisher (42 years)
- 28th Jack & Rita Bretzke (65 years)
- 29th Scott & Sandra Smith (44 years)

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 6th Harry & Linda Chciuk (45)
- 11th Shane & Heather Chambers (5)
- 15th Mike Green & Mark Hamel (7)
- 18th Craig & Gay Adams (43)
- Lynn & Kathy Hopper (38)
- 21st Michael & Sue Reilly (40)
- 22nd Ronald & Jennifer Chambers (18)
- Jerry & Francine Rucker (52)
- 23rd Tom & Shirley Gernack (36)
- 27th Dan & Beth Harvey (6)

News and Happenings

Vestry Notes – June 2016

Vestry had another robust and efficient meeting under the leadership of our new rector Tracie Little. As we transition from spring to summer several programs and initiatives were discussed and will be active through the summer months. For example, a couple the youth, guided by Kris Forsyth, will be active at Camp Chick and the Episcopal Youth Event; Kathy Kortge & Lynell Wright continue to do amazing work on the grounds and the memorial garden in particular. We are thankful for Tracie Little, and prayerful for her family as they continue in this time of transition. As always, please reach out to your favorite vestry member if ever you have questions or concerns.

Grace & Peace.

Ben Oliver

Summer Services

Beginning Sunday, July 3rd, we will have one 9:00 a.m. service each Sunday through August 28th. We will be alternating between Rite I and II.

Celebration of New Ministry Rescheduled

When a new Rector begins service, it is appropriate to have a special service called the Celebration of New Ministry. Within this service the new Rector is presented by the Wardens and several symbols of ministry are given to the Rector. The Celebration of New Ministry for Tracie has been rescheduled to Wednesday, July 20th at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend and be a part of this important service at St. Jude's!

Evening Sunday Services

Do you find yourself yearning for just a few minutes of quiet in the day? During July and August we are experimenting with a quiet, contemplative service in the style of Taize Compline (or Night Prayers). June 26, we had 11 people gather to worship in this way and we've made some adjustments to improve our experience. If you're curious, please mark your calendars and attend one of our services. We will continue to have Messy Church on the third Sunday of each month. All the other Sundays for June, July and August we will offer the Taize Compline services. If you have questions, please feel free to ask Tracie.

Women's Book Club

Do you love to read? Do you love to be in the company of smart, amazing women who love to read too? Do you love to share your thoughts about the books you have read, and be challenged to read books you might never have considered reading? Do you love a good meal?

If your answer is yes, you might want to become a member of the St. Jude's Women's Book Club.

This group meets the fourth Tuesday of every month with the meeting rotating to different members' homes. It begins at 6:00 p.m. and people bring a dish to pass. The schedule has been set with books and hostesses for the upcoming year. It will be posted on the bulletin board in VandenBergh Hall.

Please speak with Kathy Hopper if you need more information, or ask around – there are a number of women who attend this great evening.

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Summer Fun & Faith Formation



Left: Three of our youth participated in Leaders-in-Training (LIT) at Camp Chickagami the last week in June. Here they are at Compline at the end of day 2. We have other young people heading up to camp for later summer sessions.



Right: Our Pre-School/ K group at Bible Story (Jonah) rotation during VBS.



Left: 1st—3rd Graders at VBS being introduced to making Hygiene Kits for Crossover Downtown Ministries of Flint. Young people contributed items for the hygiene kits and also brought in change to put in the watering can for clean water in Malawi.

Right: VBS and action songs go hand-in-hand. Thirty five young people and another fifteen or so adults can really rock the house. Here we are singing “pat another back, pat a back next to you, pat another back, pat it all day long!”



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More Summer Story, Creativity & Fun



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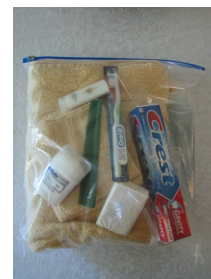
The Parable of the Good Samaritan



Altoid Mini First Aid Kits



Blessing Bowls



Making Hygiene Kits

Messy Church

Sunday, July 17th, 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. We will make a few more hygiene kits during Messy Church in order to be able to maximize our donation to Crossover Ministries of Flint. We are also making altoid tin mini first aid kits. One to take home and one to share with a neighbor.

Note: During the summer, we are offering Messy Church on the third Sundays of June, July and August.

COMING EVENTS

Pilgrimage Gathering for Parents & Youth

Sunday, July 31st, after the 5pm Taize service

Parents and youth are invited to come together to do some research and make either a poster or powerpoint presentation of our three finalist sites. The three sites will be presented to our Pilgrims in August so that we can make a decision on THE pilgrimage destination by the end of

the summer. No supper this evening. Please eat before you come. Consider coming to try out the new Taize service. We'll meet from 5:45 or so until 7pm. **Note:** Our carwash has been postponed until August.