



The Beacon

St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Fenton, Michigan

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching Out to Others

October, 2016 (our 158th year)

How was your summer? Summer always offers a different pace. Perhaps slower in some respects. A time when we might find ourselves outside enjoying the offerings of outdoor activities. A time we might spend differently with our families and friends. A time when we might have gotten away to the cottage, to the lake, on vacation. A time when the demands on us shift somewhat.

Today finds us right in the middle of "fall start-up." We have rejoined our regular patterns of gathering. The services have returned to two morning and now two evening options every Sunday. Our intergenerational program of Messy Church has begun a new program year. The choirs have returned to offer musical leadership and regular anthems. Stewardship planning will lead into budget preparation. The adult formation time is back in full swing nestled between the two Sunday morning services. It's an exciting time at St. Jude's!

As I pondered what "fall start-up" means, I found myself thinking along a different line, and I asked myself the question, what is "starting up" in my faith journey? That took me to another line of thought as I wondered what God is "starting up" at St. Jude's. Recently, we began what we called Taize Compline. The service was neither Taize, although it did use the music form of Taize, nor was it Compline, although it did follow that kind of pattern. The service was quiet, offering many periods of silence for personal reflection, and it invited group reflection through a series of questions. That interaction was called "A Time of Ensouling" and replaced the sermon.

The offering of this service "caught" and the group that gathered did want to continue. It's now a new offering at 4:00 p.m. and is called Ensouling Night Prayer, a more descriptive and more accurate description of the service. The reflections, the music, the prayers and the call and response phrases are changed weekly, drawing from a number of different sources.

As we reflected on whether or not to continue gathering, our reflections made it clear that this service was helping to encourage spiritual growth in a different way. Something amazing was beginning to happen as participants found themselves engaging with each other and with God in new ways that helped in seeing God's presence in the everyday ordinariness of life.

So, this new "start-up" is going to continue. I'm looking forward to seeing where God will take this new adventure. If you're looking for something new in your spiritual life, something that will help you to begin or deepen your relationship with God, if you crave periods of silence and reflection in the midst of the busyness and noisy life we all live, try it out. See if it fits! Your presence will be welcomed!

With 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; the Holsinger family; Collin & Yasuko James; Eveline Karnowski; Edward Ketterer; Bill Lenny; Theresa Maynard; Sidney Nihill; Richard; Paul Riley; Mike Ryan; Marilyn Safa; Spencer Sands; Nanae & Fukuko Shiraishi; Stan Spicer; Louis Sternello; Jennifer Ubil; Ron Winters; Ed Ketterer

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; Sydne Kalet; Ruth Krebs; Ev Koller; Angela Koresh; Mary Kurtz; Don Kurtz; Leona; Bob Minock; Paul Otto; Richard Perkins; Denny Sharpe; Arin Shinabarger; Susan Taber; Sandy Train; Elijah Unkefer

Pray for Our Ministers

October 2nd – Jerry & Fran Rucker; Marilyn Safa; Reid, Adrienne, Teddy & Clara Shephard

October 9th – Matt, Kristen, Jackson & Kara Shepherd; Brian, Emily, Tessa, Lucas & Brady Short

October 16th – Scott & Sandra Smith; Ron Spaulding; Richard Stratton; Chet & Mary Louise Susalla

October 23rd – Bob, Christine & Conner Szostak; Bruce Trimmer; Ron & Cathy Trimmer; Ellen Tripp

October 30th – John Vitovsky; Bob & Mary Warren; Mike Wells; Marlene Weston

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 nd	Lisa Cronk Jerry Rucker
3 rd	Jack Bretzke
5 th	Kim Alexander
6 th	David Andrejciw
7 th	Kara Shepherd
9 th	Kris Forsyth Adam Prew
10 th	Nancy Day
16 th	Terri Hutchins
17 th	Evan Koch
18 th	Ed Ransley Sue Reilly
22 nd	Beth Harvey Ron Chambers
26 th	Dot Dowlan Mark Jagos

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

5 th	David & Tracie Little (3 years)
17 th	Bill & Marcia Freeman (63 years)
19 th	Dean & Julie DuPei (19 years)
20 th	Mark & Pat Freeman (36 years) Jeff & Jennifer Koch (13 years)
29 th	Matt & Kristen Shepherd (10 years)

CONGRATULATIONS!

To Ben Oliver, Lenae Chambers and family on the birth of their daughter, Nona Louise on Thursday, September 15th. Nona joins big sisters Gwen and Maurin!!

And to Reid & Adrienne Shepard and family on the birth of daughter, Clara Grace on Wednesday, September 20th. Clara joins big brother Teddy!

We are Family (Con't)

COFFEE HOUR Hosts:

Our sincere thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during September: Bill, Molly and Lydia Anderson, Linda Chiuk, Connie Hibbard, Charlie and Francine Johnston, and Kathy Kortge.

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

Matt Shepherd, Kelly and Lisa Cronk, Charlie and Francine Johnston

Walk & Weeders

Kelly and Lisa Cronk, Lynn Ronthi, Charlie and Francine Johnston, Connie Fry, Christine Szostak

...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 Mike and Kathy, Hunter and Holden Holsinger on the death of their mother and grandmother, Darlene Holsinger.

Please keep the Holsinger family in your prayers and hold them up in their sorrow. *And, may the soul of Darlene and all of those we love but see no longer, rest in eternal peace.*

Gospel Choir Service

Please join us in welcoming the St. Paul Gospel Choir to our 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, October 2nd. Plan on coming that morning for an uplifting musical experience!

Music Notes:

The Music of Taizé

The Taizé (tay-zay) community is a nondenominational community of brothers started by Brother Roger outside the village of Taizé, near Cluny, in eastern France in 1940. He dreamt of starting a community “on account of Christ and the Gospel.” During wartime, it became a place of welcome for refugees, especially Jews, fleeing Nazi occupation. By 1949, it became a destination of pilgrimage, especially the young, seeking prayer and a closer relationship with Christ. Today, thousands travel each summer to Taizé to retreat and reflect.

Music quickly became an important tool to these pilgrims who came from many backgrounds and countries. Originally in French, Brother Roger realized that all the guests should sing the songs with the brothers. With the help of musician Jacques Berthier, a local friend of Taizé, they developed songs that were simple, easy to remember, and could be with or without cantor or instruments. Many of the texts are Latin; as a dead language to everybody, it works for all. More recently, songs in other languages have been composed.

As we join in the singing of these songs, either in general worship or at a compline service with candles, we are joining thousands of other Christians around the world who pause, reflect, worship, and experience God’s peace that passes all understanding.

Marlene Weston

Help for the Women’s Advent Tea

For the past many years, St. Jude’s has had an almost annual event called the Women’s Advent Tea. Organized by Deb James and Denise Rayner – with lots of help from musicians, speakers and women willing to host tables, it has proven to be a very popular event, and a lovely way to enter into the Advent season in a prayerful way, surrounded by friends and women of faith.

Unfortunately, Deb and Denise find themselves at crossroads in their lives that will prevent them from having the energies to make this event happen this year. We are looking for one or two people willing to take their place so the Tea can continue. We have lots of resource materials and can mentor as needed. Please call Deb James, 810-735-4547 or Denise Rayner, 248-634-2748 as soon as possible if you are interested.

News and Happenings

Financial Reports for July & August:

	JULY	AUGUST
Week 1	1,898.00	3,576.00
Week 2	2,784.00	1,827.00
Week 3	2,919.00	2,378.00
Week 4	3,126.00	2,751.00
Week 5	<u>4,200.82</u>	<u>NA</u>
TOTAL:	\$14,927.82	\$10,532.00

YTD Pledges Received: \$104,918.29

Pledged: **\$153,786.00**

68.22% of pledged money has been received!

Pet Blessing

On October 16 we will be offering a service to bless our pets at 5:00 p.m. More details about this service will be coming out in the days ahead. For now, mark your calendars, tell your pets so they can look forward to joining you at church!

Camp Fall Work Weekend

Come help us close up Camp Chickagami for the 2016 season! The fun kicks off at dinner-time on Thursday, October 6th and concludes around lunch-time on Sunday, October 9th. Our schedule is flexible and we welcome you to come as you are, for as long as you are able: Thursday, October 6 - Sunday, October 9. Work projects are available for all skill levels; project times are Friday morning and afternoon and Saturday morning and afternoon. In-between work details there will be campfires, food and fellowship.

Kitchen Refrigerator Request

Mary, the baker who rents our kitchen, has asked that, if you store breads, pastries, or anything that involves wheat or gluten in the refrigerator, please make sure it is in a closed plastic container. Many of her customers have severe gluten allergies and she would like to avoid possible contamination.

Thank you!

October is Stewardship Month

This month we will begin exploring how “**God’s Hope in Community**” has been practiced here at St. Jude’s. So we began seeking out stories. Your stories. Will you help? Spend some time thinking about how you have experienced **God’s Hope in Community**.

Every week this month in the weekly email and Sunday bulletins, there will be a question for you to reflect on and a leaf in the bulletin for you to share your response. We will be collecting these leaves and placing them on our Stewardship Tree in the sanctuary.

Help us fill our tree with stories of **Hope** this month!

Opportunities for Fellowship

Tailgate Sunday is October 23.

Wear your favorite team colors and join the fun in the parking lot after the 10:30 service.

The social committee will provide hot dogs and condiments.

Please feel free to add your favorite tailgate food to the party.

Bring some outdoor games (Corn Hole, mitts and balls, football, Frisbees etc) if you want to start up a friendly competition.

There will be a sign up sheet on the board in VandenBergh Hall – support your team and join in the fun!!

News and Happenings

St. Jude's Outreach Volunteers Needed & Appreciated for Family Promise Week October 16-22, 2016

St. Jude's Outreach ministry volunteers are needed – and greatly appreciated – for our St. Jude's commitment to Family Promise families on Sunday, October 16; Tuesday, October 18; and Saturday, October 22 – all as outlined below. You can sign up on the Outreach bulletin board in VandenBergh Hall, or our web site www.stjudesfenton.com (see Sign-Up Station: Outreach Family Promise). You can also see our Family Promise *Guidelines* for Dinner, Overnight, and Saturday Hosts on our bulletin board and web site. Carol and I (and several other Family Promise prior volunteers) would love to answer any questions you might have about Family Promise hosting. I will be our St. Jude's Family Promise Coordinator for this week while Dave & Denise Rayner are on their much-deserved vacation. We hope – and need – some additional new St. Jude's Family Promise volunteers for this very important St. Jude's Outreach ministry.

Please consider volunteering for this important St. Jude's Outreach ministry. Thank you!

John Pettipher

Sunday, October 16

Dinner Hosts 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
(coordinate with Overnight Host overlap time)
Overnight Hosts 8:30 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.
(coordinate w/ Dinner Host overlap time)

Tuesday, October 18

Dinner Hosts 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
(coordinate with Overnight Host overlap time)
Overnight Hosts 8:30 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.
(coordinate w/ Dinner Host overlap time)

Saturday, October 22

Saturday Hosts 12:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Dinner Hosts 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
(coordinate w/ St.
Paul's Flint Overnight
Host overlap time)

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Our outreach opportunities capture the imagination of the parishioners at St. Jude's in order to wed passion to efficacy. While many of our projects focus on hunger and homelessness, they include a wide variety of community outreach.

- + Carriage Town
- + Spring and Fall Yard
- + Work at a Local Group Home
- + Crossover Ministries
- + Family Promise
- + Truckload Food Give-Aways
- + Read and Feed
- + School Lunch during Spring Break

Coats for Kids

The Outreach Committee will be sponsoring a Coats for Kids campaign this October. Please bring in new or gently used coats for children of all sizes. Mittens and gloves would also be appreciated. A drop off box will be located in VandenBergh Hall. Let's make an effort to help the many families in our community who are in need as the cold weather approaches. Thank you in advance for your kindness and prayers.



Fun & Faith Formation 2016-2017



Left: Godly Play style stories coming up in October include the Great Family, the Story of Jacob, the Story of Joseph, the Story of St. Francis, the Story of Ruth and the Story of Samuel. We hope you'll join us for the stories and the wondering...

Right: We have a Pet Blessing planned for Sunday, October 16th. This will take place during Messy Church time that day but not necessarily be Messy Church format. We're hoping to welcome some animal friends from the community too.



Left: I hope to add some liturgical dance to our Christmas Pageant this year. Please let me know if you'd be game to try this! Also, let's gather together, sometime in November, to brainstorm some other ideas to enhance the pageant with a few fresh and new elements.

Right: Lenten adventures in Narnia! We will use the six Sundays in Lent to explore C.S. Lewis' story "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe". You won't want to miss one week of this amazing allegorical program called "Aslan is on the Move!"



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Celebrating St. Francis with Blessing of Pets

God created the world; the night and day, the ground and water, the green growing things, and the animals of the water, land and air.

God left humans to take care of all of His creation But many people forgot what a great gift and responsibility this was.

Later God sent Jesus to show us how to live and how to take care of one another, this world and all its creatures.

Through out time there have been men and woman who have come so close to God and God has come so close to them that they knew what God wanted them to do.

One of those people is St. Francis. Actually, he started out with the name John- or Giovanni, which is how you say John in Italy where he was born. Francis' father returned from France, a country he fell in love with, just after the new baby was born. He insisted he be called Francis (Francesco in Italian).



Francis was born into a very wealthy family in Assisi, Italy. His father traded fine cloths all over Europe. The family lived very well. Francis grew up as the son a very wealthy man who gave

him everything that he wanted. He had wealth and power. He wasn't interested in working or going to school. He loved living the good life his Father's money allowed. He had a huge fondness for sweets; he loved to go to parties. He was a leader among the young people of Assisi.

One thing Francis wanted more than anything was to be a soldier and fight for the glory and honor of his home Assisi. When the town of Assisi went to war, Francis went off to fight but ended up in prison. There he became sick for a long time. When he was finally well enough to returned home he traveled toward Assisi but he started to question his life. It seemed empty and meaningless. The way he looked at the world was starting to change.

Praying to God-coming so close to God that he knew what God wanted him to do, he started to give away his belongings...

More about St. Francis at the Pet Blessing...

Messy Church

Sundays, October 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
We'll explore a variety of stories in October including and the stories of Jacob and Ruth. We start with activities at 5pm, a simple supper follows at about 5:30pm and worship follows that at 5:45pm.

Camp Chickagami Fall Closing Weekend

Thursday, October 6th—Sunday, October 9th

Come help close up Camp Chickagami for the 2016 season! Work projects are available for all skill levels; and project times are Friday morning and afternoon and Saturday morning and afternoon. In-between work details there will be camp fires, food and fellowship. You must RSVP! Further details available thru the diocesan office.

COMING EVENTS

Pet Blessing

Sunday, October 16th, 5pm

Join us in celebrating St. Francis with a pet blessing! Bring your leashed pet or a photo of your pet! Weather permitting, we'll be outside.

Care Packages for College Students

Sunday, October 23rd, 5pm

Come join us in packaging Halloween fun and care for our college students and friends/ family in the military. Watch for sign up genius for suggested donations.

Corn Maze & Hayride Fun

Saturday, October 29th, 1-5pm

We're headed to Spicer's! Details available at Messy Church and on our Children, Youth & Family Ministry FB page.

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