



The Beacon

St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Fenton, Michigan

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching Out to Others

September, 2016 (our 158th year)

Ensoulng Evening Worship

Throughout the summer we experimented with a new liturgy on Sunday evenings at 5pm. Using Taizé music, prayers and reflection time, we entered into a time of quiet contemplation. As the summer was drawing to a close, those who had been gathering reflected on their experience and whether or not we wished to continue this pattern of worship. The answer was a resounding yes! However, we will not be able to meet at the times we have been enjoying.

Beginning September 11 we will experiment with gathering weekly at 4pm on Sundays to share in this style of worship. As a contemplative service, this offers participants a chance to slow down, to quiet the noise, to pay attention to the still small voice of God. We also invite participants in this service of Ensoulng Night Prayers to stay and join those who gather for Messy Church for at least the meal. It's a great chance to interact with this wonderful intergenerational formation and worship time. All are welcome!

Messy Church Intergenerational Formation And Worship

Have you wondered about that whole "Messy" Church thing that's been happening for some time now? Have you found yourself curious about or even pushing back against the name? Since arriving June 2, I have been attending this experience called Messy Church and I'd love to add some reflections on how I see both the name and the experience.

Over the years it has been my honor and privilege to participate and even to organize and facilitate several intergenerational experiences. Always I have found them to be times of great learning and often eye-and-soul opening "Aha" moments. There is much to be learned when folks at various stages of life and of faith gather together and share their experiences and their questions. Messy Church is no exception! What a joy to be a part of this learning and growing community! What a blessing to participate in gatherings that are rich, fun and full of wonder!

As you may know, "Messy Church" was born in the UK as an ecumenical group sought to address the changing culture and reach people who are not touched by "regular" church experience. When I first heard the words "Messy Church", I, perhaps along with you, wondered at the name. As I began to look into its birth and how it is lived out I saw the word "Messy" as perhaps describing the state of the room following the activities that are always offered. Yes, sometimes those are a wee bit messy. It's always fun to be in a creative space and not have to worry in that moment about the cleaning up!

For me the word "Messy" has another connotation. When I think back on my own spiritual journey it isn't a neat, following a prescribed order kind of a road. There have been ups, downs, road blocks, curves, beauty, challenge, joys, and it's been full of unexpected surprises – almost any descriptor you might imagine. In short, my journey could be described as rather "Messy". How wonderful, I imagined, that there is something that states right up front that the journey isn't necessarily neat and tidy.

Through my research I learned that there are many elements of the UK Messy Church that are required. One of these is a shared, simple meal. For me this is one of the highlights as we break bread together before going into the sanctuary and Breaking Bread around the Altar. Meal times are sacred times. This is one of those places where I can see a greater impact if we had more people involved. As I watched and participated in our Family Promise outreach I could see a dream beginning to take shape. I wondered what it might be like for teams of people to take a Sunday from time to time to provide and share in the Messy Church meal time?

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We Are Family

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What do you think? Would you be willing to work with a team of families to provide a very simple meal to share at Messy Church? This would share the workload as well as the cost of providing a meal. And even more than that, this will provide a time for folks who don't normally see each other to see and get to know one another. If you're interested in helping with this intergenerational service and meal, please gather a group together and watch for the sign-up sheets. We're looking forward to welcoming you and hope you have a powerful and sometimes "messy" experience in your spiritual journey as you make new discoveries about God, about yourself, and about the ongoing and unfolding story of God at work in the world!

Blessings,

Tracie

September Birthdays

1st – Dave James	23rd – Margot Brummett
2nd – Sally Diehl	– Neil Leonard
4th – Maurin Oliver	– Jackson Shepherd
– Sharon Rogers	25th – Mike Kearns
5th – Courtney Chambers	26th – Lydia Anderson
– Linda Chciuk	– Kayla Chambers
7th – Dee Grossmann	28th – Liza Dolza
9th – Cloud James	– Jeff Koch
11th – Diane Putnam	– Megan Rosa
– Dave Rayner	30th – Pat Freeman
12th – Connor Davis	
13th – Nancy Jones	
15th – Marjie Andrejciw	
– Tracie Little	
16th – Freya Hutchinson	
– Jennifer Rosa	
17th – Dean DuPei	
19th – Marilou Ensign	
– Francine Johnston	
20th – Matthew Moller	
21st – Joan Graham	
22nd – Jack Mills	
– Marlene Weston	

Happy
Birthday

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; Theresa Maynard; 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; Angela Koresch; 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

September 4th – Mike, Ashleigh, Emily, Bradley, Libby & Chloe Pattan; and Vic & Michele Peters

September 11th – John & Carol Pettipher; Susan Premo; Adam & Ashley Prew; and Clay & Diane Putnam

September 18th – Lois Putnam; Ashley Ransley; Dave & Denise Rayner; and Dustin & Ben Rayner

September 25th – Michael & Sue Reilly; Troy & Kirsty Rising; Mark & Lynne Ronthi; and Megan Rosa

September Anniversaries

10th – Jim & Kathy Kortge (50 years)

14th – Carl & Connie Koch (59 years)

26th – Steve & Laura Koch (18 years)

29th – Scott & Sandra Smith (44 years)

happy anniversary

We Are Family



Coffee Hour Hosts

Our sincere thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during August: The Graham, Szostak, Peter, Oliver, Putnam, Dolza, Moller, Cronk, Harris, Premo Families.

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

thank you!

With Thanks!

To those who have taken on some of these necessary jobs....

Mowers

Kelly & Lisa Cronk, Debbie & Dave James, Greg Forsyth, Matt Shepherd and Bill Anderson.

Walk & Weeders

Lisa & Kelly Cronk, Kathy Kortge, Dee Grossmann, Liza Dolza, Rex & Judi Harris, Lorraine Moller.

Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan

This summer - in the midst of violence, political turbulence, and division - our Presiding Bishop and President of the House of Deputies wrote to the Church saying, "Jesus tells us to love God and love our neighbor as ourselves, and he tells us over and over again not to be afraid. There's no confusion about what Jesus is telling us, but it often requires courage to embody it in the real world. Again and again, we become afraid, and mired in that fear, we turn against Jesus and one another."

It is essential that the Church live into our call to be a source of sanctuary and seeker of justice for all God's children.

The next opportunity for anti-racism training will take place at Grace, Port Huron on September 24th from 8:30-4pm. The cost to attend is \$15.

Attendees should be those leading or participating in any ministry of the Church, clergy, lay leadership, and all others interested in the ministry of racial reconciliation and social justice.

The trainers for this class have been trained as part of the Lower Peninsula Diversity Taskforce, a collaboration between the Dioceses of Eastern Michigan, Western Michigan, and Michigan. Contact Bob Lotz to request to host a training for your region.

Peace,

Katie Forsyth

Director of Communications and Public Engagement
The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan

News and Happenings

Financial Reports for June & July

	JUNE	JULY
Week 1	2,453.00	1,898.00
Week 2	3,581.00	2,784.00
Week 3	2,250.00	2,919.00
Week 4	2,754.00	3,126.00
Week 5	NA	4,052.00
TOTAL	\$11,038.00	\$14,779.00

YTD Pledges Received: \$89,611.29

Pledged: \$153,786.00

58.27% of pledged money has been received!

Vestry Notes

The Vestry did not meet in July but will be back to it's regularly scheduled time 8/16.

In the upcoming months, among many projects, we will be continuing to update our Policy and Procedures Manual to be a more user friendly document. Jr. Warden, Megan Rosa will be contacting those of you who hold leadership roles in the church to help bring this to life. You will be asked to write a brief "job description" regarding your role.



Music Notes

It is hard to believe that September is upon us and time for our SUPER SUPPER FOR SINGERS on Thursday, September 15, at 6:30 PM.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A WEEK LATER THAN NORMAL DUE TO MARLENE'S VACATION.

WE NEED SINGERS!!! COME TRY US OUT!!!

An overview of the season and rehearsal will follow. Regular rehearsals will resume on September 22 at 7 PM. Please come if you desire to help lead worship in a very special way. We also have much fun! Questions? Please speak with any choir member.

St. Jude's Ringers begin rehearsals on September 29 at 6 PM. **WE NEED NEW RINGERS** and will train. Ringers are encouraged to arrive early to assist with set-up.

Marlene Weston

You Pick 2

Wondering how you can serve others this September? We have a variety of ministries that you can take part in. You might even want to "Pick 2" from the menu.

CrossOver of Flint is in need of personal hygiene products. You can put together a kit on your own, donate \$10 to help purchase items, or work to assemble kits on Sunday, September 25th after the 10:30 a.m. service. (Donations will be accepted from August 28th thru September 25th).

The following items can be put in a gallon Ziploc bag and can be purchased for about \$10 at a dollar store.

- One small hand towel
- One wide-tooth comb removed from the package
- One fingernail or toenail clipper removed from the package
- One bath-size bar of soap in the wrapper
- One toothbrush in the package
- Toothpaste
- Ten standard size Band-Aids
- Deodorant
- Additional optional items may include - razors, hand sanitizer...



St. Jude's will again collaborate with Play Like Jackson and the Fenton Fire Department to give a truck load of food away from the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan on Saturday, September 24th. You can volunteer to sign people in, set food on tables, or drive leftover food items to community services. Work teams are scheduled for two shifts (set-up) 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. and (clean-up) 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Meet at the Fenton Fire Station. Sign up lists will be on the Outreach bulletin board and online at the St. Jude's website.

September is also the time to gear up for the Annual CROP Walk on October 2nd. You can sign up to walk or rock, or give donations to those who are participating. Remember that CROP helps local, national, and international communities. St. Jude's is a recipient of a grant through Church World Services (Sponsor of the CROP Walk) which aids in funding our Spring Lunch Program. We are able to serve local low income families in need of food during the week that school is not in session.

There are lots of opportunities, so find one or two to fit your schedule or budget. Many will benefit from your kindness.

News and Happenings

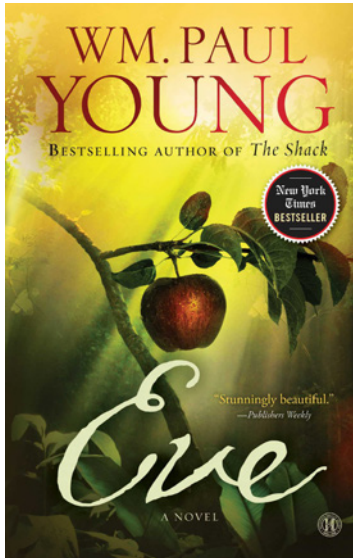
St. Jude's Adult Classes

At one time or another you may have attended the St. Jude's Adult Class.

As in the past we have taken the summer off, but during the break we have been reading a book called "Eve," by WM Paul Young (the same author that wrote "The Shack" that we read several years ago).

If you are interested in reading the book, we purchased 10 copies of the book and Liz has them in the office for a price of \$14.41.

Our plan is to review/discuss it during the first two adult classes in the fall (Sept 11 & 18).



Fall Scrip News



It's that time of year again...children, grandchildren, college students heading back to school. Kohl's, JC Penny, Land's End, Old Navy, Bed, Bath and Beyond are just a few of the retailers scrip offers.

Check out Scrip online at www.shopwithscrip.com to find more merchants. Click on Order Scrip, and then browse the categories of your choosing. There are many more restaurants, hotels, and stores that are not featured on our regular order form. Many of the restaurants give a high percentage, which means more income for St. Jude's.

You are all the heart
and soul of the
St. Jude's....
THANK YOU
for making it all that it is.



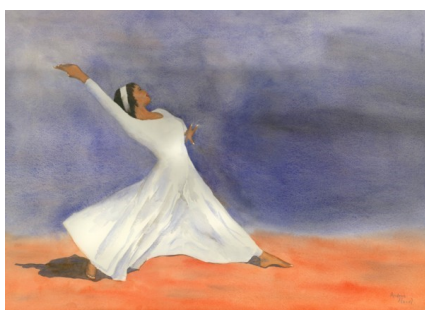


Fun & Faith Formation 2016-2017



Left: We'll share some new Godly Play style stories at Messy Church and also some familiar ones throughout the year. Join us on Sunday, September 18th for the 2nd Creation (did you know there are two in the Bible?) story.

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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Especially for Youth in Grades 6 thru 12!

Young people in grades 6—12 are invited to participate in Youth Group which meets on some Messy Church evenings and at other times on an occasional basis.

The big project we're working on, this year, is getting ready for a summer 2017 Pilgrimage. We are about to make a decision on THE Pilgrimage destination on September 25th. It's not too late to become a part of the group. I'm happy to meet you and your family, privately, to share about Pilgrimage and what it's all about. Then, join us on the 25th to hear about our finalist sites.

Diocesan (wider church) Youth Ministry activities for the fall include, weekend retreats, New Beginnings for Middle Schoolers on October 14th—16th and Happening for High Schoolers on November 18th—20th. Locations are still to be determined.

Messy Church

Sundays, Sept. 11th, 18th & 25th, 5pm

We'll explore a variety of stories throughout the new year including an intro to the Church Year, the 2nd Creation story, the Great Family and the story of Jacob. We start with activities at 5pm, a simple supper follows at about 5:30pm and worship follows that at 5:45pm.

Pilgrimage Gathering for Parents & Youth

Sunday, September 25th, 4:15pm

Fundraising for Pilgrimage is also in the plans. Our plan is to make jar gifts (cookie and perhaps, soup mix) again which will be available for purchase during the holidays. We also plan the traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and possibly, a Flamingo Fest! More on that later!



We are going to need a Susan, Lucy, Edmund and Peter. We'll need a Tumnus and White Witch too! Lent 2017!

We hope to gather a group to go serve supper at a Family Promise around Christmas break. We took a small group last year over Christmas break. Serving is a great gift to offer others during this time but also a way to collect community service hours!

We also hope to do a few fellowship activities this year; possibly a hayride and bonfire, Airtime or Skyzone, a canoe/ kayak trip, and possibly, a Trunk or Treat. I've also been in contact with the youth minister at First Presbyterian of Fenton, and we are talking about joining youth groups together for occasional activities too.

COMING EVENTS

Parents and young people are invited to arrive early to attend the presentation of our three finalist sites. At the conclusion of the presentation, we'll collect feedback and make a decision.

Camp Chickagami Fall Closing Weekend

Thursday, October 6th—Sunday, October 9th

Come help us 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!

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