



# The Beacon

St. Jude's Episcopal Church  
Fenton, Michigan

***Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching Out to Others***  
*June 2017 (Our 159<sup>th</sup> Year)*

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, I was honored to gather with folks from across the diocese and to join in presenting five candidates from St. Jude's to receive the Laying on of Hands as they were confirmed by Bishop Todd Ousley. What a joy to witness and share in this journey with Lydia Anderson, Molly Anderson, Bill Anderson, Leigha Forsyth and Arthur Pennington! This year we paired our candidates with Companions, individuals selected from the congregation and supported as they built faith-friendships with their Confirmand. I saw relationships develop and deepen as Companion and Confirmand shared their journeys together. That's a bond that I hope continues as both move forward beyond the day of Confirmation.

One of the tools Kris brought to Confirmation preparation was a Spiritual Autobiography. We asked that both Companion and Confirmand fill out their own and as a part of their journey together, share with one another their spiritual autobiographies. That's the one tool that I heard the most about as we neared the day of Confirmation and after that day I continue to hear about how powerful a tool it was for both.

The feedback we received made me wonder if this isn't a tool that should be used by all of us from time to time. To kind of check in with our life of faith as we remember how God speaks to us through all of our life experiences.

My challenge to you this month is to take some time to write your spiritual autobiography. The exercise that we used comes from the resource, "My Faith, My Life" and asks us to begin by listing projects and activities that bring us joy. It then asks us to identify three things that we believe about God, about ourselves, and about the world. Who are the people of today that we find inspiring? What are a few words or phrases that reflect who we are today?

We could then draw a path of circles on a page of paper and consider the important points in our lives. Along with describing that event and detailing what was important and how you felt at that time, I would add to their resource a reflection of how you see God in that situation or how that situation helped you see God in a particular way. My guess is that if we do this we will see our understanding and perception of God developing and changing throughout our life's journey.

Why not give this a try? And, if you like, head over to the blog on our website and write some comments about how you found this exercise. Was it helpful? Did it reveal any surprises? Is this a tool that you might continue to use as you move through your life?

I believe that Confirmation isn't just about the Confirmands and the commitments they made on May 13. I believe that Confirmation is another time for all of us to commit to supporting one another in our lives of faith; for each of us to recommit to living into an ever-deepening relationship with God; for each of us to do a check-in about our own commitments and how we are living those out in the church and in the world.

Thank you to all of the Confirmands and Companions for sharing their lives in such a way that helps me to reflect on my own journey. Thank you all for the honor of walking alongside you and of witnessing with great joy your deepening commitments!

With blessings and great joy,

*Tracie+*

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Sunday Services: Holy Eucharist: 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Coffee Hour follows 10:30 service!

# News and Happenings

## 9/63Notes from the Vestry – May 2017

- ❖ We have raised \$10,780 to cover the cost of our new roof over VandenBergh Hall, THANK YOU to all who contributed!
- ❖ A notice was sent out from all four Episcopal dioceses of Michigan explaining the Gun Free Space policy that is in place at all Episcopal churches in the state. Stickers will be placed at all entry doors indicating this policy.
- ❖ Our 2016 Church Audit has been returned to us with only minor suggestions and concerns.
- ❖ Per the results of the survey that went out last fall, services through the summer will remain at 8:00 and 10:30 but with discussion of doing brunch in between the services a couple times a year so we can see everyone.
- ❖ Please look for details regarding an exciting upcoming event (don't worry, it will be during coffee hour) where you will be able to take part in documenting history and treasures found right here at St. Jude's. You won't want to miss it!

## Read and Feed Summer Reading

### Program Volunteers Needed

Come join in the fun! First and second grade students from local school districts are in need of some volunteers to assist them during the Read and Feed program. There will be sign-up sheet in VandenBergh Hall and online at the St. Jude's website. You can read about the different volunteer positions and pick the one that is right for you. You can volunteer for 6 days or just one day. The dates are August 8-10 and 15-17 from 8:30 a.m. until noon. The program takes place at the First Presbyterian Church across the street. Call Diane Putnam at 810.629.6079 if you have any questions.

## Collecting Children's Books

Starting June 18th, we will be collecting gently used and new children's books for the Read and Feed Summer Program. These books will be for children ages 6-8. Any book suitable for a first through third grader would be great! You'll find a box in the Library at St. Jude's to place your donation. Garage sales are an excellent source to get inexpensive, gently used books. Let's bring a smile to a child's face with a good book to enjoy!

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“Where there is no love, let us put love: and so, by your power, draw love out.”

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## COPPAGE-GORDON SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY SOCIAL JUSTICE SERIES

### WHAT?

The Episcopal Diocese of Eastern Michigan and the Coppage-Gordon School for Ministry invite you to join together to build skills, get resources, and prepare for the work of the church by participating in our upcoming Social Justice Series.

Over the course of 2017, we are hosting four workshops focused on the varying aspects of the work of sacred activism hosted by ministry leaders from our local communities, the wider church and beyond.

### ASSET BASED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – JUNE 10

The Rev. Dan Scheid

The Rev. Ken Hitch

Katie Forsyth

Go beyond the food pantry. Asset Based Community Development (or ABCD) is a model for developing mutual and missional relationships between church and community. This workshop will delve into the theory of ABCD and will give participants some hands-on practice into how to implement an ABCD-style approach to outreach programs.

## Scrip News

It has been brought to our attention that Scrip is being discontinued due to ongoing delivery problems. Thank you for all your support over the years the program has run.

Thanks also for all who helped to make the program run as smoothly as it did until our recent problems. Since it began in 2011, the SCRIP team, led by Diane Putnam, brought in over \$12,000 worth of income for St. Jude's Church.

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## New Horizons for Todd Ousley

Members of the diocese will join together to celebrate sixteen years of ministry with the Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley, Bishop of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan, as he prepares to conclude his ministry and accept a call on the Presiding Bishop's Staff.

**Join us at 4:00 p.m. on June 4<sup>th</sup> for the Feast of Pentecost at St. John's Episcopal Church in Midland. A reception will follow the Eucharist service.**

## Ready to Mow

Our riding mower is ready to go for the season thanks to the Cronks. There is a sign-up sheet in VandenBergh Hall. Please consider coming out and mowing one or two weeks this summer.

## 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.

St. Jude's



**Sundays, Nov. 5th, 12th, & 19th**

So many clever ideas  
can go into one... **Basket!**

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You're going to be seeing the word BASKETS a lot in the coming months as we prepare to have the SILENT AUCTION in a new format for the first three Sundays of November.

Let your creative juices flow, save up some cash to purchase another...the possibilities are endless!

## Key Estate Planning Documents

Your Endowment Committee continues to roll out in 2017 our new St. Jude's Endowment Funds program, including opportunities for giving (during your lifetime or later) to the Heritage Fund, Capital Fund, and/or Eternal Pledge Fund (each described in St. Jude's Endowment Funds tri-fold brochure available to you in our Library). Your Endowment Committee offered an educational event at church Sunday, May 21 featuring a presentation and Q & A session with Christine Waun, a very experienced, highly qualified estate planning attorney. She provided, reviewed, and discussed with us her handout Key Estate Planning Documents -- which is included for your benefit as an insert in this June 2017 Beacon. Your Endowment Committee recommends you contact Christine if you have any questions and/or wish to discuss or meet with her.

Some St. Jude's Endowment Committee members have used (or are considering using) Christine in the their estate, wills, and trusts planning and legal documentation. They believe Christine is a highly qualified and experienced estate planning expert. Christine reviewed her educational and professional background with us during our May 21 educational event meeting. Her website, [www.waunlaw.com](http://www.waunlaw.com), notes she has a BA in Business/Finance with distinction from University of Michigan and a Masters of Law Degree in Taxation from Wayne State University. She graduated cum laude from Detroit College of Law, and is a member of the State Bar of Michigan (Business Law, Probate & Estate Planning, and Taxation) and Genesee County Bar Association.



**CHRISTINE A. WAUN**  
P. C.  
ESTATE PLANNING AND BUSINESS ATTORNEY

## **KEY ESTATE PLANNING DOCUMENTS**

There are a few key documents essential to implementing an estate plan. They are listed below along with an explanation of the purpose of each document.

### **DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY**

A power of attorney is a document in which you, as the principal, appoint another person as agent to manage your affairs. This document is effective for financial matters only. A power of attorney may be “general”, granting broad authority to make decisions concerning financial matters, or it may be “specific”, granting only limited authority to perform one or more specific duties.

“Durable” means the power of attorney survives the disability of the principal and allows the agent to act on your behalf even after you have become disabled. The power of attorney is useful in avoiding court supervision. In the absence of a power of attorney, it may be necessary for a guardian to be appointed by a court to manage the principal’s affairs and make the personal decisions for an incapacitated individual.

### **HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY**

With a health care power of attorney document, you, as the principal, appoint an agent to make health care decisions in the event you are unable to make your own decisions. The health care power of attorney is both durable (it survives disability) and springing (it becomes effective only upon the disability of the principal). Only one person should be designated to serve at a given time with a substitute named in the event the main agent cannot serve.

### **REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST**

A revocable living trust is a written document that contains your instructions about how your property will be handled while you are alive and after your death. In the trust, you can appoint yourself as your own trustee (the manager of the trust) and name yourself as the lifetime beneficiary (the person who enjoys the use of the property in the trust). Most often, the trust includes instructions specifying that upon your death or upon the death of your surviving spouse, your children or other loved ones will become the persons who enjoy the remaining property of the trust.

### **POUR-OVER WILL**

Although a properly drafted and fully funded trust-based estate plan replaces a will, a special will called a “pour-over will” should be a part of your revocable living trust plan. This document is a “safety-net” should you fail to put all your assets into your living trust. A pour-over will “pours” any assets that are not in your trust at death into the trust so that they can be controlled by the provisions of the trust.

# 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; Marie Doyon; Steven G.; Stan Haddock; Judy Hogan; Eveline Karnowski; Kim Kay; Carl Koch; Janel Koop; Jim Kortge; Bill Lenny; Jeff Luebke; Theresa Maynard; Jordon Michael; Richard; Paul Riley; Mike Ryan; Marilyn Safa; Spencer Sands; Larry Smith; Stan Spicer; Louis Sternello; Jennifer Ubil; Sandy West; Ron Winters: Jack Ziegler & family

**And those in continuing need of prayer:** Herb Aldrich; John Babcock; David Barrows; Brett Beal; Margot Brummett; Marie Church; Rachel & Don Conway; Betsy Davies; Erica and Gail Delaney; Gail Engdahl; Bunny Gladfelter; Ralph Gladfelter; Judy Godsell; Tom Hackbardt; Brian Henderson; Connie Koch; Mary Lou Jenkins; Ev Koller; Angela Koresh; Mary Kurtz; Don Kurtz; Sidney Nihill; Leona; Paul Otto; Richard Perkins; Denny Sharpe; Arin Shinabarger; Susan Taber; Sandy Train; Elijah Unkefer

## Pray for Our Ministers

**June 4** – John & Carol Pettipher; Susan Premo;  
Adam & Ashley Prew; Clay & Diane Putnam

**June 11** – Lois Putnam; Ashley Ransley; Dave &  
Denise Rayner; Dustin & Benjamin Rayner

**June 18** – Lydia Register; Michael & Sue Reilly;  
Jackie Richardson

**June 25** – Troy, Kirsty, Ella & Lily Rising; Lynne  
Ronthi; Megan Rosa; Jerry & Francine Rucker

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 <sup>st</sup>	Kearns, Peggy 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

8 <sup>th</sup>	Reid & Adrienne Shepard (4 years)
25 <sup>th</sup>	John & Carol Pettipher (51 years)
26 <sup>th</sup>	Bob & Kim Alexander (35 years)

If you do not see your name and have a birthday or anniversary this month, please let the office know. We would love to celebrate with you, but we need to know when your birthday/anniversary is (including the year for database purposes only)!  
Thank you!

# We Are Family (cont'd)

## **COFFEE HOUR Hosts:**

Our sincere thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during May: Lynne Ronthi, Tracie Little, Sue Premo, Connie Hibbard, and Amy Freeman.

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*

## **You can still be a part of our church directory!**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to come in and get their photo taken for the photo directory. If you didn't sign up for photos or life happened and you had to cancel, there is still a chance to get your photo included! If you have a photograph taken with a digital camera (no pictures from social media/camera phones, please) or taken professionally, you can submit it to the church office! If it is a professional picture, you will need a signed release form (some are available in the office).

## **We need photos from YOU to put in our directory!**

Now that our photography sessions are wrapped up, we have started work on creating our new directory! Along with the photographs of our families and members, we have a few "activity" pages that we would like to fill with images from our daily church life and special events here at St. Jude's. If you have pictures (or have a digital camera and would like to snap a few shots over the next couple of weeks) that you would like to submit of our people, events, or even the church building itself, please send them to the church office email: [stjudeschurchfenton106@gmail.com](mailto:stjudeschurchfenton106@gmail.com)

## **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 on May 21<sup>st</sup> and the choir concludes its season on June 4. 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

## **Thank you to everyone who has helped make our Memorial Garden so beautiful**

Please take a moment to enjoy the new perennials and annuals added into our garden by Kathy Kortge, Lynell Wright, Francine Johnston, Sarah Dolza and everyone who came out to help with the Memorial Garden clean-up and planting! It is a lovely tribute for those interred in the garden that it is being so lovingly cared for.

## **Walk & Weed/ Mowing Sign-Ups**

Please sign up to mow or walk through the Memorial Garden and weed one week this summer. You can come at any day or time that works for you! Come alone or find a partner! Be a part of making sure our church is clean and welcoming to the Fenton community. Sign up sheets located in VandenBergh Hall.

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