



The Beacon

St. Jude's Episcopal Church
Fenton, Michigan

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching Out to Others

May 2017 (Our 159th Year)

Last week we celebrated the Paschal Triduum – the most holy week of the Christian year. It was a busy week in the life of the church with services every weeknight as we journeyed to Jerusalem, the cross and then celebrated the chaos and eventual joy of the empty tomb. So much work goes into this particular week! Bulletins for all of the services. Lots of musical preparation. Altar color changes along with a variety of work to set up and clean up each service. More services means more liturgical support folks serving.

Thank you to so many who took on a lot of extra duties to help us all to celebrate well. Liz, for all of your support work in preparing bulletins. All the volunteers who came and folded extra bulletins. Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Intercessors for taking on extra responsibilities. Marlene and the choir for a lot of extra preparation. Kris for all that you did to help our Holy Week at home be such a success as we folded crosses, colored Lenten posters and made Holy Week in a box. Kris's work didn't end there either. She helped us to find the Alleluia's and then laminated them hanging them on one of our Lenten Narnia trees. Those who took on cleaning and tidying up responsibilities. And every one who gathered to worship at all or some of the Holy Week and Paschal Triduum (The Great Three Days of Easter) celebrations.

What a joy to spend this first Holy Week with all of you! What a holy experience it was for me. Every year I take away snapshots of various liturgies that strike me in a particularly powerful way.

Monday's Taize service provided a quiet moment to reflect on the power of all that happened as Jesus turned his face to Jerusalem. Tuesday, as we reflected on all of the symbols of Easter, I will forever remember a video in my mind of one worship attender picking up the large Good Friday cross and processing it into Vandenburg Hall and then returning it to its stand. The "gong" that accompanied the darkness of the Tenebrae service will echo in my head for some time I think. On Maundy Thursday two folks who washed one another's feet lightly touched the other's head in a wonderful, personally powerful moment. On Good Friday one young parishioner knelt at the foot of the cross for a time of personal prayer and after leaving that sacred spot returned to hug the cross. Sunday's vigil was amazing as the fire leapt to light and as Bill McDonald canted the Exultet. Magic happened when the Hall was somehow transformed to a dining room as a most excellent brunch was laid out for all. Sunday's service was gloriously uplifting as we celebrated the chaos and confusion of the empty tomb.

These, and so many more moments, stand out for me as particularly holy moments. Moments that provide a glimpse into the very real presence of God and how each of us responds differently. Moments that help me to see the face of God in a new way.

What were your Holy Moments? What did they reveal about God and/or God's presence? Head on over to the blog on the website to share your memories....

Blessings,

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

Notes from the Vestry Underground– April 2017

- The Vestry met in April as a continuation of our Vestry retreat where we wrestled with and had a great deal of conversation revolving around the question “What does a community that opens its door to everybody look like?” There will be much more to come from the Vestry as we move along and delve into what some of the answers to that question might be.
- The roof has been replaced over VandenBergh Hall. We continue our “Raise the Roof” fundraiser...please consider being a part of that.

You can still be a part of our directory!

Thank you to everyone who took the time to come in and get their photo taken for the photo directory. It was fun sitting at the registration table and getting to talk to folks I don't always get to see. 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! First Presbyterian Church right across the street is having photos taken on May 12 and May 13. You may call their church office at [810-629-7801](tel:810-629-7801) to schedule an appointment. Make sure to tell them when you book and when you have your photo session that the photos are for St. Jude's directory. You may also submit a photo. Call St. Jude's office for details.

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 an mowing one or two weeks this summer.

Family Promise Week

May 14-20th is St. Jude's turn to host dinner and overnights for Family Promise. There is a sign up sheet on the outreach board in Vandenbergh Hall for people interested in helping with this important outreach ministry. Remember – if you want to get involved but are not quite sure of what to do – there are a lot of people who would be happy to help out your first time.

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. Read more about Camp Chick on the following page!

Think Spring! Think SCRIP!

Thinking of upcoming spring projects? Lowe's or Home Depot gift cards would be great for home improvement projects or planting flowers. With Mother's Day coming soon, Kohl's and JC Penny cards would be great! Enjoy a dinner out--think Scrip cards. Keep buy the Scrip cards and continue to reduce St. Jude's budget deficit. We thank you!

Thank you

Lynne Ronthi has been heading up our card program for a while. She's recently received wonderful notes of thanks and donations of stamps and money to purchase cards from a few people. Thank you to everyone who helps with our card ministry here at St. Jude's!



YOU WILL LIKELY LOVE CAMP CHICKAGAMI

Like me 61 years ago, you will likely love Camp Chickagami's Youth Camp – as a camper, as a counselor, as a volunteer. My Camp Chickagami experiences as a camper, then a counselor and staff person, over a 5-year period were some of the most important - and fun -- things I ever did in my entire life. I learned tremendous things about my fellow peer campers and counselors – and myself – that provided me lifelong values and skills. I still remember fantastic, great things we did as campers and counselors that make Camp Chickagami one of the happiest, greatest periods of my life. Some of the fun things today include: swimming, boating, canoe trips, hiking, fishing, exploring nature, crafts, archery, sports, and all-camp evening activities. The outdoor campfires and St. Andrews Chapel services are also very special.

There are six (6) **Youth Camp programs** during our 2017 summer:

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| • Esau Explorers Camp | June 25 – July 1 | Grades 5 – 8 |
| • Pioneer Adventure Camp | July 9 – 15 | Grades 5 – 8 |
| • Trip Camp | July 9 – 15 | Grades 8 – 11 |
| • Bell Bay Camp | July 16 – 22 | Grades 3 – 5 |
| • Counselor-in-Training (CIT) | July 16 – 22 | Grades 10 – 11 |
| • Huron Camp | July 23 – 29 | Grades 8 – 11 |

Camp tuition is \$340 -- and scholarship assistance is available to any camper wishing to attend camp, but needing financial assistance. Scholarship assistance is available from both St. Jude's and our Diocese. Lots of additional detailed information (e.g., registration; scholarships; camper and parent Q&A's; camper packing list; counselor, staff, and volunteer opportunities, requirements and applications, etc.) is easily available at www.CampChickagami.org. Our St. Jude's Director of Christian Formation Kris Forsyth has very extensive experience with Camp Chickagami (as well as other camps), and Kris would love to discuss camp with you, and answer your questions. Kris and Tracie would also love to help you with any scholarship questions.

Camp Chickagami is also offering **Family Camp** September 1 – 4 (starting at \$300), and a **Women's Retreat** August 18 – 20 (\$200/person) -- see www.CampChickagami.org for additional information about these opportunities.

Camp Chickagami also has a **Spring** (May 25 – 29/Memorial Day Weekend) & **Fall** (October 12 – 15) **Work Weekend**. It is a great opportunity for you -- at no cost -- to donate volunteer time to help with projects of all skill levels (e.g., cleaning, etc.), in exchange for rustic cabin accommodations, good camp meals, seeing and being at Camp Chickagami with its surrounding forest and Lake Esau, and doing a few hours of work. See details at www.CampChickagami.org.

Camp Chickagami's Facebook page is ***I Heart Camp Chickagami***.

I hope camp is in your future – 2017!? Camp Chickagami Alumnus John Pettipher -- camper, counselor, volunteer, camp board president, and camp cheerleader!

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
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Pray for Our Ministers

May 7 – Jacob Kusluski; Betty Leonard; Neil
Leonard; Rev. Tracie, Dave and Mike Little

May 14 – Nancy Mason; Teresa Maynard; Bill
McDonald; Pedro, Steve, Justin and James Melchor

May 21 – Scott & Sharon Michael; Jack & Beverly
Mills; Ann Minock; Lorraine Moller

May 28 – Ben Oliver, Lenae Chambers, Gwen,
Maurin & Nona Oliver; Vic & Michele Peters

Our sincere condolences...

To the Binder family on the death of Joe Binder –
recent member of St. Jude's who died suddenly.

To Mark, Beth and Nicole Jagos on the death of
Mark's mother Mildred Jagos.

*May Joe, Mildred and all those we love but see no
longer, rest in eternal peace.*

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 nd	Benjamin Rayner
5 th	Charles Johnston
6 th	Dominic DuPei
10 th	Jenne Hadden
12 th	Carol Chambers Ben Oliver Susan Premo
14 th	Judith Fisher Miriam Hassell
15 th	Eveline Karnowski Steve Koch
16 th	Connor Chambers
19 th	Sandra Smith Bruce Trimmer
21 st	McKenna Green
22 nd	Vance Gordon
24 th	Lynn Hopper
26 th	Lois Putnam
27 th	Justin Melchor

May Anniversaries

5 th	Mike & Peggy Kearns (27 th)
9 th	David & Marjie Andrejciw (25 th)
18 th	Mark & Lynne Ronthi (21 st)
19 th	Herb & Sharon Aldrich (58 th) Ed & Marlene Weston (44 th)
22 nd	Don & Mary Kurtz (69 th)
24 th	Troy & Kirsty Rising (18 th)

If you do not see your name and you 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!

Help us observe

Have you even been speaking with a fellow
parishioner and find out they just had a new
grandchild - or, find out they had a significant loss
in their family. Or, that they are leaving St. Jude's
because of a job in another town or state.

When there is a birth or death in your family or
significant life event, please consider letting the
office know so that information can be put into the
Beacon.

We Are Family (cont'd)

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Our sincere thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during April: Jack and Beverly Mills, Paul and Sarah Dolza, Connie Hibbard, Kathy Kortge and Lynn Ronthi and all of those who contributed to the delicious between services Easter Breakfast!

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

Notes from the Choir

THANK YOU to all our musicians for their dedication and talents for helping to make Holy Week and Easter so special.

May is a month of celebrations. On May 3 and 10, we hear about God's love for us (God is love, let heaven adore him.) May 17 is the Sunday after our Lord's Ascension. Musical selections will include "See the Conqueror mounts in triumph" and "Hail the day that sees him rise."

We celebrate Pentecost on May 24, the fifty days following Passover that saw the coming of the Holy Spirit and the actual birth of the Christian church. The musical offerings are joyous and illustrate this celebration.

May 31 is Trinity Sunday. Holy, holy, holy and Holy God, we praise thy name carry this theme.

Marlene Weston



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

portion will take place three consecutive Sundays in a row. Bidding time will take place after the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services each week, with final bids ending around 12:15 p.m. on the 3rd Sunday. (Bids will carry through from week to week.) All the silent auction items will be gift baskets donated by the good people of St. Jude's. We hope to have 25 baskets of varying theme and value. (\$30-\$125) There will be a list of theme ideas on the bulletin board to get your creative juices flowing if you need help, or come up with one of your own. Choosing and signing up for a theme early will give you plenty of time to look for items during the summer and early fall. If you need assistance arranging and wrapping your basket, the committee will be happy to help.

After the final bids are ended for the silent auction on the 3rd Sunday (November 19th), a live auction presenting works of art created by our parishioners, as well as culinary offerings, wine tastings or boat trips, will take place. You will be able to view the live auction items each week in advance. A special coffee hour will add to your enjoyment. We invite our 8:00 a.m. members to return to church by noon for all the festivities. Also, encourage friends and relatives to join you for worship and fellowship on auction Sundays.

Watch for more information and reminders about the Blessings in a Basket Auction as the time grows near, keeping in mind how blessed we are to be part of the St. Jude's family. Remember to sign up for a theme basket early.

Please contact Denise Rayner (248-634-2748) or Freya Hutchinson (248-328-0874) if you have any questions.

Blessed are those who give without remembering and take without forgetting.

WORSHIP LEADERS for May 2017

DATE	LEM (s) 2 nd CHALISE PRAYERS	READER (S)	ACOLYTE (S)	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD
<u>April 30</u>					
<i>Coffee Hour:</i> Ronthi <i>Vestry Person of the Day:</i> Megan Rosa					
8 am	Mike Wells	Lois Hartranft	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Dee Grossmann Dave Rayner Amy Freeman	Paul Dolza	-----	Dave & Debbie James	Terri Hutchins Francine Johnston
<u>May 7 – Morning Prayer Service</u>					
<i>Coffee Hour:</i> ??? <i>Vestry Person of the Day:</i> Mark Jagos					
8 am	Lynn Hopper	Josephine Feijoo	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Lynn Hopper	Amy Freeman		Lorraine Moller Charlie Johnston	Gaye Foor Lorraine Moller
<u>May 14</u>					
<i>Coffee Hour:</i> Confirmation Celebration (Rev. Tracie) <i>Vestry Person of the Day:</i> Sarah Dolza					
8 am	Mary Louise Susalla	Chet Susalla	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Greg Forsyth Dave Rayner Dan White	Raquel Gazzi		Nancy Day Lynne Ronthi	Sarah Dolza Gay Adams
<u>May 21</u>					
<i>Coffee Hour:</i> Sue Premo <i>Vestry Person of the Day:</i> Francine Johnston					
8 am	Clay Putnam	Ron Trimmer	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Dee Grossmann Greg Forsyth Lynn Hopper	Ellen Tripp		Rex Harris John Pettipher	Mary Ellen Hazell Mary Louise Susalla
<u>May 28</u>					
<i>Coffee Hour:</i> ??? <i>Vestry Person of the Day:</i> Ty Fry					
8 am	Mary Louise Susalla	Lois Hartranft	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Judi Harris Dan White Dave Rayner	?????		Lisa & Kelly Cronk	Dee Grossmann Judi Harris

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