



The Beacon

St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Fenton, Michigan

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching Out to Others

November, 2017 (Our 159th Year)

A Diocese in Transition

Bishop Todd Ousley, the second bishop of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan, resigned his position in order to accept a call to serve with the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church as the Bishop for the Office of Pastoral Development. Bishop Todd's ministry with us was powerful and transformative and we sent him off with prayers and best wishes as he begins this new call. With his departure the Standing Committee had some decisions to make on how to move forward. Through prayer and conversation they discerned that the best next step for the Diocese of Eastern Michigan was to call a Bishop Provisional. A Bishop Provisional is a bishop who serves as the bishop of the diocese during a vacancy for an agreed upon period of time or until a new bishop is elected and consecrated. This bishop holds the ecclesiastical authority of the diocese and represents the diocese in The House of Bishops.

Diocesan Convention met last weekend and one of our first items of business was to hold an election for a Bishop Provisional. The Standing Committee works with the Presiding Bishop to nominate one candidate for Bishop Provisional and Diocesan Convention votes either yes or no. Standing Committee nominated The Rt. Rev. Catherine (Cate) Waynick for a period of one year during which she would be present with us for two weeks per month. Bishop Waynick is the retired Bishop Diocesan of the Diocese of Indianapolis where she served since January 1997 until her retirement. Prior to her election as bishop, Cate was ordained in 1985 serving as Associate Rector of Christ Church, Cranbrook and Rector of All Saints', Pontiac. She has held various positions at the diocese and in the Episcopal Church.

Cate and Larry have been married for 49 years and have two grown children. Living in Indianapolis, Cate and Larry enjoy travelling, cooking, bird watching, reading, music and spending time with friends. Having been born in Jackson and growing up in Tecumseh southeast of Ann Arbor, Cate is returning home to Michigan to walk with us in this time of transition.

Our next steps as a diocese will be for the Standing Committee to call a consultant who will also work with us through this transition. The diocese will then enter into a time of discernment about where we feel God is calling us to be and to serve in this next season of ministry. Regional meetings will be held throughout the diocese at various times and all of us will be encouraged to participate in these gatherings. We will advertise the dates and times as well as organize car pools for all wishing to attend. When a congregation finds itself in transition the work that is done requires everyone's voice to be heard. In the same way diocesan transition requires that same kind of participation so that our discernment can be as complete as possible. Please stay tuned and participate as fully as possible!

Please hold Bishop Ousley and his family in prayer as he transitions into a new call. Hold our new Bishop Provisional, Bishop Waynick, and her family in prayer as she begins her walk with the Diocese of Eastern Michigan. And hold the diocese in prayer as we step into a time of discernment.

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

News and Happenings

Vestry – October, 2017

-Communities That Transform had its inaugural meeting in October with 16 in attendance. There was a lot of good, constructive conversation about how best to go about building community at St. Jude's. Look for more information in upcoming months.

-The Vestry is looking at ways to be creative and get some major housekeeping issues resolved.

-Stewardship season is upon us. We are fortunate to have the Stewardship Ministry Team of Bill Anderson and Jackie Richardson working with Tracie to recognize the time, talent and treasures that are bestowed on St. Jude's by our parishioners.

Upcoming event:

Sunday, December 3rd, 6:00 p.m.

St. Jude's Women's Advent Tea

Opening the Door of our Hearts

"Advent is a season of opening doors. It is a time to deepen and strengthen our relationship with the Holy One so that more of the divine presence within us shines through and offers a welcome to others. It is a season to open the doors of our hearts so that we can both give and receive this love. One of the ways we can do this is by seeing ourselves and others as doors through which the divine presence continually seeks an entrance." from U.S. Catholic Faith in Real Life, Joyce Rupp

Put this date on your calendar and plan on attending this peaceful, spirit filled evening of fellowship.

Sign up in VandenBergh Hall to attend, bring a guest or host a table. There will be a Hostess meeting on Wednesday, November 1st at 6:30 p.m. in the Library.



COPPAGE-GORDON SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY SOCIAL JUSTICE SERIES

THE THEOLOGY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE – TELLING THE STORY – DECEMBER 9

Dr. Courtney Cowart, The Beecken Center and
Sewanee School of Theology

As Christians struggle against institutions and societal norms that perpetuate violence, structural inequities and ambivalence, the Church must become a contrasting space of non-violence, peace, voice, and sacred activism. Dr. Courtney Cowart will share her expertise in justice theology and how our core beliefs shape the stories of our lives and of our ministries.

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The cost to attend is \$40 per workshop.
Scholarship assistance is available.

Each workshop is from 9:30-3:30 p.m. with
registration opening at 9:00 a.m.

Lunch will be provided.

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.

We Are Family



Please Hold In Your Prayers

For Michael, our Presiding
Bishop;
Catherine, our Bishop provisional;
Tracie, our Priest for the Wardens
and Vestry.

For those in particular need of prayer: Craig Adams; Jeremy Alber; Karen Anderson & family; Jack Bretzke; D'Jair Cominotti; Steven G.; Timothy Harman-Zerbiec; Sue Haywood; Janel Koop; Lisa Langly; Bill Lenny; Jeff Luebke; Theresa Maynard; Jordon Michael; Anne Munns; Noel; Paul Riley; Mike Ryan; Marilyn Safa; Spencer Sands; Nanae & Fukuko Shiraishi; Larry Smith; Stan Spicer; Jennifer Ubil; Sandy West; Jack Ziegler & family

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

Pray for Our Ministers

November 5 – Gail Delaney; Dee Dickens; Sally Diehl; Paul and Sarah Dolza, Liza Dolza

November 12 – Dot Dowlan; Julie, Tess and Dominic DuPei; Jerry and Kimberlie Edwards

November 19 – Larry and Pam Elder; Bonnie Ensign; Marilou Ensign; Rebecca Ensign

November 26 – Josephine Feijoo; Mary Felix; Marv and Judith Fisher; Katie Fleming

Babies and other Blessings

There are so many wonderful things happening to our parishioners at St. Jude's. Often times, months after an event, you'll hear word of a happy event and think, "I wish I had known that happened."

Please, if you want to share your happy news – babies, promotions, graduation, new job...leave a note in the office or speak to Tracie or Liz. We'll be happy to make sure it gets into the Beacon, so others can share in your joy.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 nd	Madison Freeman
6 th	Dustin Rayner
10 th	Josie Foguth Jennifer Freeman Lauren Gangwer
11 th	Greg Forsyth Sharon Gay Raquel Gazzi Jennifer Koch Arthur Pennington
12 th	Harry Chciuk
18 th	Ann Minock
19 th	Mary Ellen Hazell
20 th	Barb Goss
21 st	Jon Burroughs
22 nd	Ellen Tripp
23 rd	Sarah Dolza
24 th	Jake Kusluski
25 th	Michael Wolos
26 th	Krystn Freeman
27 th	Sarah Bancroft
28 th	Kirsty Rising Angela White

NOVEMBER Anniversaries

6 th	Bob & Christine Szostak (23 years)
8 th	Bob & Mary Warren (58 years)
9 th	Clay & Diane Putnam (37 years)
12 th	Ian & Jennifer Rosa (5 years)
14 th	Jerry & Joan Graham (63 years) Chet & Mary Louise Susalla (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 (Con't)

COFFEE HOUR Hosts:

Our sincere thanks to those who generously provided nourishment for the body and soul during October: Rex and Judi Harris; Tom and Shirley Gernack & Nancy Day; Martha Applebee and Richard Stratton, Carol and John Pettipher; the Freeman family; Kris Forsyth and all who helped, brought supplies or supplied a trunk for Trunk or Treat Coffee Hour.

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

Sunday, November 5 Fall Behind

Make sure you mark your calendar to set your clock back one hour. You will get one extra hour of sleep.

If you forget to set your clock back, you will arrive at church one hour early. Please take part in the Adult Study, or put the coffee on!



Fall Clean-up Thank-you

October 22, our Fall Clean-up Day, was such a beautiful day that most of our volunteers decided to work outside. Mowing, trimming, tidying the Memorial Garden, etc. were Bill Anderson, Paul Brunell, Kelly and Lisa Cronk, Nancy Day, Paul Dolza, Greg Forsyth, Raquel Gazzi, Shirley and Tom Gernack, Terri Hutchins, Francine Johnston, Dave, Mike and Tracie Little, Dan White and Fred and Lynell Wright. Cleaning up cobwebs, dust and dead flies were Beverly and Jack Mills, and later, Carol Pettipher. Our lovely old church and grounds look wonderful; thanks to all who helped!

News and Happenings

Notes from the Choir

November is an exciting month liturgically and musically. The month begins with the Feast of All Saints on November 5. This Sunday features some of the most thrilling music in the entire Christian year. We begin with one of the greatest hymns in the English language, *For all the saints*, experience the child-like faith of *I sing a song of the saints of God*, review the Beatitudes with the contemporary song, *Blest are they* and conclude with the magnificent *Ye watchers and ye holy ones*.

On November 19, **Tracy Dunlop**, violinist, will join us as guest artist. Her visits are always a time of joyous celebration and worship.

The readings for the other Sundays of November allude to the second coming of Christ in glory as we approach Advent. The final Sunday of the liturgical year, November 26, is designated as Christ the King Sunday. These days will feature music appropriate to the lessons.

Wednesday, November 22, is the Community Thanksgiving Service at St. John's at 7 p.m. Special music is provided by musicians assembled from various churches. Several musicians from St. Jude's will be participating. This is such a wonderful opportunity to give thanks and meet our friends from the wider Christian community and it is always gratifying to see familiar faces from our congregation. Come join with us!!

November is a packed month full of times of celebration as well as reflection. Let us enjoy these special times as we worship together.

Marlene Weston

Office Volunteers

Thank you to all of the people who contacted the office saying that they would volunteer if Liz or Ron are unable to be in during office hours. If you are still interested in volunteering in the office, let Liz know. You would be filling in periodically by greeting people in person and on the phone and doing light office work. Thanks!



All Saints Day

All Saints' Day is one of the major festivals of the Christian Year. The word "saint" in this designation is used in the scriptural sense of anyone who is a faithful believer. So this feast serves as a commemoration of all God's "servants departed this life in thy faith and fear."

The day revolves around all the faithful servants and believers of God—living and those who have died. We are always surrounded by a "cloud of witnesses (Hebrews 12:1); those faithful Christians who have died. When we die, a new and everlasting life begins with God and others who have died before us. The sacredness of persons is celebrated, remembering that they are all creations of God.

Baptism is an important element of All Saints' in that it is the sacrament of Christian initiation that all Christian saints, living and dead, share as members of the Body of Christ.

The unique personality, gifts, talents and experiences of every individual are given by God to be valued and used in the building of the Kingdom. Being good stewards of God's gifts means looking at our lives for clues about what we have to offer that will serve others in Christ's name. To become the people God intends us to be is to find our greatest happiness and deep fulfillment.

In talking with children about All Saints, we can share the following:

- We are all called to be saints, using our talents and lives to serve others, loving them as God loves us.
- Famous saints are examples, showing us how to be followers of Jesus.
- When we die, it is the beginning of a new life in which we join with others who have died and are close to God and Jesus.
- Life in the kingdom of God is life in a new way, without sorrow or pain, a life of joy.



Some Activity Ideas for All Saints

Many groups, especially Asian Americans, use All Saints' Day as an opportunity to remember and respect family members who are elderly or

who have lived in other generations. This might be the occasion for telling about where our families have come from and lived, what their lives were like, and what values that we honor they have passed on to us.

Our names are symbols of who we are, and our Christian names tell who we are in our new life in Christ. A study of names and their meanings, of how our names show we are particular people loved individually and personally by God can help us see ourselves as particular saints of God whose lives are offered in loving service.

Sharon Ely Pearson

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Multi Generational Programs & Resources for 2017-2018

- **New this year! Gratitude Tree Ornaments:** This is something to take home and use. One side has the image of a leaf, and the other side has space to write the things for which you are thankful this year. Hang on branches you have found in the yard, on an actual tree, or anywhere you like! Instead of making ornaments, cut out these gratitude circles and put them in a jar or box. Ask each family member to write something they are thankful for each day. Available throughout the month of November.
- **Road Trip to the Living Nativity at Frankentrost:** (December 2nd in the evening)
- **Advent Fair:** Making Anglican Prayer Beads, Advent Calendars & more! (December 3rd, Coffee Hour)
- **Advent-To-Go Bags:** Full of resources and tools to help you observe Advent at home.
- **Christmas Eve Paper Bag Pageant:** Anyone can come and be a Wise Person or a Shepherd or an Angel. Our tiniest ones can be Animals of Nativity.
- **Valentine Workshop:** Making home-made Valentines to send to those who are homebound or might need a little extra cheer this year.
- **Lent-to-Go Bags:** Full of resources to help you observe Lent at home.
- **Something new! A Lenten Study for Families with Children:** We'll explore "Make Room for Lent" via a book study which will mostly be conducted online. We will introduce this program at our Lenten Fair (February 18th)
- **Wizards and Wonders:** A Harry Potter program for all ages for Summer '18 (Dates TBD). We'll be turning St. J's into Hogwarts!



Sunday Morning Godly Play!

Most Sundays from September thru May

For children in Pre-K thru Grade 5. We meet in the Godly Play room (follow signs) in basement. We start at 10:25am.

Youth Group

Most Sundays from September thru early June

Youth group (6th thru 12th graders) meets most Sundays in September thru the beginning of June after the 10:30am service in the couch room (so roughly 11:45am to 12:45pm).

**Regularly
Happening at
St. Jude's**

Sunday Morning Nursery Care

For Infants thru Kindergartners

The nursery opens at 10:15am on Sundays. Nursery staffers bring any children into Godly Play, generally, for the story.

Very young children and Nursery Staffers may return to the nursery to play afterwards until parents pick their children up for communion. If the children are 4 years old or older, we generally have them stay in Godly Play for creative time or "Work Time". All of the children who stay in Godly Play for work time join their parents in worship around the time of the Peace.

WORSHIP LEADERS for November 2017

	LEM (s) 2nd CHALISE PRAYERS	READER (S)	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY	ALTAR GUILD
October 29						
8 am	Clay Putnam	Chet Susalla	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Greg Forsyth Dan White Dave Rayner	Debbie & Dave James	Nancy Day & Lynne Ronthi	Intergenerational Trunk-or-Treat	Francine Johnston	Sarah Dolza Gay Adams
November 5 – All Saints’ Sunday						
8 am	Mary Louise S.	Chet Susalla	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Dee Grossmann Paul Dolza Amy Freeman	Greg Forsyth	Rex Harris John Pettipher	Clark, Feijoo, Hartranft	Ty Fry	Mary Ellen H. Mary Louise S.
November 12						
8 am	Jerry Rucker	Josephine Feijoo	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Judi Harris Greg Forsyth Dee Grossmann	Amy Freeman	Kelly & Lisa Cronk	Altar Guild	Terri Hutchins	Dee Grossmann Judi Harris
November 19						
8 am	Mike Wells	Chet Susalla	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Lynn Hopper Dee Grossmann Paul Dolza	Raquel Gazzi	Dave & Denise Rayner	Basket Auction	Mark Jagos	Christine S. Linda Chciuk
November 26						
8 am	Clay Putnam	?	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Dave Rayner Judi Harris Greg Forsyth	Bob Simpson	Dave & Debbie James	?	Ron Trimmer	Terri Hutchins Francine J.
December 3						
8 am	Jerry Rucker	Chet Susalla	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Amy Freeman Paul Dolza Dee Grossmann	Ellen Tripp	Lorraine Moller Charlie Johnston	?	Denise Rayner	Gaye Foor Lorraine Moller

Communion Bread Bakers:

November – Terri Hutchins

December – Judy Marincio

January – Nancy Day

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