

# The Beacon

St. Jude's Episcopal Church  
Fenton, Michigan

***Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching Out to Others***

March, 2018 (Our 160<sup>th</sup> Year)

Today as I write this it is the day after a lot of rain. A lot. We are in the midst of a River Flood Watch. A watch that will be active for the entire week. As I drove in today I noticed how much standing water there was. Everywhere. Water that has spilled over its banks. Water that has shown up where it never used to be. Last night as I tried to sleep, all I could think about was, "What happens when the water moving into the sump pump is greater than the ability of the sump pump to move it out? How long between each time the sump pump activates?" Well, the answer to that second question I discovered by using the stopwatch function of my cell phone. First it was 45 seconds, then 40. And I started to worry. What happens when the sump pump can't keep up? That led to a mostly sleepless night as I counted the seconds between when I heard the pump empty.

Water. Something that brings us life. Something we can't live without. Something through which we pass in order to be born into a new life. A life rooted and grounded in Christ. A life that participates with God in the unfolding of the Realm of God. As I lay awake last night, I started remembering what it means to pass through the waters of baptism. Waters that lead to transformation. First, our transformation. And then the transformation of the world as we work more and more deliberately to participating in what God is already up to – revealing the Realm of God that is present here already and yet is not complete. The waters of baptism change everything. As Paul teaches us in his letters, everything that is old has passed away and everything new lies before us.

That isn't easy. Thinking about what that transformation might mean in our basement wasn't easy. I'm not even sure where to begin those thoughts. They are overwhelming to say the least. So much so that I think a generator will be in our future fairly quickly. I'm not sure what good that will be if the water entering the sump pump is ever so great that its power to pump it out is overcome. But at least it's something to help calm the nerves.

The change that is recognized through Sacrament in baptism isn't always easy either. The path that we're on in our journey of faith isn't always calm and steady. It, too, is full of mountain-top experiences when the presence of God is very real. It's also full of valleys where God's presence is more of a challenge to see. And it's full of routine and everyday happenings of life.

Throughout Lent we are asking the question, "Where have you witnessed God's activity?" As you become aware of your answers to that question, it might be helpful for you to reflect on some others, whether or not your seeing God's activity has been easy. What has helped you to see God's activity? How did you recognize it as God's activity? What blocks your ability to see God's activity? How might you remove that which blocks? How might we, as a faith community, support you as you remove the block?

May the remainder of your Lenten journey be one that brings you into deeper relationship with God. May the Easter celebrations that are right around the corner be Holy.

Blessings,  
Tracie

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## HOLY WEEK LITURGIES



Our Holy Week begins with our Palm Sunday service, MARCH 25. At our 8 am and 10:30 am services, we will join with Jesus and the disciples as they triumphantly entered Jerusalem.



Monday, MARCH 26, if there is enough interest, we will rent a Chartres Labrynth mat and host a walk at 7 pm. Because of the cost of the rental, we are asking you to let us know if you would be attending. A sign-up sheet can be found in VandenBergh Hall or you can call the office to let us know you are interested.

If there is not enough interest in a Labyrinth Walk, we will gather to share in an Iona Evening Prayer service.



Tuesday, MARCH 27, at 7 pm we will continue our journey as we gather to share in a Taize service.



Wednesday at 7 pm on MARCH 28, we will gather for our Tenebrae service. Tenebrae is Latin for “shadows” or “darkness.” During the service candles are gradually extinguished while a series of readings and psalms are read.



## **Maundy Thursday, March 29, 7 pm**

The Liturgy begins at 7:00 pm for Holy Eucharist with the Footwashing Ceremony. Following the service we ask that when you leave you do so in silence as the church will remain open for all those wishing to remain to spend some time in quiet prayer and reflection. A prayer vigil will take place throughout the night.

## **Good Friday, March 30, 3 pm and 7 pm**

At 3 pm we will gather for an interactive multi-generational experience of Good Friday.

We continue our three-day celebration at 7 pm for our Celebration of the Lord's Passion, including the Solemn Intercessions and Veneration of the Cross. Once again we ask that when you leave you do so in silence. The church will remain open for all those wishing to remain and spend some time in quiet prayer and reflection following the 7 pm Liturgy.



## **Great Vigil of Easter, Sun. April 1, 7 am**

This is our "Night of Nights" when we will gather at 7:00 am to kindle the Easter fire, light the Paschal torch, proclaim the great stories of salvation, renew our baptismal promises, and celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. Following the Liturgy we will share in our annual Easter reception. A pot-luck breakfast will be served between the Vigil and the 10:30 am service.

## **Easter Morning, April 1, 10:30 am**

The First Sunday of Easter brings the Paschal Triduum to a close and launches us upon the great fifty-day season of Easter. Come to Eucharist at 10:30 am.



# News and Happenings

## ***Vestry Notes – February, 2018***

*More to come about Vestry next month – we have a new senior warden, Ty Fry. Our new clerk will be Josephine Feijoo. A replacement will need to be found to fulfill Carol Pettipher's remaining vestry term.*

### ***Adult Formation***

*We have an adult formation class and discussion group every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. Please consider joining us on Sunday mornings! We are currently finishing up our study on the Apocryphal Jesus and will begin planning for Lent and the rest of the year after that.*

## **Holy Week Schedule 2018**

### **Sunday, March 25 – Palm Sunday**

Services at 8 am & 10:30 am

11:45 am – Holy Week Fair

### **Monday, March 26**

7 pm – Holy Monday Service

### **Tuesday, March 27**

7 pm – Holy Monday Service

### **Wednesday, March 28**

7 pm – Tenebrae Service

### **Thursday, March 29 – Maundy Thursday**

7 pm – Maundy Thursday Service

8 pm – Noon (on Friday) – Good Friday

### ***Prayer Vigil***

There will be a sign up in VandenBergh Hall for individual hour-long times to come, to pray, to read, and to stand vigil in the sanctuary during this time

### **Friday, March 30 – Good Friday**

Noon – Fenton Community Good Friday Service @ Fenton United Methodist

3 pm – Good Friday Experiential Service

7 pm – Good Friday Service

### **Sunday, April 1 – Easter Sunday**

7 am – Easter Vigil Service

8:30 am – Potluck Breakfast

10:30 am – Easter Worship Service

## ***Theology of Social Justice:***

### ***Coppage-Gordon hosts***

### ***Dr. Courtney Cowart in Flint***

*The Theology of Social Justice workshop was cancelled last weekend after the presenter's flights were cancelled Friday evening. The workshop has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 19th from 9:30-3:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Flint.*

*If other commitments had prevented your December attendance, consider signing up for what will be a great presentation by Dr. Courtney Cowart of the Society for the Increase of Ministry. The cost to attend is \$40, which helps us cover lunch, speaker fees, and materials.*

## ***Saturday Series:***

### **The Year of the Bible**

The Year of the Bible is a survey course covering the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament held in conjunction with the Academy for Vocational Leadership. Each class consists of a video lecture to be viewed ahead of class and in-person discussion and content by a local instructor. This course is a great foundation for lay preachers or anyone interested in learning more about scripture.

### **Remaining classes for Spring 2018:**

- Mar 17: *The Roman Period/Gospel of Mark*: Register on/before 3/7
- Apr 14: *Gospels of Matthew and Luke/Acts*: Register on/before 4/11
- May 12: *Gospel of John/The Apostle Paul*: Register on/before 5/9
- June 16: *Paul and the Canon*: Register on/before 6/6

All sessions are Saturdays from 9-3:30 p.m. at the Colombiere Center in Clarkston. The cost to attend is \$50 per class, which includes lunch. [Register here.](#)

# 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; Shanin Beall; Bob; Julie Beuchel; Carol  
Chambers; D'Jair Cominotti; Steven G.; Carol  
Green; Bunny Gladfelter; Timothy Harman-  
Zerbiec; Sue Haywood; family of Bonnie Jo  
Hendricks; Michael Krauthofer; Lisa Langly; Leon  
Layman; Bill Lenny; Jeff Luebke; Carl Manzella;  
Theresa Maynard; Jordon Michael; Noel; John  
Pettipher; Paul Riley; Mike Ryan; Marilyn Safa;  
Spencer Sands; Fukuko Shiraishi; Larry Smith; Stan  
Spicer; Howard Thorpe; Jennifer Ubil; Sandy West

*And those in continuing need of prayer:* Herb  
Aldrich; John Babcock; David Barrows; Brett Beall;  
Jack & Rita Bretzke; Margot Brummett; Betsy  
Davies; Erica and Gail Delaney; Gail Engdahl;  
Ralph Gladfelter; Judy Godsell; Joan Graham;  
Brian Henderson; Ev Koller; Janel Koop; Paul  
Koop; Angela Koresh; Mary Kurtz; Don Kurtz;  
Anne Munns; Sidney Nihill; Leona; Aaron Oberle;  
Paul Otto; Richard Perkins; Denny Sharpe; Arin  
Shinabarger; Susan Taber; Sandy Train; Elijah  
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## Pray for Our Ministers

**March 4** – Jacob Kusluski; Betty Leonard; Neil  
Leonard; Dave, Tracie & Mike Little

**March 11** – Mike & Judy Maringo; Vincent  
Maringo; Nancy Mason; Teresa Maynard

**March 18** – Heidi, Bernie & Alice McAra; Pedro,  
Steven, Justin & James Melchor

**March 25** – Scott & Sharon Michael; Jack &  
Beverly Mills; Ann Minock; Bill McDonald

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

6<sup>th</sup> Rex & Judi Harris (53<sup>rd</sup>)  
14<sup>th</sup> Bob & Teri Hutchins (54<sup>th</sup>)

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2<sup>nd</sup> Marcus Clark  
Mary Louise Susalla  
8<sup>th</sup> Bob Foguth  
Connie Hibbard  
Vic Peters  
Carol Pettipher  
9<sup>th</sup> Sophia Chambers  
10<sup>th</sup> David Chambers  
Brian Goss  
Dan Harvey  
13<sup>th</sup> Linda Hardy  
14<sup>th</sup> Debbie Fry  
Ella Koch  
18<sup>th</sup> Rex Harris  
Scott Michael  
Jessie Withorn  
19<sup>th</sup> Rosiland Burroughs  
20<sup>th</sup> Betty Leonard  
23<sup>rd</sup> Bonnie Ensign  
Gabriella Pennington  
25<sup>th</sup> Martha Applebee  
31<sup>st</sup> Francine Rucker

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**and coming in May**

## PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The social committee is planning a progressive  
dinner on May 19. We are looking for folks who  
would like to host one of the three planned courses:

**hors d'oeuvres  
soup/salad  
dessert**

As a host you provide the house and usually drinks  
for your course. We will post a sign-up sheet for  
people to bring food to the course of their choice. If  
you are willing to host, please contact Kathy Hopper.  
If you are unable to host, make sure you mark your  
calendar to join us for a wonderful time.

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## We are Family (Con't)

### *Coffee Hour Hosts:*

Our thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during part of February: Lynn Ronthi, Nancy Day, the Social Committee and the great potato bar that so many contributed to (snowed out by one week!), Becky Trier and Jessie Clawson.

*Crust* continues to graciously send their delicious (and plentiful!) coffee cake on a weekly basis – for which we give our thanks too!

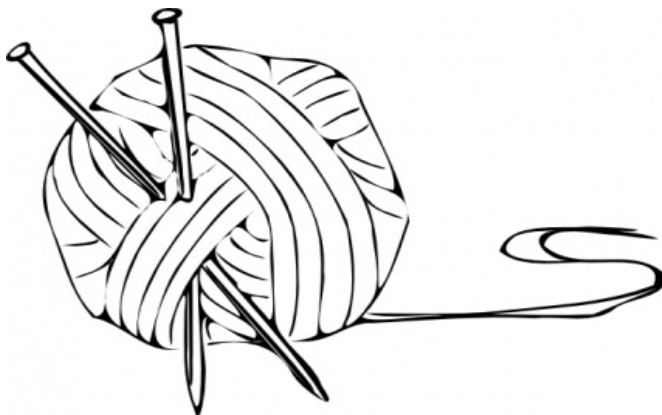
*Every day they continued to meet together...they broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.* Acts 2:46-47

### ***Prayer Shawl Ministry***

*If you do NOT know how to knit, but would like to learn how, a prayer shawl is a perfect way to learn and perfect your stitches. Deb James will offer a learn-to-knit seminar and prayer shawl knit-in for the Tuesdays in March – the 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. at her Linden home. You can attend one or all of the knit-ins. Look for a sign-up sheet in VandenBergh Hall – a list of supplies needed and directions to her home will be there too. You can also call the office to sign up or for more information.*

*If you DO know how to knit, your expertise would be appreciated and you are encouraged to come and be a part of the fun (and a part of the teaching).*

*If you knit or crochet but cannot attend the seminar, but would like to learn more about making prayer shawls for those who need them, please talk to Tracie for patterns and instructions.*



## *News and Happenings*

### **Notes from the Choir**

While March holds the promise of spring and warmer weather, it is special in the liturgical calendar as well. It concludes the rest of the season of Lent, that time of reflection on the life of Christ and His sacrifice for our sins.

These Sundays incorporate beloved events from the life and teachings Jesus. These include the cleansing of the temple and the hymn of faith, *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*. *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* and *Lift High the Cross* are two of the many musical offerings we will experience during this holy time.

On Sunday, March 11, we welcome **Tracy Dunlop**, violinist, to our worship. Tracy's sharing of her talents with beautiful music is always a treat.

The week beginning March 25 is Holy Week. It begins with the jubilation of Palm Sunday (*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*) and concludes with the Passion of Good Friday March is very special; may we partake in the worship experiences of this blessed time.

Marlene Weston

### **AN ECO-FRIENDLIER ST. JUDE'S**

Our congregation does earth-friendly things like recycling paper and collecting pop cans, etc. Let's try to reduce the amount of styrofoam we throw away, too. Here's how:

Everyone who enjoys Coffee Hour could use a mug or cup from the cupboard next to the coffee area instead of a styrofoam cup. We'd reduce the amount of trash we throw out by a bunch--multiply that by 52 Sundays, not to mention meetings and WWO – we have really made a difference. After you've had your fill of coffee or tea, just take your cup to the sink with the suds, wash it, rinse and sanitize and leave it in the drainer to dry. Someone might even offer to do it for you! Or, if you like to use the same cup each time, just rinse it out and put a paper towel in it before you put it back in the cupboard. That way others know not to use it.

A final thought: Styrofoam lives forever in the landfill; the less we all use, the better we leave our planet home for future generations!

Thank you for your consideration,  
Kathy Kortge



## An Experiential Good Friday Service

Our experiential Good Friday Service is derived from Christian Formation guru Gretchen Wolf Pritchard's Prayer Walk which is part of her internationally known *Palm Saturday* program.

We will start in the library with a simple gathering time activity—I hear we might prepare some “Resurrection Rolls” during that time. Then, we'll head into our worship space to journey together in Christ's footsteps during Holy Week. Our Prayer Walk will include:

- The triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
- The Last Supper.
- The arrest, trial and crucifixion including the procession of the cross.
- The stillness of the tomb.
- Emergence out of the tomb into the light.

During Prayer Walk, after we welcome Jesus with our palms and hosannas, we will proceed up to the altar area. Adults may sit on the chairs and children are encouraged to sit on the carpet squares provided. We encourage everyone to join in the singing during Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, distribution of the bread and juice, the foot washing and the procession of the cross. We are all INVITED but not EXPECTED to do anything during the Prayer Walk. For instance, if you'd rather not have your feet washed or

you'd rather not take a turn carry the cross, that's perfectly fine.

We will eventually make our way to the tomb—possibly the Sacristy or the kitchen as these rooms have no windows. It will be dark and quiet for a few moments. We will then finish our Prayer Walk back in the library where we will conclude by opening our Resurrection Rolls—just a hint of what's to come at Easter. We may also have a couple of other surprises then too.



**Like the stations of the cross, the Prayer Walk treads the very fine line between story, prayer, liturgy and play.**

*Gretchen Wolf Pritchard, author of Offering the Gospel to Children.*

We will need a little help with the storytelling part of the Prayer Walk and with the Resurrection Rolls. Please consider participating in one or more of the following roles:

- Jesus
- Pontius Pilate
- Two Disciples (or Assistants)
- Musicians/ Singers
- Resurrection Roll Activity Leader
- People to help with set up and break down of the Prayer Walk.

Hope to see many of you there! Please let me know if you can help.

Kris Forsyth

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## Multi Generational Programs & Resources for 2018

- **Lent-to-Go Bags:** Full of resources to help you observe Lent at home. Bags will be available to everyone... while they last!
- **A Lenten Study for Families with Young Children:** We'll explore "Make Room for Lent" via a book study which will mostly be conducted online. Please see Kris for your copy and a short introduction to the program.
- **Holy Week Fair:** *Sunday, March 25th.* Join us on Palm Sunday in making Palm Crosses, Lenten and Easter Crosses and more!
- **Experiential Good Friday service:** *Friday, March 30th, 3pm.* Join us in an experiential journey thru the events of Holy Week. Details soon.
- **Hunger Banquet:** Jointly sponsored by Outreach and Christian Formation Ministry Teams. (April—specific date to be determined).
- **Pentecost Fair:** *Sunday, May 20th, Coffee Hour*
- **Blessing of the Pilgrims:** *Sunday, June 10th.* Join us in blessing the pilgrims just before we head off to Charleston. Members of the congregation will also receive info as to how to view the trip's log throughout the journey.
- **Camp Fun & Faith Formation:** *July & August at Camp Chickagami.* Four weeks of Overnight, resident camps for young people. Trip Camp for Teens. **Also, at Chickagami this year...** Both Men's and Women's retreats. Family Camp too! Brochures available now. *Did you know St. Jude's has a camp fund which will support our folks' participation at Camp Chickagami? Details available thru Kris or Tracie.*
- **Wizards and Wonders:** A Harry Potter program for all ages August 2018 (Dates TBD). We'll be turning St. J's into Hogwarts! Think about offering your gifts in decorating for the event or playing a character!



### 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).*

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St. Jude's

### Sunday Morning Nursery Care

For Infants thru Kindergartners

*The nursery opens at 10:15am on Sundays. Nursery staffers bring any children from the nursery into Godly Play 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 March - April 2018 (Including Holy Week)**

	<b>LEM (s) 2<sup>nd</sup> CHALISE PRAYERS</b>	<b>READER (S)</b>	<b>USHERS</b>	<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	<b>VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY</b>	<b>ALTAR GUILD</b>
<b><u>March 4</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Mary Louise S.		-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>10:30 am</b>	Greg Forsyth Dee Grossmann Dan White	Ellen Tripp	Jessie Clawson Becky Trier	Hibbard/Pettipher	????	Sarah Dolza Gay Adams
<b><u>March 11</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Mike Wells		-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>10:30 am</b>	Amy Freeman Judi Harris Paul Dolza	Bob Simpson	Kelly & Lisa Cronk	Simpson/Hutchins	????	Mary Ellen Mary Louise
<b><u>March 18</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Jerry Rucker		-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>10:30 am</b>	Judi Harris Lynn Hopper Greg Forsyth	Dee Grossmann	Dave & Denise Rayner	Graham	Mark Jagos	Dee Grossmann Judi Harris
<b><u>March 25 – Palm Sunday</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Clay Putnam		-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>10:30 am</b>	Dave Rayner Amy Freeman Dee Grossmann	Raquel Gazzi	Dave & Debbie James	Bill & Marcia Freeman	Terri Hutchins	Christine S. Lois Hartranft
<b><u>Holy Week</u></b>						
<b>3/26 7 pm</b>	-----	-----	Lorraine Moller Charlie Johnston	-----	-----	EVERYONE!
<b>3/27 7 pm</b>	-----	Amy Freeman	Nancy Day Lynne Ronthi	-----	-----	EVERYONE!
<b>3/28 7 pm</b>	-----	Marlene Weston Beverly Mills Jack Mills Nancy Day Amy Freeman Raquel Gazzi Dee Grossmann Ellen Tripp Bob Simpson	Rex Harris Dave Rayner	-----	-----	EVERYONE!
<b>3/29 7 pm</b>	Paul Dolza Jerry Rucker Dave Rayner	Marjie Andrejciw	Kelly & Lisa Cronk	-----	-----	EVERYONE!

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<b>3/30 7 pm</b>	-----	<i>Lessons &amp; Psalm</i> Amy Freeman  <i>Passion Gospel</i> Paul Dolza Bob Simpson	Dave & Denise Rayner	-----	-----	EVERYONE!
<b><u>April 1 – Easter Sunday</u></b>						
<b>7 am Vigil</b>	Clay Putnam Mike Wells Paul Dolza	Beverly Mills Jack Mills Josephine Feijoo Chet Susalla Lois Hartranft Jerry Rucker	Lorraine Moller ????	-----	-----	-----
<b>10:30 am</b>	Dave Rayner Judi Harris Dan White	Ellen Tripp	Nancy Day Lynne Ronthi	Potluck Breakfast (between Vigil & 10:30 am)	Kathy Kortge	Terri Hutchins Fran Johnston
<b><u>April 8</u></b>						
<b>8 am</b>	Mary Ellen Susalla	Chet Susalls	-----	-----	-----	-----
<b>10:30 am</b>	Dan White Dee Grossmann Amy Freeman	Jack & Beverly Mills	Jessie Clawson Becky Trier	???	Ty Fry	Gaye Foor Lorraine Moller

### **Communion Bread Bakers:**

March – Judy Marincio

April – Nancy Day

May – Terri Hutchins

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### **VESTRY**

Ty Fry, Senior Warden  
Mark Jagos, Junior Warden  
Josephine Feijoo, Clerk  
Michelle Gangwer, Treasurer

### **2019**

Ty Fry  
Terri Hutchins  
Kathy Kortge  
Ron Trimmer

### **2020**

Sarah Dolza  
Mark Jagos  
Denise Rayner  
Dan White

### **2021**

Josephine Feijoo  
Jackie Richardson  
Jerry Rucker  
Crista Spencer

### **Delegates to the Diocesan Convention**

John & Carol Pettipher  
Jack & Beverly Mills

### **Alternate:**

Paul & Sarah Dolza  
Rex & Judi Harris