



June, 2018 (Our 160th Year)

St. Jude's Episcopal Church • Fenton, Michigan

Rector's Report

God's presence often shows up in the unexpected. That's something I've always known. It's foundational to how I view ministry as an ordained leader in the church. Often when I'm spending time in the office folks drop by and when I happen to be there, they come into the office to chat. More often than not people apologize for interrupting my day. There's never a reason to apologize! When I'm in the office, I'm there primarily to be interrupted. I discovered shortly after I began my first call at All Saints in Marysville that folks wouldn't make an appointment to come in and talk. Instead, they would find a reason to drive by the church and happen to see my car parked out front. Many years ago, I heard the statement that "Our vocation is in the interruptions," referring to the ordained presbyter. That's always stuck with me. More often than not, God shows up in the unexpected happenings of my day.

While we were on vacation in Florida we received a phone call and an e-mail alerting us to an unexpected event. The power to our building was going to be out for three hours one night. We had been looking forward to catching some of the hockey game that night. Instead, we visited a favorite ice cream place. When we returned back to our condo we were treated to a bird's eye view of what it takes to change out an electricity pole. Very cool! I now find myself looking at how electrical wires are strung on the pole right outside my office window. God showed up in the talents and gifts of those on the ground who made it possible for us to enjoy the fruits of electricity!

Possibly because we were in the dark that night the unexpected happened on the beach right outside our home-away-from-home. During the night a Loggerhead Sea Turtle had come ashore. Her tracks were obvious as we awoke the next day. She had made a straight line up towards the dunes and the presence of the Sea Turtle Patrol indicated that she'd made her nest and laid her eggs. Her path back to the water was meandering and interesting I thought. I always love to go talk to the patrol volunteers and that morning I headed down to learn some more.

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Holy Eucharist

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour follows 10:30 service

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When I got down there the volunteers were beyond excited! Much more so than other years I've encountered them at their work. This sea turtle had abandoned her first attempt at a nest. You could clearly see her body cavity and she had dug an egg cave (the hole on the right in the picture below). The smaller hole on the left is her left flipper as she pulled herself out of the body cavity.

In speaking with the Sea Turtle Patrol volunteers, I learned that when a sea turtle abandons her nest, she turns around and goes back to the water, not laying her eggs. This turtle had not followed that pattern. She moved deeper into the dune and made a second body cavity, filling her egg cave with her eggs! That was totally unexpected and this reality had brought much excitement from the volunteers! They staked out the actual nest to protect it and to alert beach-walkers to leave it be. The abandoned nest was left open for everyone to see and I was invited to share the story with anyone that was interested.



Losing our electricity meant that we had to change our daily routine and ensure that our dinner was cooked before the power went out. It meant that we needed to use the stairs instead of the elevator if we wanted to leave for any time during that window. It meant that our air conditioning wouldn't work.

And it meant that a sea turtle would look towards the shore and slowly pull herself up the beach to lay her eggs. It means that sometime around mid-August over 100 wee tiny Loggerhead Sea Turtles will fight their way to the surface and run as fast as their little flippers will move as they make their way to the sea.

And it meant that I would be blessed to learn more about the habits of an endangered species. I believe that God showed up in the midst of all of the unexpected happenings of our vacation! And we were blessed by the surprise! Every other time I've seen a Sea Turtle nest it has already been covered up. I've never had the experience of seeing a sea turtle body cavity and imaging the painstaking work that the turtle had to engage in, in order to participate with God's ongoing creation in laying her eggs.

I suspect that at some point this summer every one of our schedules is going to unfold in a surprising way. Let's face it, we are all,

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Vestry News

May Meeting

The Vestry met in May with Ty Fry acting as Chair in Tracie's absence. Tracie was enjoying a much-deserved vacation. Tracie sent her report in her absence and informed us that there will be two services this summer again at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

We have three high school graduates at St. Jude's. There are two youth becoming counselors at Camp Chickagami and one going to camp. Our youth are scheduled to work with the Read and Feed project this summer.

The Sanctuary Renovation Team has been formed with Bill Anderson leading the team. Other members are: Paul Dolza, Greg Forsyth, Dan White, Mark Jagos and Bob Alexander with Tracie Little advising. Ron Trimmer reported on the possibility and placement ideas for a lift to be installed at St. Jude's. Project proposals expected soon. We received information that the Bell Tower is unsafe and a walk through was scheduled for May 24th.

Outreach projects upcoming include the Food Truck give away – the date will be in August. The committee is working on an upcoming project to sell underwear for the homeless.

Confirmation is rescheduled to June 2nd in Midland.

Music Ministry

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 several weeks ago 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



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every one of us, human and as humans we will at times push back against the unexpected, frustrated that things are happening that were not planned.

I wonder what it might be like to look for God in the midst of the unexpected interruptions? When you are able to look back and see God's presence, I invite you to wander over to our blog "Our Journey Together" on the St. Jude's website and share your stories. Help us all to see God in unexpected ways!

Blessings,

Tracie+

Worship Ministry Team

The previously scheduled meeting for Wednesday, June 6 at 7pm is cancelled. At this point we are putting the Worship Ministry Team in a kind of sabbatical as we reimagine the role for this team and discern who to invite to join us. Stay tuned for a new Worship Ministry Team to be called into service!

Episcopal Diocese of
Eastern Michigan

General Convention Meetings Pre-GC and Post-GC Deputation Reports

You are invited to participate in upcoming regional gatherings before and after this summer's General Convention.

The General Convention is the decision making body of The Episcopal Church. Made up of the House of Deputies and the House of Bishops, it gathers every three years to take up the business of the church - voting on resolutions, worshipping together, and having conversations about what it means to be an ancient community of faith in a modern age. The 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church will take place this July in Austin, Texas.

Our deputation has planned two sets of gatherings for our diocese - Pre-General Convention Meetings and Post-General Convention Meetings.

At the Pre-General Convention Meetings, we'll hear from our deputies and bishop on what we expect to come up at the church-wide level. We'll also learn how to stay connected with the deputation while they're in Austin.

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At the Post-General Convention Meetings, we'll hear again from our deputies and bishop on what happened in Austin - what resolutions were passed, how will they affect our diocese and our individual congregations?

Each gathering will take place from 7-8pm. Please RSVP to help us plan for space.

Pre-General Convention Meetings

NORTH - May 22

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
789 Ryno Rd
Mio, MI 48647

CENTRAL - May 29

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
105 S Erie Street
Bay City, MI 48706
www.stalbans-baycity.org

SOUTH/EAST - June 5

Grace Episcopal Church
735 W Nepessing Street
Lapeer, MI 48446
www.gracelapeer.org

Post-General Convention Meetings

NORTH - August 2

St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church
789 Ryno Rd
Mio, MI 48647

CENTRAL - Aug. 7

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
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SOUTH/EAST - Aug. 9

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June Birthdays

1st	–	Beverly Mills
	–	Bob Simpson
2nd	–	Tess DuPei
6th	–	Paul Dolza
	–	Lois Hartranft
7th	–	Amy Freeman
8th	–	Clay Putnam
10th	–	Gale Cronk
	–	Linda Freeman
13th	–	Bill Anderson
14th	–	Leigha Forsyth
	–	Ev Koller
15th	–	Craig Adams
16th	–	Nancy Mason
18th	–	Bob Alexander
	–	Debbie James
	–	Ashley Ransley
20th	–	Lynell Wright
22nd	–	Doug Koch
24th	–	Christine Szostak
25th	–	John Vitovsky
30th	–	Mike Green

June Anniversaries

25th	–	John & Carol Pettipher (52 years)
26th	–	Bob & Kim Alexander (36 years)



Coffee Hour Hosts



Our sincere thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during May. Thank you to the Premo's; the Mills; the Rayner's and the Gernack's.

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



Thank You...

Thank you to everyone at St. Jude's who have shown their love, through their support, at a very difficult time in Herb's and my life. Family and friends, including me, were in awe of the love shown through food, song and presence at Herb's memorial service. It is a wonderful memory for me of a sad time.

*My love to all,
Sharon*

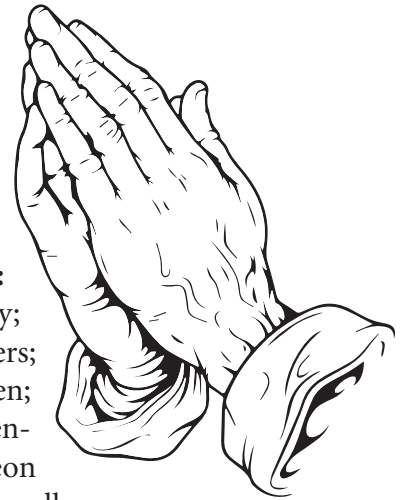
Prayer List

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

For those in particular need of prayer:

Jeremy Alber; Karen Anderson & family; Shanin Beall; Julie Beuchel; Carol Chambers; D'Jair Cominotti; Steven G.; Carol Green; Bunny Gladfelter; Sue Haywood; Laura Hendricks; Michael Krauthofer; Lisa Langly; Leon Layman; Bill Lenny; Jeff Luebke; Carl Manzella; Theresa Maynard; Jordon Michael; Beverly Mills; Noel; John Pettipher; Paul Riley; Mike Ryan; Fran Rucker; Marilyn Safa; Spencer Sands; Nanae & Fukuko Shiraishi; Larry Smith; Stan Spicer; Howard Thorpe; Jennifer Ubil; Sandy West; the family of Ron Wimbush

And those in continuing need of prayer: John Babcock; David Barrows; Brett Beall; Jack & Rita Bretzke; Margot Brummett; Betsy Davies; Erica and Gail Delaney; Gail Engdahl; Ralph Gladfelter; Joan Graham; Brian Henderson; Ev Koller; Janel Koop; Paul Koop; Angela Koresh; Mary Kurtz; Don Kurtz; Leona; Aaron Oberle; Paul Otto; Richard Perkins; Denny Sharpe; Arin Shinabarger; Susan Taber; Sandy Train; Ellen Tripp; Elijah Unkefer



Pray for our ministers

June 3 – Bob, Christine & Connor Szostak; Bruce Trimmer; Ron & Catherine Trimmer

June 10 – Ellen Tripp; John Vitovsky; Bob & Mary Warren; Tony Warren

June 17 – Mike Wells; Marlene Weston; Dan, Angela, Gabby & Laurel White

June 24 – Jessie Withorn; Mike Wood; Fred & Lynell Wright

Dear Pilgrims...

As we countdown these last weeks before we depart for

Charleston, we encourage you to prepare your hearts and minds for the journey. Hopefully, you will find a little breathing space in your summer break.

Here are some ideas as to how to go about preparing yourself spiritually.

Just pray. Instead of asking or even thanking God for something, just BE STILL. Focus on the flame from a candle if it helps. If you're on vacation and close to water, find a quiet spot and sit and listen to the waves lapping at the shore.

Close your eyes in the bathtub. Some people find that it works to have a word or

phrase ready when competing thoughts threaten to intrude, eg; "Rest in Me" or

"Peace" or "Jesus Loves Me".

As you sit in the quiet, become aware of God's presence. Ask God to help you to be an earnest seeker in

Charleston. Remember the words (under labyrinth photo), written down by others who've traveled on Pilgrimage, thru the ages, seeking God.

Finally, ask God to help you be Open, Attentive and Responsive.

God be with you all as you prepare for our journey on Pilgrimage.

Kris Forsyth



A Pilgrimage is a journey taken in faith and hope to a sacred place.

Pilgrims have within them the motivating promise that in seeking God they will find God.

A pilgrim attitude brings an awareness of God to everyone and every place encountered. It is an attitude of seeking God in all people, all places and all things and being thankful for all that is encountered.

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Multi Generational Programs & Resources for 2018

- **Blessing of the Pilgrims:** *Sunday, June 10th.* Join

us in blessing the pilgrims right 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. We will also invite people to offer prayer, via a prayer clock, for us while we are away.



- **Summer Beulah Land for children in Pre-K—5th Grade:** Something new and fun! We plan to offer Beulah Land stories most summer Sundays from 10:25am until about 11:15 when we head up participate in the Liturgy of the Table with the rest of the congregation.
- **Kindness Rocks revisited:** *Sunday, June 24th after the 10:30 service.* Join us in making some Kindness Rocks to plant here or there or somewhere for someone to discover. We'll bring rocks and paint. You bring inspirational words and designs!

Beulah Land Summer Sunday School

- **Camp Fun & Faith Formation:** *July & August*

at Camp Chickagami. Four weeks of Resident camps for young people. Trip Camp for Teens. Counselor-in-Training program too! **Also, at Camp Chickagami this year:** Men's & Women's retreats & Family Camp too! Brochures are 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 on August 5th & 12th. Movie Night scheduled for August 1st. Think chocolate frogs, Quiditch, Sorting Hat and more. Think about offering your gifts in decorating for the event or playing a character! We'll be turning St. Jude's into Diagon Alley and Hogwarts! We are going to need a Harry Potter, a Ron Weasley, a Hermione, a Professor McGonigle, Albus Dumbledore and Hagrid.

Regularly Happening at St. Jude's

Godly Play

Most Sundays from September thru late 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 late May after the 10:30am service in the couch room (so roughly 11:45am to 12:45pm).

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 (when it is being offered) 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 June 2018

	LEM (s) 2nd CHALISE PRAYERS	READER (S)	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY	ALTAR GUILD
<u>June 3</u>						
8 am	Mary Louise Susalla	Lois Hartranft	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Paul Dolza Lynn Hopper Dee Grossmann	Greg Forsyth	Kelly & Lisa Cronk	Pettipher	Sarah Dolza	Mary Ellen Mary Louise
<u>June 10</u>						
8 am	???	???	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Greg Forsyth Dave Rayner Lynn Hopper	Raquel Gazzi	Dave & Denise Rayner	DuPei	Kathy Kortge	Dee Grossmann Judi Harris
<u>June 17</u>						
8 am	Mary Louise Susalla	Lois Hartranft	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Amy Freeman Dan White Dave Rayner	Ellen Tripp	Dave & Debbie James	Johnston	Denise Rayner	Christine S. Lois Hartranft
<u>June 24</u>						
8 am	Clay Putnam	????	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Dave Rayner Paul Dolza Dan White	Bob Simpson	Lorraine Moller Charlie Johnston	Dolza	???	Terri Hutchins Fran Johnston
<u>July 1</u>						
8 am	Mary Louise Susalla	???	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Lynn Hopper Greg Forsyth Paul Dolza	Amy Freeman	Nancy Day Lynne Ronthi	???	???	Gaye Foor Lorraine Moller
<u>July 8</u>						
8 am	???	???	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Dee Grossmann Amy Freeman Greg Fosyth	Dee Grossmann	Rex Harris John Pettipher	???	???	Sarah Dolza Gay Adams

Communion Bread Bakers:

June – Judy Marinco

July – Nancy Day

August - Terri

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SEEKING AND WORSHIPPING GOD, REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

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

