



July, 2018 (Our 160th Year)

St. Jude's Episcopal Church • Fenton, Michigan

Rector's Report

Dear Friends,

As I write this note I am nestled between two away times. The first as I joined the pilgrimage to Charleston, South Carolina and the second as a Deputy to the 79th General Convention in Austin, Texas.

Returning from pilgrimage I described my soul as restless. The more I learned about the enslaved people of the area, the more I became aware that I was learning “about” them from the descendants of the white plantation owners who bought, sold, and traded them as property and not as people. On our last day in Charleston I had a conversation with a 5th generation Gullah, a descendant of the enslaved people, about our pilgrimage. It was his comment that brought into focus what was going on in my emotional and spiritual world. None of our travels took us to hear about the enslaved people from the perspective of their descendants. That was my aha moment. I was missing a perspective. And we were leaving in the morning with no opportunity to hear that perspective. I learned that there are only two plantations that tell that story. That in and of itself pointed to the immense divide. There are so many plantations that bring in the story of the enslaved people to some degree and only two that tell the story from the other perspective, one in Charleston and one in Louisiana. I've been heard to say that I need to return. I have a deep desire to learn more, to hear more, to begin the process of being in relationship with these descendants. And to do my part, however small that may be, to begin the long process of reconciliation.

While at General Convention I will be a small group leader for three distinct conversations that are major focuses of The Episcopal Church, one of which focuses on Racial Reconciliation. I've also signed up to participate in a lunch presentation from the Absalom Jones Center for Racial Healing in Georgia. In my previous call in Marysville I was a part of a team that began “Community Conversations on Race”, as we set a safe environment to have difficult discussions which launched off a short video

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Holy Eucharist

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour follows 10:30 service

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clip and invited deep sharing and deep listening. It was an honor and a blessing to listen to those stories, painful as they were. It was a challenge to want to do more and yet to be faced with the deep pain of others who may not be ready to enter into a deeper relationship. The Presiding Bishop has also put out a study called, "Becoming the Beloved Community." That's something I want to have a look at once I return from General Convention.

As I make my final preparations to leave for General Convention I ask for your prayers for our Eastern Michigan Deputation and for the General Convention. We have much work to accomplish in a relatively short time so the days are long and very full. I have been assigned to the Dispatch of Business Committee which creates our daily agenda and as a member of that committee I've been assigned as the liaison to the Ministry Legislative Committee. It is a blessing to have been elected to serve in this capacity for the Diocese of Eastern Michigan and I thank all of you for your support as I travel to Austin to fulfill my responsibilities. The Diocese has sent out a number of ways to stay in touch with what's happening at General Convention through the bi-weekly publication, "The Feast Online."

I look forward to sharing all that I learn when I return!

Blessings,

Tracie+



Diocesan Transition - Reflections for Moving Forward Next Step Gathering

Members of the diocese met in Midland on June 9, 2018 to hear reports from the transition consultant, the diocesan treasurer, the President of the Standing Committee, and to join in Eucharist and reflection together.

For more information, video's and summaries of the meeting, you can visit: <http://eastmich.org/next-steps-gathering>. You can still participate by clicking the link to take the reflection survey to let the Diocese know what you think on some of the issues discussed as we go forward into Diocesan Transition.

Vestry News

June Meeting

The Vestry met on June 27th last month and were busy reviewing Financials with Treasurer Michelle Gangwer which revealed we are running below the projected budget in revenues and over the projected budget in expenditures. It was decided that the Financial Committee would convene to research issues around the budget. The Audit Certificate was received with success and the recommendations are already being implemented.

Tracie reported on the Pilgrimage was a deeply spiritual and community experience. She noted that everyone was challenged in new and different environments and people to broaden their own acceptance of God's love. Tracie will be traveling to Texas for General Convention since she is a delegate, she will return on July 14th.

The July Vestry meeting is going to be after services on July 15th in order to discuss the presentation by the Project Team which has been researching some of the more pressing maintenance issues at St. Jude's. Outreach upcoming events are Read and Feed – watch for updates. Food truck Giveaway dates are 9/15 and 10/20.



Coffee Hour Hosts



Our sincere thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during June. Thank you to the the Pettipher's, the DuPei family, the Johnston family and the Dolza family.

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

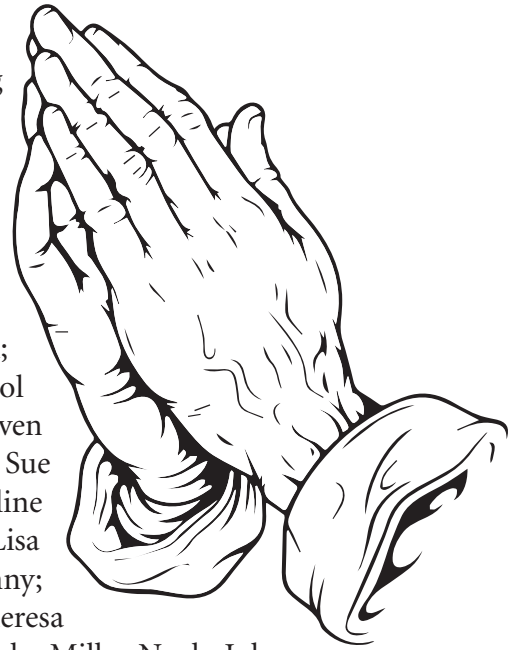


Prayer List

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; Bill Belknap; Julie Beuchel; Carol Chambers; D'Jair Cominotti; Steven G.; Carol Green; Bunny Gladfelter; Sue Haywood; Laura Hendricks; Jaqueline Hoskins; Michael Krauthofer; Lisa Langly; Leon Layman; Bill Lenny; Jeff Luebke; Carl Manzella; Theresa Maynard; Jordon Michael; Beverly Mills; Noel; John Pettipher; Paul Riley; Marilyn Safa; Spencer Sands; Nanae & Fukuko Shiraishi; Larry Smith; Stan Spicer; Howard Thorpe; Jennifer Ubil; Sandy West.



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; Fran Rucker; Denny Sharpe; Arin Shinabarger; Susan Taber; Sandy Train; Ellen Tripp; Elijah Unkefer.

Pray for our ministers

- July 1 – Craig & Gay Adams; Sharon Aldrich; Bob & Kim Alexander
- July 8 – Bill, Molly & Lydia Anderson; David & Marjie Andrejciw; Martha Applebee
- July 15 – Sarah Bancroft; Laura & Rex Bentz; Jack & Rita Bretzke
- July 22 – Kathryn & Barry Brow; LeAnn Brummett; Margot Brummett
- July 29 – Paul Brunell; Jon & Rosiland Burroughs; Teresa Bush

July Birthdays

- 5th – Bob Warren
- 7th – Laurel White
- 10th – Mike Little
- 13th – Jerry Graham
- 14th – Liz Sauvie
- 18th – Ron Trimmer
- 20th – James Simpson
- 21st – Kathy Kortge
- 25th – Bruce Hardy
- Shirley Gernack
- 26th – Connie Fry
- 28th – Bill McDonald
- 30th – Kathy Hopper

July Anniversaries

- 1st – Charles & Francine Johnston (40 years)
- 7th – Lester & Nancy Jones (45 years)
- 12th – Dave & Denise Rayner (44 years)
- 20th – Marv & Judith Fisher (44 years)
- 28th – Jack & Rita Bretzke (67 years)
- 29th – Scott & Sandra Smith (46 years)

CeleBRate

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who has taken a turn mowing the church lawn and making everything look so great... Greg Forsyth; Tony Warren; Kelly & Lisa Cronk; Dave & Mike Little; and Bill Anderson.



WORSHIP LEADERS for July 2018

	LEM (s) 2nd CHALISE PRAYERS	READER (S)	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY	ALTAR GUILD
<u>July 8</u>						
8 am	Clay Putnam	Ron Trimmer	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Dee Grossmann Amy Freeman Greg Fosyth	Dee Grossmann	Rex Harris John Pettipher	Jagos	Kathy Kortge	Sarah Dolza Gay Adams
<u>July 15</u>						
8 am	Mary Louise Susalla	Josephine Feijoo	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Dan White Dee Grossmann Amy Freeman	Megan Rosa	Jessie Clawson Becky Trier	Spencer	Terri Hutchins	Mary Ellen Mary Louise
<u>July 22</u>						
8 am	Clay Putnam	Jerry Rucker	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Paul Dolza Lynn Hopper Dee Grossmann	Jack & Bev Mills	Kelly & Lisa Cronk	Krebs	Mark Jagos	Dee Grossmann Judi Harris
<u>July 29</u>						
8 am	Mary Louise Susalla	Lois Hartranft	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Greg Forsyth Dave Rayner Lynn Hopper	Ellen Tripp	Dave & Denise Rayner	Ronthi	Jackie Richardson	Christine S. Lois Hartranft
<u>August 5</u>						
8 am	Clay Putnam	Ron Trimmer	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Amy Freeman Dan White Dave Rayner	Marjie Andrecjiw	Dave & Debbie James	Wrights	Denise Rayner	Terri Hutchins Francine J.
<u>August 12</u>						
8 am	Mary Louise Susalla	Josephine Feijoo	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Dave Rayner Paul Dolza Dan White	Jack & Beverly Mills	Lorraine Moller Charlie Johnston	Marinco	Terri Hutchins	Gaye Foor Lorraine Moller

Communion Bread Bakers:

July – Nancy Day

August – Terri Hutchins

September – Judy Marinco

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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