



September, 2018 (Our 160th Year)

St. Jude's Episcopal Church • Fenton, Michigan

Rector's Report

Discernment.

It's a word that we throw around quite often in the church. It's a word that conjures up a variety of responses, I expect. Our Diocese has found itself in the midst of a time of transition since Bishop Todd Ousley resigned as our Bishop to take a position on the Presiding Bishop's staff. This time of transition has brought about all kinds of different conversations, each of which allow us to dream forward in a different way. And now we find ourselves at a place of needing to discern which of those paths is the right one for us to move along at this time in our life together.

Times of discernment are interesting times. I've found myself in a time of discernment many times throughout my life. What career did I want to pursue and what University degree would I need to get hired in that role? Was I supposed to marry the man I'd been seeing for a couple of years? Should I home-school my boys or send them to the neighborhood school? How was God inviting me to use my gifts – in ordained ministry or not?

Discernment is a part of life all of the time. We may not call it discernment, but really, all of our decisions in life call for us to discern which option we want to pursue. Some of those decisions are fairly small and inconsequential in nature. When I get up I need to discern which clothes to choose to wear. Some, like those listed above, are much larger in nature.

The one thing I've noticed about discernment in all of the larger decisions in life, is that the decisions are never made alone. There are always others in on the discussion. Other voices that help us to hear the path that we are meant to pursue. In the church, we call that listening for God's voice. God's speaks in so many ways and not always in places we might expect.

So, when we're in a time of discernment, we must be open to hearing God's voice in many different places. And we must set up occasions to deliberately listen for God's voice. In times of discernment in the church we usually set up small groups of people that provide for that time.

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Holy Eucharist

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour follows 10:30 service

Rector's Report (continued)

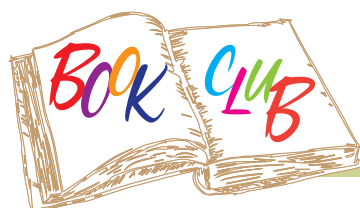
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The Diocese of Eastern Michigan is composed of all of us who are Episcopalian in a specific geographic region. We, the people of St. Jude's, are a part of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan! And our voices are being invited into the process of Discernment. Over the past while we have received lots of information about where we are at in the process of thinking about our future. It's time now to meet as the Diocese of Eastern Michigan.

On September 16 a meeting has been scheduled from 3 – 6 pm at St. John's, Midland. That meeting is also being live-streamed on Facebook for those who cannot attend the meeting itself. We do have the technology here at St. Jude's to live-stream the meeting over a screen. If you'd like to attend this meeting in that way, please let the office know so that we can ensure that we can get everything ready. If you are able to attend in Midland, please register online through the Diocesan website. I'm happy to help you find the appropriate place online or to register you.

All of our voices are an important part of this time of discernment in the Diocese of Eastern Michigan. Please be a part of the conversation! Help us to listen for God's voice!

*Blessings,
Tracie+*



SCHEDULE

Date	Hostess	Title	Author
September 25	Terri Hutchins	Grace's Secret	Jill Child
October 23	Judi Harris	The Girl Who Knew Too Much	Amanda Quick
November 27	Diane Putnam	COOKIE EXCHANGE	
12/18/2018 (early) ..	Kathy Hopper	The Great Alone	Kristin Hannah
January 22	Sharon Aldrich	Runaway Midwife	Patricia Harman
February 26	Mary Ellen Hazell	Things Fall Apart	Chinua Achebe
March 26	Freya Hutchinson	Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker	Jennifer Chiavemini
April 23	Denise Rayner	Ordinary Grace	William Kent Krueger
May 28	Judy Marinco	The Summer of Great Grandmothers	Madeline L'Engle
June 25	Kathy Kortge	The Residence	Kate Anderson
July 23	Nancy Day	The Tuscan Child	Rhys Bowen

Music

It is hard to believe that September is upon us and time for a new season. Due to Marlene's vacation, we will begin a bit differently.

We will sing on Sunday, September 16. Warm-up is at 10 AM and the anthem is one we know. Rehearsals will formally begin on Thursday, September 20.

We welcome new choristers. Please come if you desire to help lead worship in a very special way. We also have much fun! Questions? Talk to any choir member.

St. Jude's Ringers begin rehearsals on October 4 at 6 PM. Ringers are encouraged to arrive early to assist with set-up.

Marlene Weston



Coffee Hour Hosts



Our sincere thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during August. Thank you to the the to Wright, Marinco, White and Tripp families.

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



Vestry News

August Meeting

The Vestry met on August 15 to review Financials and Church business. The Financials were reviewed by the Vestry and Treasurer – Michelle Ganwer and we learned that we are carrying a deficit of approximately \$8,000.00 however the revenues appear to be trending in the positive direction. Michelle reported that Scrip receipts are lower than anticipated. A couple of items require follow-up by Michelle and Tracie but the Financials were approved by the Vestry.

Tracie reported that our costs for air conditioning appear to be escalating and that she had DTE and the heating contractor in to problem solve. For the time being Liz and Tracie are able to adjust the thermostat from their phones. The Rector reported that she is interested in exploring taking a role in Diocesan plans to develop some creative liturgies. This would be done using the Worship Committee as part of the process. Reports included very positive feedback on the Harry Potter experiences by Kris and Sarah, it is a multi-generational event and the Congregation seems to be enjoying it. Tracie reported a possible Ministry Fair in October to inform the Congregation about Committees to boost participation.

Building and Grounds report from Kathy K. and Ron T. indicate that the repairs to the parking lot drain are estimated at \$2,400.00. Much thanks to Bill Freeman for offering to pay for the Church's lawn service since our riding mower is broken. THANK YOU! Ron T. noted that we are moving forward with the Sanctuary project and improvements have already been made to the sound system. A letter will be going out encouraging those interested in improving sound system to donate toward the project. On the bell tower the report was somewhat encouraging – the architects may not have to use a drone which would save money.

Some of the upcoming events planned by the Social Committee include a Harvest Fair, Bocce Ball, the Advent Tea, a Chili Dinner & Games, among others to be announced. Outreach is busy as usual with reports that Read and Feed went well although the numbers were down. Up coming projects are: Crop Walk, Family Promise, Food Truck (9-15-18 and 10-20-18) and we will be needing volunteers as there is a conflict with the Diocesan Convention weekend.



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US!**

Website:

www.stjudesfenton.com

The Blog... our journey together:

www.stjudesfenton.com/?page_id=858

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stjudeschurchfenton/

Building Update

Now that summer's over, our historic old church building is experiencing some changes. The Sanctuary make-over has started, with the altar being moved forward, the raised platform and carpeting removed and the original flooring exposed. Thanks to Bill Anderson, Kelly and Lisa Cronk, Paul Dolza, Greg Forsyth, Mark Jagos and Dan White, with help from Lucius DeGuise and Kail Spencer.

If you have thoughts/suggestions on the changes and future plans, Tracie would be happy to have you share them with her.

Close behind these developments will be a new, improved sound system. There's a poster on the Sanctuary wall by the library, explaining the steps we're taking, starting with new speakers and microphones so everyone can hear the service. (Expect to hear about some fund-raising soon.)

Meanwhile, the library door to the outside has been removed, with a temporary structure in its place, constructed by Bill Anderson and Mark Jagos. The outside varnish had deteriorated to the point of vanishing, so Terri Hutchins has volunteered to refinish it. This door is a handsome, 8 ft. 5 in.-tall piece of oak carpentry, probably 125 years old. It will soon be beautiful again.

The parking lot has had some work done, too. Earlier this summer, the Freeman brothers repaired the broken, settled concrete around the south drain (thanks also to Bill and Marcia Freeman). Then on Aug.27, repairs to the north drain and surface concrete were made, filling a void underneath which eventually would have led to similar collapse there.

Our bell tower has been found to be in better-than-expected condition (hooray!), but it will need some work done soon. Stay tuned...

Kathy Kortge
Building and Grounds Chair

Pledge Update

JULY	
Pledges Expected	\$14,887.25
Pledges Received	\$15,797.00
2018 YEAR SO FAR (to 7/31/2018)	
Pledges Expected	\$107,859.55
Pledges Received	\$106,912.00

CROP WALK 2018

Date: October 7

Time: 2pm

Place: Bush Park, Fenton

Please join us as we Walk or Rock to end hunger! This year First Presbyterian Church, Fenton has challenged us! The church with the most number of walkers/rockers wins. If First Pres. loses, Pastor Robbie will have to shave off his beard. Rumor has it that he will do so at the end of the walk. If St. Jude's loses, Tracie will need to color her hair the color that St. Jude's chooses. Please bring your friends and neighbors out to walk or rock! Help Tracie maintain her hair color!!!

Added in this year, an opportunity to see displays from all of the local ministries that are supported by your donations. Spring Break School Lunch Program has been one of the recipients of a grant from Crop Walk which supports the grocery give-away part of the program.



September Birthdays

- 1st – Dave James
- 2nd – Sally Diehl
- 4th – Bernie Mcara
- 5th – Courtney Chambers
– Linda Chciuk
- 7th – Dee Grossmann
- 9th – Cloud James
- 10th – Lana Clark
- 11th – Diane Putnam
– Dave Rayner
- 13th – Nancy Jones
- 15th – Marjie Andrejciw
– Tracie Little
- 16th – Freya Hutchinson
- 19th – Marilou Ensign
– Francine Johnston
- 20th – Matthew Moller
- 21st – Joan Graham
- 22nd – Jack Mills
– Marlene Weston
- 23rd – Margot Brummett
– Neil Leonard
– Jackson Shepherd
- 25th – Mike Kearns
- 26th – Lydia Anderson
– Kayla Chambers
- 28th – Liza Dolza
– Jeff Koch
– Megan Rosa
- 30th – Pat Freeman

September Anniversaries

- 10th – Jim & Kathy Kortge
(52 years)
- 14th – Jessie Clawson & Becky Trier
(3 years)
– Carl & Connie Koch
(61 years)
- 26th – Steve & Laura Koch
(20 years)
- 29th – Scott & Sandra Smith
(46 years)



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



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

Pray for our ministers

- September 2 – Gail Delaney; Dee Dickens; Sally Diehl; Liza Dolza
- September 9 – Sarah & Paul Dolza; Dot Dowlan; Julie, Tess & Dominic DuPei
- September 16– Larry & Pam Elder; Bonnie Ensign; Rebecca Ensign
- September 23 – Josephine Feijoo; Mary Felix; Katie Fleming; Bruce & Glenda Fletcher
- September 30 – Bob, Josie & Lucy Foguth; Gaye Lynn Foor; Greg, Kris & Leigha Forsyth

EfM

E D U C A T I O N F O R M I N I S T R Y

Every baptized person is called to ministry. The Education for Ministry (EfM) program provides people with the education to carry out that ministry. During the Service of Confirmation we ask God to “Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at Baptism. Send them forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before them.” EfM offers an opportunity to discover how to respond to the call to Christian service.

Laypersons face the difficult and often subtle task of interpreting the richness of the church’s faith in a complex and confusing world. As the Church continues to emphasize the importance of lay ministry, many laypersons have come to feel that they need to theological education that supports their faith and also reaches them to express that faith in day-to-day events. EfM is the one way for them to gain that knowledge.

EfM offers a four-year course, covering the basic subjects of a theological education: Old Testament, New Testament, Church History, and Theological Choices (a study of theological trends and movements in the Church). Participants register for one year at a time. Students meet locally in seminar groups of six to twelve participants and a trained mentor, who meet weekly for two to three hours during a nine-month academic year.

Participants are given weekly assignments to study with the help of resource guides. In the seminars members have an opportunity to share their insights and discoveries as well as to discuss questions, which the study materials raise for them through discussion and guided reflection.

By examining their own beliefs and their relationship to our culture and the tradition of our Christian faith, participants can learn what it means to be effective ministers in the world.

The seminar is supported by a life of prayer and regular worship. EfM groups are encouraged to develop a pattern of worship appropriate to their situations. Liturgical materials are furnished with the course materials.

The current one-year fee per student in a group with institutional sponsorship (a congregation or diocese) is \$350, which pays for EfM materials and an honorarium for the mentor.

EfM grants 18 Continuing Education Units (CEU) for each year of study. There is no examinations or papers. EfM does not grant college credits.

For more about EfM and seminar groups in your area, visit its website at efm.sewanee.edu.

Additional information

The Rev. Don Davidson from St. Christopher’s, Grand Blanc is looking to start up a group for this area. If folks would prefer to participate in an online course, Heather Barta offers that option.

Committees of St. Jude’s

This past January, I had the pleasure of working on the layout of the Annual Report for St. Jude’s. There were a lot of groups that went unnoticed except for being listed in the index. We have a lot of varying committee and/or groups who have different functions at St. Jude’s and some of these committees are never heard from.

We would like to change that, because we would love to hear from you! If you are the chairperson of a committee, let us know what’s going on in your group.

By submitting (even) a two-line paragraph about your group, you are letting those who are new to St. Jude’s, know what we have to offer. Plus, you could garner more participants, support or helpers!

There is a deadline schedule box listed in this issue of The Beacon at the bottom of this column. If you have trouble writing, send me the ideas you want conveyed and I will help you with writing it.

Debbie Fry

Beacon Deadlines

Submissions for The Beacon are due by the **22nd of each month**. Please submit them to Debbie Fry at debbiemcwilliams00@gmail.com.

Harry Potter: A Night in the Forbidden Forest

Hero's Journey: Into the Abyss is the crucible point in our journey. Here we face our greatest fear or challenge. This happens paradoxically at the point where our courage and resolve might feel at it's weakest. We feel as if we've lost our bearings. We think we are lost and alone. The temptation to turn back and abandon the quest is great. This is the point in our journey where we must surrender ourselves completely to the adventure. We have everything to lose and also everything to be gained.

Harry Potter: Using an invisibility cloak, Harry has been sneaking around school at night searching for clues to the mysterious object hidden under the third floor corridor. Harry and his friends are discovered by the sinister grounds keeper, Filch. Here Harry loses favor with his peers. He has gone from the glory of the Quidditch field to the shame of losing precious points for his house. Harry, Ron, Hermione and Malfoy are given detention by Professor McGonagall. Their assignment is to accompany Hagrid into the scary, forbidden

forest at night to discover who has been killing unicorns. Harry gets separated from the group. He witnesses a frightening sight. Professor Quirrell appears to be drinking unicorn blood. Harry might have been his next victim had he not been rescued by a centaur.



*Our multi-generational version of **Wizards & Wonders: A Hero's Journey with Harry Potter** continues after our first two sessions in August on the following Sunday mornings—September 16th, October 21st and November 18th. The program will unfold during 10:30am worship service/ Sunday School and coffee hour afterwards.*

contest of whose God was more powerful. Hiding in a cave, he feels lost and alone. Elijah is so full of fear and self-pity that he thinks God has abandoned him and he is alone in doing God's work. He cannot find God in the noisy power of the elements. It is only when he totally surrenders himself to trust in God's will that he is able to hear God in the silence and discover God's plan for him.

Theology: God never abandons those who put their faith and trust in Him. Sometimes the sound of our own anxieties and fears can get so loud that we cannot hear God's message of hope and direction. The Old Testament prophet Elijah was on the run from the wrath of Queen Jezebel. He had disgraced all the queen's prophets in a

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Upcoming Activities & Programs for All God's Children

- **Wizards and Wonders continues on Sunday, September 16th with "A Night in the Forbidden Forest": A Hero's Journey with Harry**

Potter is a multi-generational program. Think Platform 9 3/4's, chocolate frogs, Butter Beer, Quidditch, Sorting Hat and more. Think about offering your gifts in decorating for the event or playing a character! We've secured a Harry, Hermione, Professor McGonagall, Dumbledore, Snape, Madame Hooch, Harry, Hagrid, Voice of Sorting Hat and Hedwig the owl. We still need a Ron, a Professor Quirrell and a Unicorn. Thank you to all who have lent items for costumes or props.

- **Pilgrimage Show & Tell, Sunday, September 30th:** Join us as this summer's pilgrims share about their journey to Charleston. We'll share photos and some of the mementos we collected and some God moments too!



- **Crop Walk on Sunday, October 7th:** Youth Group is invited to come out for an outreach project. Crop Walk raises funds for nearby and far away neighbors who are hungry. I understand we have a bit of a competition between folks from First Pres and St. Jude's. Details and permission forms to follow.

- **Packaging Care for College Students (and folks in the Military):** Our annual care packing event will take place during our Harry Potter program in October. Parents/grandparents of college students, please send us names and addresses of your college students. Please note that we do send to college students commuting to local schools too. There are all kinds of ways to participate in this event... you can donate items (watch for sign up list soon), decorate boxes, write notes, help pack boxes, contribute to the postage fund and/or help with sealing, labeling and taking to post office.

Regularly Happening at St. Jude's

Godly Play & Beulah Land

Most Sundays mid 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. We join parents for communion at 11:15.

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 September 2018

	LEM (s) 2nd CHALISE PRAYERS	READER (S)	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR	VESTRY PERSON OF THE DAY	ALTAR GUILD
<u>September 9</u>						
8 am	Mary Louise Susalla	Josephine Feijoo	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Paul Dolza Judi Harris Dee Grossmann	Raquel Gazzi	Kelly & Lisa Cronk	Richardson	Josephine Feijoo	Christine S. Lois Hartranft
<u>September 16</u>						
8 am	Jerry Rucker	Ron Trimmer	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Greg Forysth Paul Dolza Judi Harris	Dave & Debbie James	Dave & Denise Rayner	Premo	Ty Fry	Terri Hutchins Fran Johnston
<u>September 23</u>						
8 am	Clay Putnam	???	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Amy Freeman Greg Forsyth Paul Dolza	Amy Freeman	Dave & Debbie James	Day		Gaye Foor Lorraine Moller
<u>September 30</u>						
8 am	Mary Louise Susalla	Lois Hartranft	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Dee Grossmann Amy Freeman Greg Forsyth	Dee Grossmann	Lorraine Moller Charlie Johnston	Clawson/Trier		Sarah Dolza Gay Adams
<u>October 7</u>						
8 am	Jerry Rucker	Josephine Feijo	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Judi Harris Dee Grossmann Amy Freeman	Megan Rosa	Nancy Day Lynne Ronthi	Marinco		Mary Ellen Mary Louise
<u>October 14</u>						
8 am	Clay Putnam	???	-----	-----	-----	-----
10:30 am	Lynn Hopper Judi Harris Dee Grossmann	Jack & Bev Mills	Rex Harris John Pettipher	???		Dee Grossmann Judi Harris

Communion Bread Bakers:

September – Judy Marinco

October – Nancy Day

November – Terri Hutchins

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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

