



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

St. Jude's Episcopal Church • Fenton, Michigan

## Rector's Report

Can I make a confession? A few weeks ago, St. Jude's participated in Crop Walk. This year St. Jude's and First Presbyterian challenged one another. If First Presbyterian had the most walkers, Pastor Robbie, one of their pastors, would need to shave off his beard at the park following the walk. If St. Jude's had the most walkers, Tracie's hair would be colored a beautiful liturgical green at the park following the walk. During the weeks leading up to the walk counts were taken at both churches and compared. It looked like we had a good chance at winning! So, off I went to the Halloween Spirit store to acquire the required green hairspray.

Then it hit me. We had seasons tickets to see a play at Meadowbrook. And there wasn't going to be time to go home to shower the colour out of my hair. If we won, I was going to have to go out in public to see a play with green hair. Hmmmmmm. When that reality hit I started pulling for First Presbyterian in the deepest, darkest recesses of my brain! Then during announcements I was challenged to colour my hair win or lose. And I agreed. What was I thinking! I mean, it's one thing to be a good sport and colour my hair at the park and then just go home. I was great with that! It would actually be fun! This was going to mean that I would have to go out in public with odd-coloured hair. And I wasn't going to be alone! I'd be with other people – my family and some friends from St. Jude's! What were they going to think as I stood out like a sore thumb in such a public place?

The day of the walk arrived! And the count was taken! It seems that First Presbyterian really wanted Robbie to shave his beard! They had WAY more walkers than we did. I'd brought my hairspray and I wondered, what do I do now? So, partway through the walk I asked Dave if he was okay with my "going green" to the play. He was! Well, I said I'd do it so do it I would! Following the walk Robbie shaved and Denise Rayner sprayed my hair with the green hairspray. Lots of photos were taken.

I got to change my clothes before heading down to dinner and the play. I carefully chose my top to complement the lovely green highlights I

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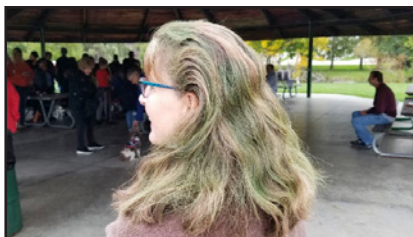
8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

**Coffee Hour follows 10:30 service**

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was sporting. And off we went. I'd stewed about this moment all week. I don't like to stand out. I tread the line between introvert and extrovert and by Sunday afternoon I'm often ready to fade into the furniture for a short while to recharge. As I anticipated attending the play I was feeling like I was going to stand out and I was worried about that.



You know what I discovered? I totally forgot about the colour of my hair! I was enjoying being with my family for dinner and joining the rest of the group as we attended the play. It likely helped that we were the last ones to arrive and everyone was anticipating my wonderful new style! Denise did an amazing job as my on-the-spot hairdresser! I was even told that the new colour was becoming! If I'd been at all uneasy, that one comment would have served to put me at ease. I could relax! The folks I would be with didn't have any problem with my "standing out" and really, that standing out was more in my overactive imagination as the green was more of a highlight than a deep, all-over colour.

Why I ever doubted that my St. Jude's family and my family would ever have a problem with this, I will never know. Everything I've ever experienced here at St. Jude's tells me differently. This is one of the most accepting and loving places I have ever experienced! I should never have doubted!

I've been reflecting on that experience since the day of Crop Walk. How is it that we can make someone who looks like "the other" feel at ease and comfortable in our midst? How do we know if that person wants to stand out or fade into the furniture and how do we respond in each case? These are really basic questions of hospitality. I know of and I've experienced people who really have a sixth sense where hospitality is concerned. Truth of the matter is, St. Jude's lives God's love and hospitality in amazing and powerful ways! And the world needs God's love and hospitality so much right now!

My prayer is that my green-hair experience will help us all, starting with me, to be very intentional about knowing how to shine God's love into this dark and needy world. May our stories of our experiences help others to see, respond to and share God's love. May the love that we know and share be so unreasonably huge that we see both ourselves and the world around us change! For me it all begins with a wee can of green hairspray. If you want to share there's lots more green hairspray in the can...

*God's Love and Blessings,*

*Tracie+*

# Music Notes



November is an exciting month liturgically and musically. The month begins with the Feast of All Saints on November 4. This Sunday includes 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.

The readings for November 11 and 18 allude to the second coming of Christ in glory as we approach Advent. The final Sunday of the liturgical year, November 25, is designated as Christ the King Sunday. These days will feature music appropriate to the lessons as well as some favorite harvest themes.

Wednesday, November 21, is the Community Thanksgiving Service at St. John's at 7 PM. The music is provided by a combined choir and handbell ensemble assembled from the churches. Several musicians from St. Jude's from 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*

# Coffee Hour Hosts



Our sincere thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during October. Thank you to the Rosa, Freeman, DuPei, Spencer families and all of the groups who participated in the Harvest Sunday ministry fair.

**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

On October 17th the Vestry met and reviewed the Church Financials with the assistance of the Treasurer Michelle Gangwer. Michelle noted that revenues are running lower than expenditures and that as of the September 30th reports we are running a deficit. Pledge income has been improved with an approximate \$2300.00 in arrears. Expenditures are continuing to run higher than projected. Vestry approved repairs to the parking lot due to safety concerns. Michelle led a discussion regarding implementing a Cash Management account to assist when there are unexpected expenditures. The Vestry discussed and agreed that the Endowment and Financial Committee be allowed to merge as one committee after researching and addressing by-law changes.

St. Jude's received a grant of \$1200.00 from the Diocese to be used toward the repairs to the Bell Tower. Ron Trimmer reported that the Project Team were happy to report that the Bell Tower while it has some safety issues and maintenance is essentially a sound structure and that the plan is to tackle each area of maintenance as we raise funds to cover the cost. The Sanctuary renovations are continuing with work on the altar rail and some lighting changes to come. There is some discussion about the choir moving behind the altar.

Tracie discussed the Stewardship Harvest Ministry Sunday planned for Oct. 28th which is going to include information on the Pledge Drive included at the event. The Youth are planning an event to put together “Care Packages” for our College/Military youth. Kathy Kortge reported scheduling the carpets to be cleaned soon. Ramp repairs are planned and Dan White and other volunteers are moving forward to improve the ramp. Tracie discussed the sound system funding raised is approximately \$10,000.00 (a check is expected soon) and improvements are being planned – so listen up!

Some of the upcoming events are: Harvest Sunday–Stewardship/Ministries – Oct. 28th, Nov. 4th a service will celebrate the Read & Feed Ministry we shared with 1st Presbyterian, Bocce Ball is planned on Nov. 4th also Family Promise is planned for the week of 11/25 – volunteers needed.





## Fall Cleanup

Many, many thanks to everyone who helped with this autumn's parish cleanup effort. The lawns already looked pretty good, thanks to Bill Freeman and the lawn service he has brought in, and October 14th was too early for much in the way of falling leaves. We had chilly but clear weather, which made outside work very appealing. The "Grounds Crew" trimmed bushes and trees, weeded garden beds, picked up sticks and trash and got our church property looking its best.

Inside the church, the "Cleaning Cadre" snagged high cobwebs, cleaned walls, dusted all over and (!!!) cleaned the kitchen, where the refrigerator, stove and counter tops all needed some loving attention.

We want to thank Bill Anderson, MacKenzie Bradley, Kelly and Lisa Cronk, Nancy Day, Paul Dolza, Julie DuPei, Greg Forsyth, Amy Freeman, Deb and Dave James, Lynne Ronthi, Megan Rosa, Bob and Diane Simpson and Christine Szostak, all of whom were willing workers in our semi-annual effort.

**GOOD JOB, everyone!**

*Kathy Kortge,*  
*Building and Grounds Chair*



## St. Jude's Prayer Shawl Ministry

Come one, come all... this ministry is open to men and women.

Don't know how to knit or crochet? Those who wish to learn either will have an opportunity to do so. Experienced knitters and crocheters on hand most meetings.

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry makes prayers tangible to those who are facing surgery, a serious illness, or any need. The making of a prayer shawl is a spiritual practice which embodies our thoughts and prayers for the receiver. It is a gift freely given with no strings attached. Made in prayer, as a prayer, for prayer, the shawls are passed on hand-to-hand and heart-to-heart.

In general, the meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. Upcoming months schedule, a bit altered due to holidays:

November 6th at Deb James'  
November 20th at Connie Hibbard's  
December 4th at Judy Marinco's  
January 15th at Connie Hibbard's

### Questions?

Contact Deb James at 810-210-6305 or  
Judy Marinco at 810-629-8074



## Upcoming Event



**Advent Tea**  
**by Candlelight**  
**December 2, 2018**  
**at 6:00 p.m.**

Please sign up in  
VandenBergh Hall to  
attend, bring a guest, or  
host a table. In order to  
make this a successful  
event we will need  
volunteers willing to  
host a table.

There will be a  
hostess meeting on  
November 4th after  
the 10:30 service.

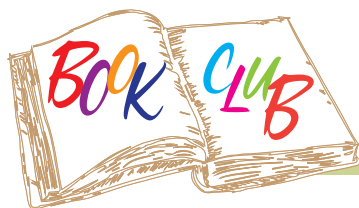
If you have any  
questions please see  
Christine Szostak or  
Lorraine Moller.

# Scrip ORDERS

On the first Sunday of each month, Nancy Day takes scrip orders. These are gift cards you purchase to spend at hundreds of businesses either in person or on line. They also make great gifts! There is zero cost to you, other than the face value of the card, and St. Jude's gets a percentage of the total amount. A win-win. So, make sure you bring your checkbook to church on the first Sunday of each month. You can fill out your order during coffee hour. The orders are sent in that afternoon, and the cards are picked up in Brighton that week and distributed the following Sunday.

## Pledge Update

SEPTEMBER	
Pledges Expected	\$14,887.25
Pledges Received	\$13,497.00
2018 YEAR SO FAR (to 9/31/2018)	
Pledges Expected	\$131,727.75
Pledges Received	\$133,435.51



## SCHEDULE

Date	Hostess	Title	Author
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 Marincio	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

## Communications

Communication at St. Jude's Episcopal Church takes on many forms today, but our goal remains the same... to communicate with St. Jude's parishioners, and those outside our walls, by any of the various avenues available.

**The Beacon.** St. Jude's monthly newsletter has been in existence for many years. It is filled with the many happenings of the church through its various committees. We are working to get all of the committees of the church to participate with submitting monthly articles for the newsletter. This can play an important role for St. Jude's in showing our guests, or those looking for a church home, what St. Jude's has to offer.

**www.stjudesfenton.com.** We strive to keep the information updated and current, so that anyone looking for a church home might find something that "speaks" to them. Like the newsletter, we would like to have the various committees listed on the website with a brief description.

The Beacon is converted to PDF format, uploaded to the website and is available to those who opt out of the mailed version.

In recent years, the weekly announcements have been posted on the website, along with a calendar of events. Still in its infancy, a blog was started for Tracie. We encourage you to peruse the St. Jude's website, the blog and comment.

**Social Media: Facebook.** September brought the first, of what we hope will be many, Social Media Sundays. Everyone was encouraged to share videos, photos, and any comments on Facebook, while tagging St. Jude's Episcopal Church. Much of the service was live-streamed on Facebook, which received numerous positive comments from those, who for one reason or another, are not able to physically join us on Sunday mornings.

Communication is, and always will be, a crucial endeavor at St. Jude's. We will continue to strive deliver it on a timely and accurate basis. If you feel called to become a member of the Communication Ministry, please contact us.

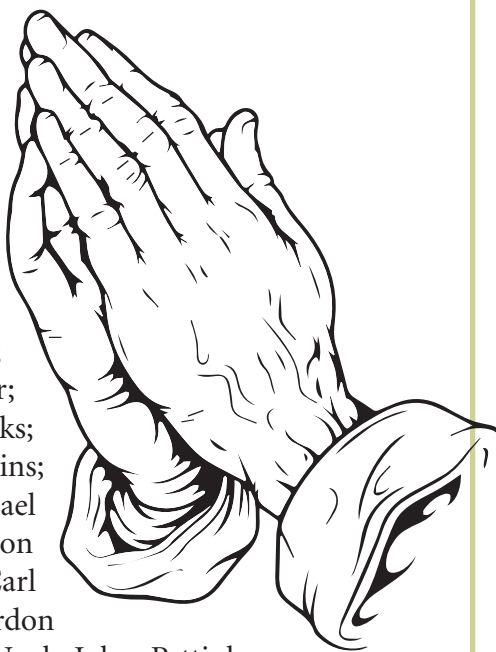
**Your questions, or articles, for the Beacon, the website or Facebook may be sent to: Debbie Fry (debbiemcwilliams00@gmail.com) or Ty Fry (tafry1965@gmail.com).**

# 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; Dave Carr; Carol Chambers; D'Jair Cominotti; Steven G.; Carol Green; Bunny Gladfelter; Sue Haywood; Laura Hendricks; Pat Hinterman; Jaqueline Hoskins; Kellie Johnson; Skylar King; 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 Saffa; 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; Richard Perkins; Denny Sharpe; Arin Shinabarger; Brian Smith; Susan Taber; Sandy Train; Ellen Tripp; Elijah Unkefer

# Pray for our ministers

- November 4 – Brian & Barb Goss; Dee Grossmann, Mark Hamel, Mike Green, Chace, McKenna and Aiden
- November 11 – Bruce & Linda Hardy; Rex & Judi Harris, Lois Hartranft
- November 18 – Dan & Beth Harvey; Mary Ellen Hazell; Connie Hibbard
- November 25 – Lynn & Kathy Hopper; Bob & Terri Hutchins; Freya Hutchinson

# November Birthdays

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

# November Anniversaries

- 6th – Bob & Christine Szostak (25 years)  
8th – Bob & Mary Warren (60 years)  
9th – Clay & Diane Putnam (39 years)  
11th – Debbie & Ty Fry (5 years)  
14th – Jerry & Joan Graham (65 years)  
Chet & Mary Louise Susalla (37 years)



# Beacon Deadlines

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

## **Harry Potter: The Mirror of Erised**

**Hero's Journey:** As we approach the end of this particular story, we know our lives will present us with many more opportunities for quests and journeys. We reach the moment of truth, the final test that ultimately we each must face alone. It is time to surrender our old ways and our old selves so that a new self can be born. We have to face our fears to make room in our souls for courage. Our challenges and experiences along the way have changed us. A final *revelation* occurs where we experience a sudden, dramatic change in the way we think or view life. We fully understand what ultimately matters. We are willing to take a stand, to risk everything, even our lives, for that prize or principle. We are now *transformed*. At this stage, we achieve *atonement* (at-one-ment). We incorporate the changes in us precipitated by our journey, and develop a sense of harmony with ourselves, with life in the world. The very last stage of our journey is *the return*. The prize (be it the golden fleece or the Holy Grail) is really the gifts that have been bestowed upon us (new skill, insight, learning, courage, strength, leadership, etc.). We now must bring those gifts back to share with our community for the betterment of all.

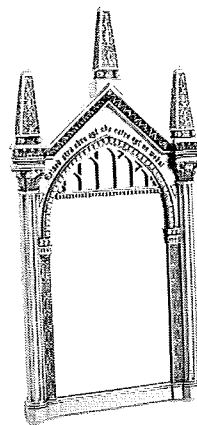
**Harry Potter:** Harry must take leave of his faithful companions, Hermione and

Ron. He has to confront his archenemy Voldemort—in Jungian terms, his shadow—alone. He has to wrest the prized sorcerer's stone and its powers of immor-

tality away from Voldemort. Harry faces the Mirror of Erised once more time. He sees his new self, no longer the orphan longing for his parents, but the brave soul who sought and won the stone. Harry does not give into Voldemort's lures for shared power or threats to die as horrendous deaths like his parents'. Voldemort's borrowed body, Professor Quirell, is repulsed and powerless in the presence of the great love that protects and permeates Harry Potter, the love that was infused in him

by his parents, especially his mother's sacrifice of her own life for his.

**Theology:** Greater love hath no man who lays down his life for a friend—God offers us the ultimate example of sacrifice in Jesus. Fortunately, the cross is not the end of the story for any of us. Jesus triumphs over sin, the evil forces of this world and death. The Resurrection transforms not only Jesus, also all of us. We become an Easter people—children of light. The gift is brought back to us eternally—the gift of grace, life everlasting and God within us.



**Wizards & Wonders:**  
*A Hero's Journey with Harry Potter concludes on November 18th.*

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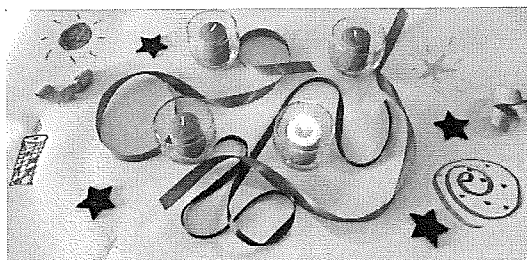
## Upcoming Activities & Programs for All God's Children

☐ **Wizards and Wonders continues on Sunday, November 18th, with *The Mirror of Erised: A Hero's Journey with Harry Potter*.** 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 and Professor Quirrell. Thank you to all who have lent costumes or props.

☐ **Happening Weekend for High Schoolers, November 16th-18th at St. John's, Royal Oak:** This weekend retreat is jointly sponsored by Dioceses of Michigan and Eastern Michigan. The program is led by high school age teens for high school age teens and is also staffed by adults and clergy. See Kris for registration materials.

☐ **Multi-Generational Advent Fair—Sunday, December 2nd, Coffee Hour.** Activities planned include labyrinth making and simple "wreath" making. Advent-to-Go bags too!

☐ **Youth Group Gift Jars:** We are rebuilding our Youth Group funds so we can attend upcoming programs. Youth Group peeps will make jars over a couple of Sundays in late November.



☐ **CHARGE—A Youth Event for Middle Schoolers, Mar. 24th—26th,**

**Great Wolf Lodge, Traverse City.** The program will be filled with skillshops emphasizing service opportunities, leadership development and community building. The goal of the weekend is to energize the youth to return home ready to make change in the world through the Jesus Movement. We will also have plenty of time to enjoy the amenities of Great Wolf Lodge, including the waterpark and an outdoor campfire camp style!

## 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 rejoin parents for communion.*

### 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.*



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### **2019**

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Terri Hutchins  
Kathy Kortge  
Ron Trimmer

### **2020**

Sarah Dolza  
Mark Jagos  
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### **2021**

Josephine Feijoo  
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Jerry Rucker  
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