



The Beacon

SEEKING AND WORSHIPPING GOD...REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

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Rector's Report...

What a difference a few weeks makes. Information and changes have been head-spinning in their rate and in their scope. When this began, I worked at getting together a phone tree so that every single person on our parish list for whom I have a phone number gets called once a week by a phone-tree caller volunteer. I connect weekly with these volunteers and am making my way through the parish list as well. If you need to talk and I haven't gotten to you yet, please give me a call on my cell at 810-300-9177. If you haven't received a phone call from a phone tree volunteer yet, it means that we don't have your correct number. Please contact the church office at 810-629-5681. The phone has been forwarded to our Administrative Assistant's cell phone and Liz, who is also working from home, will take your number and update our records and she will contact me with that information as well so I can add you to a list.

Like you, today I am staying safe at home and working differently than ever before. I've been on Facebook more these past few weeks than ever. Morning Prayer

from a variety of resources happens live on Facebook every day at 8am and you can join in and pray with us whenever it's convenient to you. You don't need a Facebook account to pray with us. The videos will be available to you after they have posted. Just go to this link: <https://www.facebook.com/stjudeschurchfenton>. I also know that there are two people that do not have internet who are connected through a smart phone's ability to include more than one person as the recording is played into the phone. If this is something you'd be interested in, let your phone tree volunteer know and we'll get you connected with someone who can play the recording of Morning Prayer for you. We're seeing over 100 views per day and those who participate are physically located throughout the world. What a wonderful tool for connection. We tried hosting Vestry and Adult Ed through a phone conference which proved to be very challenging. At the Diocesan level we have used Zoom, a video conferencing option, and are now using that

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for our meetings and formation opportunities. This seems to be a much more effective tool for holding gatherings. I'm in the process of trying to get some technical support from Zoom as I've purchased the ability to host but haven't been able to connect with my account. Once I get that, I'll send out an invitation to join coffee hour through Zoom so we can see one another and share together a time of fellowship.

So much is going on and in the midst of it all Holy Week and Easter will still take place. In this Beacon article you will find a schedule of our Holy Week services. Once I get my Beacon submissions in to Debbie Fry, I will be working on a second mailing that will go to everyone that will act as a supplement for those who will pray with us online. It will also provide some guided reflections that will allow those who cannot join us online, to walk through Holy Week on their own.

These are challenging times, to be sure, and there is so much that is unknown. In the midst of all the uncertainties of the world today, one thing is certain. We are not alone. No matter how isolated we are, God is right there with us. God is with those in the health care system, strengthening them to face all that will unfold especially as they become more and more overwhelmed with increasing critical cases. God is with those in the grocery stores that are keeping our shelves as stocked as possible and ensuring our safety as we practice Holy

Distancing. God is with those who are locked down in nursing homes and institutions, comforting them and wrapping them in love even as they struggle to understand why no one can visit. God is with our first responders as they continue to keep us safe, solidifying them with the knowledge that God walks with them. God is with those who work in the area of transportation as they move the goods that we need to purchase from factory to stores. God is with those who are paralyzed by fear, filling them with a sense of peace and knowledge that whatever we face here on earth is not the end of the story. God is with those who are dying alone and God is with their loved ones who struggle with not being present, wrapping them in love and leading those who die home to be with God forever in Paradise. God is with those who are dreaming into reality machines that are shifting purpose from products to be sold to life-saving equipment we need at this time. God is with individuals and companies who see the need for more personal protective equipment than is currently available, waking up in them a determination to provide as they sew the necessary items. And, my sisters and brothers in Christ, God is with each and every one of us. Right here in this very moment. Helping us to face the unknown, strengthened by the faith that fills us. Connecting us in ways we never ever thought possible. Loving us as we live through uncertain times and as we wonder about what new realities this pandemic will lead to.

This is certainly a different way to be church together. One in which we are fasting from Sacrament. I, along with you, am also fasting from celebrating and

sharing in Eucharist. This year's Easter Vigil and Easter service will feel very different. And that's okay. It's what we can do to help to slow and eventually stop the spread of COVID-19 and as we save lives by not overwhelming the medical system. What I've discovered, and what will be the topic of a good many theological reflections during and after this crisis, is a wondering if the church is rediscovering the depth and breadth of God's love through regular and shared prayer experiences. We are remembering the power of prayer! We are experiencing the fact that gathering two or three together and knowing God in the midst of us can happen in more ways than simply face to face. And there is a deep sense of gratitude for this rediscovery.

Yes, this next month and into May at least, we will be church together differently. And the work of the church goes on. Our regularly scheduled Spring Break Food Give-Away happened just a couple of days ago. It happened differently, but it happened. With the creativity of the Outreach Ministry Team, a new process for food distribution was developed that was within the CDC recommendations and the requirements of the Pastoral Directive issued by all of the Michigan Episcopal Bishops. We had to limit our volunteer pool at any one time to keep everyone safe and our volunteers accomplished their tasks from a distance much greater than 6 feet. Saturday, from the texts and photos I received, was a glorious day of sharing God's abundance and 400 kids received breakfast and lunch food for the week. We're also providing groceries for Dauner House and employees laid off from the

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St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Online Holy Week Services

<https://www.facebook.com/stjudeschurchfenton/>

All services, unless noted below, live at 8:00 a.m.

Participate live or tune in later!



Sunday, April 5

Palm Sunday Morning Prayer



Monday, April 6

Morning Prayer with Finger Labyrinth Walk

(Labyrinths are available for printing on page 8 of this newsletter or can be downloaded by clicking the "Labyrinth link" at the top of the Beacon newsletter page at stjude.com)



Tuesday, April 7

Taizé Morning Prayer

Wednesday, April 8

Episcopal BCP Morning Prayer



Thursday, April 9

Maundy Thursday with

Footwashing Narrative

Thursday, April 9, 8:00 p.m. –

Friday, April 10 ending at Noon

Maundy Thursday Overnight Prayer Vigil



Friday, April 10

Good Friday with the Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, April 11 at 8:00 a.m.

Holy Saturday Morning Prayer

Saturday, April 11 at 8:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 12

Easter Sunday Morning Prayer

Sunday, April 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer with Bishop Houghland

Maundy Thursday Prayer Vigil

Due to social distancing, we are going to be doing our Prayer Vigil a little differently this year. We have created an online sign-up sheet at: <https://signup.com/go/cuzXddL>

Go that link and you will be prompted to put in your email only (no log in required) to sign up for an hour long vigil time between Thursday, April 9 at 8 pm to Friday, April 10 at Noon. Please sign up for an hour-long slot and you (and any family you have around you) will pray and keep vigil from your homes during that hour long time-span.

If you have trouble signing up online, please call or email the office for with the time slot you would like and Elizabeth will let you know what is available: (810) 629-5681 or stjudeschurchfenton106@gmail.com.

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Laundry and Crust on alternate weeks. We've also been invited to share in an expanded school lunch program, providing lunch food for weekends every Saturday during this crisis.

Where have I seen God? Right here! Through new models of reaching out that keep us all better connected to one another. Through Outreach programs that don't just continue, they grow and blossom. Through God's joy and love that I experience in your joy and love for one another. Through creative ways of doing our part to support all of those on the front lines – everything from sewing facemasks to simply staying home and staying safe! My friends, this time of living differently has awakened in me a deeper sense of gratitude for each and every one of you and a deeper sense of gratitude for God. I thank each and every one of you for all of your creativity and openness to all that we face. I thank each and every one of you for your honesty about what you are going through. And I thank God for the gift that each and every one of you is!

May you experience God's presence, love, strength, joy, and peace as you move through these uncertain times!

Love and Blessings,

Thacie+



Our sincere thanks to those who provided nourishment for the body and soul during March...
the Rayner's, Connie Hibbard and the Pettipher'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

St. Jude's Building Closed Due to COVID-19

In order to keep St. Jude's people and building as safe as possible and at the recommendation of our Bishop and the Episcopal Bishops of Michigan, the church building will be closed to ANY gatherings through May 10, 2020. This includes groups that use our building as well as any St. Jude's activities. The exception is our Spring Break Food giveaway which will still take place on Saturday, March 28 - check with Outreach for more information and updates. We are also doing Saturday morning lunch and breakfast food giveaway for the Fenton School District. The office is closed at this time with our staff working from home. You can still call the church office number which is being forwarded to our administrative assistant, Liz's, cell phone. You can also still call Tracie for any pastoral needs on her cell phone (810) 300-9177.



Stewardship... *in a Time of Isolation*

This time of Holy Distancing is a challenge for the area of stewardship. Because we are staying home rather than gathering at church for worship, many of us have lost our way of giving to St. Jude's. The collection plate isn't available to drop our blue pledge envelopes in. If you are able to continue your pledge through these challenging times, we would like to offer several options for giving.

1. Your envelopes can be mailed to the church. The address is printed on your envelopes. The mail is gathered weekly and any donations we receive are deposited into the bank. Liz and a volunteer counter go in just long enough to accomplish these tasks and they also adhere to the Holy Distancing policies.
2. This may be a time when you might like to have your pledge automatically withdrawn from your bank account. If this is an option you'd like to consider, please contact the church office at 810-629-5681 and Liz can get you the form that needs to be filled out.
3. We are working on adding a "Donate" button to both our website and our Facebook page. We will let you know when this "goes live" so you can go to either platform and click on the donate button. Instructions should be self-explanatory on that link.

We continue to deeply thank you for the many ways that you support God's ongoing mission and ministry of St. Jude's! We couldn't do the work that we do as we Seek and Worship God and as we Reach Out to Others without you! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

St. Jude's Vestry

Progressive Dinner Postponed

The Progressive Dinner that was scheduled for May will be postponed. More information at a later date.



You can help to sew face masks!

Do you sew? Want to help make face masks for our medical professionals and donate them? You can Google “Fu Face mask,” then go on the link that says “calling all makers – here is a 1 page pdf file.” It includes a short video on assembly.

The second is to google “How to help sew masks for hospital in coronavirus crisis” (cleveland.com).

We have also heard that JoAnn Fabric has kits pre-made that they will bring to your car if you call to tell them how many you can make. The kits are free. That is subject to change as our new lockdown takes place.



Music Notes

This is a month unlike any other we have ever experienced. To lose a few Sundays was difficult, but to lose the worship opportunities of Holy Week and Easter was heart wrenching, even though the health of all of us is paramount. It is my favorite time with the best and most celebratory music of the entire church calendar. With computers and smart phones, we have access to an endless array of wonderful music from many sources: churches, recordings, concerts, universities.

Here is a partial list of music we had planned for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. They are all available on YouTube, which is accessed through Google. Some even come with on-screen texts. Stay healthy, but with Tracie’s morning prayer times and resources such as this, we can still enjoy the riches of this season.

Palm Sunday: “All glory, laud and honor,” “On that Day when He Rode into Jerusalem,” and “Hosanna, loud hosanna.”

Holy Week: “Now my tongue, the mystery telling” (several tunes, but we sing “Pange Lingua”), “Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,” “In Remembrance” (by Buryl Red), “I want to walk as a child of the light,” “Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,” and “Tree of life and awesome mystery.” Also recommended: “Via Dolorosa” by Sandi Patty.

Easter: “Jesus Christ is risen today,” Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks,” “I am the bread of life,” and “Hail thee, festival day.” Also recommended: “See, What a Morning” (Resurrection Hymn).

Have a blessed month.

Marlene Weston

SECOND ANNUAL St. Jude's Crafter's & Holiday Bazaar Friday & Saturday, November 20 & 21, 2020

*New this year! We will be utilizing more spaces in the church
for crafters this year, not just in Vandenberg hall!*

Planning for this event has begun!

If you know any crafters who might be interested, please let us know.

Anyone interested in being a part of this team
please let Ron Trimmer know at
ron.m.trimmer@gmail.com.

If you are interested in renting a
booth or would like to donate
products for the St. Jude's booth
please notify St. Jude's office as soon as
possible.

*Primary fundraiser for funding a much needed
elevator lift for our facility, to aid in the
accessibility of our parishoners and visitors.
We invite you to be a part of this project!*



THE STORM

Julie DuPei, 3/25/20

What if God wanted us to gather closer to family, to cherish our children —

be present, engaged, giving

What if God wanted us to appreciate our communities —

our neighborhoods, churches, schools – to bond, connect, reach-out

What if God wanted us to slow down, reframe our work-life balance, set limits, ask more from employers —

reprioritize, self-advocate, change

What if God wanted us to reflourish the earth, clean our air, reconnect with nature, fill up our senses —

to reflect, introspect, appreciate

What if God wanted us to see the world as borderless, through our past travel, heritage, university life, student hosting —

to connect, understand, be open to

What if God wanted us to protect the caregivers who look after us, to learn from those who teach our children, to protect our elders —

to honor, respect, exchange

What if God wanted us to pray more, to hear meaning in His Word, to show kindness and humanity to those we can —

to be reverent, seeking and serving

***Can we weather this storm?
And if we do, what happens
when the sun returns?***

Prayer for a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those that have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country, let us choose love during this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbor.

Amen.

(Interfaith Hospitality Network, Cincinnati)

Confirmation Services

There will be confirmation services in 2020 for the Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan. All candidates and parishes are welcome to attend and participate in any of the four, regardless of their diocese. If you are interested in being confirmed or renewing your confirmation vows, please let Tracie know.

Saturday, September 19 - Emmanuel, Petoskey, 10 am Rehearsal with Candidates, 11 am Service.

Saturday, September 26 - St. Paul's, Flint, 10 am Rehearsal with Candidates, 11 am Service. Saturday, November 14 - Grand Rapids Area, Location and time TBD.

St. Jude's Rummage Sale

At this time, our rummage sale will not be taking place in May as previously planned. We are looking at rescheduling to later in the summer or early fall. Please stay tuned for further updates.

Building and Grounds Cleanup

The Building and Grounds Clean up is still on for Sunday May 31, 2020 after the 10:30 Service. The rain date will be held on Sunday June 7, 2020. Please mark your calendars accordingly. Volunteers are needed and appreciated.

The Craft Show and Holiday Bazaar

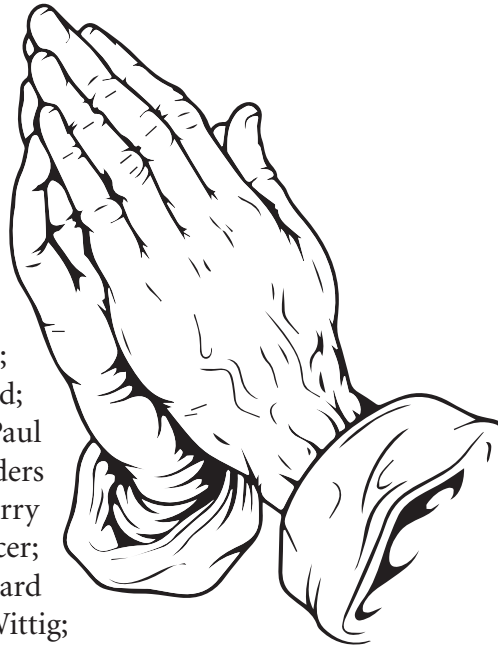
The Craft Show and Holiday Bazaar is scheduled for November 20 and 21, 2020. We are still looking for crafters. Please share with others.

Prayer List

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

For those in particular need

of prayer: Jeff F.; Jeremy Alber; Shanin Beall; Judy Bronner; Steven G.; Harold Gray; Bunny Gladfelter; Jaqueline Hoskins; Sydnie Jane Jones; Michael Krauthofer; Lisa Langly; Leon Layman; Bill Lenny; Jeff Luebke; Mike Maringo; Theresa Maynard; Jack & Beverly Mills; Noel; Paul Riley; Mike Rose; Leeanne Sanders and baby; James Simpson; Larry Smith; Sarah Smith; Stan Spicer; Mary Louise Susalla; Howard Thorpe; Jennifer Ubil; Marsha Wittig; Maureen Z.



And those in continuing need of prayer: David Barrows; Brett Beall; Butch & Julie Beuchel; Jack & Rita Bretzke; Margot Brummett; Dave Carr; Karen Cleaver; Cathy Conn; Alex Creamean; Betsy Davies; Melissa Draper; Gail Engdahl; John England; Mary Franklin; Ralph Gladfelter; Lisa & Barb Gladstone; Joan Graham; Brian Henderson; Clint Johnson; Kellie Johnson; Mindy Kania; Ev Koller; Janel Koop; Paul Koop; Angela Koresch; Leona; Anne Munns; Cathy Niemet; Richard Otto; Brian Paisley; Jay Rizzo; Arin Shinabarger; Nanae & Fukuko Shiraishi; Brian Smith; Sandy Train; Jill Tripp.

If you have updates or changes to the prayer list, please let Liz in the church office know. Thank you!

Pray for our St. Jude's Family:

- April 5 – Harry & Linda Chciuk; Kelly & Lisa Cronk; Sally Crouter
- April 12 – Sandy Davis; Nancy Day & Ashley Ransley; Gail Delaney; Dee Dickens
- April 19 – Sally Diehl; Paul & Sarah Dolza; Dot Dowlan; Julie, Dominic & Tess Dupei
- April 26 – Larry & Pam Elder; Bonnie Ensign; Rebeca Ensign; Josephine Feijoo

April Birthdays

- 1st – Erica Freeman
- 2nd – Jacob Freeman
- 4th – Laura Koch
- 8th – Shane Chambers
- 9th – Mark Hamel
- 10th – Aiden Green
- 14th – Mehgan Rayner
- 15th – Michelle Gangwer
- 20th – Scott Smith
- 24th – Lynn Freeman
- 26th – Gay Adams
- 29th – Teresa Maynard

April Anniversaries

- 5th – Fred & Lynell Wright (45th)
- 14th – David & Carol Chambers (47th)
- 23rd – Bob & Dianne Simpson (43rd)

CeleBRate



Beacon Deadlines

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



Episcopal Service Corps

In the 1980s, a handful of Episcopal year-long young adult service projects started in cities across the country. While not all of these early programs continued, over a period of 20 years programs developed in Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Boston, Philadelphia, Chapel Hill, Omaha, and New York. Although they grew up separately, these grassroots programs shared a vision of young adults living in intentional community, serving their neighborhoods, sharing in faith formation, and discerning vocational direction.

In the early 2000s, six programs came together to consider an on-going relationship primarily to meet their needs. As they developed relationships with the Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE) and Trinity Wall Street (TWS), they developed a common application process, hired a part-time administrator, and held an annual retreat for program participants. By 2008, they called this loose collaboration the Federation of Episcopal Domestic Internship Programs.

The Federation proved unwieldy and Program Directors started to ask: what can we do better together than we can do on our own? In conversation with FTE and TWS, Program Directors were encouraged to develop a network and the Epis-

copal Service Corps (ESC) was born. Initially ESC existed to strengthen existing programs, recruit a diverse group of young adults, and plant new programs. In 2009, it formed a Board of Directors and hired an Executive Director to broaden its vision and enhance its leadership.



Episcopal Service Corps is a network of young adults that are serving the needs of the world thru the Episcopal Church.

ESC's identity was changing from a group of inward-looking programs to a network, a community of communities, and a part of a transformational movement. Trinity Wall Street provided start-up funds for 12 new programs in two years and helped fund an Executive Director to facilitate ESC's

growth. Growth continued as the movement has expanded exponentially since 2009.

ESC is being more intentional about measured and qualitative growth and in October 2018, entered a strategic partnership with the Episcopal Church's Faith Formation Department. As a network of programs, a self-sustaining community of communities, and a movement of spiritual and social transformation, ESC continues in its original call to nurture programs in their particular gifts and callings while promoting the sharing of best practices, nurturing new leaders, practicing mutual accountability, and sparking a new vision for young adults and The Episcopal Church.

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This program is for young adults who would like to serve in the U.S. There is another program, called Young Adult Service Corps which sends young adults to serve overseas.

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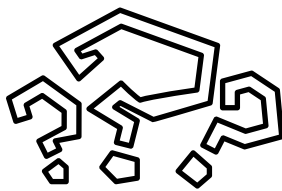
Into your spacious

heart

AND LOVING HANDS

dear God

I place



my fears, my "what ifs," my spinning world and mind

Comfort me with the

TRUTH

NO FEAR

is too big for the

GREAT ONE

who is always with me.

am never alone.

CALMING GOD, BRING COURAGE

TENDER SPIRIT, BREATHE PEACE

GENTLE JESUS, BE CLOSE

Amen



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