

# THE BEACON

SEEKING AND WORSHIPPING GOD...REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

JULY 2020... OUR 162ND YEAR

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Holy Eucharist

8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

**Coffee Hour follows**

**10:30 service**

## RECTORS REPORT

I would like to thank you all for your support and your prayers as I engage in the second intensive class work for my D.Min. in Preaching. As I write, I have completed week 1, Preaching as Performance, and had an incredibly powerful week! And I've begun to write my learning goals for the coming year. You may be interested in knowing that my first learning goal involves returning to preaching without notes.

When we first learned that our residency was cancelled, the course work itself was in question as the powers that be wrestled with whether or not they could offer our classes online. It's been wonderful to see everyone who returned, albeit in tiny boxes on the screen, and to catch up as we engage in intensive learning once again. In our Zoom space, God is challenging me and pushing me to grow in my preaching.

I must admit, I was hesitant about returning this year, given the online format. However, since learning that we would, indeed, be studying, I began experimenting with locations in the house, confident that my normal office space was not going to work for me. We've now turned our spare bedroom into my temporary office and I've placed my borrowed table, which is my desk, in front of the window so I have lots of natural light. From my desk, I'm able to watch

God's creation as the birds play in and around the branches of the blue spruces and the bunnies hop in the various gardens, sampling plants.

As I've reflected over this first weekend between classes, I've been thinking about the importance of space. When the pandemic first closed our buildings and we began our online worship, I encouraged people to create worship spaces. Places in their homes with items that would help them focus on God as they prayed and worshipped. There have been a few times when I've challenged people to create or include particular kinds of items that would help focus the season.

Place is important. And, we've all been limited the places where we move around to the rooms in our homes for several months now. I can't remember a time when I've had such a limited environment. My office tends to move around the house, especially now that the weather is nice, as I've worshipped with you from the back deck, participated in adult Bible Study or dialed in to Outreach meetings sitting on the front porch, worked in the dining room and now, as I study in my Chicago Room. As I've moved my "office" around the various places in our home, I've noticed how my space affects my mood and my experience

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## Rector's Report (cont'd)

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of God. Place is important.

What spaces are you experiencing now? How are you experiencing God in those spaces?

Once again, I thank you from the

bottom of my heart for this time when I can study and grow! I'm looking forward to continuing my learning with you all as I move through my second preaching project!

**Love and Blessings,**

*Tracie+*

## Tracie away for continuing education

Tracie will be away for Continuing Education as she participates in the second residency for the ACTS D.Min. in Preaching program from the afternoon of June 21 through July 12. The Rev. Paul Brunell will be the pastoral contact for Tracie during this time. Please contact Liz in the church office if you have a pastoral need and she can put you in contact with Paul.

## You're Invited!

**Save the Date:** July 18, the Diocese will be live-streaming Ordinations to the Priesthood of Paul Brunell and others. You're invited to celebrate with Paul virtually. The Ordinations will be live-streamed on Facebook.

## Virtual Coffee Hour

We are offering a virtual coffee hour to gather and socialize every Sunday morning at 10:30 am.

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82628670985>

**Meeting ID:** 826 2867 0985

**Password:** Family

## November Bazaar Cancelled

After several discussions about occupancy, social distancing, directions from the Diocese and uncertainty of what can occur in the fall it was decided not to hold the Holiday Craft Bazaar this 2020 season. We felt we could not leave our Crafters with unknowns and for their planning purposes. Therefore, we decided to cancel. However, in saying that we are and will plan for holding the event during the 2021 season.

## Notice of Bishop's Suspension

Last week, we received word from the Diocese that The Right Rev. Wayne Hougland, Jr. has been placed on suspension for a year. To view the full statement from the Standing Committee and Wayne Hougland, please visit the Diocesan website at <http://eastmich.org/notice-bishop-has-been-placed-on-suspension/>

## Mounted Flat Screen TV in Vandenberg Hall

Thank you to Greg Forsyth for purchasing and mounting a flat screen in our Fellowship Hall! We are hoping this tv can be used for a variety of purposes

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# PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Knitting continues with several prayer shawls completed while we have been in quarantine. Oh... the prayers that have gone into them!

Anyone interested in taking part in the next phone a friend prayer shawl meeting (where one member calls another and they share time together, knitting as able)...

**Contact Judy Marincio  
(586-770-7736) or  
Deb James  
(810-735-4547) for info.**

## Update on Re-Opening to Phase II

An email was sent out from the Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan last week stating that churches can begin re-opening beginning in July. St. Jude's Vestry and Tracie have made the decision at this point to wait at least until Tracie is back from school before moving forward with re-opening. The Vestry will be meeting in July to continue their discussions regarding Phase II and what St. Jude's re-opening might look like, how we will go about it and when we might be able to accomplish a safe re-opening. Visit <http://eastmich.org/coronavirus/> for more information on the Diocesan response and plan for dealing with Covid.

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when we begin to transition into in-person worship again. If you are willing to donate toward this television project, please write "TV or television" in the memo area of your check or online donation. If you have questions, contact Liz in the church office.



**Let your  
FAITH  
be bigger  
than your  
FEARS.**

# REFLECTIONS

Submitted by Judy Marinco from "Our Daily Bread," May 23rd edition

## Keepers of the Light

*For God . . . made his light shine in our hearts.*

2 Corinthians 4:6



They call them "Keepers of the Light."

At the lighthouse on the cape of Hatteras Island just off the North Carolina coast of the United States, there's a memorial to those who've tended the light stations there since 1803. Shortly after the existing structure was moved inland because of shoreline erosion, the names of the keepers were etched on the old foundation stones and arranged into an amphitheater shape facing the new site. That way—as a placard explains—today's visitors can follow in the historical keepers' footsteps and "watch over" the lighthouse as well.

Jesus is the ultimate light-giver. He said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk

in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12). That's a radical thing for anyone to claim. But Jesus said it to affirm His relationship with His heavenly Father, the Creator of light and life who sent Him.

When we look to Jesus for salvation and follow His teaching, we're restored in relationship with God, and He gives us new power and purpose. His transforming life and love—"the light of all mankind" (1:4)—shines in us and through us and out to a dark and sometimes dangerous world.

As believers in Jesus, we become "keepers of the light." May others see His light shine from us and discover the life and hope He alone can give!

By James Banks

*Reflect and Pray*

**Jesus, I praise You for Your light and love. Help me to shine for You.**

In what practical ways can you shine Jesus' light? Where is God calling you to be obedient to Him today?



## July Birthdays

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

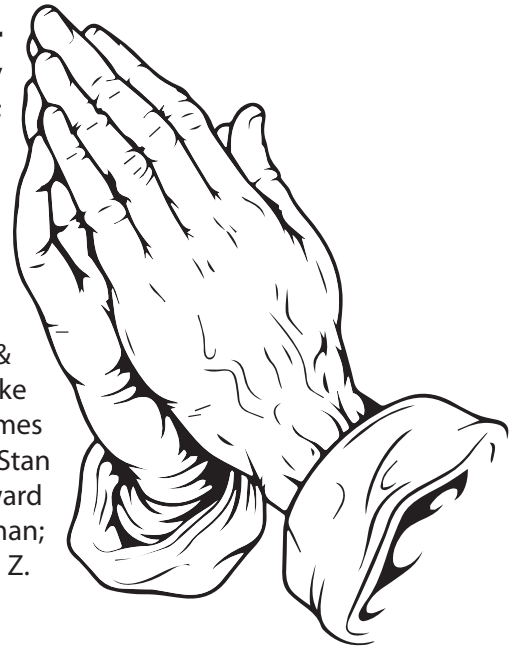
## July Anniversaries

- 1st – Charles & Francine Johnston  
(42 years)
- 7th – Lester & Nancy Jones  
(47 years)
- 12th – Dave & Denise Rayner  
(46 years)
- 28th – Jack & Rita Bretzke  
(69 years)
- 29th – Scott & Sandra Smith  
(48 years)

# PRAYER LIST

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan; 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; Sarah Heikkila; Jaqueline Hoskins; Sydnie Jane Jones; Michael Krauthofer; Lisa Langly; Leon Layman; Bill Lenny; Jeff Luebke; Carol MacDougall; Mike Marincio; 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; Brad Wiechelman; Lori Wilson; 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 Koresh; Leona; Cathy Niemet; Richard Otto; Brian Paisley; Jay Rizzo; Arin Shinabarger; Nanae & Fukuko Shiraishi; Brian Smith; Sandy Train; Ellen 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:

- July 5 – Jodie, Harry & Robbie Hunt; Bob & Terri Hutchins; Mark, Beth & Nicole Jagos
- July 12 – Dave & Debbie James; Charlie & Francine Johnston; Nancy & Lester Jones
- July 19 – Carl & Connie Koch; Doug Koch; Jeff, Jennifer & Madeline Koch
- July 26 – Steve, Laura, Evan & Ella Koch; Evelyn Koller; Jim & Kathy Kortge

CeleBRate





## **Oops! New Summer Program Plans**

I have a confession. I've had a change of heart. I hadn't been feeling particularly inspired by the previously announced summer program. I think that's because the unusual time that we are living in made me yearn for something that might help us in walking thru these times and give us some encouragement as to how to support and care for others. I had looked at Compassion Camp before but thought it was geared too young for our multi-generational program. Since then, a diocesan group has formed that is re-working the program to include multi-generational elements.

Our team of leaders is made up of McKenzie Bade who is Camp Director at Camp Chickagami, Jeff Brown who is youth minister at two Episcopal parishes in Grand Rapids, Missy Harrison who is in charge of Children, Youth & Family Ministries at St. John's, Midland and Bronwyn Woolman who is the Coordinator of Messy Church at Trinity, Alpena and me!

Because there is a team working on this, we have the capability of offering more content and a greater variety of ways to engage the content. For instance, there are both online elements and completely screen free elements. You can choose which opportunities to explore. Our plans are to include:

- Story
- Crafts
- Music
- Movement & Mindfulness: Think Yoga Class and Meditation.
- Optional Zoom Gatherings

*From the Curriculum Authors: As we look around the world, what becomes clearer each day is our deep need for compassion—now more than ever. Each of these five sessions has a central scripture passage about the day's theme. Compassion Camp's goal is to cultivate compassion for each other, ourselves and the world.*

*Session 1: At the Table—Luke 15:11-32*

*Session 2: To the Neighbor—Mark 2:1-12*

*Session 3: For Myself—Mark 12:28-31*

*Session 4: Along the Way—Ruth 1:1-22*

*Session 5: With the World—Leviticus 25*

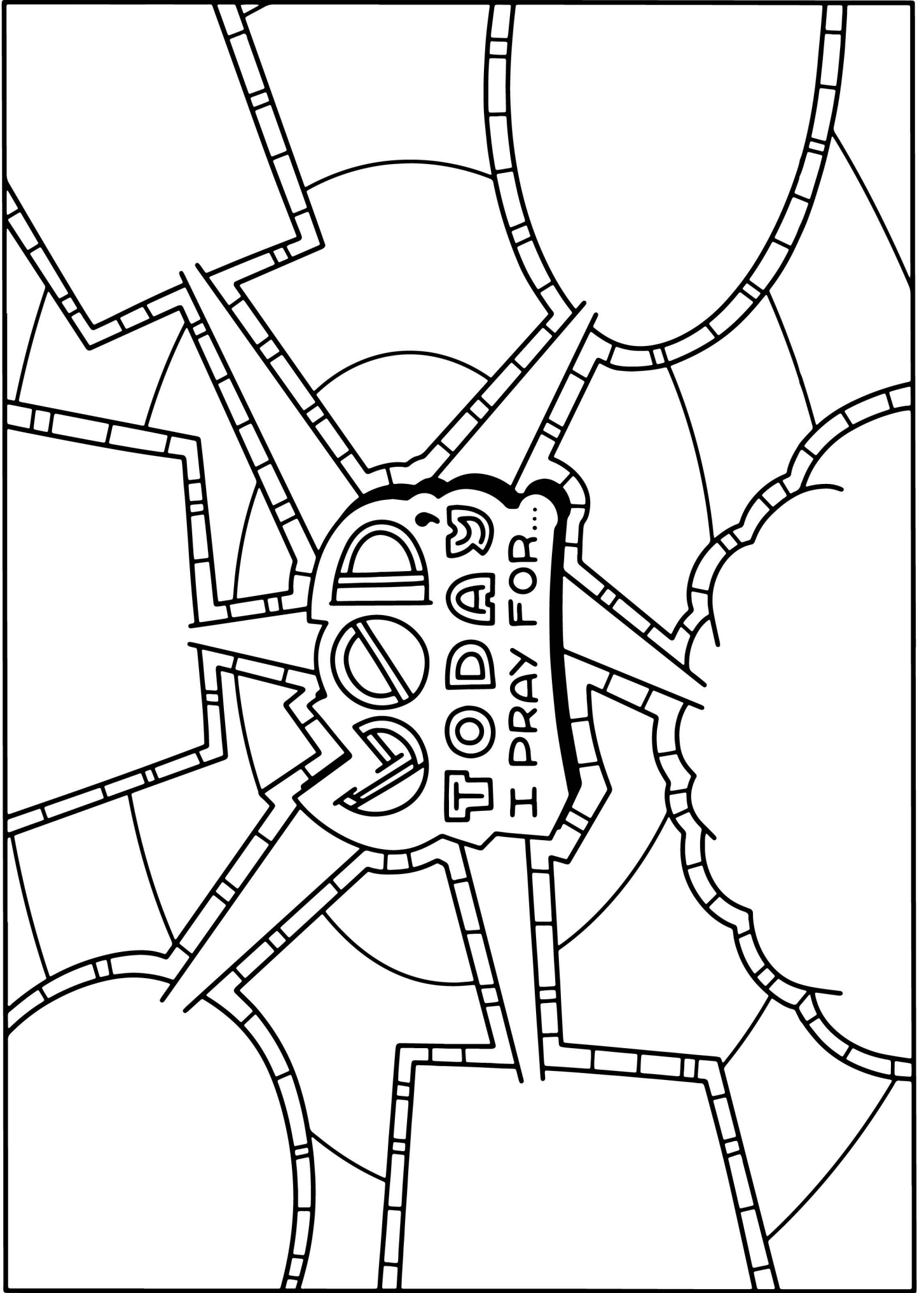
*The program will be offered the weeks of July 26 and August 2, 9, 16 and 23. Watch for further details soon.*

- Compassion Camp-in-a-Box. Materials for the program will be sent to each participant.



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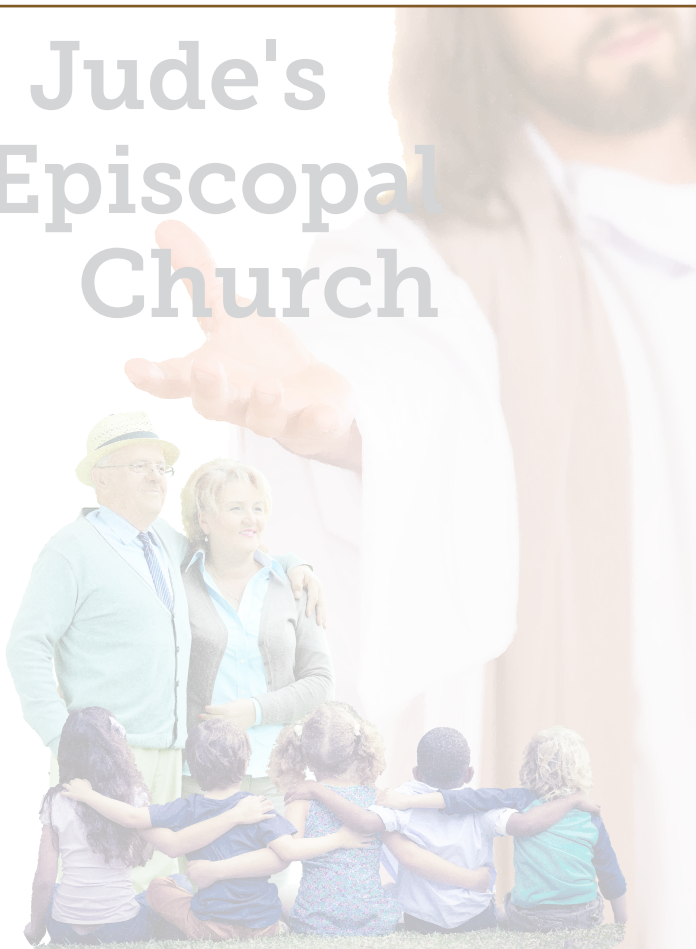
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## **VESTRY**

Charlie Johnston, Senior Warden  
Lynne Ronthi, Junior Warden  
Debbie James, Clerk  
Michelle Gangwer, Treasurer

### **2021**

Josephine Feijoo  
Lynne Ronthi  
Jerry Rucker  
Mike Wells

### **2022**

Deb James  
Charlie Johnston  
Jack Mills  
Diane Putnam

### **2023**

Nancy Day  
Paul Dolza  
Rex Harris  
Christine Szostak

### **Delegates to the Diocesan Convention**

Jack & Beverly Mills  
John & Carol Pettipher

### **Alternate:**

Dave & Denise Rayner  
Charlie & Francine Johnston