

# THE BEACON

SEEKING AND WORSHIPPING GOD...REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

SEPTEMBER 2021... OUR 163RD YEAR

ST. JUDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH • FENTON, MICHIGAN

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**SUNDAY SERVICES:**

Sunday & Wednesday

Morning Prayer Services

via Facebook Live

8:00 a.m.

Sunday In-Person Communion

10:30 a.m.

## COVID Protocols

As the church year quickly winds its way to fall and our normal program year, we have been receiving many inquiries as to how we will proceed in the midst of the Covid surge we are currently experiencing. In order to address this, last week the Vestry put in place a series of Covid Protocols. First and foremost, please know that the safety of all who participate in the ministries of St. Jude's were both the starting point and foundation of all of our discussions. Having read all of the science, especially with regards to the Delta variant's pervasiveness and the reality that it is much more contagious, we found ourselves needing to make some very difficult decisions. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Tracie (810-300-9177) or any Vestry member.

Here are the protocols that we have adopted:

### Building Policy

- Whenever any of our three counties (Genesee, Livingston, Oakland) are orange or red on the Covid risk map located at <https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/> everyone will be required to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status,

while in the building. This policy covers worship and all meetings taking place within the building.

- Whenever any of our three counties (Genesee, Livingston, Oakland) are yellow or green, those who are fully vaccinated (2 weeks after receiving the second dose of Pfizer or Moderna or 2 weeks after receiving the one dose of Johnson & Johnson) can choose whether or not to wear a mask when in the building. Those who are unvaccinated must still wear a mask.

- The Rector's office and the Administrative Assistant Office do not support meetings taking place because of the size and the inability to remain socially distant. Meetings usually held in those spaces will need to move to a larger space where 6 feet of distance can be maintained between participants.

- Congregational and choral singing can take place while everyone is masked whenever the Covid risk map, noted above, has any of our three counties showing either orange or red.

- Those who are fully vaccinated may remove their masks for congregational and choral singing when the Covid risk map shows

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either yellow or green.

- Masks will be provided for those who enter without one.

## Godly Play and Nursery

- Godly Play and the Nursery will be suspended whenever the Covid risk map shows orange or red for any of our three counties.

- When the Covid risk map shows yellow, Godly Play and the Nursery will be take place with all participants being masked.

- The "Soft Space" in the sanctuary will be developed for our youngest members to use once the Covid map shows green for all three of our counties.

- The "Busy Bags" will be kept clean and stocked for children who may be in worship.

## Youth Group

- Whenever the Covid risk map is orange or red, the Youth Group will meet outdoors.

- When weather does not support an outside gathering, they will meet in a larger space in the building which allows for them to maintain a 6 foot circle around each participant.

## Miscellaneous

- Attendance records with contact information will continue to be kept for all meetings and gatherings.

- Hand sanitizing stations will be made available throughout the building.

- Regular weekly sanitizing off all touchable surfaces will take place. Groups who use the space will sanitize after each gathering. The worship space will be sanitized during the weekly cleaning by the sextons.

**Love and Blessings,**

*Tracie+*

# Thank You

Thank you to everyone who reached out to me after my diagnosis of COVID in early August. The prayers, phone calls, text messages, cards, porch drops with goodies, and support was wonderful from our St. Jude's faith community.

It was a total shock when I got my test results to find out it was positive! I have been fully vaccinated since the end of February 2021, and I thought that meant it wouldn't get the virus. I learned we can all still get the virus, but the impact won't be as severe as it is for those who are not vaccinated. For that I am very grateful.

I am fully recovered and back to my regular activities now. Be safe: wear masks, stay socially distant, and wash your hands. It will take all of us to put this virus down.

**Blessings,**

*Judy Marinco*

# PAY IT FORWARD

Our 2021 budget has a large, unsustainable deficit. As a result, the people of St. Jude's have been issued a challenge: If you are able to give even a little above and beyond your pledge, please consider giving that money toward reducing our deficit this year.

**You can make your donation in the manner you are most comfortable, check or online.**

If you give by check, please put "deficit reduction" or "pay it forward" in the memo line. If you give online, please select the "Custodial - Deficit Reduction" fund from the drop down menu.

**Thank you!**

## Donations Received for Deficit Reduction:

**Deficit presented in 2021 budget:**  
\$26,657

**Donated in August 2021 :** \$0

**Total Received through August in 2021:** \$2,231.00

## Book Club

Book Club meets the 4th Tuesday night of each month at 7 pm at someone's house.

This year, Book Club will continue to meet at a host's home with no dinner. There will also be no cookie exchange again this year.

There are still openings for hosts, please contact Kathy Hopper if you are interested.

### Here is part of this year's schedule:

#### 9/28 - Judy Maringo

*The German Midwife* by Mandy Robotham

#### 10/26 - Sharon Aldrich

*The Girls in the Stilt House* by Kelly Mustian

#### 11/23 - Francine Johnston

*The Premonition* by Michael Lewis

#### 12/28 - Kathy Hopper

*Takes One to Know One* by Susan Issacs

#### 1/25 - ?

*Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Richardson



# REFLECTIONS

Submitted by Judy Maringo from "Our Daily Bread", June 13th edition

## The Kingdom of God

*The kingdom of God belongs to such as these.*

Mark 10:14



My mother has been committed to many things over the course of her life, but one that has remained constant is her desire to see little children introduced to Jesus. Of the few times I've witnessed my mother display disagreement publicly, all were when someone attempted to cut a children's ministry budget in favor of what they felt were more "serious" expenditures. "I took off one summer when I was pregnant with your brother, but that's it," she told me. I did a little family math and I realized my mom had been working with children in the church for fifty-five years.

Mark 10 records one of the endearing stories in the Gospels

commonly titled "The Little Children and Jesus." People were bringing children to Jesus that He might touch and bless them. But the disciples tried to prevent this from happening. Mark records Jesus as "indignant"—and rebuking His very own disciples: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (v. 14).

Charles Dickens wrote, "I love these little people; and it's not a slight thing when they, who are so fresh from God, love us." And it's not a slight thing when we, who are older, do all we can to make sure the little children are never hindered from the ever-fresh love of Jesus.

By John Blase

*Reflect and Pray*

If you were introduced to Jesus as a child, who were the supporting adults in that memory? What kind of impression does Jesus being indignant in this story make on you?

**Jesus, help me to reveal Your love and presence to all people, including children. Make me mindful of ways to ensure that they can always come to You.**

# MUSIC NOTES

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS!

It has been a long time coming and music is returning! Choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 9, at 7 PM. WE NEED SINGERS!!! COME TRY US OUT!!! 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 or Marlene Weston.

ST. JUDE'S RINGERS will also begin rehearsals on Thursday, September 9 at 6 PM. WE NEED NEW RINGERS and will train. Ringers are encouraged to arrive early to assist with set-up.

*Marlene Weston*

## Family Promise Golf FORE Families

**October 16, 2021**

*Atlas Valley Golf Club  
8313 Perry Rd., Grand Blanc, MI*

Back by popular demand and at the newly revamped Atlas Valley Golf Club! The entire facility and course underwent a dramatic revitalization in 2020 and are receiving rave reviews. It is a perfect backdrop to play golf and help local families experiencing a housing crisis.

If you are unable to golf and would like to contribute to Family Promises largest fundraiser, you can do so by contributing Silent Auction items. We are looking for gift certificates, gift cards, or items that could make a gift basket. Contact Diane Putnam at 810.938.5307 for more information.

For more information or to register, visit: <http://bit.ly/fpgcgolf>

## Volunteering for Family Promise

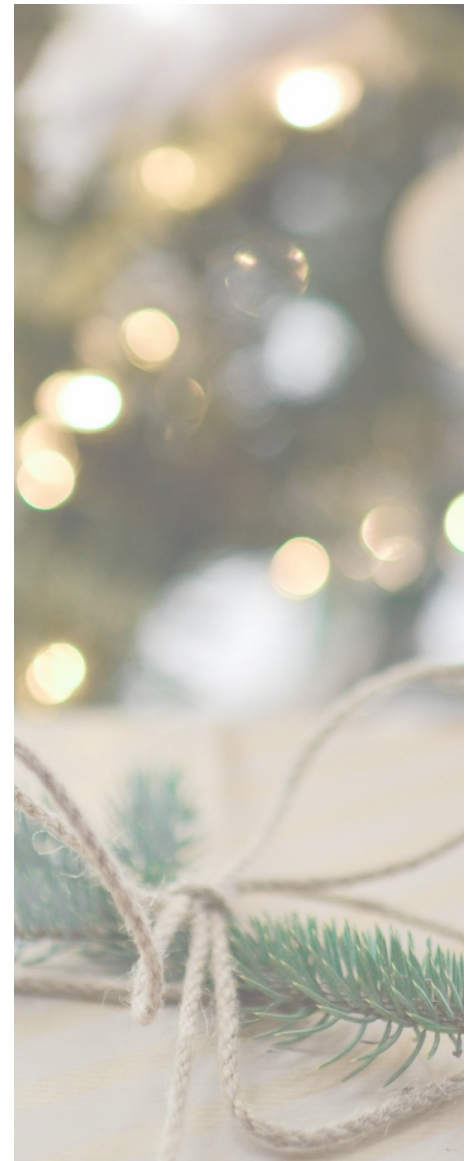
Family Promise will resume its first host week October 17-24 at Calvary UMC Day Center. At this time, Tiffani Wharry, the Genesee County Family Promise director will run that week with volunteers at Calvary. St. Jude's is scheduled for the week of October 31-November 6, 2021. We will once again be supporting St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Flint. We will be receiving training from Tiffani with revised COVID-19 safe practices in the near future. More information will be coming as we develop plans that fit these unprecedented times.

Volunteer training for Family Promise is now available online. You can complete this training from the comfort of your own home. Each module is between 5-8 minutes. It's been a while since we have volunteered at St. Paul's and it a wonderful refresher and inspirational to remind us what Family Promise is about. Visit [www.familypromise.org/volunteer-training-videos/](http://www.familypromise.org/volunteer-training-videos/)

## Holiday Bazaar & Craft Show 2022

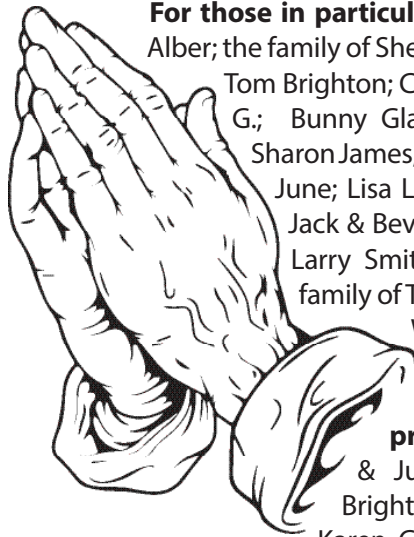
**November 11 - 13, 2022**

We are looking ahead to resume our Craft Show in 2022 to raise funds for our elevator project! The bazaar will take place the weekend of November 12 & 13. We need crafters! If you or someone you know may be interested, please contact Ron Trimmer (810-923-3493), Nancy Day or Lynn Hopper (810-845-0645). More information to come!



# PRAYER LIST

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Skip, Assisting Bishop to the Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan; the Standing Committees of the Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan; Tracie, our Priest; Judy, our Deacon; for the Wardens and Vestry.



**For those in particular need of prayer:** Martha; Jeff F.; Jeremy Alber; the family of Sheila Baker; Shanin Beall; Laura Bentz; Kathy & Tom Brighton; Cindy; Joe Capadagli; Danielle Dixon; Steven G.; Bunny Gladfelter; Sarah Heikkila; Jaqueline Hoskins; Sharon James; Carl Koch; Connie Koch; Michael Krauthofer; June; Lisa Langly; Leon Layman; Bill Lenny; Laura; Liz; Jack & Beverly Mills; Noel; Paul Riley; James Simpson; Larry Smith; Sarah Smith; Mary Louise Susalla; the family of Tim; Jennifer Ubil; Brad Wiechelmann; Marsha Wittig; Maureen Z.

**And those in continuing need of prayer:** Bill; David Barrows; Brett Beall; Butch & Julie; Rita Bretzke; Todd Brighton; Diane Brighton-Weinman; Margot Brummett; Dave; Karen Cleaver; Cathy Conn; Betsy Davies; Melissa Draper; John England; Mary Franklin; Gabe; Ralph Gladfelter; Joan Graham; Brian Henderson; Clint; Kelli; Sydne Kalet; Ev Koller; Angela Koresh; Leona; Sherry More; Vic Peters; Richard; Arin Shinabarger; Brian Smith; Sandy Train; Leonard Traskos; Ellen Tripp; Patti Vasquez

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

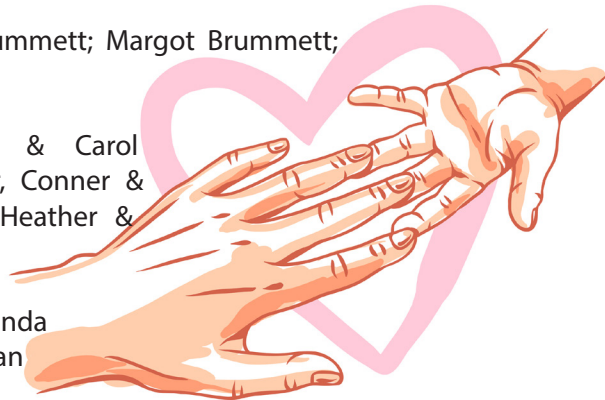
## Pray for our St. Jude's Family:

**September 5** - LeeAnn Brummett; Margot Brummett; Jon & Rosiland Burroughs

**September 12** - David & Carol Chambers; Ronald, Jennifer, Conner & Sophia Chambers; Shane, Heather & Hayden Chambers

**September 19** - Harry & Linda Chciuk; Lana, Marcus & Julian Clark; Kelly & Lisa Cronk

**September 26** - Nancy Day; Dee Dickens; Paul & Sarah Dolza; Julie, Dominic & Tess DuPei



## September Birthdays

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

## September Anniversaries

- 10th – Jim & Kathy Kortge  
(56 years)
- 14th – Carl & Connie Koch  
(65 years)
- 26th – Steve & Laura Koch  
(24 years)
- 29th – Scott & Sandra Smith  
(50 years)





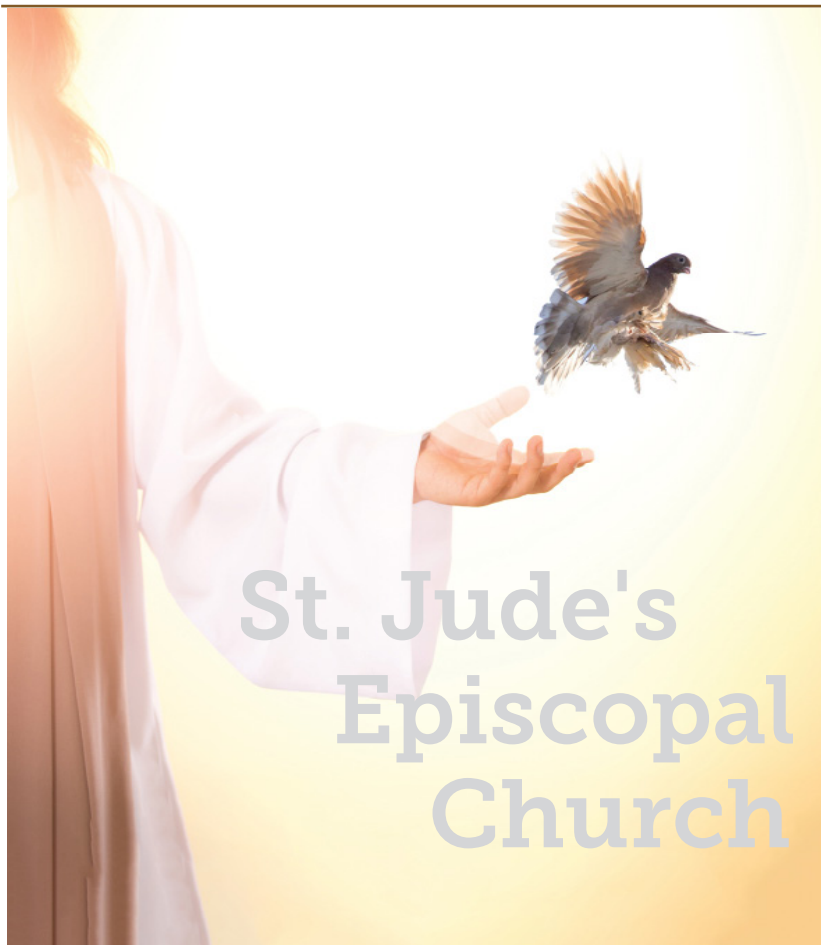
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**VESTRY**

Charlie Johnston, Senior Warden  
Ron Trimmer, Junior Warden  
Debbie James, Clerk  
Michelle Gangwer, Treasurer

**2022**

Deb James  
Charlie Johnston  
Jack Mills  
Diane Putnam

**2023**

Nancy Day  
Paul Dolza  
Rex Harris  
Mike Wells

**2024**

Dee Grossmann  
Lynn Hopper  
Ron Trimmer