

# THE BEACON

SEEKING AND WORSHIPPING GOD...REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

JUNE 2022... OUR 164TH YEAR

ST. JUDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH • FENTON, MICHIGAN

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SUNDAY SERVICES:

Sunday In-Person Worship  
(also livestreamed on Facebook Live)  
10:30 a.m.

Wednesday  
Morning Prayer Service  
via Facebook Live  
8:00 a. m.

## Thoughts from the Senior Warden

We have just celebrated Memorial Day and remembered those who gave their lives so we may have the freedom and lives that we have today. I have learned over the last few months that we cannot do it alone and that it takes many to make our community great and we all need to speak up and be a part of sharing our faith.

Awhile back I remember hearing these words and they are still in my head today. "The church is a building, the parish is the people" and we are the believers, the ones who follow through with very little guidance. We are here for each other.

Volunteers with very little thanks are maintaining the grounds and the memorial garden and caring for those who are resting there. The volunteers are the individuals that make St. Jude's a welcoming space to all.

Some of us have to be asked to participate in one of our many projects and others just step up and do it. I give thanks to those that have stepped up and became a vestry member and those that have stepped up to serve on the new Rector Search Committee. Both of these areas require taking time away from our normal hectic lives. Others call parish members and share a few moments with them. And we

appreciate all they contribute.

As we move on through the month of June, we are in need of volunteers to work the Rummage Sale being held on June 24th and 25th. Please take the time to sign the sheet in Vandenberg Hall to help us out.

I ask that the Lords blessing be with you all.

**May the Lord keep his Blessings on the St. Jude's Family!**

*Ron Trimmer*

The Vestry asks for your daily prayers to include the following:

***Almighty God, look graciously on the people of St. Jude's Episcopal Church. Be with us and lead us as we seek a priest for our church. We ask your direction and guidance for those who shall choose our new spiritual leader that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. Grant us perception, faithfulness, and joy, so that we may hear your voice in all our deliberations. Grant us also the desire and the ability to truly hear each other and those who have entrusted us with this process. Give us courage to respond and act as you lead us. We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## June Birthdays

- 1st Bob Simpson
- 2nd Tess DuPei
- 6th Paul Dolza  
Lois Hartranft
- 7th Amy Freeman
- 8th Clay Putnam
- 10th Linda Freeman
- 13th Bill Anderson
- 14th Leigha Forsyth
- 15th Craig Adams
- 16th Nancy Mason
- 18th Bob Alexander  
Debbie James  
Ashley Ransley
- 20th Lynell Wright
- 22nd Doug Koch
- 24th Robbie Hunt  
Christine Szostak
- 30th Mike Green

## June Anniversaries

- 25th John & Carol Pettipher (56th)
- 26th Bob & Kim Alexander (40th)



## Prayer List

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Prince, our Bishop Provisional; Judy, our Deacon; for the Search Committee and Vestry.

For Bill; Laura; Rita; Kathy & Tom; Todd; Diane; Sue; Barbara & Joe; Cindy; Cathy; Danielle; Gabe; Rose; Joan; Jim; Sharon; June; Carl; Sydne; Laura; Liz; Sherry; Leonard; Patti and Brad.

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

# MUSIC NOTES

It is incredible that we are in June. This brings a close to the music ministry season for another year. St. Jude's Ringers tolled their final time several weeks ago and the choir concludes its season on June 5. It has been a busy and fulfilling season.

Thank you to all our talented and dedicated musicians who give so freely of their time. This includes not just in worship, but in the other ministries of the church since many serve in other capacities as well.

WE HAVE A GREAT NEED FOR MORE SINGERS AND RINGERS. Please consider either joining us or recommending someone we may not be aware of.

We will resume in September. Have a blessed summer.

*Marlene Weston*

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Several years ago, a group of women (and one man), began a prayer shawl ministry at St. Jude's. Since then, we have made quite a few prayer shawls that have been distributed to a great many people. They are usually blessed by our priest before they are given to the recipient. Recipients of the shawls might be someone who has been recently diagnosed with a difficult illness, undergoing chemotherapy or dialysis, had surgery, lost a loved one, or just going through a particularly rough patch in life. The shawls remind the recipient of our prayers and love that are with them, a "warm hug" when they need it most.

Because of Covid, our in person meetings were curtailed, but we continued to knit and crochet these shawls. We are happy to say that we had our first in person meeting in May and made the decision to continue having monthly prayer shawl meetings through the summer, as long as the Covid numbers remain safe to gather together.

The dates are:

- Tuesday, 1 p.m. June 14th** at Judy Marincos's home
- Tuesday, 1 p.m. July 19th** at Deb Jame's home
- Tuesday, 1 p.m. August 16th** at Lisa Cronk's home



You do not need to be a skilled knitter or crocheter - in fact, all are welcome with lessons on how to knit or crochet if needed.

Contact Debbie James (810-210-6305) if you are interested in attending and you will be provided with additional information.

# REFLECTIONS

Submitted by Judy Marinco from "Our Daily Bread", May 5th edition

## Our Father

*This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father . . ."*  
Matthew 6:9



Most mornings I recite the Lord's Prayer. I'm not worth much for the new day until I've grounded myself in those words. Recently I'd said only the first two words—"Our Father"—when my phone rang. It startled me as it was 5:43 a.m. Guess who? The phone display read "Dad." Before I had a chance to answer, the call quickly ended. I guessed my dad had called by mistake. Sure enough, he had. Random coincidence? Maybe, but I believe we live in a world awash in the mercy of God. That particular day I needed that reassurance of our Father's presence.

Think about that for a minute. Of all the ways Jesus could have taught His disciples to begin their prayers, He chose those two words—"Our Father" (Matthew 6:9) as the starting point. Random? No, Jesus was never less

than intentional with His words. We all have different relationships with our earthly fathers—some good, some far less than that. However, praying in the way we should is not addressing "my" father or "your" father, but "our" Father, the One who sees us and hears us, and who knows what we need before we even ask Him (v. 8).

What an amazing reassurance, especially on those days when we might feel forgotten, alone, abandoned, or simply just not worth much. Remember, regardless of where we are and what time of day or night it might be, our Father in heaven is always near.

*By John Blase*

### *Reflect and Pray*

How can you make the Lord's Prayer a part of your prayer life? What feelings do those two words—"Our Father"—stir in you?

**Father, thank You for Your promise to hear me when I pray, regardless of where I may be.**

## June 19th 10:30 am Service

The Rev. Don Davidson, our Diocesan coordinator for the Rector Search, will be presiding at our 10:30 am Eucharist Service the morning of Sunday, June 19. He will be fielding questions from the congregation regarding the search process. Please plan on being there!

## Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale for St. Jude's is scheduled for **Friday, June 24, 9 am – 4 pm** and **Saturday, June 25, 9 am – 3 pm**. All parishioners are invited to take part in this event. Your donations will help both the Building and Grounds and our General Operating Budget.

There is a sign up sheet in Vandenberg Hall for the different types of volunteers we will need. If you aren't able to help the weekend of, we will also need volunteers for drop-off days in the weeks leading up to the rummage sale. Any questions please contact Kathy Kortge or Ron Trimmer.

### **Drop off days:**

June 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 from 9 am – Noon

***No electronics please!***

## Altar Flowers

Each Sunday, we purchase altar flowers to decorate our church. If you wish to help offset the cost of the flowers, you can sign up in Vandenberg Hall for a Sunday and fill out a form to donate them in honor/memory of a person or event. The suggested donation is \$24.



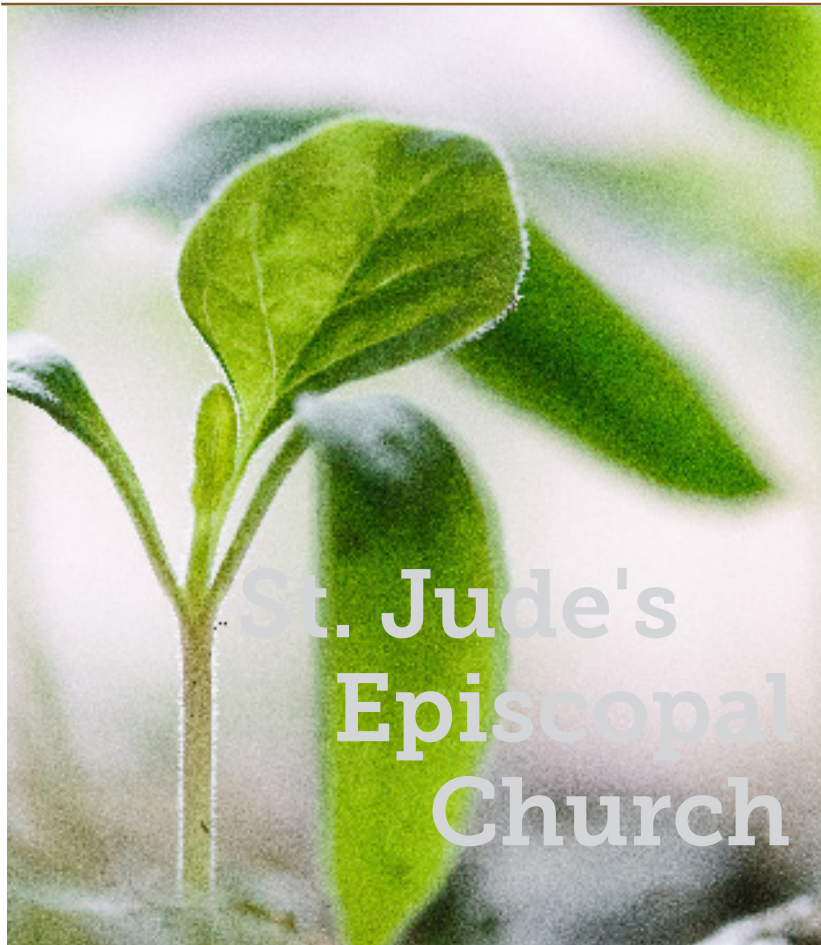
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### **VESTRY**

Ron Trimmer, Senior Warden

Mike Wells, Junior Warden

Dee Grossmann, Clerk

Michelle Gangwer, Treasurer

### **2023**

Nancy Day

Paul Dolza

Rex Harris

Mike Wells

### **2024**

Dee Grossmann

Lynn Hopper

Ron Trimmer

### **2025**

Julie DuPei

Lois Hartranft & Arlo

Francine Johnston

Clay Putnam

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

Dave & Denise Rayner

John & Carol Pettipher