

# THE BEACON

SEEKING AND WORSHIPPING GOD...REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

JULY 2022... OUR 164TH YEAR

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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

As we continue through the Season, it is an appropriate time to reflect on our spiritual journey and to look forward to our future here at St. Jude's. I believe we need to think big, and not settle with comfortable. We need to maximize all our tools, gifts, and potential to serve and grow. We are going through a lot of changes in today's world, both within our church and our nation. Change is not necessarily fun, nor is it comfortable. But growth just by its nature requires change.

Over the past few months a Search Committee has been formed and working very hard to reach out for a new Rector that will lead us into the future. We have heard Reverend Don Davidson, our liaison from the Diocese, speak to us about our direction for a new Rector and that the Search Committee is right on tract. I encourage you to keep them in your prayers daily.

The committee has been reaching out to the congregation for input and to complete a survey. If you have not done so please contact one of the committee members and make your thoughts known. As the committee continues they will use the diocesan template to lead us through the transition. May we all trust in the process and have faith

in those we have entrusted to do God's work. If anyone has questions, please ask any Vestry member, and they will listen to your concerns.

Keep praying and remember to move out of your comfort zone and help St. Jude's grow.

Yours in Faith,

*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.***

# REFLECTIONS

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

## This is Grace

*God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.*

Acts 2:36



*Les Misérables* begins with paroled convict Jean Valjean stealing a priest's silver. He's caught, and he expects to be returned to the mines. But the priest shocks everyone when he claims he'd given the silver to Valjean. After the police leave, he turns to the thief, "You belong no longer to evil, but to good."

Such extravagant love points to the love that flowed from the fountain from which all grace comes. On the day of Pentecost, Peter told his audience that less than two months before, in that very city, they had crucified Jesus. The crowd was crushed and asked what they must do. Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins" (Acts 2:38). Jesus had endured the punishment

they deserved. Now their penalty would be forgiven if they put their faith in Him.

Oh, the irony of grace. The people could only be forgiven because of Christ's death—a death they were responsible for. How gracious and powerful is God! He's used humanity's greatest sin to accomplish our salvation. If God has already done this with the sin of crucifying Jesus, we may assume there's nothing He can't turn into something good. Trust the One who "in all things . . . works for the good of those who love him" (Romans 8:28).

By Mike Wittmer

*Reflect and Pray*

Have you given yourself to Jesus? If not, what's holding you back? If you have, what will it mean for you to give your fears to Him as well?

**Dear Father, thank You for Your extravagant love that rescued me from my sin. Please take all my fears and help me to trust You.**

# HELP HELP HELP

## Holiday Bazaar & Craft Show November 11th & 12th 2022

We are now well into the month of July. At this point, we have only four paid crafters and two that have said yes but we have yet to get a deposit for the sale.

Our team is reaching out to all of you that visit Farmer Markets, Craft Shows or other events that have crafters! If you see a couple of them that you like please tell them about our event. Get their Business Cards and turn them into the office or give to Lynn Hopper, Nancy Day or Ron Trimmer.

Money from the Craft Show will go toward our elevator/lift project!

Your efforts would be appreciated!

*Ron Trimmer*

## July Birthdays

- 5th Bob Warren
- 10th Mike Little
- 13th Jerry Graham
- 14th Liz Sailus
- 18th Ron Trimmer
- 20th James Simpson
- 21st Kathy Kortge  
Austin Rayner
- 25th Shirley Gernack
- 28th Bill McDonald
- 30th Kathy Hopper

## July Anniversaries

- 1st Charlie & Francine Johnston  
(44 years)
- 7th Lester & Nancy Jones  
(49 years)
- 12th Dave & Denise Rayner  
(48 years)
- 29th Scott & Sandra Smith  
(50 years)



## 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; Devin; Sue; Danielle; Linda; Gabe; Rose; Joan; Jim; Sharon; June; Carl; Sydne; Laura; Liz; Mike; Sherry; Leonard; Patti; Brad and Liz.

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



St. Jude's held a Rummage sale for the first time in years. It was held on June 24th and 25th. The volunteers worked for over a week preparing, folding, sorting and marking items and then the big days of the sale. What? The air conditioning is not working. Thank goodness we could open the door to the outside and had a couple of fans!

There were very few customers from St. Jude's congregation but it did draw members from the community. Yes, St. Jude's is alive and reaching out into the community. There were many happy buyers that were able to get bargains galore. I remember one very young girl found a princess dress and a tiara and would not take them off. Such a great purchase! A lady on Saturday filling grocery bags for \$3.00 each. The items not for herself but gifts to those in need. At the end and during clean up the gift of items to the Fenton High School Marching Band for their future sale. Again helping others. There were several God Moments.

To those who helped prior to the sale and those who worked the sale, my special thanks and prayers go out to you. We have so many people at St. Jude's that do so much for our church, and many of whom never seek recognition—they simply serve.

Even after the event I heard the comment we need to do it again. It is just not for the fund raising but for the community and comradery.

*Ron Trimmer*



# FUNDING TOMORROW

## ST. JUDE'S ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Sustaining and growing St. Jude's ministries into the future and being prepared for unanticipated opportunities and needs requires prayerful planning and commitment. It is about what we want St. Jude's to be for our children, grandchildren and those in need for years to come. It is our legacy for the future.

You are invited to participate in St. Jude's ministries of tomorrow, and well into the future, by contributing to the St. Jude's Endowment Funds. By doing so you provide for future needs and leave a legacy for generations to come. You can choose from three different funds

depending on your wishes:

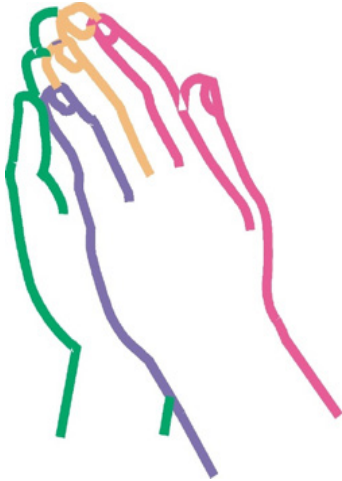
- **HERITAGE FUND** – The Heritage Fund was established many years ago. The purpose of this outreach fund is providing for the unmet material and spiritual needs of the parish, community, and church universal. The full value of the donated principal will be invested, with the investment earnings being used to fund grants, non-profit groups and organizations on an annual basis. Many St. Jude's members have contributed to this fund with many grants being made to various organizations throughout the years.
- **CAPITAL FUND** – The Capital Fund is used to fund maintenance and preservation of our historic building and grounds. The full value of the donated principal will be invested, with the investment earnings used to perform upgrades to the facilities as they are identified and approved by the vestry over time.
- **ETERNAL PLEDGE FUND** – The Eternal Pledge Fund is used to fund annual operating expenses of our church. The full value of the donated principal will be invested, with investment earnings used to support St. Jude's annual operating budget. It is a great way to support the future ministry of our church.

It is all about special gifts. There are many ways of making special gifts and bequests and some offer significant income or estate tax benefits. Gifts may be made today during your lifetime from cash, investments, or other assets. Other options involve planned giving for tomorrow by including the St. Jude's Endowment Fund in your will or trust. That might include approaches such as a bequest, a Charitable Gift Annuity, or a Charitable Remainder Trust.

Regardless of the approach that is best for you, it is important to discuss your giving plans with your accountant or financial professional. Complete and detailed information regarding St. Jude's Endowment Funds is available for review by you and your advisors from the church office or an Endowment Committee member.

*Endowment Committee*





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

- July 17** Lynne Ronthi; Megan Rosa, Tim & Audrey Norred
- July 24** Jerry & Francine Rucker; Marilyn Safa
- July 31** Sean, Liz & Jimmy Sailus; Scott & Sandra Smith



Judy and I were sitting at home one day and I asked her if she knew all the people at St. Jude's by name. She said that she knew a lot but not all of you. I told her that I felt I knew a few, but not many by name and we have been here almost 5 years with some time out for Covid. When it comes time for Birthday and Anniversary Blessings, I always fear that I will not know or remember the name of the person or persons coming up for a blessing. It gives me a very uncomfortable feeling. I am sure it is also tough for visiting clergy when they are helping us out. If we get into the habit of wearing them, when we get a new priest, it will really help them out also.

This plan can also help many of you. As we get older our memories start to fade and we can't always put a name with a face. I am sure all of you have had that experience.

By coincidence, we got a message from Liz that week asking what we thought about the name tags in the hall and what we thought should be done with them. Liz volunteered to go thru them and get rid of the ones we no longer need and clean up the ones that looked bad if we wanted her to.

Judy and I thought that was a great idea, but how could we get people to use them. I came up with the idea of a contest and a prize we could give each week. We could have a name drawing at the end of service on Sunday and if that person had their name tag on, they would win the prize for that week.

We contacted Ron Trimmer and he also thought it was a great idea and he would talk the Vestry. Vestry agreed and so that is where we are at today.

We thought we would give Liz some time to clean them up and start this up in the fall.

If you have any thoughts or suggestions on this plan, please contact Mike Maringo, Judy Maringo, or Ron Trimmer or anyone on Vestry.

God Bless you,

*Mike Maringo*



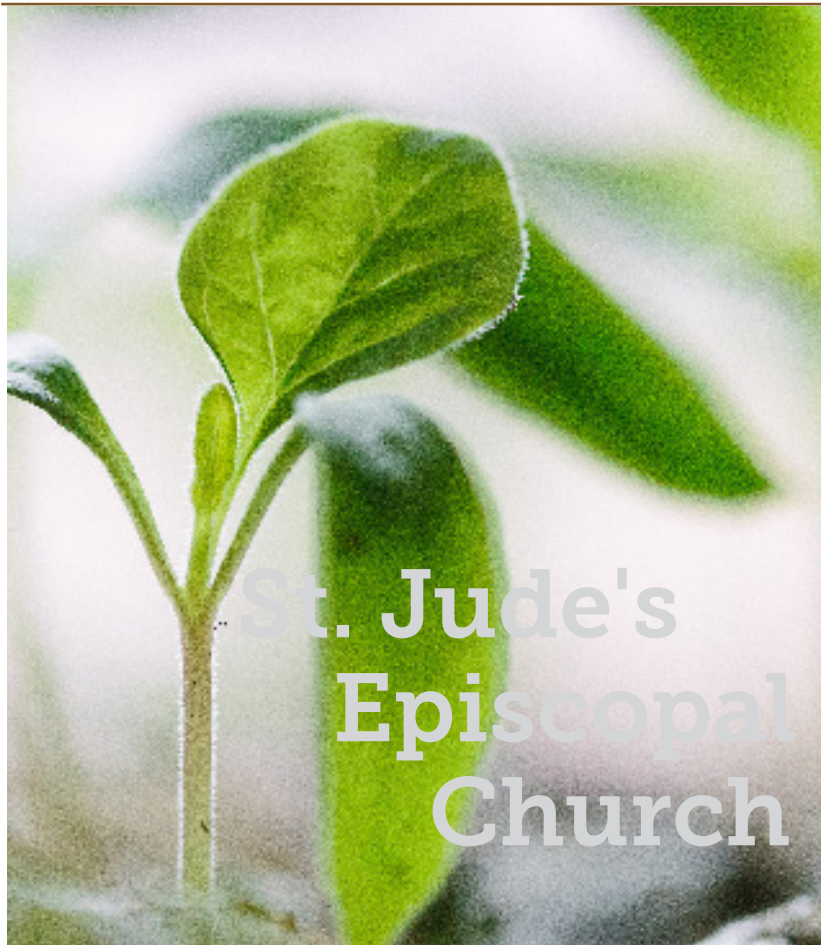
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### **VESTRY**

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