

# THE BEACON

SEEKING AND WORSHIPPING GOD...REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

AUGUST 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

It seems like yesterday that I wrote an article for the July Beacon and here I am writing the August article already. Time seems to fly both in our private lives and that as members of St. Jude's family. Many have taken vacations already and then there are those planning to take one in the very near future. Others have started preparing for their children to return to school. We on the Vestry and our church staff continue to function dealing with the day-to-day operations of a church.

Over the past 5 months I have learned how much our Priest and support staff does to keep our parish functioning. Our Vestry has been taking on additional roles and stepping up to handle the behind the scenes duties. The ministries including music, Altar Guild, choir and coffee hour just to name a few. They all continue to function to serve our community. Wow we are so blessed!

I believe the technology that is in place for remote viewing of the services is here to stay. We continue to reach out every Sunday and Wednesday mornings by live-streaming the services to those who are not attending service in-person. I am thankful to return to an in-person

service; to be back in the Sanctuary. To experience our clergy, the music, sacraments and each other and a good way to start the week off on a positive note.

Coffee hour is another reason the opportunity to come back in person and engage in conversations with others over a cup of coffee. We can be social and build back the relationships and create new ones and be a part of the church family.

I look at our beautiful Church building. It is our home away from home. We are again fortunate to have many involved in our Memorial Garden and the care around the church to make it a beautiful and welcoming space.

When we attend in-person we are supporting our clergy, musicians, readers and all those who contribute their time to our worship service. If you have not been attending consider doing so. I believe it can do wonders for your mind, body and spirit. I cannot think of a better place to spend a Sunday morning!

Peace be with you all!

*Ren Trimmer*

# REFLECTIONS

Submitted by Judy Marinco from "Our Daily Bread", May 21st edition

## The Fruit Sells the Tree

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.*

Galatians 5:22-23



A nursery owner set out to sell peach trees. She considered various approaches. Should she line up leafy saplings in burlap sacks in a beautiful display? Should she create a colorful catalog picturing peach trees in various seasons of growth? At last she realized what really sells a peach tree. It's the peach it produces: sweet-smelling, deep orange, and fuzzy-skinned. The best way to sell a peach tree is to pluck a ripe peach, cut it open until the juice dribbles down your arm, and hand a slice to a customer. When they taste the fruit, they want the tree.

God reveals Himself in a wrapper of spiritual fruit in His followers: *love, joy, peace, forbearance (patience), kindness, goodness, faithfulness,*

*gentleness, and self-control* (Galatians 5:22-23). When believers in Jesus exhibit such fruit, others will want that fruit as well, and, therefore, will seek the Source of the fruit that's so attractive.

Fruit is the external result of an internal relationship—the influence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Fruit is the dressing that beckons others to know the God we represent. Like the bright peaches standing out against the green leaves of a tree, the fruit of the Spirit announces to a starving world, "Here is food! Here is life! Come and find a way out of exhaustion and discouragement. Come and meet God!"

By Elisa Morgan

*Reflect and Pray*

What first drew you to Jesus? How are you exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit in your life so that others are attracted to its Source, God?

**Holy Spirit, I welcome You to continue to grow Your fruit in my life that others might see You and want You in their lives.**

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

Our team is reaching out to all of you that visit Farmer Markets, Craft Shows or other events that have crafters! Money from the Craft Show will go toward our elevator/lift project!

If you see a couple of them that you like please tell them about our event:

*Our show is considered to be a Juried show where as the Crafts being offered are primarily hand made and not considered to be dollar store or flea market type items. If you are a new crafter interested in our event and were not a participant in 2019, it is requested you submit pictures of your items to be considered for the show.*

*Rates established for the 2022 event as follows:*

- *Space: 10' wide x 8' deep in Vandenberg Hall is \$60.00 and in the church proper \$50.00.00 for both days*
- *Rental of a 8' table with 2 chairs is \$15.00 for both days*
- *If electrical power is requested a fee of \$10.00.*

Your efforts would be appreciated!

*Ron Trimmer  
Nancy Day  
Lynn Hopper*



## August Birthdays

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|------|---------------------------|
| 1st  | Bill Freeman              |
| 5th  | Dave Little               |
| 15th | Connie Koch               |
| 16th | Matt Freman<br>Jill Perry |
| 20th | Gabriel White             |
| 24th | Tom Gernack               |
| 25th | Marilyn Safa              |
| 29th | Dee Dickens               |

## August Anniversaries

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| 6th  | Harry & Linda Chciuk<br>(51 years)  |
| 11th | Shane & Heather Chambers<br>(11 years)  |
| 15th | Mike Green & Mark Hamel<br>(13 years)<br>Mike & Judy Marincio<br>(52 years)       |
| 18th | Craig & Gay Adams<br>(49 years)<br>Lynn & Kathy Hopper<br>(44 years)              |
| 21st | Michael & Sue Reilly<br>(46 years)  |
| 22nd | Ronald & Jennifer Chambers<br>(24 years)<br>Jerry & Francine Rucker<br>(58 years) |
| 23rd | Tom & Shirley Gernack<br>(42 years)   |
| 25th | Dale & Debra Sands<br>(49 years)  |
| 27th | Dan & Beth Harvey<br>(12 years)   |

# Rector Search Update

I want to give you an update on what is happening with the search for a new priest for our church. If you aren't aware, the Search Committee is made up of the following parishioners: Diane Putnam, Denise Rayner, Megan Rosa, Katie Young, Paul Dolza, Mark Jagos, David James, and yours truly. The Rev. Don Davidson is acting as consultant on behalf of the Diocese.

At this point, we have met several times and we are in the process of, or have completed the following tasks:

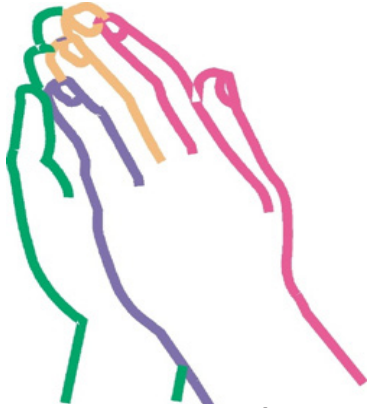
1. Established a search budget
2. Completed a parish survey to understand the wants and needs of the congregation as it pertains to a new rector. By the way, over 80% of the congregation has participated in the survey. We still want your feedback if you haven't taken it yet. Please let someone know on the search committee and we will be sure that happens.
3. We are putting the final touches on the Congregational Profile and are aiming to have that completed and ready to share with the congregation at the end of August. The Profile provides a high-level view of St. Jude's to prospective candidates.
4. The Episcopal Church narrative is also nearing completion and should be done around the same time as the profile. The narrative goes into more depth about what we have done over the last several years as it pertains to how we worship, our ministries, how we interact with Episcopal Church as a whole and our surrounding communities.

Once the Profile and Narrative are complete, we can proceed with candidate collection and interviews. I cannot provide a timeframe for that part of the process. We will keep you informed about our progress during announcements at the 10:30am service and right here in the Beacon. In the meantime, we welcome your questions and appreciate your prayers during the search process.

Respectfully,

*Bill Anderson*

***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.***



## 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; Sue; Danielle; Linda; Gabe; Rose; Joan; Jim; Sharon; June; Carl; Sydne; Laura; Liz; Mike; Randy; Sherry; Kathy & Tom; Leonard; Patti; Brad, Liz and Grace.

**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:

**August 7** Ron Spaulding;  
Chet & Mary Louise  
Susalla

**August 14** Ron & Catherine  
Trimmer; Ellen Tripp

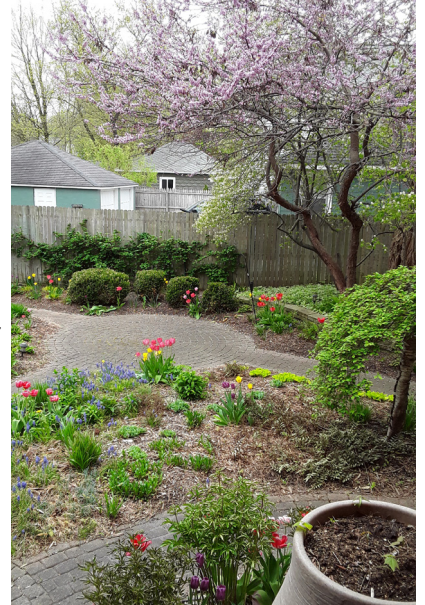
**August 21** John Vitovksy;  
Paul & Gwyn  
Wagschal

**August 28** Bob & Mary Warren;  
Mike Wells

# Building Update

The Building and Grounds committee has not met in person for several months and yet members have been active though the summer months and behind the scenes. We are hoping that we will begin meeting in the fall to plan ahead for the many needs of St. Jude's building.

One of the bigger undertakings was cleaning out the Michigan Basement under the church. A big thanks to David Little, Clay Putnam, Kathy Kortge, Pedro Melchor, Heather Hazell Ludwig, Robbie and Harrie Hunt. With their efforts we were able to prepare for the Rummage Sale and to fill a 10 yard dumpster. As time goes on there will be additional cleaning of unwanted items from the lower level and the hope that we may utilize some of the space in a useful way to St. Jude's in the future.



Vandenberg Hall the air conditioning has failed. Both Mike Wells and Clay Putnam are working on procuring proposals to repair and or replace the units that need replacing. If any one is interesting in donating to the cost of replacement they may issue a check to St. Jude's Episcopal Church and mark "air conditioning" in the memo area.

Proposals are also being sought for the painting and chalking of the necessary areas of the church and steeple. This project we already know we are looking at a cost over \$21,000.00. If anyone is interesting in donating to this project make a check out to St. Jude's Church and reference "painting" in memo of check.

Paul Dolza and his team are looking at and preparing to replace the existing Handicap Ramp in the Fall. A thanks goes out to Kelly Cronk for the recent repair to the ramp.

Unfortunately, we are dealing with a very old structure. And funding is difficult to find. Remember it is our home away from home and sometimes needs some attention. Thank you to all that give up your time to work on the many ministries here at St. Jude's.

*Building & Grounds Committee*



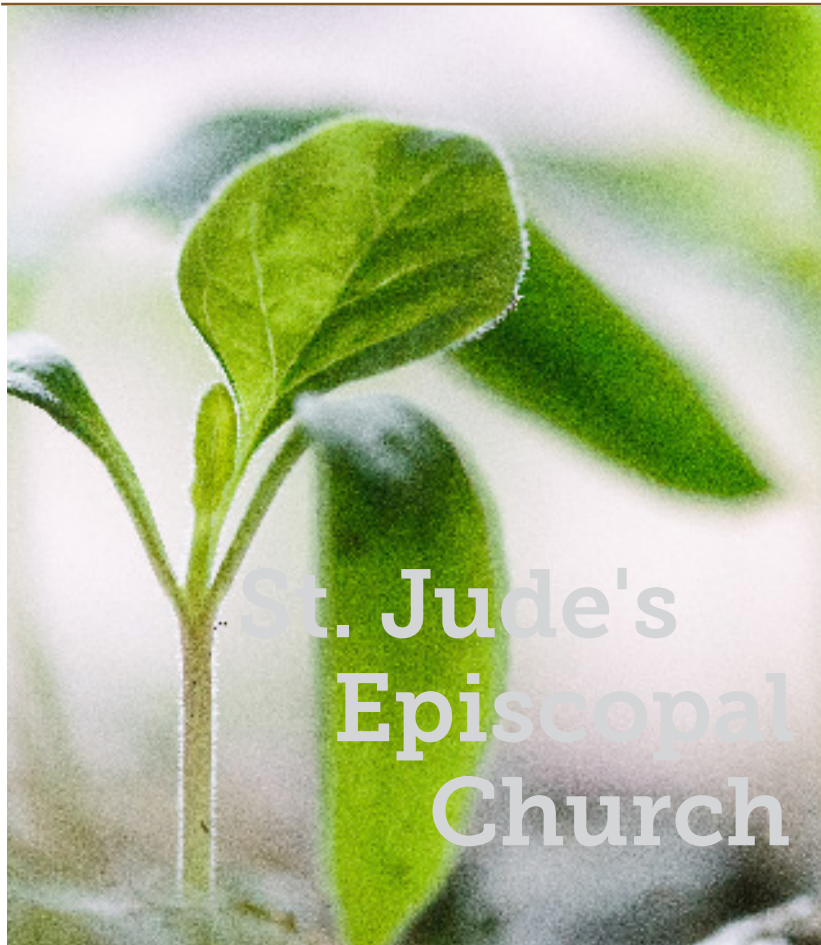
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### **VESTRY**

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