

# THE BEACON

SEEKING AND WORSHIPPING GOD...REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

SEPTEMBER 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.  
(5th Wednesday of the month - Morning Prayer  
Service via Christ Church, Owosso's Facebook  
9:00 a. m.)

## Thoughts from the Senior Warden

The months of the calendar seem to fly by and we are now in the month of September. Vacations coming to a close, kids preparing to go back to school and colleges and we all are getting our homes in order for the fall and winter months to come.

A lot has been happening while we go through our transition of looking for a new Rector. So many have stepped up and helped us through this transition period. I want to acknowledge Marlene Weston, Greg & Kris Forsyth, Sarah Dolza, Terri Hutchinson, Katie Young, Kathy Kortge and all whom have contributed so much to our services though music during the summer months.

It is also a blessing to have The Reverend Mike Marinco and, our Deacon, The Reverend Judy Marinco, The Reverend Paul Brunell, our LEMs, readers, altar guild members, ushers, and our live-streamers. These people have always been there enabling us to worship together as a family.

Beginning on Sunday September 11, 2022 the Adult Bible Study Group led by Dave Rayner will meet in Vandenberg Hall before service at 9:30 am. All are welcome to attend and take part. It is a great way to

start your Sunday morning. Also on September 11, 2022 during the coffee hour our youth group will begin to meet with Kris Forysth and Sarah Dolza. All youth are invited to take part and, if you have a friend that might like to try it, then invite them to join you.

A simple update on our Search committee: They continue to work very hard and have been making great progress. Documents will be ready soon for the Bishop's team. Our appreciation and prayers go out to our Search Committee as they continue on this journey.

As we move through the month of September and begin the colorful show of leaves on the trees and the upcoming crisp mornings here in Michigan, let's be thankful and join each other on Sunday mornings for our worship service both in person and on Facebook.

Have a blessed day,

*Ren Trimmer*

# REFLECTIONS

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

## Two Houses

*Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

Matthew 7:24



To test the stability of two houses, engineers simulated a Category 3 hurricane by using powerful fans that produced wind gusts of one hundred miles per hour for ten minutes. The first house was built according to a non-hurricane building code, and the other was put together with a reinforced roof and floors. The first house shook and eventually collapsed, but the second house survived with only a few cosmetic damages. One of the engineers summarized the study by asking, "Which house would you rather be living in?"

Concluding His teaching on values of kingdom living, Jesus said, "Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on

the rock" (Matthew 7:24). The fierce winds blew, but the house survived. In contrast, the person who hears and yet doesn't obey, "is like a foolish man who built his house on sand" (v. 26). The fierce winds blew, and the house collapsed under the intensity of the storm. Jesus presented His audience with two options: build your lives on the solid foundation of obedience to Him or on the unstable sand of your own ways.

We too have to make a choice. Will we build our lives on Jesus and obedience to His words or disobedience to His instruction? By the Holy Spirit's help, we can choose to build our lives on Christ.

By Marvin Williams

*Reflect and Pray*

How have you experienced what it means to have Jesus as the foundation of your life? In what areas is He inviting you into greater obedience?

**Jesus, help me to abide in You so that when the storms rise and the winds blow, I'll remain true to You—established forever by Your grace.**

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry has begun meeting twice a month! Here are the upcoming dates:

September 20th - Judy Marinco's

October 4th - ?  
17th-Mary Ellen Hazel's

November 1st - Lisa Cronk's  
15th - ?

December 6th - ?

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.





## September Birthdays

- 1st Dave James  
Ed Weston
- 5th Courtney Chambers  
Linda Chciuk
- 7th Dee Grossmann
- 8th James Sailus
- 9th Cloud James
- 11th Diane Putnam  
Dave Rayner
- 13th Nancy Jones
- 16th Freya Hutchinson
- 19th Francine Johnston
- 20th Matthew Moller
- 21st Joan Graham
- 22nd Jack Mills  
Marlene Weston
- 26th Lydia Anderson  
Kayla Chambers
- 28th Liza Dolza  
Jeff Koch  
Megan Rosa
- 30th Pat Freeman

## September Anniversaries

- 10th Jim & Kathy Kortge  
(57 years)
- 14th Carl & Connie Koch  
(66 years)
- 26th Steve & Laura Koch  
(25 years)
- 29th Scott & Sandra Smith  
(51 years)

# MUSIC NOTES

How the summer has flown! Thank you to our musicians who contributed music to the worship services these past weeks. It is now time for a new season.

Choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 8, at 7 PM in the sanctuary. WE NEED SINGERS!!! 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 8 at 6 PM. WE NEED NEW RINGERS and will train. Ringers are encouraged to arrive early to assist with set-up.

*Marlene Weston*

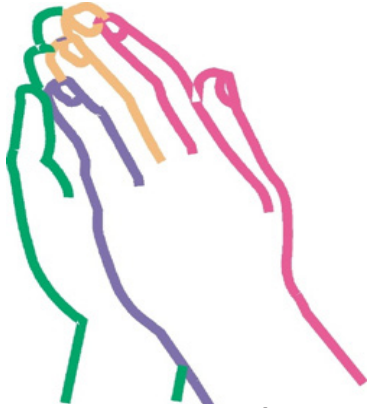
## Parish Visitations

Now that the COVID variants don't seem to be as dangerous, we are resuming visitations with our Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs). If you would like a visit with communion, or just a visit, please call Liz in the church office so a visit can be arranged. If you have any questions about becoming a LEV or learning more about the LEV ministry, please contact Deacon Judy by calling her cell phone or texting her at 586/770-7736, or speaking with her in person during coffee hours.

# Hello!

My Name Is

We are in the process of updating our name tags! They will be made available in our hallway again in September. Please make sure you find your name tag and wear it on Sundays. During September, we will begin drawing names each Sunday and, if you are present and wearing your name tag, you will win a prize!



## 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:

- Sept. 4** Ed & Marlene Weston  
Bill & Bea White
- Sept. 11** Mike Wood  
Fred & Lynell Wright
- Sept. 18** Katie Young  
Craig & Gay Adams
- Sept. 25** Sharon Aldrich  
Bob & Kim Alexander

# Dead Tree

Members of our Building and grounds committee have urged us to remove the dead maple tree near the walk and parking lot facing Elizebeth Street. **The estimated cost for this removal is \$1,500.00.** As everyone knows our budget is tight and the vestry had just approved an expenditure of \$5,500.00 for replacement of air conditioning unit in Vandenberg Hall. It would be appreciated if people would be willing to donate toward the tree removal. Please make a check out to St. Jude's Episcopal Church and put in memo line Tree Removal.



**As of September 7th, we have received \$1,200.00 toward the tree removal** and only need a few hundred more to completely pay for the removal. *Thank you for your generosity to make this project happen!*

# Juried Craft Show & Holiday Bazaar

Yes, it is September and we need to get serious about the upcoming event. At present we have 7 reserved crafters and a couple of possible. We need about 4-5 more and would appreciate you reaching out to help to secure a couple of them. Please get their business cards and turn them into the office and we will contact them with the information.

**We will be holding a meeting on Sunday September 18th after the service in the library. If you're interested in helping out, please join us.**

We also need craft items or good holiday items for the Church Bazaar Booth. Please feel free to contact Dee Grossman for more information on this or if you have some donations. If you're interested in putting together baskets, contact Francine Johnston or Heather Lugwig.

**Watch the weekly bulletins for more information on the event!**

*Ron Trimmer, Nancy Day & Lynn Hopper*  
Bazaar Committee Chairs



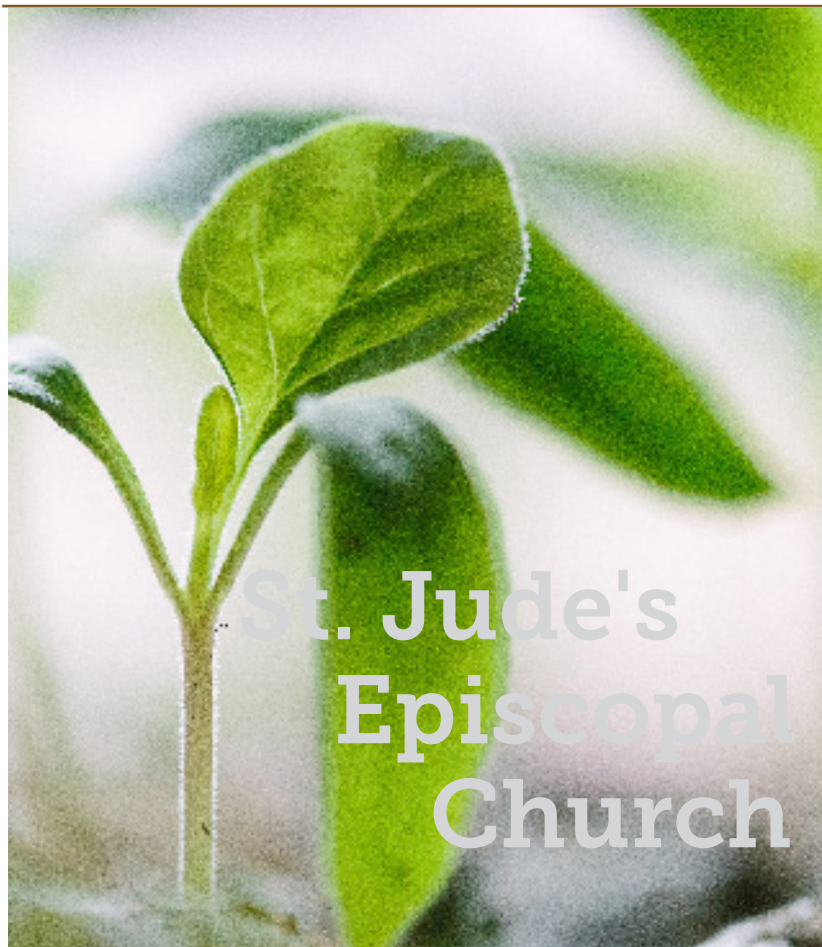
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### **VESTRY**

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