

# THE BEACON

SEEKING AND WORSHIPPING GOD...REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

OCTOBER 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

Yes, it is hard to believe it is October and it brings that time of year when we begin planning for the year 2023. October is Stewardship Month where we prepare to receive pledges for the operation of St. Jude's for the upcoming year. Your Vestry has prepared a letter and pledge form that has been made available to all and we ask that you prayerfully consider your contribution to St. Jude's before returning your pledge card by the end of October so that the Finance Committee can put a 2023 budget together for Vestry approval.

I have learned a lot over the past few months about the operation of our parish and the daily needs that continue our program. The various ministries here at St. Jude's have been amazing and many people work together contributing their time and talents in various aspects of our church life. You know who you are and what you do within the parish to keep us moving.

To quote James 1:17; "Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above..."

This verse reminds us how everything comes from God. Our building, furnishings, music, individual needs, medical issues,

prayer, food, utilities and other areas demand our attention. It includes responsibilities of time, volunteering, hard work and money. Each of us have been given one or more talents which we can and should share.

I reach out to you along with our Vestry to let you know that your support is very much appreciated by me and our parish. Thank you for sharing.

*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", September 19th edition

## Imaginative Faith

*The mountains and hills will burst into song before you.*

Isaiah 55:12



"Look, Papa! Those trees are waving at God!" As we watched young birches bending in the wind before an oncoming storm, my grandson's excited observation made me smile. It also made me ask myself, *Do I have that kind of imaginative faith?*

Reflecting on the story of Moses and the burning bush, the poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning wrote that "Earth's crammed with heaven, / And every common bush afire with God; / But only he who sees, takes off his shoes." God's handiwork is evident all around us in the wonders of what He has made, and one day, when the earth is made new, we'll see it like never before.

God tells us about this day when He proclaims through the prophet

Isaiah, "You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands" (Isaiah 55:12). *Singing mountains? Clapping trees? Why not?* Paul noted that "the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God" (Romans 8:21).

Jesus once spoke of stones crying out (Luke 19:40), and His words echo Isaiah's prophecy about what lies ahead for those who come to Him for salvation. When we look to Him with faith that imagines what only God can do, we'll see His wonders continue forever!

By James Banks

*Reflect and Pray*

What do you imagine the new earth will be like in God's forever kingdom? How will you serve Him with imagination today?

**Loving God, I praise You that no one is more creative than You are! I look forward to seeing the wonder of all that You are and all that You can do!**

## OCTOBER: CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

It is October and it is Clergy appreciation month. We would like to recognize our Deacon Judy Marinco and our Priests: Reverend Mike Marinco and Reverend Paul Brunell, for their devoted service to our worship and spiritual care during the Transition here at St. Jude's. St. Jude's is very fortunate to have them as part of our lives. Please when you see them let them know how grateful we are.

**Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace: and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.**  
(BCP 817)



## October Birthdays

2nd	Lisa Cronk Jerry Rucker
5th	Kim Alexander
9th	Kris Forsyth
10th	Nancy Day
15th	Michele Peters
16th	Terri Hutchins
17th	Evan Koch
18th	Sue Reilly
21st	Jeff Wood
22nd	Beth Harvey Ron Chambers
26th	Dot Dowlan Mark Jagos
30th	Karl Alcorn

## October Anniversaries

5th	Dave & Tracie Little (9 years)
17th	Bill & Marcia Freeman (70 years)
20th	Mark & Pat Freeman (42 years) Jeff & Jennifer Koch (19 years)

## SEPTEMBER COFFEE HOUR HOSTS



Thank you to those who hosted coffee hour in the month of September:

The Pettiphers, Nancy Day, Francine Johnston & Terri Hutchins; The Wood-DuPei Family; Kathy Kortge

# RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

Greetings St. Jude's,

Here is the latest news from the Search Committee. I am happy to report that the Parish Profile and Narrative have been submitted to and accepted by the Diocese. This means prospective candidates can see that we are looking for a priest and we can accept names. As many of you know, the search for a new priest can be a long process, and I can't put a timeline on when we will begin interviewing or when we will have a new priest in place. In the meantime, we will be working on developing interview questions and a process to evaluate candidates.

While there is much work ahead, we should celebrate that we were able to complete these tasks in a timely manner and officially let those outside of St. Jude's know that we are actively looking for a new priest. I want to congratulate and thank the Search Committee: Denise Rayner, Diane Putnam, Megan Rosa, Katie Young, David James, Paul Dolza and Mark Jagos for their hard work. I also want to thank Liz Sailus for taking our words and ideas and creating a Parish Profile we can be proud of. There are copies of the profile in the library for you to look at, but please leave them there for all to review.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Respectfully,

*Bill Anderson*  
Search Committee Chair

## MUSIC NOTES

October is a month of transition from the foliage and warmth of early autumn to the colors and barrenness of late fall. There is also a shift in the liturgical calendar from the well-loved stories we have heard through the summer to teachings of healing, humility and faith as we prepare for Advent.

The musical selections reflect these themes. "Great is Thy faithfulness," "Humbly I adore thee," "I Love to Tell the Story," "Precious Lord, take my hand," and "Pass it on" are a few we will experience.

Have a blessed month.

*Marlene Weston*

# 2022 SOCKS OUTREACH

St. Jude's Socks Ministry  
for Crossover Outreach

Socks Sunday Donations on  
November 6, 2022

*Will Stinky Make a Surprise Appearance to Fire Us Up???*

You know that feeling when you've been wearing socks all day and you can't wait to take them off? Unfortunately, many people don't have the option to change soiled and worn socks for clean and new ones.

Every fall, St. Jude's Outreach collects for socks for Crossover Outreach in Flint. Crossover is a Christian organization that seeks to show the love of Christ by feeding, clothing, and providing services and programs to those in need.

Sunday, November 6 is your big opportunity to provide new socks for those in great need. Your gift of \$10 will buy six pairs of new, comfortable cotton socks. Better yet, \$20 buys a dozen pairs! Thank you for contributing!

In ancient times, socks were made from matted animal hair or leather. Machine-knit socks were first produced in the late 16th century. Aren't we all grateful for cotton and other sock fabrics?

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

*John & Carol Pettipher*  
on behalf of St. Jude's Outreach Committee

## HANDYMAN NEEDED

We are looking for a volunteer that may now be retired or interested in volunteering here at St. Jude's Church. Our building is old and constantly needs something to be replaced or repaired. It could be simply replacing light bulbs, a leak in the kitchen or bathroom, maybe hanging a picture on the wall. At present we call different volunteers trying to find someone to handle a task. If you're interested in being this person please let Liz in the office or Ron Trimmer, our building and grounds chair, know. Thanks for considering this ministry for St. Jude's.

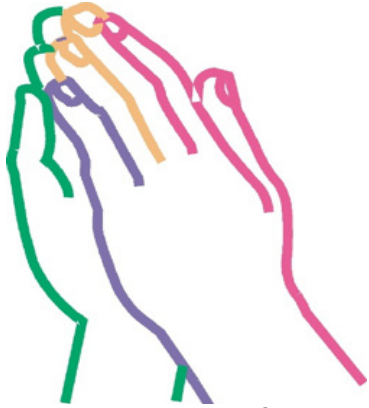


## SAVE THE DATE

**Ladies' Advent Tea**  
Sunday, December 4  
@ 7 pm

We need hostesses for tables! If you haven't done it before, we are having a planning meeting following the church service on October 16th - please plan on attending!





## 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; Lois; Jim; Sharon; June; Carl; Sydne; Laura; Liz; Mike; Randy; Sherry; Kathy & Tom; Leonard; Jim; Patti; Brad; Liz; Bob & Mary; Vince & Family; 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:

**Oct. 9** Karl Alcorn & Scott Wendelken  
Bill & Theresa Anderson

**Oct. 16** Martha Applebee  
Sarah Bancroft

**Oct. 23** Beverly Bartlett  
Molly Boyle

**Oct. 30** Rita Bretzke  
LeeAnn Brummett

# BUILDING & GROUNDS

Summer is over and we are working through the fall to complete a couple of ongoing projects as follows:

1. The removal of a dead maple on E. Elizabeth Street and a cedar tree at the front of our Church that had been rubbing against the church are completed! There are still trunks to be removed and that should be completed in about 3 weeks. Thank you to C & L Tree for a great job at a lower price. Also a big thank you to our parishioners for their donations. The final cost for the removal of both trees was \$1,200. We received almost \$2,000! The extra donated money will go toward our ramp project (see #3).
2. Thanks to Mike Wells, Clay Putman and the Vestry a contract was awarded to Adams Mechanical to install the new air conditioning unit for Vandenberg Hall. This project should be completed by October 14th.
3. The handicap ramp in the Memorial Garden is in need of repair and replacement. Paul Dolza has the lead on this project and the Vestry has decided to use the left over funds from the Tree removal toward the material cost of the ramp. We hope to have more information to you in the future about the ramp project.



4. We are still working on dates for fall clean up. We need to prepare our grounds and garden for winter. Please consider how you might help and step up. A church wide clean up date coming soon!

5. With winter fast approaching, we are presently seeking a proposal for the 2022-2023 salt and snow removal.

Thank you to all who work so hard all year long to ensure our building and grounds are a peaceful, beautiful place for all!

*Ron Trimmer*  
Building & Grounds  
Committee Chair

# Craft Show & Holiday Bazaar

Just another month before our Second Annual Craft Show and Holiday Bazaar. We are hosting this event Friday, November 11, 4 - 9 pm and Saturday, November 12, 9 am - 4 pm. Friday night there will be jazz music provided by saxophonist, Paul Schiller along with wine & cheese from 7 - 9 pm. There will be raffles and door prizes throughout! Let your friends and neighbors know about this fun event to raise money for our elevator project!

A few of us met last month just to share where we are at in preparation and, yes, things are happening. It looks like we will have a full house of crafters and interesting happenings with our Bazaar.

This year, we have added a Holiday Basket sale where individuals prepare baskets for sale. Contact Francine Johnston or Heather Hazell-Ludwig or sign up on the bulletin board in Vandenberg Hall if you wish to make a basket. We will also have our usual St. Jude's table filled with handmade, craft and holiday items donated by people within the church. Contact Dee Grossmann if you're interested in contributing in that way.

We still need volunteers to help work the event. Especially set up and tear down. Have a friend or family member volunteer or a student looking for volunteer hours for school. There is a sign up sheet in Vandenberg Hall. There is more than one page so check them all out.

Thanks ahead of time!

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



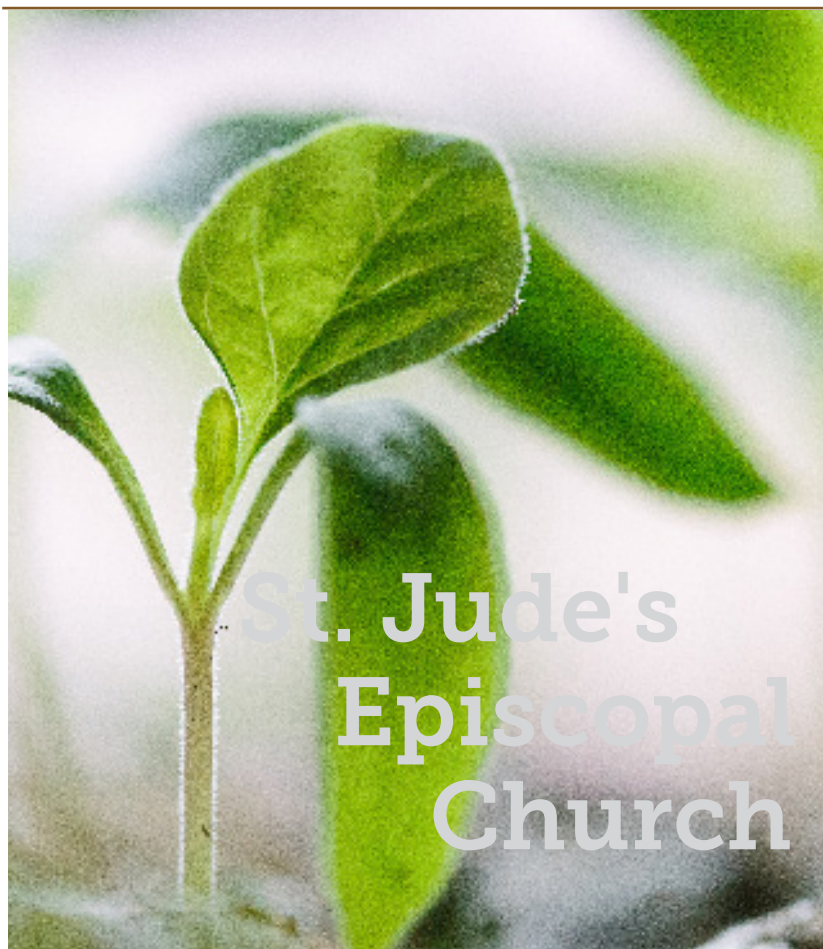
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### **VESTRY**

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