

# THE BEACON

SEEKING AND WORSHIPPING GOD...REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

NOVEMBER 2022... OUR 164TH YEAR

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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

First may I say, "Thank You"! Thank you for being there every Sunday and those that join us through live streaming and Morning Prayer on Wednesdays. Thank you for your financial support and most of all for your encouragement to continue working on so many goals, and so much more. So many continue freely to give to the efforts of our congregation this year.

As I have said in the past St. Jude's has been fortunate to have Worship Leaders, Priests, a Deacon and Organist to help facilitate our worship. Our Vestry and the other committees have stayed on top of the day-to-day operation. Our Search committee continues to function and has made major progress toward finding our new priest.

During the month of October the Vestry sent out the Pledge package to our congregation. We have received many back but there are still a few we have not heard from. If you could would you please submit the pledge card to the office ASAP? Our Finance committee has begun to work on the 2023 budget and these cards really help give us a guide into the future and what we may have to work with.

By working and praying to the

Lord we are all one in his name. We know we can depend on our faith, and the love of our Father in heaven and his grace through our Lord Jesus Christ.

*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 Maringo from "Our Daily Bread", October 15th edition

## Signs of Life

*I will come to you and fulfill my good promise.*  
Jeremiah 29:10



When my daughter received a pair of pet crabs as a gift, she filled a glass tank with sand so the creatures could climb and dig. She supplied water, protein, and vegetable scraps for their dining pleasure. They seemed happy, so it was shocking when they disappeared one day. We searched everywhere. Finally, we learned they were likely under the sand, and would be there for about two months as they shed their exoskeletons.

Two months passed, and then another month, and I had begun to worry that they'd died. The longer we waited, the more impatient I became. Then, finally, we saw signs of life, and the crabs emerged from the sand.

I wonder if Israel doubted that God's prophecy for them would be

fulfilled when they lived as exiles in Babylon. Did they feel despair? Did they worry they'd be there forever? Through Jeremiah, God had said, "I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to [Jerusalem]" (Jeremiah 29:10). Sure enough, seventy years later, God caused the Persian king Cyrus to allow the Jews to return and rebuild their temple in Jerusalem (Ezra 1:1-4).

In seasons of waiting when it seems like nothing is happening, God hasn't forgotten us. As the Holy Spirit helps us to develop patience, we can know that He's the Hope-Giver, the Promise-Keeper, and the One who controls the future.

*By Jennifer Benson Schuldt*

*Reflect and Pray*

How does understanding God's character help you when you're waiting? What's the relationship between doubt and faith?

**Dear God, help me to have faith in You as I wait. Show me how to handle doubt and display faith instead.**

## Christmas Greens

It is that time again we reach out to members of the congregation and ask for donations toward the greening of the church for the Christmas Season.

Please make a donation for this event. Checks made out to St. Jude's and Christmas greens written in the memo line of the church.

Please see Sarah Dolza to make a donation.

Thank you for your consideration.



## 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.



## November Birthdays

2nd	Madison Freeman
4th	Dianne Simpson
5th	Audrey Norred Douglas Hill
6th	Jodie Hunt Dustin Rayner
10th	Jennifer Freeman Lauren Gangwer Katherine Knotts
11th	Greg Forsyth Sharon Gay Raquel Gazzi Jennifer Koch Arthur Pennington
12th	Harry Chciuk
16th	Harrie Hunt
18th	Ann Minock
19th	Mary Ellen Hazell Rita Repko Shannon Weigant
20th	Barb Goss
21st	Jon Burroughs
22nd	Ellen Tripp
23rd	Sarah Dolza
24th	Jake Kuslusi
26th	Krystn Freeman
27th	Sarah Bancroft

## November Anniversaries

9th	Clay & Diane Putnam (43 years)
14th	Jerry & Joan Graham (69 years) Chet & Mary Louise Susalla (41 years)

## MUSIC NOTES

November is an exciting month liturgically and musically. The month begins with the Feast of All Saints on November 6. This Sunday features some of the most thrilling music in the entire Christian year. We begin with one of the greatest hymns in the English language, *For all the saints*, experience the child-like faith of *I sing a song of the saints of God*, review the Beatitudes with the contemporary song, *Blest are they* and conclude with the magnificent *Ye watchers and ye holy ones*.

The readings for the other Sundays of November allude to the second coming of Christ in glory as we approach Advent. The final Sunday of the liturgical year, November 20, is designated as Christ the King Sunday. These days will feature music appropriate to the lessons as well as some favorite harvest themes.

On November 13, we will welcome Tracy Dunlop, violinist, to St. Jude's. She will join us on both the choir and handbell anthems.

Advent begins on November 27 as we begin the new liturgical year.

November is a packed month full of times of celebration as well as reflection. Let us enjoy these special times as we worship together

*Marlene Weston*

## HATS & GLOVES & SCARVES...OH MY!!

The Fenton Ministerial Group is holding the 2022 Fenton Area Thanksgiving Service Project Event. We are asking for donations of hats, gloves/mittens and scarves—homemade or purchased—to pack for Carriage Town Ministries of Flint.

We are asking everyone to help package these 'cold weather kits' at Fenton United Methodist Church in the Family Life Center on Sunday, November 20th at 4 p.m.

A sign up is posted in Vandenburg Hall so we can have a headcount of workers. The basket for donations will be in the Library.

There will be a brief time of worship, then the service project, a time of blessing, and then fellowship. The goal is to make 375 kits which will include child sizes and adult sizes.

If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Judy at 586/770-7736.

# 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

## OCTOBER COFFEE HOUR HOSTS



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

The Johnstons, Hutchins, Dolzas, Sharon Aldrich, Ellen Tripp, Dave & Denise Rayner and Dee Grossmann.



## 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; Molly; Sue; Danielle; Linda; Gabe; Rose; Joan; Jim; Jim; Sharon; June; Carl; Sydne; Laura; Liz; Mike; Randy; Sherry; Kathy & Tom; Pam; Lois; Leonard; Ellen; Jim; 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!**



# Christmas Families Giving Opportunities for You in December 2022

Dear St. Jude's caring and sharing family,

Your Outreach Committee is reaching out to you again this Christmas to provide **gifts for families in our community including our Holly Group Home to help them celebrate their Christmas.**

Things change every year, and this year has been no different! With your help and support, we can still reach out to those in need.

We are again asking for gift cards allowing each family the opportunity to purchase and wrap gifts for their own family. This year we are asking for donations of gift cards from Walmart, Meijer's and Target. We are hoping to give each person \$100 dollars to spend.

If you would like to purchase a gift instead of a gift card, the Outreach Committee will provide a list of ideas/suggestions for the Holly Group Home residents. This list will be posted in the Weekly and Monthly Beacon, as well as on the bulletin board in Vandenburg Hall. It would be great if you could review the list and call Mike and Judy Maringo (810/629-8074) to sign up for the gift or gifts you would like to purchase.

Please wrap the Group Home gift(s), and place securely on the **outside of your gift a tag with the resident's name.** Bring your donations to the church by our **deadline of Sunday, December 12th.** If you need to make special arrangements to drop off your donation, please call one of the Christmas Family Committee Members listed below.

Please submit your gift cards in a **sealed envelope showing the cash value, and your name.**

As an alternative to purchasing a gift(s) or gift cards, you may prefer to **donate money** to help our Christmas Families. If so, please write a check to St. Jude's, and note on the check memo line: "Christmas Families." Your check can be mailed to the church office. Donations could also be made on-line.

Thank you for your generosity in this always-present need to help others in our community!

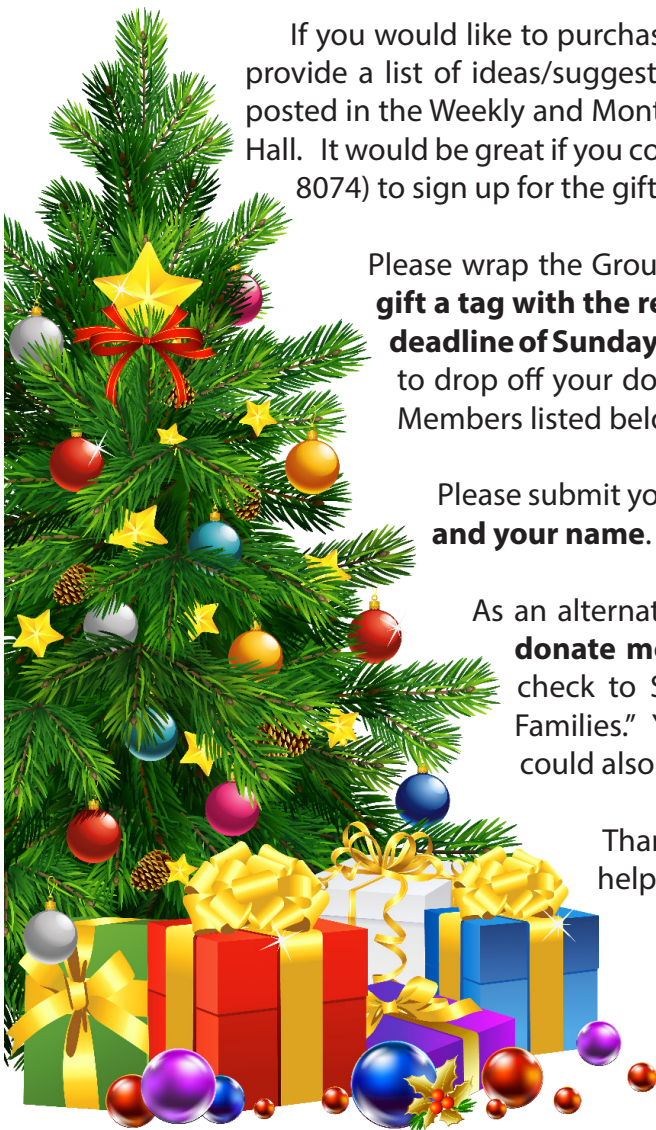
## Christmas Family Committee Members

Sharon Aldrich – 248-249-4344

Mike and Judy Maringo – 810-629-8074

John and Carol Pettipher – 248-255-2260

Dave and Denise Rayner – 248-459-1976



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11 4-9 PM

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

9 AM - 4 PM

*2nd Annual*  
**Craft Show**  
**& Holiday**  
**Bazaar**

**\$3 Admission**

We have a full house of crafters this year! 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!

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.



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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