

THE BEACON

SEEKING AND WORSHIPPING GOD...REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

DECEMBER 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

Ren Trimmer

Yes, another year in our church has begun: Year A! We know that Advent is the beginning of our church year. The word "advent" is derived from a Latin word for "coming". It is a time of remembrance, preparation and anticipation. For soon we will celebrate the birth of Christ on Christmas Day.

Over the last twelve months I have grown in my faith here at St. Jude's. We have had frustrations, sadness, and successes. But, throughout this year, I have found St. Jude's to be a leader and guide in my daily life.

May we, as a church family, take the time to understand Advent and prepare for the festival day of Christmas!

Reminder to all: Please join us for Christmas carols and Holy Eucharist on Christmas Eve, December 24th at 7:00 pm. Bring the family, a neighbor that is left alone, or friend. Make this Christmas a truly blessed event for all! If you cannot make it in-person, please join us on Facebook for our live streaming.

From the Church Staff and Vestry we wish everyone a safe and Blessed Christmas!

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", October 15th edition

God Knows You

You have searched me, Lord, and you know me.
Psalm 139:1



It seems my mother can sense trouble from a mile away. Once, after a rough day at school, I tried to mask my frustration hoping that no one would notice. "What's the matter?" she asked. Then she added, "Before you tell me it's nothing, remember I'm your mother. I gave birth to you, and I know you better than you know yourself." My mom has consistently reminded me that her deep awareness of who I am helps her be there for me in the moments I need her most.

As believers in Jesus, we're cared for by a God who knows us intimately. The psalmist David praised Him for His attentiveness to the lives of His children saying, "You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You

know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar" (Psalm 139:1–2). Because God knows who we are—our every thought, desire, and action—there's nowhere we can go where we're outside the bounds of His abundant love and care (vv. 7–12). As David wrote, "If I settle on the far side of the sea even there your hand will guide me" (vv. 9–10). We can find comfort knowing that no matter where we are in life, when we call out to God in prayer, He'll offer us the love, wisdom, and guidance we need.

By Kimya Loder

Reflect and Pray

When have you felt like no one else could understand how you were truly feeling? How does the reality of God's presence help and encourage you during such times?

Loving God, many times I feel misunderstood and alone. Thank You for reminding me of Your presence in my life. I know You see me, hear me, and love me even when it seems like no one else does.

Family Promise Volunteer Training

After a long awaited time, we are looking forward to being a support church for St. Paul's Episcopal Church for our Family Promise guests. We are hoping to start hosting in the New Year. We are requiring all volunteers to complete two training modules. The training courses will be a refresher for most of you if you have volunteered before. If you're considering becoming a volunteer for Family Promise, you'll have a comprehensive understanding of what Family Promise is all about and what is expected of a volunteer.

The training platform is accessible via this link <https://family-promise.coassemble.com/unlock/pZa8yFQ> and is available online 24/7 and accessible via your computer, tablet, or cell phone. Both training sessions are less than an hour each.

Please complete both the Volunteer 101 and 102 training courses, you will be prompted to complete a feedback survey and volunteer information form – these forms are embedded in the training, no additional steps are needed. The platform allows you to stop or pause your training at any point and then quickly resume the training module you were on. Your data will not be shared, sold, or used for solicitation at any point. Privacy and security are of the utmost importance at Family Promise.

Any questions, contact Diane Putnam at 810.938.5307.



December Birthdays

- 1st John Pettipher
- 4th Hayden Chambers
Mark Freeman
- 7th Gabrielle Freeman
Josephine Feijoo
- 8th Beth Jagos
- 15th Kelly Cronk
- 16th Rylan Jones
- 27th Rita Bretzke
- 30th Nicole Jagos

December Anniversaries

- 1st David & Lynn Freeman
(26 years)
- 3rd Doug & Michelle Gangwer
(22 years)
- 6th Ron & Catherine Trimmer
(54 years)
Mark & Beth Jagos (24 years)
- 19th Paul & Sarah Dolza (40 years)
Kris & Greg Forsyth (35 years)
- 28th Scott & Sharon Michael
(20 years)
- 30th Dave & Debbie James
(45 years)
The Rev. H Wayne &
Katherine Knotts (50 years)

MUSIC NOTES

December is a month of anticipation in the church calendar. The music of advent explores the themes of John the Baptist (*There's a voice in the wilderness crying*), our longing for Him (*Longing for light*) and (*All earth is waiting*), and our excitement (*People, look east*). We conclude Advent with The Song of Mary and the traditional chant, (*O come, O come, Emmanuel*).

Our choir and ringers are busy preparing for the Sundays of Advent as well as the joyous music of Christmas.

For Christmas Eve, we will have guest musicians joining us, including **Tracy Dunlop**, violinist. It will be a special celebration! Have a blessed month.

Marlene Weston

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



Thank you to everyone for supporting the Fenton Area Churches Thanksgiving Service Project. The outpouring of donations of hats, scarves, and gloves was awesome. The goal of putting together 375 cold weather kits was miraculously surpassed with over 1000 kits!

And, there were enough volunteers (we guess about 50) to sort and pack kits in about an hour!!

The residents of Carriage Town Ministries will be warmer this winter thanks to the generosity of the Fenton Area Churches.

The Rev. Judy Marinceo



Search Update

Greetings St. Jude's,

Here is the latest news from the Search Committee. As I stated in the last update, the opening for rector at St. Jude's is "live" on the Diocese of Eastern Michigan website. The opening is also listed on the Episcopal News Service website. This means prospective candidates can see that we are looking for a priest and we can accept names.

In the meantime, we continue to work on developing interview questions and a process to evaluate candidates. In the spirit of including the congregation, we would like to invite your participation in crafting interview questions. If you were in our shoes, what question would you want to ask a prospective rector? Please share your ideas with one of the search committee members listed below. We will be collecting them over the next several weeks and add the best ones to the collection of questions we already have.

Search Committee:

Denise Rayner
Diane Putnam
Megan Rosa
Katie Young
David James
Paul Dolza
Mark Jagos

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Respectfully,

Bill Anderson
Search Committee Chair

NOVEMBER COFFEE HOUR HOSTS



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

Lynne Ronthi, The Freemans, Heather Ludwig, and Diane Putnam.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in Vandenberg Hall if you wish to sign up to host a Sunday Coffee Hour.



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!

Pray for our St. Jude's Family:

- Dec. 4** Jon & Rosiland Burroughs; Harry & Linda Chciuk
- Dec. 11** Kelly & Lisa Cronk; William & Deborah Davies
- Dec. 18** Nancy Day; Dee Dickens
- Dec. 25** Sally Diehl; Paul & Sarah Dolza



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CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SERVICES

CHRISTMAS EVE
Saturday, December 24, 2022
Candlelight Service at 7 pm

CHRISTMAS DAY
Sunday, December 25 - No Services

JANUARY 1ST, 2023
Holy Eucharist Service @ 10:30 am

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Christmas Families Giving Opportunities

Dear St. Jude's caring and sharing family,

Your Outreach Committee is reaching out to you again this Christmas to provide **gifts for 5 families from Family Promise, and 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. We are also asking for donations of giftwrap, tape, gift tags, and ribbon or bows.

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 on the bulletin board in Vandenburg Hall. It would be great if you could review the list and 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!

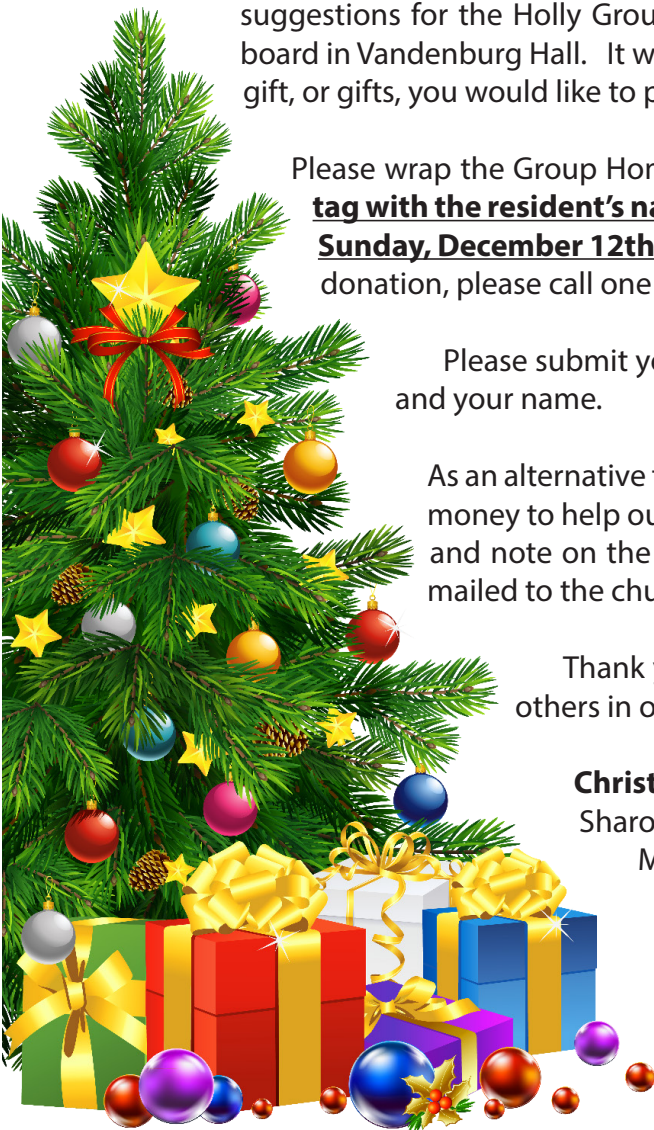
Christmas Family Committee Members

Sharon Aldrich – 248-249-4344

Mike and Judy Marinco – 810-629-8074

John and Carol Pettipher – 248-255-2260

Dave and Denise Rayner – 248-459-1976



2022 Craft Show & Holiday Bazaar

November 11 & 12

We can call the 2nd Annual Craft and Holiday Bazaar held in November a success in many ways. We raised about \$2,740.00 after expenses and had a great time. The Vestry sends out a big thank you to those volunteers here at St. Jude's for the great teamwork that it takes to put on such an event.

Many thank you's are in order:

To Ron Trimmer, Nancy Day and Lynn Hopper for Co-chairing the event and helping to make it a success.

To the kitchen crew led by Kathy Hopper.

To Dee Grossman who did early upfront work on the Bazaar Booth and to Kathy Kortege and Sue Premo who took over the booth for Dee when she was called away unexpectedly.

To Heather Ludwig and Francine Johnston for getting the basket project together.

To David & Tracie Little and Kelly & Liza Cronk for their work on the wine and cheese event.

Thank you for the wonderful music from our Saxophone player, Paul Scheller, and thanks to David and Tracie Little for sharing him with us.

The Crafters were both in Vandenberg Hall and the Nave of the Church. They all interacted with each other and members of our parish and had a great show and a great time. Several want to come back in 2023 to participate again. They felt St. Jude's was a caring and great parish.

Again thank you to all for the set up and tear down for the event. You folks continue to amaze us.

Ron Trimmer, Lynn Hopper & Nancy Day
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

