

THE BEACON

SEEKING AND WORSHIPPING GOD...REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

JANUARY 2023... OUR 165TH 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

It is hard to believe we just celebrated the Birth of Jesus on Christmas and we are now in the month of January. It is Epiphany; a new beginning, a look into the future.

Over the past year, we have been working through a transition at St. Jude's. We as a congregation can and have accomplished many things. In this day and age of awakenings each morning, with the unknown expectations and challenges of the coming hours, we can depend on our faith, the love of our Father in heaven and his grace through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I use the pronoun "we" as we are members of St. Jude's, and we fill the building with our songs of praise, worship, outreach and friendship. Let's fill this building so full that it just pours over into the streets and flows all around. So that we can call ourselves the Christians that we signed up to be when we took our vows.

Each January St. Jude's holds an annual meeting. This is an opportunity to learn about the highlights in all areas of the parish and to participate it's the future. During the service on Sunday, January 22, 2023 at 10:30 am, we also will elect four new members to

our Vestry and new delegates to our Diocesan Convention. Please join us for this very important event in the life of St. Jude's.

On behalf of your Vestry, Staff and Spiritual Leaders, have a Happy New Year and best wishes to all!

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.***



January Birthdays

- 3rd Julian Clark
Jim Kortge
Paula Ramelis
- 9th Fred Wright
- 11th Molly Anderson
Ron Spaulding
Lynne Ronthi
- 12th Mary Felix
- 14th Denise Rayner
- 15th Mike Marinco
- 18th Catherine Trimmer
- 19th Mike Wells
- 25th Carl Koch
- 28th Sharon Aldrich
Mary Warren
- 29th Sandy Davis
Scott Wendelken

January Anniversaries

- 22nd Kelly & Lisa Cronk (46 years)



DECEMBER COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

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

Katie Young, Kathy Kortge, Sue Premo, and Mike & Judy Marinco

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.

A Prayer for the New Year

Dear God of new beginnings and infinite blessings,

Thank you for the promise of a new year.

May it be a time for me to grow in love...

A time to walk more fully in faith and righteousness...

A time to appreciate and cherish those I care for...

A time to reach out to strangers with kindness, compassion and generosity...

A time to forgive myself and others...

A time to renew my commitment to you.

Walk with me O Lord, every second, every minute, every hour of every day...

Wrap me in your grace and mercy
fill me with your love, goodness and wisdom
allow your light to shine through me
in spite of my humanness.

It is written that if I ask, I shall receive...

If I seek, I shall find...

If I knock, the door will be opened.

I am asking...

I am seeking...

I am knocking...

And I pray, Heavenly Father, that at every turn during the new year,

you guide and illuminate my path.

Amen.

Submitted by Judy Marinco from The Salvation Army

REFLECTIONS

Submitted by Judy Marinco from "Our Daily Bread", December 18th edition

The Miracle of Christmas

[God sent] his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.

Romans 8:3



At a garage sale, I found a nativity set in a beat-up cardboard box. As I picked up the baby Jesus, I noticed the finely sculpted details of the infant's body. This newborn wasn't cocooned in a blanket with closed eyes—he was awake and partially unwrapped with outstretched arms, open hands, and fingers extended. "I'm here!" he seemed to say.

The figurine illustrated the miracle of Christmas—that God sent His Son to earth in a human body. As Jesus' infant body matured, His little hands played with toys, eventually held the Torah, and then fashioned furniture before His ministry began. His feet, once plump and perfect at birth, grew to carry Him from place to place to

teach and heal. At the end of His life, these human hands and feet would be pierced with nails to hold His body on the cross.

"In that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins," Romans 8:3 (NLT) says. If we accept Jesus' sacrifice as payment for all our wrongs and submit our lives to Him, we'll find relief from sin's bondage. Because the Son of God was born to us as a real, wiggling, kicking infant, there's a way to have peace with God and the assurance of an eternity with Him.

By Jennifer Benson Schuldt

Reflect and Pray

What's the difference between celebrating Jesus at Christmas and celebrating the season of Christmas?

Dear God, thank You for sending Jesus to earth as a human baby to free me from the bondage of sin and death.

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.



Prayer List

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Prince, our Bishop Provisional; Judy, our Deacon; for the Search Committee and Vestry.

For Al; Bill; Laura; Rita; Kathy & Tom; Todd; Diane; Sue; Barbara & Joe; Cindy; Cathy; Molly; Sue; Danielle; Linda; Gabe; Rose; Joan; Jim; Jim; Sharon; June; Barbara & Ed; Carl; Sydne; Laura; Liz; Mike; Randy; Sherry; Kathy & Tom; Pam; Marsha; 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:

- Jan. 8** Dot Dowlan; Julie & Jeffrey Wood, Dominic DuPei and Tess DuPei
- Jan. 15** Rick & Nancy Eckert; Bonnie Ensign;
- Jan. 22** Rebecca Ensign; Josephine Feijoo
- Jan. 29** Mary Felix; Gaye Lynn Foor

MUSIC NOTES

Thank you to all the musicians who made our Christmas Eve service so special. It was a wonderful evening to welcome the birth of our Lord.

January is the time of the epiphany season, that time in the liturgical calendar when we commemorate the baptism of our Lord, the calling of the disciples and the beginning of His public ministry. We celebrate Christ, the light of the world, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The music reflects these themes. January is a time of contemplation and celebration.

Marlene Weston

The 2022 Christmas Families: Thank You for Your Loving Generosity

St. Jude's faith community shared generously this Christmas by providing gifts to 5 Family Promise families, and the Holly Group Home residents and their staff.

This year the Outreach Committee decided once again to follow one of our baptismal vows, which is to "respect the dignity of every person". In doing so, we provided gift cards for 16 members of the Family Promise families...parents and their children; supplies for wrapping gifts for the Family Promise families that included gift wrap, gift tags, bows, and tape; and wrapped gifts for 6 men from the Holly Group Home plus gas cards for the 8 staff members.

Our faith community has again met the needs of those on the margins, as we came together to generously provide a special Christmas. This was our 19th year of brightening the lives of many at Christmas by the outpouring of your love.

Blessings for a Happy New Year!

Sharon Aldrich
Mike & Judy Marinco
Dave & Denise Rayner
John & Carol Pettipher
On behalf of your Outreach Committee
– and each and every one of you!

St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Annual Meeting

SUNDAY
JANUARY 22

In Person at 10:30 am

**Will take place as
part of our Holy
Eucharist Service**

Discussion includes

CHURCH LIFE IN 2022

**LOOKING AHEAD TO
2023**

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January Office Closings

Normal Office Hours:

Mondays & Wednesdays 9 am - 4:30 pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays 9 am - Noon

The church office will be open Wednesday, January 11 from Noon - 4:30 pm only.
We will be closed Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



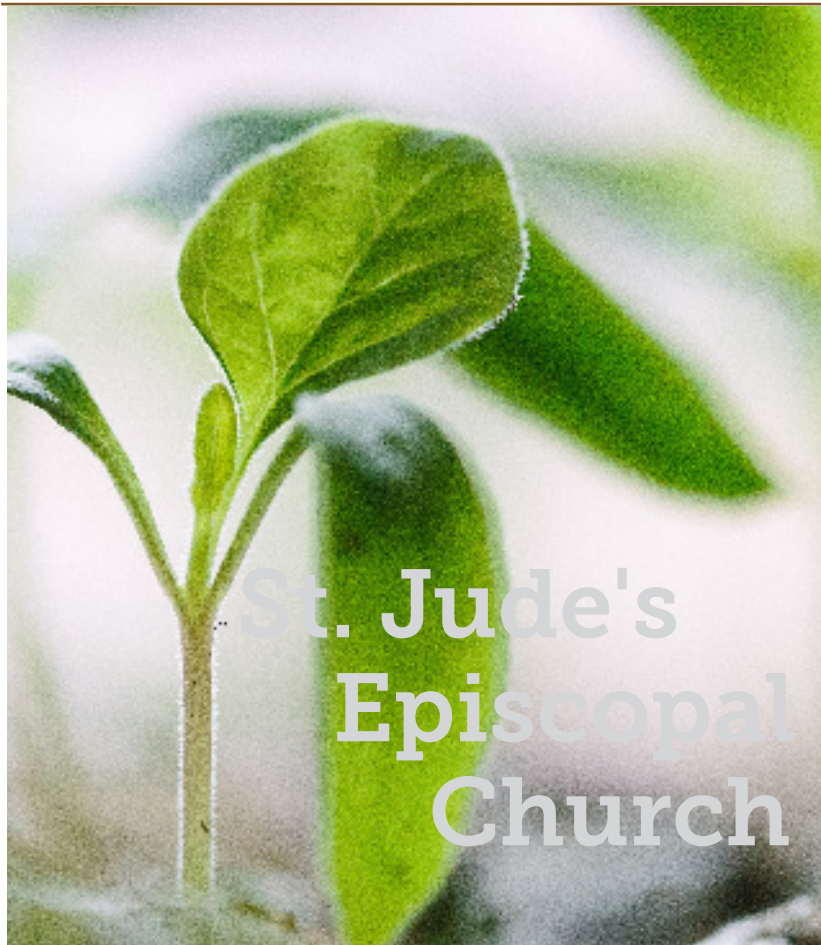
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VESTRY

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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