

THE BEACON

SEEKING AND WORSHIPPING GOD...REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

FEBRUARY 2023... OUR 165TH 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

As we prepare to leave the season of Epiphany and move into Lent, it may be a chance to breathe for all of us involved with ministries here at St. Jude's. We completed the Annual Meeting on January 22nd. It was a time of hustle and preparing reports and assembly of the annual report booklet. A big thanks to all who were involved in getting it together and to Liz Sailus for taking minutes and all the prep work for the meeting. It was also so great to see a large attendance for the annual meeting. Thank you goes out to Marlene Weston, our choir and bell choir, our own Reverend Mike Marinco and the Reverend Judy Marinco for a beautiful service.

Now that we have taken that breath, we continue into the New Year. The properties committee is

meeting in person for the first time in two years with some new members coming on board. Our new Vestry has been elected and will be holding their first workshop and vestry meeting together. The selection of Senior Warden, Junior Warden, and Secretary will be occur and the we will begin to envision where we have been, where we are now and what lays ahead for St. Jude's.

As I write this I reflect on what the Vestry really does and the involvement with our programs and operation, including weekly worship, our formation groups, outreach, communications and our building renovations and maintenance, and the uninterrupted continuance of our many ministries. As we have heard many times it takes it village. St. Jude's is truly a village.

For this I know, I mean all of us – yes the whole congregation. There have been and will continue to be challenges, but I believe we are a community bound together by God's call. Yes, our journey continues!

Blessings,
Ron Trimmer





February Birthdays

1st	Julie Wood
2nd	Chet Susalla
4th	Marcia Freeman Judi Harris
6th	Madeleine Koch
13th	Bob Hutchins Austin Moller Leah Moller William Moller
15th	Connor Szostak
18th	Lorraine Moller
22nd	Diane Hill
24th	David Freeman
25th	Martha Applebee
27th	Lester Jones
29th	Jennifer Chambers

February Anniversaries

2nd	Jon & Rosiland Burroughs (9 years)
14th	Dustin & Meghan Rayner (5 years)
29th	Tim Norred & Megan Rosa (3rd)

MUSIC NOTES

While February is a short month on the secular calendar, it is a rich one on the liturgical calendar. The first three Sundays conclude the Epiphany season. The theme of Christ, the Light of the World, continues as the gospel lessons are drawn from Christ's Sermon on the Mount found in Matthew. We are drawn into His light (*Shine, Jesus, Shine*) and are seek forgiveness (*Forgive our sins as we forgive*). On February 19, we conclude with Christ's Transfiguration and the final "alleluias" until Easter. The music reflects this joy (*Alleluia! sing to Jesus!*)

Lent begins on February 22 with Ash Wednesday.

February 26, the first Sunday of Lent, brings us the account of our Lord's baptism and temptation during the forty days in the wilderness. "*The glory of these forty days*" recalls this theme. May we reflect the light of Christ to the world around us.

Marlene Weston

Buildings & Grounds

As always, behind the scenes at St. Jude's is the building and grounds ministry - those individuals that take the time to help to keep our building in the best shape as possible on a very limited budget. As you know, there are many expenses for a homeowner in keeping your home in a good repair. Well, the same is true for our old church building. Something always needs to be done.

In January, we had the light at the entrance on Elizabeth Street repaired so that the timer works and it turns on when it is dark outside. This was a safety issue that needed to be addressed.

We are fortunate here at St. Jude's for a group of individuals that serve on our committee. This year there are four new members joining us. We

welcome Doug Hill, Christopher Roy, Jeffery Wood and Matt Freeman.

Our first in person meeting in two years will be held on **Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 9:00 AM**. Breakfast will be provided. Our committee will be discussing many projects that need to be addressed in 2023: the handicap ramp and door; painting, chalking and repair of our bell tower and the cross.

If anyone would like to donated to the properties committee for any of these projects feel free to write a check to St. Jude's and put the project on the memo line.

Respectfully,

Ron Trimmer

Building & Grounds Chair

REFLECTIONS

Submitted by Judy Marinco from "Our Daily Bread", December 30th edition

Grace Amid the Chaos

They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them to their desired haven.

Psalm 107:30



I was drifting off into an impromptu nap when it hit me. From the basement, my son ripped a chord on his electric guitar. The walls reverberated. No peace. No quiet. No nap. Moments later, competing music greeted my ears: my daughter playing "Amazing Grace" on the piano.

Normally, I love my son's guitar playing. But in that moment, it jarred and unsettled me. Just as quickly, the familiar notes of John Newton's hymn reminded me that grace thrives amid the chaos. No matter how loud, unwanted, or disorienting the storms of life might be, God's notes of grace ring clear and true, reminding us of His watchful care over us.

We see that reality in Scripture. In Psalm 107:23–32, sailors struggle

mightily against a maelstrom that could easily devour them. "In their peril, their courage melted away" (v. 26). Still, they didn't despair but "cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress" (v. 28). Finally, we read: "They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them to their desired haven" (v. 30).

In chaotic moments, whether they're life-threatening or merely sleep-threatening, the barrage of noise and fear can storm our souls. But as we trust God and pray to Him, we experience the grace of His presence and provision—the haven of His steadfast love.

By Adam Holz

Reflect and Pray

When have you experienced God's haven of peace in other people? To whom might you offer similar encouragement?

Father, help me to remember to call out to You when the waters of life are rising, and help me to offer hope to others.

Prayer List

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

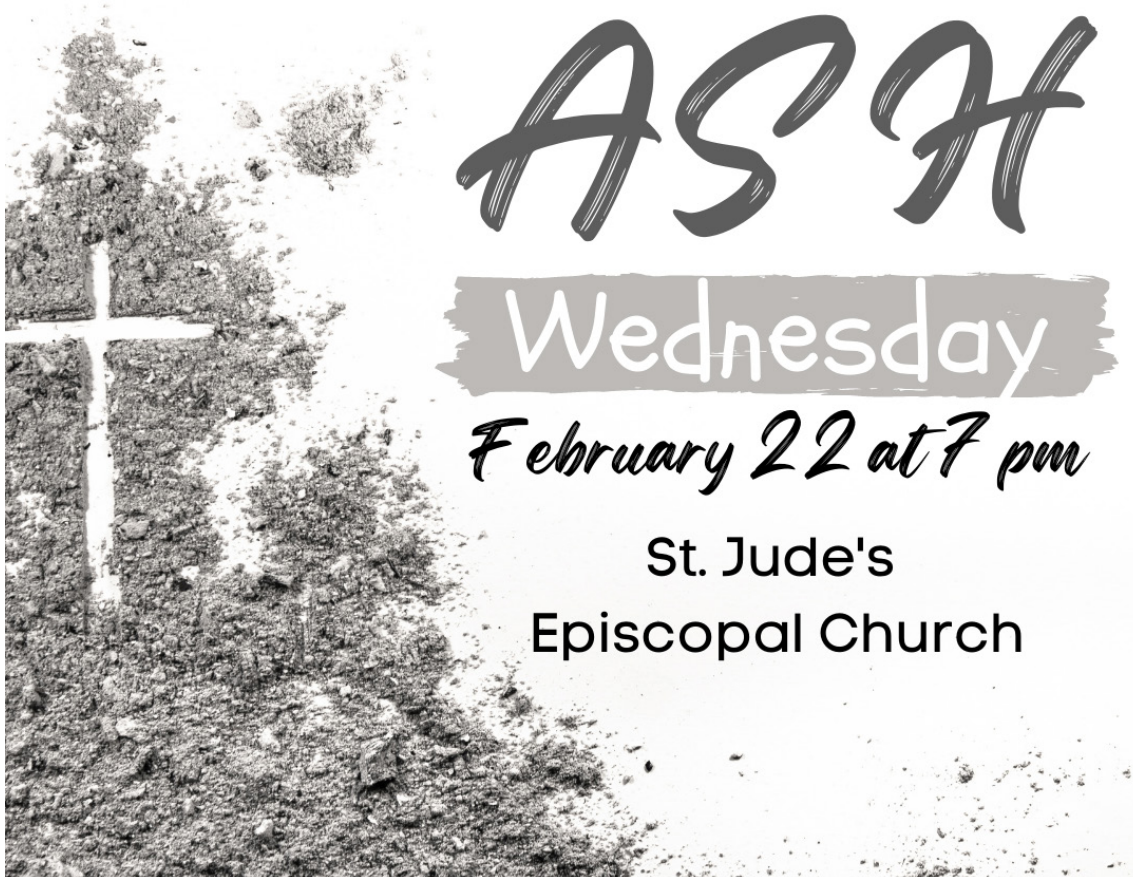
For Al; Bill; Laura; Rita; Kathy & Tom; Todd; Diane; Sue; Barbara & Joe; Cindy; Cathy; Molly; Sally; Sue; Danielle; Linda; Gabe; Rose; Joan; Rex; Jim; Jim; Sharon; June; Barbara & Ed; Carl; Sydne; Laura; Liz; Mike; Randy; Sherry; Kathy & Tom; Pam; Marsha; Leonard; Ellen; Glenn; Jim; Patti; Brad; Liz;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

- Feb. 5** Greg & Kris Forsyth; Amy Freeman
- Feb. 12** Bill & Marcia Freeman; Mark & Pat Freeman
- Feb. 19** Matt & Linda Freeman; Doug & Michelle Gangwer
- Feb. 26** Sharon Gay; Raquel Gazzi, Gabriella & Arthur Pennington



We make our own ashes for the Ash Wednesday service on February 22nd at 7 p.m. If you have palms or palm crosses you would like to bring to church, there will be a box in the library for collecting them. We will need them by Sunday, February 19th. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Judy.

JANUARY COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

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

The Pettiphers; The Cronks; Dee Grossmann; Nancy Day

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. You don't need to anything elaborate. Just maybe a simple snack and coffee.

A Prayer for Transition

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.



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2024

Dee Grossmann

Lynn Hopper

Ron Trimmer

2025

Julie DuPei

Lois Hartranft & Arlo

Francine Johnston

Clay Putnam

2026

Bill Anderson

Paul Dolza

Heather Ludwig

Dave Rayner

Delegates to the Diocesan Convention

Charlie & Francine Johnston

John & Carol Pettipher

