

# THE BEACON

SEEKING AND WORSHIPPING GOD...REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

APRIL 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.

## Thoughts from the Senior Warden

As we continue our journey into Easter and the celebration of our Risen Lord, it is a time for joy and to be thankful.



As many of you know back in February, I fell and broke my good leg and ended up in Caretel of Brighton for over three weeks and then home. As of today I am still confined to a wheel chair and cannot stand or walk. I see the ortho doctor April 12th and I am praying that he will let me stand and walk soon.

However, going through this process, I have felt closer to God and my St. Jude's family. I am humbled by the many phone calls, cards and visitations by members of St. Jude's. Even though I am not attending church in person I can, and do, take the opportunity offered to be a part of the services on Sunday mornings through livestreaming. If you are

not in church on Sunday Mornings, I recommend you join the service on Facebook. St. Jude's is a true church family who, if one is in need, will step up and help. In saying that I thank you.

We continue to move forward through this transition time as one body working together knowing we have challenges to consider and meet head on. With many members of our parish involved we can accomplish many things.

Soon, for example, I will be asking for help in funding a new Handicap Ramp. If you're interested in helping out financially you may make a check out to St. Jude's Episcopal Church and in the memo write Handicap Ramp. We also will try to get a grant to help us out if necessary.

Our Social Ministry has begun to think about planning activities that will include all the members of St. Jude's family as well as to those who would like to be a part of our group for faith and fellowship. Yes, it is time to think spring and look forward to some social gatherings!

May the Lord's Blessings be with you.

*Ron Trimmer*



## April Birthdays

- 1st Erica Freeman
- 2nd Jacob Freeman
- 4th Laura Koch
- 8th Shane Chambers
- 12th William Davies
- 14th Mehgan Rayner
- 15th Michelle Gangwer
- 20th Scott Smith
- 24th Lynn Freeman
- 26th Gay Adams

## April Anniversaries

- 5th Fred & Lynell Wright (48th)
- 14th David & Carol Chambers (50th)
- 23rd Bob & Dianne Simpson (46th)

# 2023 Craft Show

It is hard to believe that we have begun to look at and begin the planning for the third year of our Annual Holiday Bazaar and Craft Show. This year, it will be held on Friday November 10th & 11th 2023. The event will be co-chaired with Ron Trimmer, Lynn Hopper and Heather Ludwig. Heather, along with being a Co-Chair of the committee, is also going to chair the St. Jude's Bazaar booth. Those interested in doing crafts for the church booth, please get in touch with Heather.

We are looking for others to help plan this year's event. If you are interested, please let one of the Co-Chairs know.

*Ron Trimmer*

## MUSIC NOTES

This April is a liturgically rich month of contrasts. April 2, Palm Sunday, is a joyous celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The mood changes dramatically as we enter Holy Week. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services offer further opportunities for musical expression.

Easter, April 9, brings us the most joyous music of the church calendar as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. The musical selections will include *Jesus Christ is risen today, He Is Not Here! and Hail thee, festival day!* Tracy Dunlop, violinist, will join us at this special time.

April 16 is known as Thomas Sunday because we review the story of him seeing and believing in the resurrected Lord. *We walk by faith, and not by sight* illustrates this truth.

We conclude the month with the beloved Psalm 23 for Good Shepherd Sunday. There are many beautiful musical selections that illustrate this beloved text.

May we all have a blessed month as we partake in as many of these worship experiences as possible.

*Marlene Weston*

## MARCH COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

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

Bill & Theresa Anderson; Amy Freeman; Lynne Ronthi; The Rayners

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.





# 3rd Annual Craft Show & Holiday Bazaar

Friday, November 10, 2023  
Saturday, November 11, 2023

## Crafters Needed!

We are renting out tables for crafters to sell their home-made items to patrons.

Proceeds will go toward our elevator fund to build a lift and make our building more accessible to all.

Interested? Contact us!

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# REFLECTIONS

Submitted by Judy Marinco from "Our Daily Bread", March 25th edition

## The Reboot of Grace

*Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

Lamentations 3:22-23



Over the last several decades, a new word has entered our movie vocabulary: reboot. In cinematic parlance, a reboot takes an old story and jumpstarts it. Some reboots retell a familiar tale, like a superhero story or a fairytale. Other reboots take a lesser-known story and retell it in a new way. But in each case, a reboot is a bit like a do-over. It's a fresh start, a chance to breathe new life into the old.

There's another story that involves reboots—the gospel story. In it, Jesus invites us to His offer of forgiveness, as well as abundant and eternal life (John 10:10). And in the book of Lamentations, Jeremiah reminds us that God's love for us makes every day a "reboot" of sorts: "Because of the Lord's great love we are not

consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" (3:22-23).

God's grace invites us to embrace each day as a fresh opportunity to experience His faithfulness. Whether we're struggling with the effects of our own mistakes or going through other hardships, God's Spirit can breathe forgiveness, new life, and hope into each new day. Every day is a reboot of sorts, an opportunity to follow the lead of the great Director, who is weaving our story into His bigger one.

**By Adam R. Holz**

*Reflect and Pray*

How do you think reflecting upon and remembering God's faithfulness in the midst of trials changes your perspective on them? How has God's forgiveness and grace brought a reboot to your life?

**Father, thank You that Your grace and forgiveness invite me to start over, fresh, every morning.**

## 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; Dale; Sue; Linda; Marcia; Gabe; Kady; Rose; Joan; Rex & Judi; Jim; Jim; Sharon; June; Barbara & Ed; Carl; Sydne; Becky; Laura; Mike; Mary Lou; Randy; Jack; Sherry; Kathy & Tom; Pam; Marsha; Leonard; Ellen; Glenn; Jim; Patti; Brad; Vince; and Zack.

**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:

- April 9** Lynn & Kathy Hopper  
Bob & Terri Hutchins
- April 16** Mark & Beth Jagos  
Nicole Jagos
- April 23** Dave & Deb James  
Sharon James
- April 30** Charlie & Francine Johnston  
The Rev. H. Wayne & Katherine Knotts



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### **VESTRY**

Ron Trimmer, Senior Warden

Clay Putnam, Junior Warden

Dee Grossmann, Clerk

Michelle Gangwer, Treasurer

### **2024**

Dee Grossmann

Lynn Hopper

Ron Trimmer

### **2025**

Julie Wood

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



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