

# THE BEACON

SEEKING AND WORSHIPPING GOD...REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

MAY 2023... OUR 165TH YEAR

ST. JUDE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH • FENTON, MICHIGAN

## Thoughts from the Senior Warden



It is hard to believe it is now the month of June. The time when family and friends begin or are thinking about taking their vacations. Our choir retires for the summer month and you would think our lives would slow down a little.

But behind the scenes here at St. Jude's we continue to move forward. We announced the retirement of our Music Director Marlene Weston after 27 years of service here to St. Jude's and began the search for a new director. With the leadership of Sarah Dolza and her team a search has begun. With God on our side a replacement will be found soon. The search committee under the chairman Bill Anderson is searching for a new Rector and again, with God's help, we will have a new Rector.

Our building and grounds team

along with the memorial garden gang is working hard at getting our building and grounds in shape.

The property committee had met in May and have begun getting the needed proposals for replacing the door at the handicap entrance, proposals for a new handicap ramp, proposals for a handicap lift, and proposals for repair of the front steps to the church facing Leroy Street. We are also looking at re-stripping our parking lot and the sanctuary lighting is being replaced which should be a great improvement for the sanctuary and the choir as well.

Once the proposals are received the property committee will make recommendations to the Vestry for direction and funding. I am sure we will be needing help from both the congregation and the Diocese to help us achieve some of these items. As you all are aware our building is getting old and, just like our homes, needs to be maintained. If any of the above items fall into your interest and you are wanting to help financially, please feel free to write a check to St. Jude's and in the memo line write which project you are donating to.

May the Lord's Blessings with you all!

*Ron Trimmer*

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SUNDAY SERVICES:  
**Sunday In-Person Worship**  
(also livestreamed on Facebook Live)  
10:30 a.m.



## June Birthdays

- 1st Bob Simpson
- 2nd Tess DuPei
- 3rd Glenn Tripp
- 6th Paul Dolza  
Lois Hartranft
- 7th Amy Freeman
- 8th Mackenzie Bradley  
Clay Putnam
- 10th Linda Freeman
- 13th Bill Anderson
- 14th Leigha Forsyth
- 15th Craig Adams
- 16th Nancy Mason
- 18th Bob Alexander  
Debbie James  
Ashley Ransley
- 20th Lynell Wright
- 22nd Doug Koch
- 24th Robbie Hunt
- 26th Heather Ludwig

## June Anniversaries

- 12th Jeffrey & Julie Wood (1st)
- 25th John & Carol Pettipher (57th)  
Bill & Theresa Anderson (1st)
- 26th Bob & Kim Alexander (41st)



A big thank you goes out to Josephine Feijoo & Lana, Kelly & Lisa Cronk, Dave & Denise Rayner, Mike & Judy Maringo for volunteering to support a family of three in the Family Promise mobile shelter. They took a dinner to St. Dunstan's church in Davison and spent an enjoyable time with a nice family. We appreciate you spreading God's love by sharing a meal with this family!

## MUSIC NOTES

It is incredible that we are in June. This brings a close to the music ministry season for another year. St. Jude's Ringers tolled their final time several weeks ago and the choir concludes its season on June 4. It has been a busy and fulfilling season.

Thank you to all our talented and dedicated musicians who give so freely of their time. This includes not just in worship, but in the other ministries of the church since many serve in other capacities as well.

This also brings a close to my ministry as Music Director of St. Jude's. Words cannot express how grateful I am to the support and encouragement I have received. It has been a dream for these past 27 years! It is with a mixture of sadness and anticipation that Ed and I embark on a new phase in our lives. St. Jude's will always remain a part of us. Thank you!

***Soli Deo Gloria! To God alone the glory!***

*Marlene Weston*

## Thank you, Marlene Weston

**Sunday, June 4 is Marlene's last Sunday serving as the Music Director at St. Jude's!**

Join us for a special potluck coffee hour following the service to celebrate Marlene and her retirement.

Twenty- Seven years of leadership and working with choir members, planning and playing the music, and working with the different Rectors Marlene has served. We are so thankful for all Marlene has done!

As if her basic job as music director wasn't enough, Marlene put in extra work

in so many ways:

In each monthly Beacon, she would take the time and effort to explain each season of the church and musical choices behind the scenes.

She took on the added work of adding a Bell Choir and working with guest musicians (even preparing arrangements for them to accompany the music).

Marlene is a true blessing to St. Jude's. We wish Marlene and Ed a blessed retirement and to know they are truly a part of the St. Jude's family!

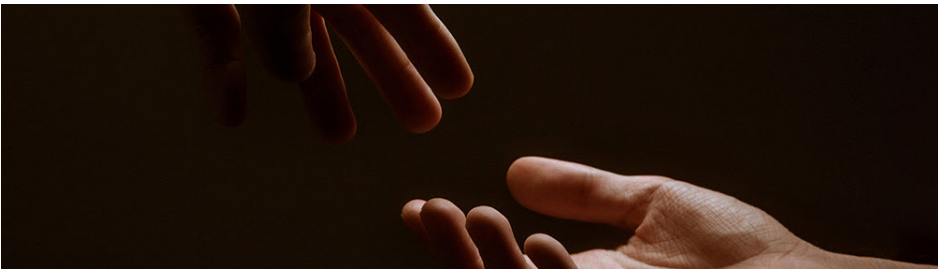
# REFLECTIONS

Submitted by Judy Marinco from "Our Daily Bread", May 20th edition

## Keep in Touch

*Pray to your Father.*

Matthew 6:6



Madeleine L'Engle made it a habit to call her mother once a week. As her mother moved into her later years, the beloved spiritual writer called more frequently, "just to keep in touch." In the same way, Madeleine liked her children to call and maintain that connection. Sometimes it was a lengthy conversation filled with significant questions and answers. Other times a call simply making sure the number was still valid was sufficient. As she wrote in her book *Walking on Water*, "It is good for the children to keep in touch. It is good for all of us children to keep in touch with our Father."

Most of us are familiar with the Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:9-13. But the verses that precede it are just as

important, for they set the tone for what follows. Our prayers aren't to be showy, "to be seen by others" (v. 5). And while there's no limit on how long our prayers need to be, "many words" (v. 7) doesn't automatically equate to quality prayer. The emphasis seems to be on maintaining regular contact with our Father who knows our need "before [we] ask him" (v. 8). Jesus stresses how good it is for us to keep in touch with our Father. Then instructs us: "This, then, is how you should pray" (v. 9).

Prayer is a good, vital choice for it keeps us in touch with the God and Father of us all.

**By John Blase**

*Reflect and Pray*

How can you better stay in touch with others? How have you experienced keeping in touch with the Father?

**Father, thank You for knowing my needs before I even speak them.**

## 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; Cory; Dale; Sue; Linda; Marcia; Gabe; Kady; Rose; Joan; Rex & Judi; Jim; Jim; James; Sharon; Mia; June; Barbara & Ed; Carl; Sydne; Becky; Laura; Mike; Mary Lou; Randy; Jack; Sherry; Kathy & Tom; Pam; Marsha; Chet; Leonard; Ellen; Glenn; Jim; Patti; Brad; Vince; Zack; Shirley Gernack & her family; and the family of John Vitovsky.

**If you have updates or changes to the prayer list, please let Liz in the church office know.**

## APRIL COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

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

Rita Repko and Mike Wells; Lisa & Kelly Cronk; Jill Perry; Heather Ludwig

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. You can also team up with a more experienced coffee hour host if you want additional assistance!



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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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