

THE BEACON

SEEKING AND WORSHIPPING GOD...REACHING OUT TO OTHERS

AUGUST 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.

Getting to Know You



chat on your front porch or back yard, a float down the Shiawassee – all ideas and invitations will be considered!

One way to make a date is by clicking on this Sign-Up Genius Form. It will ask for your email address, and you might have to start a free account. You'll get a confirmation and a reminder. (I will add more slots to the Sign-Up Genius form going forward, if this method works.) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0949aaad2ca3f85-meet#/>

Dear friends, current and future,

Greetings! I am so excited to join you in just a couple of weeks. My summer has been full yet fleeting (how did it get to be August already?). There are still warm days ahead for travel, BBQs and paddling; but my brain is focusing on how I'll get to know and serve the wonderful people of St. Jude's.

I want to learn from groups of parishioners about things like how you make music together, how you serve the community, what you'd like to try or learn about next... and I also want to meet individuals or couples, as many of you as I can, to learn about your faith journey and hopes for the coming year. Let's have coffee, lunch, a

My tentative plan is to spend Mondays doing office-y things and bringing Communion to homebound folks; and schedule these hour-long visits / meals / skydives / whatever, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If your work schedule requires a later time than 3 pm, give me a call and I'll add an evening to each week. So far my calendar is very flexible, and I can't wait to meet you!

Blessings,

Rev. Susan
Priest-in-Charge



August Birthdays

1st Bill Freeman
 5th Dave Little
 15th Connie Koch
 16th Matt Freeman
 Jill Perry
 25th Marilyn Sfa
 Katie Young
 29th Dee Dickens

August Anniversaries

6th Harry & Linda Chciuk
 (52 years)
 11th Shane & Heather Chambers
 (12 years)
 15th Mike & Judy Maringo
 (53 years)
 18th Craig & Gay Adams
 (50 years)
 Lynn & Kathy Hopper
 (45 years)
 21st Michael & Sue Reilly
 (47 years)
 22nd Ronald & Jennifer Chambers
 (25 years)
 Jerry & Francine Rucker
 (59 years)
 27th Dan & Beth Harvey
 (13 years)

Blood Drive

The next St. Jude's blood drive is scheduled for **September 16th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** in Vandenberg Hall. More information will be provided as we get closer to the 16th. Thank you.

Thoughts from the Senior Warden

The year is flying; our seasons changing and we at St. Jude's are busy dealing with the changes during the summer:

- Our various committees have been very active.
- We now have a new Music Director and welcome Tyler Morse.
- A New Priest in Charge the Reverend Susan Williams has come aboard and will begin $\frac{3}{4}$ time on August 12, 2023.

As noted in the Building and Grounds report, we are tackling some long overdo projects, which will help make our church building more accessible for all.

Our Vestry will be holding a Workshop and Vestry meeting on August 12, 2023. During the workshop, we will be looking at various aspects of St. Jude's lives and asking ourselves where we are at, envisioning where we want to be and exploring how we can get there in the future.

We are beginning to see more social activities and events hosting happening at St. Jude's. There is an upcoming blood drive that we are hosting on September 16th. There is a movie night coming up on August 16th. We have a Song-a-Long Singing Social event on August 18th. Lots of stuff to look forward to! I encourage you all to take part in any of the activities or committees. It is amazing to give a little of your talent and receive so much more in return.

God gave us all that we have and it is up to us to use our talents and gifts and give back to God in our daily lives.

May the blessing of the Lord be with you all.

Ron Trimmer

Building & Grounds Committee
 Chair

JULY COFFEE HOUR HOSTS



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

Nancy Day; The Wood-DuPei Family; The Putnams; Kathy Kortge

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!



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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MUSIC NOTES



Last month, I had the wonderful opportunity to travel to the Sewanee Church Music Conference, a weeklong conference for Episcopal Church musicians that is held every year in Tennessee. This is my fourth trip to the "Holy Mountain," and it is one I look forward to for spiritual fulfillment, practical learning, and comradery.

Every year, there are two clinicians who lead the bulk of the conference. This year, we had Jeremy Filsell, the Director of Music at St. Thomas, New York City, and Janette Fishell, the chair of the organ department for the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University. Additionally, the conference Chaplain the last handful of years has been the Reverend Barbara Cawthorne Crafton, a priest and author with such a knack for words that she could make a grown adult laugh and weep just by reading the phone book. The conference has a rather strict schedule, beginning with a Compline on Monday evening. There is a Eucharist every day, including a service for the departed. On Friday, the conference presents

an Evensong, and it closes on Sunday with a public Eucharist at All Saints Chapel. As one could imagine, there is a lot of rehearsal throughout the week.

Between all the rehearsals, there are number of other events and interest sessions: several reading sessions, an organ masterclass, Janette's recital, or a guide to creative hymn-playing, just to name a few. In addition, there are a few conferee-led sessions, such as my friend Ron's yoga classes, or the infamous Frolic following the Friday Evensong.

Certainly, there are a multitude of practical and musical reasons for attending the conference. It's a wonderful networking tool where directors can meet and collaborate (hint hint), and the local music store, Lois Fyfe, is an absolute wealth of knowledge. The real magic of the conference, however, can hardly be put into words. It's in the morning conversation with my roommate Michael, or the feeling of a "thin place"

when standing on the mountaintop, overlooking the valley below. It's in the deep, lifelong friendship that it fosters for many of its annual conferees, myself included. Simply put, it fills the soul. As conference director Kevin Simons said at the annual banquet, "The Sewanee Church Music Conference is a place that forms church musicians," and I am inclined to agree.

Tyler Morse

Director of Music

P.S. The choir season begins on Sunday, September 10, with our first rehearsal at 7:00 on Thursday, September 7. Be there!

It's CROP Walk Time Again!



This will be the 42nd Annual CROP Walk in Fenton, and St. Jude's has been actively involved since the beginning. Members of St. Jude's have been on the planning committee for over 30 years and have chaired or co-chaired the walk for 17 of those years. The walk has raised over \$445,000 for hunger related efforts and \$111,000 of that has been used right here in our community. Our own Pantry & School Lunch programs have been blessed to receive almost \$18,000.

This year's walk will look a bit different than in the past. We will be starting on Elizabeth Street between St. Jude's and 1st Presbyterian and before the walk there will be a potluck in St. Jude's parking lot. Hot dogs will be provided by the CROP Committee and each of the participating churches will be responsible for bringing a certain type of picnic food. St. Jude's has signed up to bring Veggies & Dip, Chips and Fruit. There is a sign-up sheet in Vandenburg Hall on the Outreach board and each person that signs up is asked to bring enough for at least 10 people (if 10 people

sign up we'll have enough food for 100 people). Note that we will also be inviting our friends from Millpond Manor to join the party!

This year the walk will be held on **September 24** with the Potluck starting at 12:30 and the walk commencing at 1:15. The kickoff for the walk will be done by our new Priest, Rev. Susan Anslow Williams! This means that we will need to vacate the parking lot by 12:15 that day, so be prepared.

Finally, as always, what really makes the walk work is people walking and donating. You can get your walk envelopes from Dave Rayner beginning the 3rd week in August, or sign up / donate on-line now at <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/team/st-judes-episcopal-church>. At this link you can sign up to walk, join the St. Jude's Team, or donate to the team or any individual that has signed up to walk. We look forward to this being a fun event with lots of participation from St. Jude's as are one of the host churches.

Note: This is Dave Rayner's 30th year on the committee and he will be retiring after the event. We are looking for a replacement from St. Jude's to continue our legacy of participation. See Dave if you are interested.



Wednesday, August 16 at 6:30 PM

Bring a friend and join us for Popcorn and Candy as we watch the movie "The Jesus Revolution" in Vandenburg Hall! This 2023 movie is the true story of a national spiritual awakening in the early 1970s and its origins within a community of teenage hippies in Southern California. The movie touches on many topics that we have discussed during our Sunday Adult Formation Group, including opening the doors and being welcoming to all. We hope you will stay afterwards to discuss the movie.





SONG ALONG

FRIDAY

Social

AUGUST 18TH

SINGING

AND

SOCIALIZING



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BRING A CHAIR OR BLANKET
BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS



FRIDAY, AUGUST 18TH - 6 PM
ON THE LAWN

Welcoming Our New Priest-in-Charge

We are excited for Rev. Susan Williams to begin working as our priest 3/4 time in August. Her first Sunday officiating will be **Sunday, August 20**. We will be holding a potluck during coffee hour on August 20th to welcome Rev. Susan Anslow Williams. The sign up sheet for dishes to bring to the potluck mysteriously disappeared this past week. If you previously signed up, would you please re-sign up and, if you haven't, please sign up to bring a dish to pass! Thank you.



Surprise Visitors

The Rev. Paul & Debbie Nancarrow happened to stop by St. Jude's Memorial Garden during one of the July meetings of our Prayer Shawl Ministry. The Rev. Nancarrow was a priest at St. Jude's at one time. It's always fun to see some familiar faces!

Building & Grounds Update

The summer of 2023 is in its final days. The properties committee and volunteers have continued to give their time and talents to create a safe and accessible environment for all at St. Jude's.

Doug Hill has been working with Dover Door on the replacement of the rotting door at the Memorial Garden entrance. Our new door will be ADA compliant and will open in the proper direction and is a 42-inch entrance. We are awaiting an installation date and will update you when we have one.

Dave Little has taken on the project of our front steps facing Leroy Street. Armstrong Masonry has scheduled the work to begin the week of August 21, 2023.

Thank you to the two private donors who have given in order to make sure these projects happen THIS YEAR! If you have questions on either of the above projects please get with Doug and or

Dave.

Properties committee continues to look at how and what to replace in relationship to the handicap ramp. The pricing that has been received is very high and we are also trying to determine where the funding will come from to move forward with this project.

The air conditioning in Vandenberg Hall has been balanced and repaired and is now working properly. The entrance off of Elizabeth Street now functions properly thanks to Kelly Cronk.

We all enjoy spending a little time in the Memorial Garden. We need to thank the volunteers who take the time to work in the Garden. Yes, our grounds are beautifully maintained.

Ren Trimmer

Altar Flowers

Every Sunday, we have fresh flowers that decorate our altar area. If you would like to donate toward that cost, please sign up on the bulletin board in Vandenberg Hall for a Sunday to give a donation. Fill out an altar flower form (next to sign up sheet) to put with your donation so that you can dedicate the flowers in thanksgiving or in memory of a person or event that is special to you. Your dedication will be printed in that Sunday's bulletin. The cost (and therefore suggested donation) for flowers each week is \$25. Thank you!



REFLECTIONS

Submitted by Judy Marinco from "Our Daily Bread", July 13th edition

Empowered for the Everyday

Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus.



Every Moment Holy is a beautiful book of prayers for a variety of activities, including ordinary ones like preparing a meal or doing the laundry. Necessary tasks that can feel repetitive or mundane. The book reminded me of the words of author G. K. Chesterton, who wrote, "You say grace before meals. All right. But I say grace before sketching, painting, swimming, fencing, boxing, walking, playing, dancing and grace before I dip the pen in the ink."

Such encouragement reorients my perspective on the activities of my day. Sometimes I'm inclined to divide my activities into ones that appear to have spiritual value, like reading devotions before a meal, and other activities I think have little spiritual

value, such as doing the dishes after the meal. Paul erased that divide in a letter to the people of Colossae who had chosen to live for Jesus. He encouraged them with these words: "Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus" (3:17). Doing things in Jesus' name means both honoring Him as we do them and having the assurance that His Spirit helps strengthen us to accomplish them.

"Whatever you do." All the ordinary activities of our lives, every moment, can be empowered by God's Spirit and done in a way that honors Jesus.

By Lisa M. Samra

Reflect and Pray

How might you reconsider your perspective on everyday activities? How can you rely on God's Spirit for the tasks of your day?

Dear Jesus, empower me by Your Spirit to honor You today in all I do.

Prayer List

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

For Al; Margaret; Bill; Rita; Kathy & Tom; Todd; Diane; Sue; Barbara & Joe; Cindy; Cathy; Molly; Cory; Dale; Sue; Linda; Marcia; Gabe; Kady; Rose; Joan; Rex & Judi; Jim; Bob; Jim; James; Sharon; Mia; June; Ed; Carl; Sydne; Laura; Mike; Mary Lou; Randy; Jack; Sherry; Kathy & Tom; Pam; Marsha; Chet; Leonard; Ellen; Glenn; Jim; Patti; Brad; Vince; Zack; and Shirley Gernack & her family.

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



Pray for our St. Jude's Family:

August 6 Michele Peters;
John & Carol
Pettipher

August 13 Sue Premo;
Clay & Diane Putnam

August 20 Lois Putnam;
Jim & Paula Ramelis

August 27 Dave & Denise
Rayner; Dustin &
Mehgan Rayner,
Austin, Benjamin,
Rylan & Danyelle



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Francine Johnston

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Heather Ludwig

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