



# The Beacon

May 2024

## May Day, May Day!

The beginning of May includes some odd holidays. **May 1st** on the church calendar is the **Feast of the Apostles Philip and James** (the Less), two disciples about whom little is known. Philip appears mostly in John's Gospel where he is disappointingly literal-minded about Jesus' message. "Show us the Father and we will be satisfied!" Philip demands, when Jesus tries to tell the group that he himself is the way to the Creator and eternal life. (A different Philip appears in Acts ch. 8, baptizing the Ethiopian official, as we heard last Sunday.)

About this particular James (one of three in the Gospels) we know even less. His moniker could mean "the younger" but for me "less" is apt, for it describes his memorable qualities! All we know is that he hung in there through all the controversial actions and mysterious teachings of Jesus, and for that he deserves recognition – less superhero than a model we might follow.

Of course, May Day has secular significance that is better known. In some countries today's the start of summer – halfway between the equinox in March and the solstice in June. And, it's International Workers' Day, a holiday first promoted by the labor movement in the late 19th century, when demonstrations and work stoppages took

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## May Birthdays

- 3rd Sharon James  
Benjamin Rayner
- 5th Charlie Johnston  
Kelly Hopper
- 6th Dominic DuPei
- 12th Danyelle Morgan  
Sue Premo
- 13th Sean Sailus
- 15th Steve Koch
- 16th David Zick
- 17th Susan Anslow  
Williams
- 18th James Ramelis
- 24th Lynn Hopper
- 26th Judy Marinco

## May Anniversaries

- 3rd William & Deborah  
Davies (38th)
- 20th Glenn & Ellen Tripp  
(57th)

## “May Day!” continued...

place. Most of us remember the televised parades of large weapons and marching soldiers passing by state leaders in communist Moscow. Workers’ marches still take place around the world –and this year, the rights of Palestinians are being added to some activists’ placards, in solidarity with students demonstrating here in the US.

**May 5**, this coming Sunday, is of course “Cinco de Mayo,” which is NOT Mexican Independence Day

(that being on Sept. 16);

instead it marks the Battle of Puebla in 1862 when against the odds, the Mexican Army defeated French troops in their bid to reestablish an empire in North America. The US was

busy with our Civil War and couldn’t assist the Mexican people (though we would, three years later, when US aid helped push out the French for good). The Battle of Puebla in 1862 prevented the French from continuing north to involvement in our terrible conflict, on the side of the Confederacy. Who knows how much the outcome might have changed? In California, celebrations of Mexican-American culture began to be observed in May 1862, when Mexicans mining for gold learned of their countrymen’s victory and began to celebrate. So if you raise a glass of tequila or *cerveza* on May 5, do so for the right reasons!



Here at church, we’ll observe May 5 as a time for healing, remembering all those whose rights and safety are in jeopardy as we ask God for wholeness in ourselves and loved-ones. I’m grateful that Mary Jo + will *m’aidez!* with the sacramental anointing during our 10:30 am. service. And as Kathy Kortge has already let you know: wear your working clothes (how appropriate), when *our* labors will be in the building and gardens for Clean Up Day!

See you soon,

*Susan+*

# Reflections

Submitted by Judy Marinco from "Our Daily Bread", April 3rd edition

## I Hear You, God!

*The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice.*

John 10:3



Baby Graham fussed and wiggled as his mother held him in her lap while the doctors inserted his first hearing aid. Moments after the doctor turned on the device, Graham stopped crying. His eyes widened. He grinned. He could *hear* his mother's voice comforting him, encouraging him, and calling his name.

Baby Graham heard his mother speaking, but he needed help learning how to recognize her voice and understand the meaning of her words. Jesus invites people into a similar learning process. Once we accept Christ as our Savior, we become the sheep He knows intimately and guides personally (John 10:3). We can grow to trust and obey Him as we practice

hearing and heeding His voice (v. 4).

In the Old Testament, God spoke through the prophets. In the New Testament, Jesus—God in the flesh—spoke directly to people. Today, believers in Jesus have access to the power of the Holy Spirit, who helps us understand and obey God's words which He inspired and preserved in the Bible. We can communicate directly with Jesus through our prayers as He speaks to us through Scripture and through His people. As we come to recognize God's voice, which is always in alignment with His words in the Bible, we can cry out with grateful praise, "I hear You, God!"

By Xochitl Dixon

### *Reflect & Pray*

How has God used the Scriptures to reveal Himself to you this week? How can you speak His wisdom to others who need comfort or encouragement today?

***I hear You, God! Please help me receive and share the truth and love You reveal to me as I read the Bible.***

## Prayer List

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Skip, our Assisting Bishop; for the Standing Committees of the Dioceses of Eastern & Western Michigan; for Susan, our Priest-in-Charge; for Judy, our Deacon; for the Vestry.

For Al; Margaret; Bill; Holly; Todd; Diane; Sue; Barbara & Joe; Cindy; Cathy; Molly; Cory; Dale; Sue; Linda; Marcia; Gabe; Rose; Joan; Rex & Judi; Lois; Jim; Bob; Jim; Sharon; Alan; Mia; June; Ed; Carl & Connie; Sydne; Laura; Liz; Mike; Mary Lou; Pedro; James; Randy; Sherry; Pam; John; Francine; Sara; Marsha; Chet; Leonard; Ron; Ellen; Glenn; Jim; Patti; Brad; Emily; Vince; and Zack.



## April Coffee Hour

Thank you to those who hosted coffee hour in April:

Diane Putnam; Lynne Ronthi; The Rayners & everyone who contributed a birthday cake (4/28)

## June Rummage Sale



We will be hosting a Rummage Sale Fundraiser on Saturday, June 8 from 8 am – 3 pm. This year, we are not going to be collecting items to sell, but rather, charging individuals who wish to sell their own items \$20 for a table and parking space. We are going to rely largely on word of mouth for advertising. Please consider renting a table and telling your family and friends about it. To rent a table, fill out a registration form (use the QR code above) or there are printed forms on the wall outside the church office and return to church office with payment.



## Building & Grounds

Your Building and Grounds Committee continues to be very busy with maintaining our property.

Your volunteers handled and completed the new handicap door, glass inserts in the rector's office door, and replacement of front steps and new railings.

We are set to begin work on the handicap ramp on Monday, May 6. Our understanding is that work will be completed during the week and shouldn't affect Sundays.

Kathy Kortge has agreed to chair and lead the building and grounds clean up on Sunday May 5 with a May 19 rain dated. It would be great if you could volunteer and join the group for this annual project.

David Little has agreed to take the lead in trying to complete the Michigan basement cleanup which began two years ago. If you're interested in that area please let David know.

The Rummage sale is scheduled for Saturday June 8, 2024. You are welcome to sell your own items in this sale. A fee of \$20.00 per parking space and table. Contact Liz in the office for more information.

A team consisting of Paul Dolza, Bill Anderson and Doug Hill are working on specifications related to our Church roof and tower.

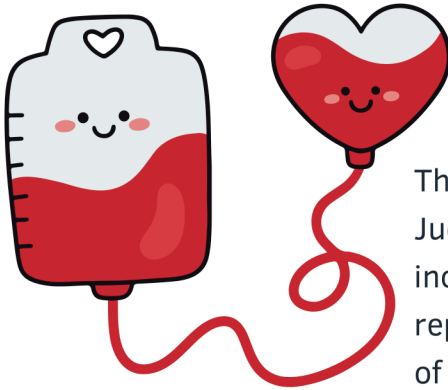
A project list has been prepared by Clay Putnam and Ron Trimmer and is being reviewed by the committee . If you are aware of things that need to happen related to building and grounds please let us know.

It will be a busy year for your team. If you would like to be on this committee please let one of the members know. Our next in person meeting will happen, hopefully in June, date/time to be determined.

*Ron Trimmer*

Building & Grounds Chair



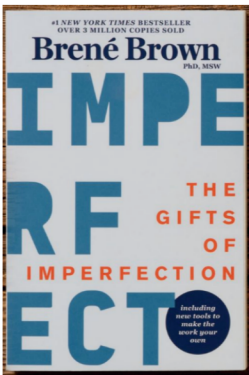


## April Community Blood Drive

Thank you to all who participated in St. Jude's April Community Blood Drive. Your incredible kindness and commitment helped replenish Versiti's blood supply (especially of type O blood, the preferred transfusion

type in emergencies), which will help local patients enjoy more time with their families. **Our next blood drive is scheduled for July 13th from 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

## Imperfection Club



Maybe there's a better name, but you're invited to join us imperfect people who are fans of the author, researcher and Episcopalian Dr. Brené Brown. We will discuss her book "The Gifts of Imperfection" on Wednesday, May 8 at 7 pm. Not sure if you're a Brené fan? Here's a link to the video we watched last time on Vulnerability. All are welcome!

- Rev. Susan

## Fourth Annual Craft Show & Holiday Bazaar

It is now May and your committee consisting of Ron Trimmer, Heather Ludwig, Lynn Hopper, Sue Premo and Liz Salius has met and began the planning for our Annual Craft Show on Friday November 8th and November 9th, 2024.

Flyers are in place and we will have several returning crafters and looking to bring new crafters aboard. Please help us in the searching for new crafters. Attend craft shows, talk to friends. If you know of a crafter that might be interested please let one of us know and we will reach out to them.

## Important May Dates

- 3rd 9 am - 5 pm: Life Line Health Screenings
- 4th 9 am - Noon: Basic Needs Pantry
- 5th Spring Clean Up Day
- 7th 1 pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 8th 7 pm: Discussion of "The Gifts of Imperfection"
- 12th Mother's Day
- 15th 7 pm: Vestry
- 19th Pentecost Sunday
- 21st 1 pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 28th 6 pm: Book Club @ Francine Johnston's
- June 1st 9 am - Noon: Basic Needs Pantry
- June 2nd Picnic & Outdoor Games Day

### Every Sunday:

- 9:15 am: Adult Formation
- 10:30 am: Worship Service in church building & livestreamed on Facebook

4TH ANNUAL  
**CRAFT SHOW**  
&  
**HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 4 - 9 PM  
SAT., NOVEMBER 9, 9 AM - 3 PM

**CRAFTERS NEEDED**

We are looking for crafters for our  
Craft Show & Holiday Bazaar  
in November 2024!

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

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## **VESTRY**

### **2025**

Terri Hutchins

Francine Johnston

Clay Putnam

Julie Wood

### **2026**

Bill Anderson

Paul Dolza

Heather Ludwig

Dave Rayner

### **2027**

Doug Hill

Dave James

Jim Ramelis

### **Delegates to the Diocesan Convention**

Paul & Sarah Dolza

John & Carol Pettipher