



The Beacon

June 2024

June: the month of...

As many emails have been announcing, June is the official month of Gun Violence Prevention (wear orange), LGBTQA+ Pride (wear rainbows), Public Safety (wear reflective tape?), PTSD Awareness, Juneteenth freedom events, lots of weddings and their anniversaries, Father’s Day, and more. We do our best to participate in these events because, as Paul writes, “If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. You are the body of Christ and parts of each other.” (1 Corinthians 12:26-27)

This verse and really all of St. Paul’s famous “body parts” sermon to the Corinthians, forms the basis of many church decisions. If someone is suffering or celebrating, their church family should be there with them. So we’ll honor our graduates and fathers, pray for those dealing with PTSD, make sure we’ve got well-marked stairs, doors and exits for safety, and maybe some folks will check out the Juneteenth events in Flint, June 15-16.

Thursday, June 20 is the Pride Festival in Fenton, which the Vestry and I discussed at our May meeting. Not so long ago, our LGBTQ sisters and brothers suffered shaming and exclusion by Episcopal rules, liturgies, unwelcoming churches and discriminatory policies. As a

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June Birthdays

- 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
- 29th Marin Norred

June Anniversaries

- 12th Jeffrey & Julie
Wood (2nd)
- 14th Justin & Jennifer
Brewer (6th)
- 25th John & CARol
Pettipher (58th)
Bill & Theresa
Anderson (2nd)
- 26th Bob & Kim
Alexander (42nd)

“June: the month of...” continued...

Deputy to six Episcopal General Conventions (the triennial gatherings to make all major decisions), I heard the stories of brave people who are LGBTQ asking to be treated equally as children of God. In previous decades, before my time, those stories were being told and tears shed by people of color and women shut out from leadership.

I am proud of the work that the Episcopal Church has been doing to remove barriers. The first step, one that St Jude’s does well, is to welcome all people like they belong – not just tolerating them for an hour. So many of you have told that story; and people who have felt disrespected elsewhere should know about the different treatment they’d receive here.

As part of our Invite-Welcome-Connect initiative, the Vestry unanimously supported having a 10x10 “booth” in the mix of vendors et al. at the Fenton Pride Festival. We’ll bring over tables and chair, decorations and give-always; and would love more volunteers between 5-8 pm. And if you’re just attending the Farmers Market that evening, send people our way.

Please talk to me or any member of the Vestry if you have concerns. Talk to Liz or me if you’d like to volunteer. And let us know of other ways we can support the body of Christ at St Jude’s, in times of suffering or celebration, whenever and wherever they happen.

Faithfully,
Susan

Imperfection Club

We will be meeting on **Tuesday, June 19 at 7pm** to watch video clips in a series called "The Ridiculous Journey" featuring Brene Brown, Nadia Bolz-Webber, Richard Rohn and others. Come and join the discussion!

Reflections

Submitted by Judy Marinco from "Our Daily Bread", April 18th edition

God's Tender Love

To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek.

Hosea 11:4



A 2017 video of a dad comforting his two-month-old son while the baby received his routine vaccinations garnered international attention for the way it captured a dad's love for his child. After the nurse finished administering the vaccinations, the dad tenderly held his son close to his cheek, and the boy stopped sobbing within seconds. There's almost nothing more reassuring than the tender care of a loving parent.

In Scripture, there are many beautiful descriptions of God as a loving parent, images that invoke God's deep love for His children. Old Testament prophet Hosea was given a message to deliver to the Israelites living in the Northern Kingdom during the time of the

divided kingdom. He called them to return to a relationship with God. Hosea reminded the Israelites of God's love for them as he pictured God as a gentle Father: "when Israel was a child, I loved him" (Hosea 11:1) and "to them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek" (v. 4)

This same reassuring promise of God's loving care is true for us. Whether we seek His tender care after a season where we've rejected His love or because of pain and suffering in our lives, He calls us His children (1 John 3:1) and His comforting arms are open to receive us (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

By Lisa M. Samra

Reflect & Pray

How have you experienced the love of God as a caring Father? What concerns might you bring to Him today?

Heavenly Father, thank You that You call me Your child and provide tender care when I run to You.

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.



May Coffee Hour

Thank you to those who hosted coffee hour in May:

Dee Grossmann, Kathy Kortge, Katie Young; Paula & Jim Ramelis; Diane Hill.

Volunteer Opportunities

Jack's Memorial Service

Our celebration of life for Jack Mills will take place at the church on Saturday, June 15 at 11 am. If you are interested in serving as a LEM or lector or wish to share a short remembrance as part of the service, please let Rev. Susan know. We also need help with the luncheon. If you are willing to help in the kitchen or if you would be willing to bring in beverages or a dessert, please let Lisa Cronk know. Jack's obituary can be viewed [here](#).

Fenton Pride Night

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Building & Grounds

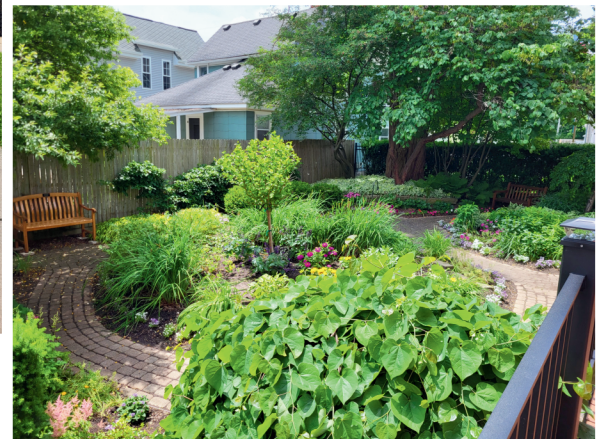
Here we are in June 2024 and a lot had been accomplished during the month of May. A big thank you goes out to David Zick and his family for the donation of material and the construction of our new Handicap Ramp. Thank also to the Freeman Brothers for donating the new walkways at the ramp/garden and from the parking lot to the sidewalk on the north side of building. Kelly and Lisa Cronk and Lynn Rothi donated the new lighting for the ramp. Thank you to our hardworking Memorial Garden Committee who have been planting new flowers and helping with the general cleanup. Also the donation of our new benches and rockers that were donated Francine & Charlie Johnston.

We are working with the Memorial Garden Committee on looking at and placing a new fence on the east side of the garden and repairing the porch and steps as well.

Our team will meet on Sunday June 23rd at 11:30 after the church service in the Library. Those interested in becoming part of our team or would like to help on various projects please feel free to join us.

Ron Trimmer

Building & Grounds Chair



Congratulations!

To our graduates

Gabriella Marie Pennington Graduated with a Business Degree from U of M Flint.

Robbie Hunt graduated from High School. He plans to attend Western Michigan and pursue a Business degree.

Ella Koch is graduating from Fenton High School. She is planning to attend Saginaw Valley State.



Important June Dates

8th 8 am - 3 pm:
Rummage Sale

10th -
12th Susan Away

11th-
17th Liz Away

11th 1 pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry

12th 1 pm: Outreach

15th 11 am: Celebration of Life for Jack Mills

16th Father's Day

18th 7 pm: The Imperfect Club

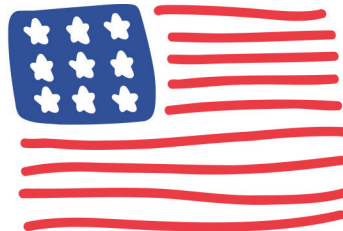
19th 7 pm: Vestry

20th 5 - 8:30 pm: Fenton Pride Night

23rd 11:30 am: Building & Grounds Meeting

25th 1 pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry
6 pm: Book Club @ Diane Putnam's

July Volunteer Opportunities...



Freedom Festival Parking

Thursday, July 4 is the Freedom Festival and Parade in downtown Fenton. We would like a few people to volunteer to pass out bottled water and collect any donations for parking in our parking lot that morning. The parade is at 10 am so plan to arrive around 8:30 am? We could also use donations of bottled water. Let Susan or Liz in the church office know if you are interested in helping in any of those ways.

Summer Blood Drive

Our next blood drive is scheduled for **July 13th from 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Heather Ludwig always does a wonderful job of organizing and opening/closing the building for the Versiti group that comes in. In July, she is still planning to be here but may need some additional help. If you are willing to be here and volunteer with her. You mostly just greet people that come in and open/close building, it isn't hard, please let Heather or the church office know.

Every Sunday:

10:30 am: Worship Service in church building & livestreamed on Facebook

Fourth Annual Craft Show & Holiday Bazaar

We have received our first Registered Crafter for our Craft Show in November. Flyers are available for those interested in joining our event. We will have several returning crafters and looking to bring new crafters aboard. Please help us in 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.

Lynn Hopper, Ron Trimmer, Heather Ludwig

Craft Show & Bazaar Committee





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Heather Ludwig
Dave Rayner

2027

Doug Hill
Dave James
Jim Ramelis

Delegates to the Diocesan Convention

Paul & Sarah Dolza
John & Carol Pettipher