



The Beacon

June 2026

Angelic Messengers Needed!

In the Bible, angels transmit messages from God to individual people who are in need of inspiration, encouragement, or comfort. We have an angelic ministry of messages, in the form of cards – managed by Lynne Ronthi, our card-sender-in-chief (Archangel?).

Lynne's ministry is supported by donations of stamps and cards. However, the supply is running low, especially because the price of stamps is forever rising, with a new hike in first class stamps due on July 12 (to \$0.82, up 4 cents). Can you help our card ministry by purchasing some "forever" stamps soon (booklets of 20, or a whole roll if you win the lottery)? She would also welcome new cards – nice ones – appropriate for birthdays, anniversaries, get well prayers, and sympathies.

Our homebound and hospitalized parishioners love to be remembered and celebrated. I'm grateful for Lynne and our other angels, who keep the messages flowing. Thanks in advance for your help! We will put a box in the office for donations of Cards & Stamps.

Sending out God's love,

Susan+

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OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAYS & THURSDAYS
9 AM - NOON

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS
9 AM - 4 PM

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Building Safety & Security

On **Sunday, June 7**, everyone is encouraged to stay after the Dismissal for about 30 minutes, for an important discussion on adding safety measures to our church's entrances. We've all heard about attacks on worship communities in recent months. How can we better protect ourselves, our staff and our volunteers? The Vestry has proposals to share and would like your input. Please complete our [survey online](#) before the 7th if you're able.

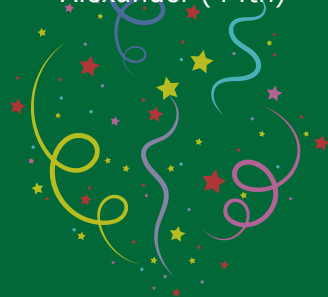


June Birthdays

- 2nd Tess DuPei
Jacob Miller
- 3rd Glenn Tripp
- 6th Jennifer Brewer
Paul Dolza
- 7th Amy Freeman
- 8th Mackenzie Bradley
Clay Putnam
- 10th Linda Freeman
- 11th Theresa Anderson
- 13th Bill Anderson
- 14th Leigha Forsyth
- 15th Craig Adams
- 18th Bob Alexander
Deb James
Ashley Ransley-Thakur
- 20th Lynell Wright
- 22nd Doug Koch
- 26th Heather Ludwig
- 29th Marin Norred
- 30th Lillian Miller

June Anniversaries

- 10th Marty & Margie
Deschaine (37th)
- 14th Justin & Jennifer
Brewer (8th)
- 25th John & Carol
Pttipher (60th)
Bill & Theresa
Anderson (4th)
- 26th Bob & Kim
Alexander (44th)

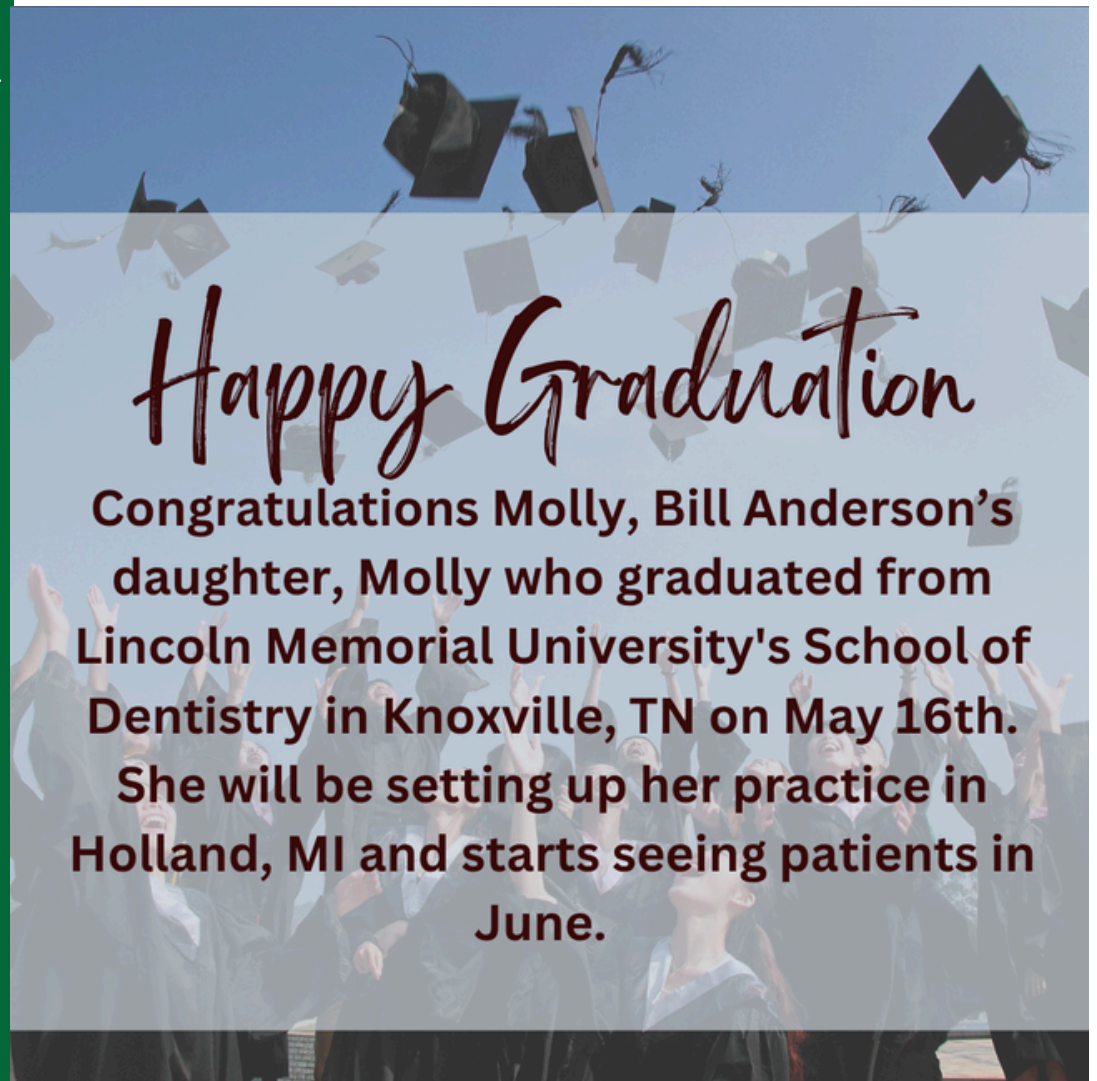


Fenton PRIDE Festival

Saturday, June 20, 1 -5 pm will be the Fenton Pride Day Festival in Rackham Park (behind the community center) in downtown Fenton. This will be the 3rd year St. Jude's has had a booth to show our neighbors that God welcomes ALL and so do we!

This is an important event every year so we really need volunteers to take a shift and man the booth!

There will be decorations, a pop up tent, hand outs and a coloring craft available. Unless you sign up for set up or take down, all you have to do is show up for your shift, greet people with a smile and let them know that they are loved and beloved of God. There is a sign up sheet in Vandenberg Hall. See Liz or Rev. Susan for more information.



Summer Alzheimers Seminars

The Alzheimers Association of Michigan will return to St Jude's on three Saturdays: **June 20, July 18 and August 15, from 10:30 am – 12 noon**; to lead presentations about the early stages of this progressive disease. Each class will be in two parts: half for the person diagnosed, and the other half for their partner or primary caregiver, so that each will know what to expect. **To register, you must contact the Alzheimers Association (NOT our office) by calling 800-272-3900.** *Please share this information with family and friends who might be helped by attending.*

Join us for free programs:

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

Living with Alzheimer's:
For Care Partners & For People Living with Dementia



Part 1

Saturday, June 20
10:30 a.m. - Noon

Part 2

Saturday, July 18
10:30 a.m. - Noon

Part 3

Saturday, Aug. 15
10:30 a.m. - Noon

Location:

St Jude's Episcopal Church
106 E. Elizabeth St, Fenton

Register:

Contact our 24/7 Helpline:
800.272.3900

Each session will include information for care partners and for people living with dementia. Participants may choose to attend any or all programs.

24/7 Helpline: 800.272.3900 | alz.org/gmc

GUESS WHO'S TURNING 90?



**YOU'RE INVITED
TO HELP US
CELEBRATE OUR
AMAZING MOM!**

OPEN HOUSE FOR NANCY RYAN

When: July 25, 2026

3—6 pm (light lunch provided)

Where: St. Jude's Episcopal Church

106 E. Elizabeth Street

Fenton, MI

CARDS AND BEST WISHES ONLY

RSVP: Tracie Little (TracieLLittle@gmail.com)

Reflections

Submitted by Judy Marinco from "Our Daily Bread", May 17th edition

Deep Roots

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.

Jeremiah 17:7



As Douglas Kent, a landscape architect, toured a charred Los Angeles neighborhood after the city's raging 2025 wildfires, he encountered a shocking surprise—trees, alive and green, right next to melted cars and burned buildings. Many of them bore lush palms and leaves, abundant fruit, and strong trunks and branches. How?

After two consecutive rainy winters, the trees' roots had reached deep into the soil to draw moisture, carrying it to branches and leaves. In a fire, they proved resistant. "What I saw," said Kent, "was that if you were deep-rooted, you survived."

Our faith during the fiery trials of life can be like that. As we set our spiritual roots deep in Christ and

His love, we become "like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit" (Jeremiah 17:8).

Jeremiah, who never minced words, warned that those who trust in "mere flesh" are "cursed" (v. 5). "That person will be like a bush in the wastelands; they will not see prosperity when it comes." Instead, "they will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one lives" (vv. 5-6). How much better to trust in God! Well-watered by His sustaining love, we thrive even in raging times, bearing spiritual fruit in Him.

By Patricia Raybon

Reflect & Pray

How deep are your roots in Christ? How can you trust Him during fiery trials?

Dear God, as the world seems to burn around me, please remind me to trust in You.

Upcoming Events

Saturday 6/6

9 am - Noon: Basic Needs Pantry

Monday, 6/8

6:30 pm: CROP Meeting @ St. Jude's

Tuesday, 6/9

7 pm: FCO Board Meeting

Wednesday, 6/10

1 pm: Outreach Meeting
7 pm: Finance Meeting

Tuesday, 6/16

1 pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, 6/17

7 pm: Vestry Meeting

Thursday, 6/18

6 pm: Book Club

Saturday, 6/20

10:30 am- Noon: Alzheimers Seminar Part 1

1 - 5 pm: Fenton Pride Night

The final Sunday in June, **Sunday, June 28** we will have a special **outdoor service at Bush Park** with a picnic to follow organized by the social committee. More information to come...

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There will be **healing prayers** offered during Communion on **June 14**. After receiving that sacrament, come to the library for laying-on of hands, prayer and anointing for healing.

Home Improvements

The Vestry welcomed several other parishioners in a consideration of our grounds, especially facing Leroy and Elizabeth Streets (basically everywhere except the Memorial Garden, which already looks fantastic). There are many opportunities to spruce up our appeal to pedestrians, visitors to downtown Fenton, and folks who might be looking for a place to worship.

The new roof looks very wonderful – in contrast to how ugly and banged-up our white-painted areas (fascia, wood framing, and window caulking) have become. We learned that rain water is getting inside around the windows, which eventually will lead to their falling down. Yikes! Improvements to these crucial areas have been among our Building & Grounds priorities for several years, and now that the roof has been replaced, we are getting bids. *Stay tuned for more information and, hopefully, dates for repairs before winter.*

The heavy equipment used for the roof took a toll on our grass, trees and bushes. Easy projects might include removing several dying boxwoods along Elizabeth St; cutting way back or removing the overgrown bushes near the front steps, repainting weather-beaten doors, adding signage and a public bench, and planting colorful annuals. What do you think? Talk to any member of the Vestry.

Our goal is simple: Make St Jude's a place where someone walking past would say, "What a beautiful church! I wonder what it's like inside?"

Sharing the blessings,
Susan +



GODLY PLAY

Our last session of Godly Play before the summer break will be **June 7, 10:30** until "the Peace." *Come on down!*

WORSHIP LEADERS for June 2026								
Lay Eucharistic Minister(s)	2 nd Chalice	Reader	Intercessor	Ushers	Altar Guild	Vestry Person of the Day	Live - Streamer	Coffee Hour Host(s)
June 7 Holy Eucharist - The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams								
Dave Rayner	Mary Louise S.	Ellen Tripp	Nancy Day	Nancy Day, Lynne R.	Dee G., Lisa Cronk	Diane Putnam	Dave James	The Andersons
June 14 Holy Eucharist - The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams								
Fr. Wayne Knotts	Lynn Hopper	Dave Rayner	Denise Rayner	Nancy Day, Lynne R.	Terri H., Francine J.	Charlie Johnston	Paul Dolza	Diane & Doug Hill
June 21 Holy Eucharist - The Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz								
Lynn Hopper	Amy Freeman	Dave James	Deb James	Dave & Deb James	Sarah D., Lisa Cronk	Mark Jagos	Lynn Hopper	The Dolzas
June 28 Holy Eucharist - The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams								
Paul Dolza	Dee Grossmann	Dolores Ruby	Lynn Hopper	Dave & Denise Rayner	Mary Louise S., Diane Hill	Doug Hill	Dave Rayner	Heather Ludwig
July 5 Holy Eucharist - The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams								
Amy Freeman	Dee Grossmann	Jessica Miller	Pedro Melchor	Charlie J., Jessica M.	Dee G., Lisa Cronk	Dave James	??	??

Monday Office Volunteer(s):

- 1st: Dave Little
- 8th: Kathy Kortge
- 15th: Dave Little
- 22nd: Ellen Tripp
- 29th: Francine Johnston

Thurs. Office Volunteer(s):

- 4th: Francine
- 11th: Lynne Ronthi
- 18th: Judy Marinco
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VESTRY

2027

Doug Hill

Dave James

2028

Charles Johnston

Sue Premo

Megan Rosa-Norred

2029

Mark Jagos

Diane Putnam

Denise Rayner

Dolores Ruby

Delegates to the Diocesan Convention

Mark Jagos, Charles Johnston

Alternates: Katie Young, Amy Freeman