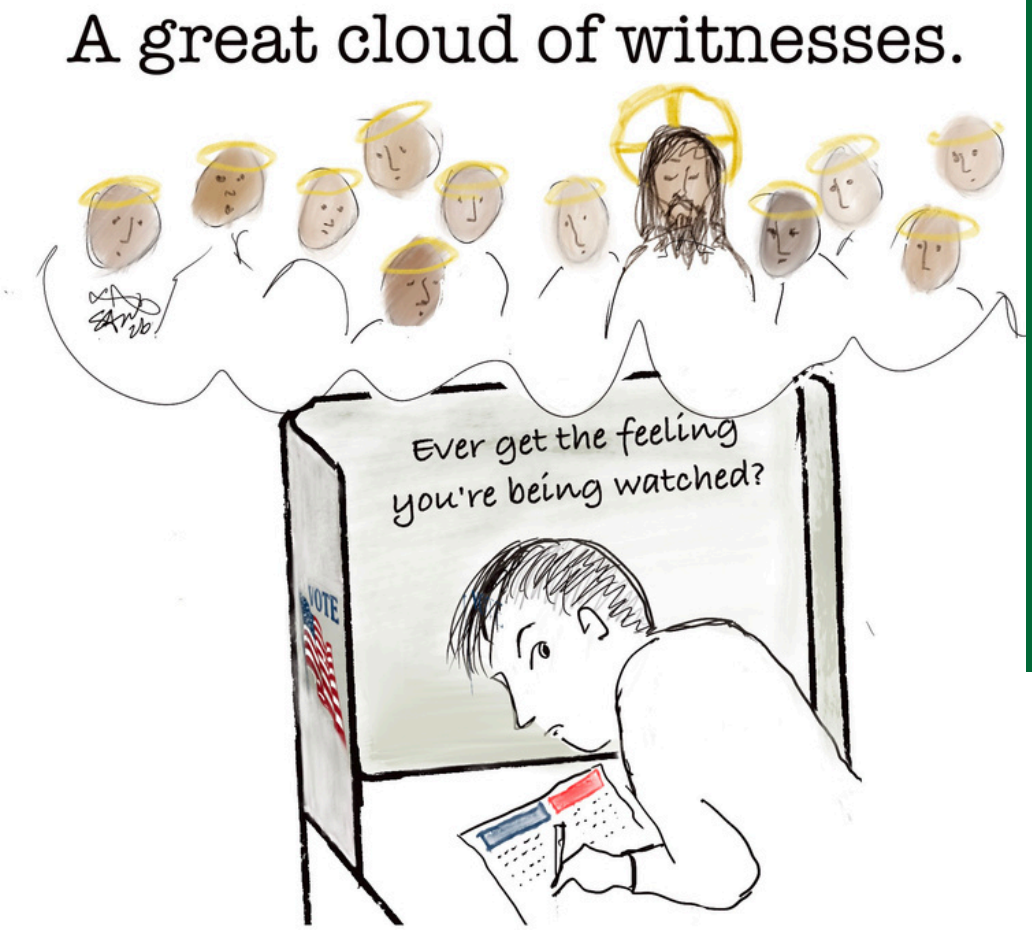


The Beacon

November 2026



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Deck the Doors with Boughs of Balsam, Fa-la-la-la-la!

Help St Jude's get ready for Advent and Christmas, with donations toward the greens and poinsettias. Use an envelope for "Christmas flowers," send us a check noted the same, or use the drop down giving menu on our website. This year, Sarah Dolza's favorite charity isn't selling wreaths, so we are getting ours through the Fenton High School Ambassadors, and the local Knights of Columbus. Wojo's nursery supplies our poinsettias. And everything is more expensive, of course, so we really appreciate your generosity.

November Birthdays

1st Eleanor Sailus
5th Audrey Norred
Doug Hill
10th Katherine Knotts
11th Greg Forsyth
12th Harry Chciuk
18th Ann Minock
19th Mary Ellen Hazell
22nd Rita Repko
23rd Ellen Tripp
27th Sarah Dolza
Annette Boyd

November Anniversaries

9th Clay & Diane Putnam (47th)
14th Jerry & Joan Graham (73rd)
Chet & Mary Louise Susalla (44th)



And Speaking of Generosity... Please send or bring your 2027 Pledge to church in time for the "Blessing of the Pledge Cards" on November 8!

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Project

Mark your Calendars for November 15 at 4 pm!

This year our annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving Project will be held right here at St Jude's. We are bringing back the meal-packing project "Rise Against Hunger" which we did a few years ago (at the Methodists') and everyone had a great experience. There will also be "Plarning" plastic bags to make totes for flood zones, led by Dcn. Judy in the Library.

Rise AGAINST HUNGER

In Vandenbergh Hall, we'll package nutritious meals that help fuel communities around the world. It's a fun, fast-moving experience where every meal you package brings us one step closer to ending hunger. You'll be part of a global movement working to create a world where all people have the nourishment they need to thrive.

We'd like to know how many are coming and we need to raise $ to buy the ingredients: Please click on this link and plan to join us: https://act.riseagainsthunger.org/event/meal-packaging-event-fenton-ministerial-group-november-15-2026-fenton-mi/e850120



The congregation is invited to a special coffee hour on November 15th to celebrate Mary Ellen Hazell's 99th birthday.

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St. Jude's Advent Tea
December 6th, 5:00 p.m.



Please join the women of St. Jude's for an evening of prayer, music, reflection, and friendship. If you would like to attend, put your name on the sign-up list in Vandenberg Hall. Look for the holly green bulletin board next to the television.

This year you can help out with the meal by either bringing a dessert or donating $10 towards the dinner. You can put your donation in an envelope with Advent Tea written on the front and give it to Denise Rayner or drop it off in the church office. When you sign up, make note if you will be bringing dessert or making a donation.

The committee will purchase quiche, salad, mini muffins/croissants and gluten free alternatives.

The table hostesses will let guests know which table they are assigned to by mid-November. You can also check the bulletin board for table assignments, as they will be posted.

Any questions can be directed to Debbie James or Denise Rayner.

Beautiful and Spirit-filled Worship isn't Accidental

If you would like to help select the Advent and Christmas seasons' prayers and music, our Worship Committee meets on **November 5 at 5 pm**. Contact Rev. Susan if you'd like to join us, and she'll send you some examples and past years' bulletins. Advent is anticipatory but not penitential in nature. Christmas is about Jesus not Wise Men (they're Epiphany). Santa Claus… will come to town as St Nicholas of Myra!



Christmas Families Giving Opportunities in 2026

Dear St. Jude's caring and sharing family,

It's that time of the year again to think about Christmas. The Outreach Ministry hopes to provide gifts for families in our community, in Family Promise and FARR, and in the pantry, to help them celebrate their Christmas. With your help and support, we can reach out to those in need.

We are again asking for gift cards allowing each family the opportunity to purchase and wrap gifts for their own family. We are asking for donations of gift cards from Walmart, Meijer's and Target. We are hoping to give each person $100 dollars to spend.

Something new this year! We will have a giving "tree" on a bulletin board with cards noting different dollar amounts. Just pick a card off the "tree" and purchase gift cards in that amount.

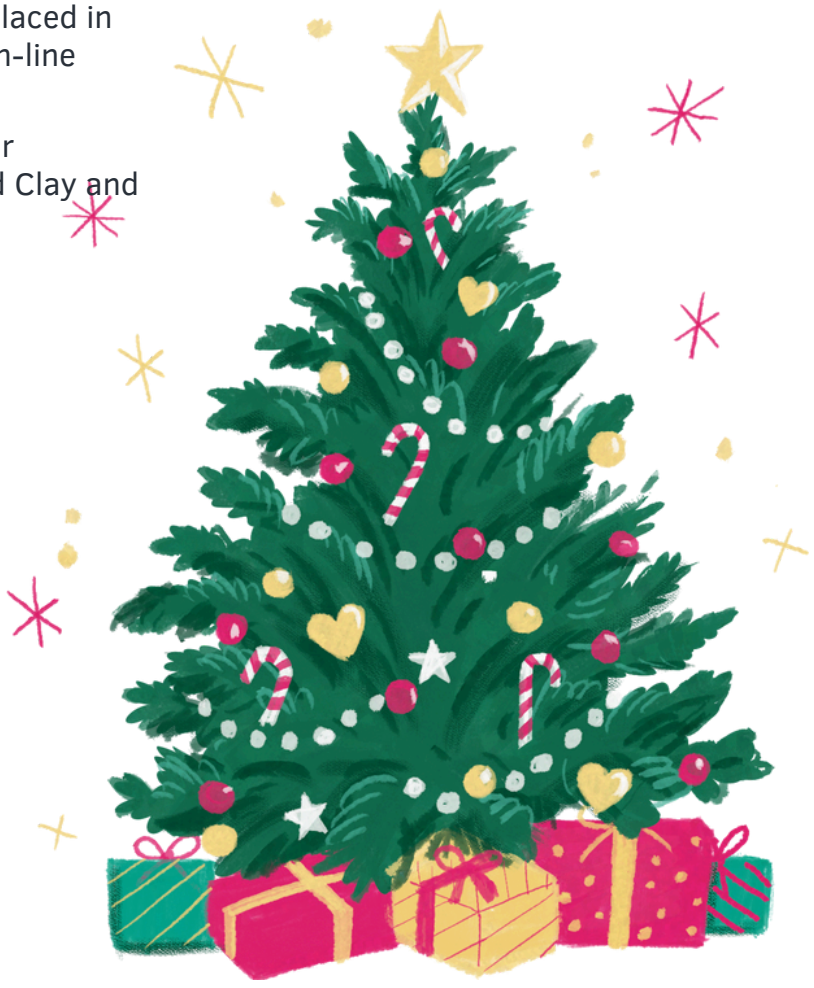
Please submit your gift cards in a sealed envelope (showing the cash value, and your name) in the Christmas gift-wrapped box on the coffee hour table. The deadline is Sunday, December 7th.

As an alternative to purchasing gift cards, you may prefer to donate money to help our Christmas Families. If so, please write a check to St. Jude's and note on the check memo line: "Christmas Families." Your check can be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate.Donations could also be made on-line under Christmas Families.

Thank you for your generosity to help others in our community! Please call Mike and Judy Marinco and Clay and Diane Putnam with any questions.

Christmas Family Committee Members:
Sharon Aldrich
Mike and Judy Marinco
Clay and Diane Putnam
Dave and Denise Rayner





CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

Another Successful CROP Walk

Thanks to all of this year's walkers and all who donated to the 2026 CROP. October 4th was a beautiful day and we had more walkers than we have had in many years (over 100). St. Jude's "stepped" up big time and had 16 walkers. While we don't have a total yet for donations, we do know that we received $5,000 from our local sponsors and over $5,000 in online donations. We are hoping to break a record this year for the Fenton/Lake Fenton/Linden/Holly Walk. At the end of the walk we all filled up on ice cream from Uncle Rays, and cider and donuts courtesy of Mueller's Orchard. This years inter church challenge was to see who could increase the number of walkers by the greatest percentage over 2025. The winner was our friends at 1st Presbyterian and as a result, Pastor Robbie had to take a pie in the face.Here are a few photos from the day.





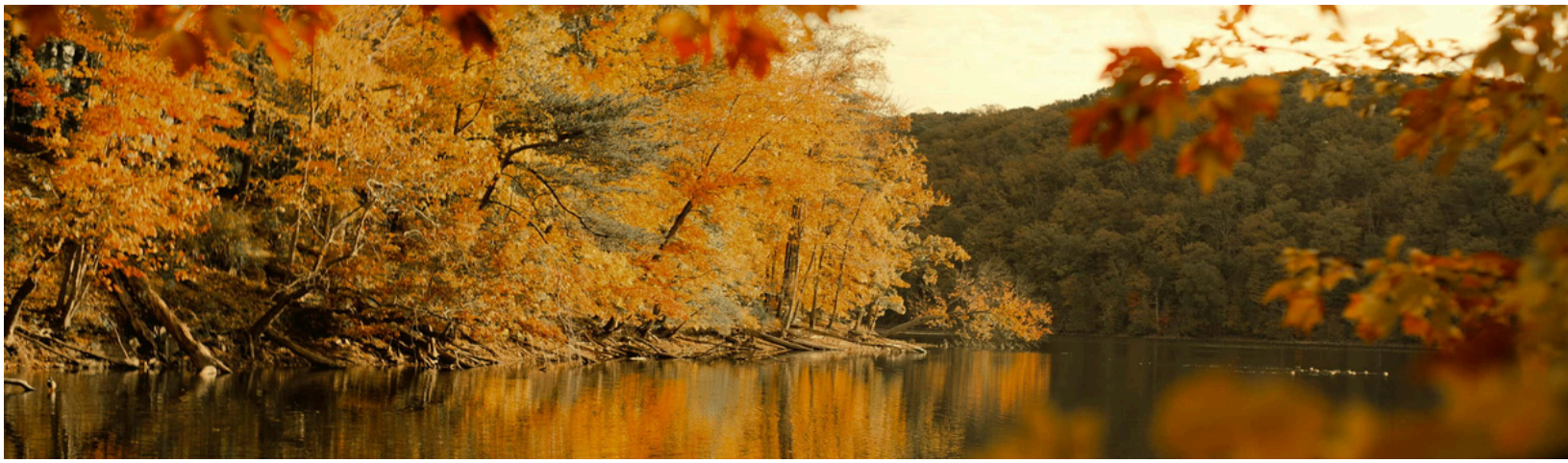


Reflections

Submitted by Judy Marinco from "Our Daily Bread", October 28th edition

Because God!

You, Lord, are forgiving and good, abounding in love to all who call to you.
Psalm 86:5



Six-year-old Tiana clasped her hands. She prayed as she scanned the crowd, glancing toward the front door of the church. Her classmates waved at guests settling in for the Father's Day concert. Fathers and father figures returned the greetings. But nobody waved at Tiana. Her teacher encouraged her to join the choir, but Tiana didn't budge. Suddenly her daddy rushed through the door. As he waved and found a seat, Tiana smiled, burst into tears, and stepped onto the stage.

Whatever our age, there's a tender heart of a child within each of us that aches to be seen, heard, and loved. But the psalmist David demonstrated how God delights in showing up for His children. David prayed with confidence in a love that never fails, forgets, or forsakes—the love of our heavenly Father. Confessing his need, David prayed with faith in God's trustworthiness (Psalm 86:1-4). He declared that God is "forgiving and good, abounding in love" (v. 5). He sang, "When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me" (v. 7). David cried out with expectation because God had proven His faithfulness (v. 11).

Like David, we can trust our heavenly Father to show up because He promises to do so. We too can sing, "I will praise you, Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever" (v. 12). Why? Because God is incomparable; He alone is God (vv. 8, 10).

By Xochitl Dixon



Reflect & Pray

How does trusting that God never leaves change how you wait? How can you pray expectantly today?

Dear Father, please help me trust You because You alone are God!

WORSHIP LEADERS for November 2026

Lay Eucharistic Minister(s)	2nd Chalice	Reader	Intercessor	Ushers	Altar Guild	Vestry Person of the Day	Live - Streamer	Coffee Hour Host(s)
November 1 – All Saints' Sunday Holy Eucharist – The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams								
Dave Rayner	Mary Louise S.	Denise Rayner	Bill Anderson	Nancy D., Lynne R.	Terri H., Francine J.	Dave James	Paul Dolza	Lynne Ronthi
November 8 Holy Eucharist – The Rev. Susan Anslow-Williams								
Paul Dolza	Clay Putnam	Ellen Tripp	Annette Boyd	Dave & Deb James	Sarah D., Lisa Cronk	Dolores Ruby	Lynn Hopper	The Rayners
November 15 Holy Eucharist – The Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz								
Amy Freeman	Lynn Hopper	Katie Young	Dolores Ruby	Dave & Denise Rayner	Mary Louise S., Diane Hill	Sue Premo	Dave James	Heather Ludwig
November 22 Holy Eucharist – The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams								
Dee Grossmann	Dave Rayner	Nancy Day	Denise Rayner	Charlie J., Heather L.	Dee G., Lisa Cronk	???	Dave Rayner	Diane & Doug Hill
November 29 Holy Eucharist – The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams								
Clay Putnam	Paul Dolza	Dave James	Debbie James	Lisa & Kelly Cronk	Terri H., Francine J.	Diane Putnam	Paul Dolza	Nancy Day

November Office Volunteer(s):

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
11/2 – Diane P.	11/3 – Ellen T.	11/4 – Dave L.	11/5 – Judy M.
11/9 – Terri H.	11/10 – Deb J.	11/11 Fran J.	11/12 – Lynne R.
11/16 – Lynne R.	11/17 – Lynn H.	11/18 – Dave L.	11/19 - Annette
11/23 – Diane P.	11/24 – Dolores	11/25 – Fran J.	11/26 – Thanksgiving - Office Closed
11/30 – Terri H.	12/1 – Ellen T.	12/2 – Dave L.	12/3 – Dee G.