



The Beacon

October 2025

Tell it out!

*Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.*

This is the first verse of Hymns 437 – 438 (different tunes, same text) by The Rev. Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024). He was an Anglican priest and occasional poet, and said that he was inspired by reading a new Bible translation to reword the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) into an accessible hymn.

“Tell out, my soul!” is also the theme of our fall Pledge campaign. The hope is to get us talking about our faith – telling stories of our souls’ joyful recognition of God’s blessings. Over the course of many years in ministry, I have known people who are quick to ascribe their accomplishments (and others’) to God’s activity in the world. They have plenty of answers to the conversation starter, “Where did you see God today?”

Other people, not so much. Not only is their glass perpetually “half empty,” but usually God is absent from any story. When pressed for a “thanksgiving” during prayers, they can be stumped. God’s blessings come to other people, not to them.

The Season of Creation that is concluding on Sunday (10/5) was meant to shake us awake to God’s artfulness all around us,

observable in nature and in all the hidden details discovered by science. What a wondrous world God has made!

The “Tell out, my soul” campaign will challenge us to put these observations into words, and then deeds. When the beauty of a lake or sunset, or a bird at your feeder, overwhelms your soul with delight, tell it out. Or write it down in a journal. Or say it aloud with a prayer.

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"Tell It Out!" continued

I'm going to ask you some Sunday during the month of October to share a "soul-inspiring moment" with a fellow parishioner. Put together, our experiences illustrate how real and present God is around here. And how our gifts of witness, wisdom and wealth will keep the stories flowing to inspire future generations at St. Jude's.

Telling it like it is,

Susan

Pet Blessings on October 5



Bring your faithful Fido (or Felix) to church for a blessing on Sunday, October 5, in honor of St Francis of Assisi. Dependably well-behaved pets are welcome to attend our 10:30 worship. Others may need to be fetched afterwards! Rev. MaryJo will meet you outside after the service - she's prepared to stick around until about 12:30; let her know to wait for you. As in the past, treat bags and prayer cards will be provided to all comers.

Pumpkin Carving Coffee Hour

Sunday, October 26 following the service

Mark your calendar for the Pumpkin Carving Coffee Hour on **Sunday, October 26**, sponsored by the Social Committee.

Goodies will include donuts, cupcakes, assorted candy, chips with salsa, pumpkin and zucchini bread plus coffee, cider, and water.

Pumpkins will be provided for carving jack-o-lanterns. Feel free to wear Halloween costumes and seasonal shirts and sweaters!

For questions, please contact Dee Grossmann and Judy Marincio.



Advent Tea

Mark your calendar, our annual Advent by Candlelight Tea will be on **Sunday, December 7th at 5:00 p.m.** Hostesses are needed to decorate a table, serve tea, and provide a small gift/memento for each guest at the table. You may also want to host a table with a partner. Please sign up on the bulletin board as soon as possible, so that we know how many guests we can accommodate. Sign-up lists for guests and what potluck dish they will bring, will be displayed in October. A planning meeting for hostesses will be on Sunday, November 16th after the 10:30 service.



October Birthdays

2nd Lisa Cronk
Jerry Rucker
5th Kim Alexander
9th Kris Forsyth
10th Nancy Day
16th Terri Hutchins
17th Justin Brewer
Evan Koch
21st Jeff Wood
26th Mark Jagos

October Anniversaries

5th Dave & Tracie Little
(12 years)
8th Eric & Susan
Williams (31 years)
17th Bill & Marcia
Freeman (73 years)
20th David & Francine
Zick (52 years)

5th Annual Craft Show & Holiday Bazaar

We will be hosting our Fifth Annual Craft Show on **Friday, November 7 and Saturday, November 8**. All proceeds from the show will go toward our building and grounds fund. With many large projects happening in the month of October (a new roof and a large scale pest control project), the fund really needs an extra boost of money this year!

Ways YOU can help!:

- We have many crafters already registered and only a few spots remain. If you know a local crafter who may wish to rent a booth, have them contact the church office ASAP to reserve a space.
- As we have done in previous years, we will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets. This year, we will be pre-selling tickets for one large drawing on Saturday afternoon. The winner does not need to be present in order to claim their money. Tickets are \$3 each. If you would like a small pack of tickets to sell, see Liz on Sunday morning or in the office during the week.
- Once again, St. Jude's will be selling soup, cocoa and cookie mixes in a jar at the St. Jude's craft show table. This year we would like to expand the items we are selling in our jars, and are asking for peanut brittle, "human" puppy/reindeer chow, chex mix, etc. Ball jars, recipe cards for soup/cookie mixes, and jar decorations will be on a table in VandenBergh Hall and a sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please see Heather Ludwig.
- Look for a sign up to help the days of with set-up, take down and the various areas (like admissions) later in October.

- Finally, there are a lot of costs related to promoting the craft show and St. Jude's. If you can help offset some of these expenses, that means more money goes into the building fund. You can put a check or money in the offering plate marked "Craft Show Ads".

It takes a lot of people to make the craft show a success! Thank you to everyone at St. Jude's for helping us year after year with this huge event!

Craft Show Committee

Heather Ludwig, Sue Premo, Ron Trimmer, Lynn Hopper, Liz Sailus

An Event So Good, It's Scary!

Friday, October 31 (Halloween), Fenton Chamber of Commerce will be hosting their annual trick or treating event. Last year, we had a lot of fun passing out goody bags to children and their families as part of this event. We would like to be a trick or treating site again this year.

But we need your help!

Sign up to bring in goodies and/or candy for us to pass out. Or you can **donate** money toward our cost to participate and goodies purchased by the church - please mark your donation "Trick or Treat"

The Terrible Cost of Hate

The investigation is ongoing, but the terrible shooting and fire at the Grand Blanc Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (LDS, or Mormons) was committed by a 40-year-old Burton resident. An Iraq War veteran described by neighbors as “fun loving” and good with kids, he was also known to speak out hatefully against Mormons.

The LDS has different beliefs than ours, and shows like “The Book of Mormon” (a Broadway musical that disparages LDS missionaries) don’t help promote neighborly conduct. I fear that in the “new normal” of public hate speech and easy access to guns, we will see more and more deadly incidents like this tragedy in Grand Blanc. Continue to pray for our neighbors.

Susan+



**Coming soon:
A New Roof!**

Look out above, beginning October 13 there will be a team of pros from Weather Vane Roofing on top of St. Jude’s!

We’ve got funding set up, thanks to the Diocese of the Great Lakes providing both a small grant and enough of a low-interest loan to get the job done without draining our investment funds. The work will take two weeks, not including Sundays, thank heavens.

Weather Vane wants us to be assured of their safe handling of the asbestos in the old shingles. They sent this explanation:

The removal and disposal of asbestos-containing shingles is performed by Trust Thermal, Inc. of Owosso, a long-standing, fully licensed and state-certified asbestos abatement contractor. Many older roofs use asbestos cement shingles, which are generally considered non-friable asbestos-containing materials. That means the asbestos fibers are bound within a matrix (typically cement) and cannot readily be crumbled, pulverized, or reduced to powder by hand pressure under normal conditions. Because of this, non-friable asbestos is less likely to release airborne fibers during gentle handling.

Holy Rollers

Bring in your spare change in October!



Do you have a random jar that you put your spare change into? Is it getting full and you have no clue what to do with it? St. Jude’s can help! **In the month of October**, bring in your bags or jars of coins (we will have a box in the library to collect them during the church service). All of the money will go toward our roof project that is beginning the 3rd week in October.

Of course, after we collect all of these coins, we need help sorting and rolling them to deposit at the bank. **Tuesday, October 28 beginning at 11 am**, join us for a time of fellowship, fun, snacks and, of course, coin sorting in Vandenberg Hall. Sign up on the bulletin board in the hall to join us! If you have one of those fancy coin sorter machines that you are willing to let us borrow, please see Liz and let her know.

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Upcoming Events to Note in October

Sun. 10/5

After Service: Pet Blessing

Tues. 10/7

1 pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wed. 10/8

1 pm: Outreach

10/13 - 10/24

Roof Work

Wed. 10/15

7 pm: Vestry

Thurs. 10/16

6 pm: Book Club @ Kathy Kortge's

6 pm: Evenson Service @ St. Paul's

Sat. 10/18

10 am: Alzheimer's Care Giver Seminar Series

Tues. 10/21

1 pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry

Fri. 10/24 - Sat. 10/25

2nd Diocesan Convention

Sat. 10/25

Truckload Food Giveaway @ Fenton Fire House

Sun. 10/26

Pumpkin Carving Coffee Hour

Tues. 10/28

11 am: Coin Rolling Session

Fri. 10/31

1-5 pm: An Event So Good Its Scary Trick or Treating

"...A New Roof!" continued...

That said, non-friable does not mean "no risk." If the shingles are broken, cracked, drilled, sawed, crushed, or degraded by age, they can lose integrity and begin to act more like friable material, increasing the chance of fiber release. When that happens, it must be handled under stricter controls according to asbestos regulations. Trust Thermal adheres to industry-accepted safety practices: their crew uses full professional protective equipment, wetting and containment of material, careful removal to minimize breakage, and proper sealing and transport to licensed disposal facilities. Because the work is performed by a certified expert, you can rest assured that the asbestos is handled safely and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

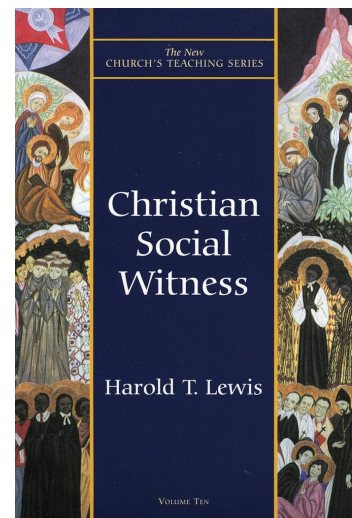
Now let's pray that this gorgeous summery weather continues, so they can get the job done quickly and efficiently!

Susan+

Imperfect Club will skip October

...and meet next on **November 13 at 7 pm**. The end of this month was just too full of other scheduled events, especially our Diocesan Convention on October 24-25. The Imperfect Club (everyone is welcome, unless they are perfect) is reading Christian Social Witness by Harold Lewis, on the history of why Episcopalians deeply care about justice – enough that we put a promise right into our Baptismal Covenant. For November 13, please read through Chapter 4 to be ready for the discussion.

If you would like to view the 2021 Inauguration sermon given by The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II at our National Cathedral, here's a link. I also recommend this longer talk Barber gave in 2018 on America's problematic history of civil rights. I wish I could preach like Dr. Barber does – in the fiery tradition of quoting Scripture, scholarship and song like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Bishop Michael Curry. Powerful and worth your time.



Reflections

Submitted by Judy Marinco from "Our Daily Bread", September 16th edition

Overcoming Evil with Good

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:21

Via Creationis
Service
9/20/25



Doctor Dolittle, the fictional doctor who converses with animals, has delighted fans through books, movies, and plays. However, few people know that author Hugh Lofting first wrote the Dolittle tales to his children from the ghastly trenches of World War I. He later said that the war was too awful to recount in his letters—so he wrote and illustrated stories instead. These whimsical, joy-filled tales were Lofting's way of pushing back against the war's horror.

It's inspiring to see a person moving against the menacing, degrading forces that seem too powerful to thwart. We admire this resilient courage because we fear that injustice, violence, and greed will triumph. Sometimes we fear that the whole world will be "overcome by evil" (Romans 12:21). And these

fears are well-founded if we're left to ourselves. However, God has not left us to ourselves. He fills us with His divine strength, places us in the action, and calls us to "overcome evil with good" (v. 21).

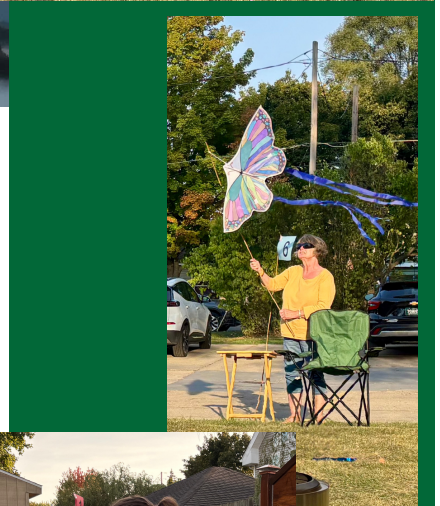
We each overcome evil with good in whatever ways God has put into our hearts. Some of us write beautiful stories. Some of us care for the poor. Some of us make our homes places of welcome. Some of us share God's story through melody, poetry, or conversation. In a myriad of ways, we carry His goodness and peace into the world (v. 18), overcoming evil as we go.

By Winn Collier

Reflect & Pray

Where do you see evil lurking? How can you be part of overcoming evil with good?

Dear God, please help me be part of overcoming evil with good.



WORSHIP LEADERS for October 2025

Lay Eucharistic Minister(s)	2 nd Chalice	Reader	Intercessor	Ushers	Altar Guild	Vestry Person of the Day	Live - Streamer	Coffee Hour Host(s)
<u>October 5</u> Holy Eucharist – The Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz								
Amy Freeman	Dee Grossmann	The Rev. H Wayne Knotts	Pedro Melchor	Charlie J., Jeff Wood	Mary Louise S., Diane H.	Doug Hill	Dave Rayner	Charlie & Fran Johnston
<u>October 12</u> Holy Eucharist – The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams								
Lynn Hopper	Dave Rayner	Denise Rayner	Amy Freeman	Lisa & Kelly Cronk	Dee G. Lisa Cronk	Megan Rosa	Dave Rayner	??
<u>October 19</u> Holy Eucharist – The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams								
Paul Dolza	Mary Louise Susalla	Dolores Ruby	Dee Grossmann	Nancy Day, Lynne R.	Terri H., Francine J.	Sue Premo	Dave James	??
<u>October 26</u> Holy Eucharist – The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams								
Amy Freeman	Dee Grossmann	Paul Dolza	Jeffrey Wood	Dave & Deb James	Sarah D., Lisa Cronk	Dave James	Lynn Hopper	Pumpkin Carving
<u>November 2</u> Holy Eucharist – The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams								
Dave Rayner	Amy Freeman	Dee Grossmann	Mary Louise Susalla	Dave & Denise Rayner	Mary Louise S., Diane Hill	Heather Ludwig	??	Mehgan & Dustin Rayner

Monday Office Volunteer(s):

6th – Heather Ludwig
13th – Kathy Kortge
20th Kathy Kortge
27th – Judy Marincio

Thurs. Office Volunteer(s):

2nd – Dave Little
9th – Ellen Tripp
16th – Francine Johnston
23rd – Lynne Ronthi
30th – Dave Little



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2026

Bill Anderson

Paul Dolza

Heather Ludwig

Dave Rayner

2027

Doug Hill

Dave James

2028

Charles Johnston

Sue Premo

Megan Rosa-Norred

Delegates to the Diocesan Convention

Dave & Debbie James

Alternates: Paul & Sarah Dolza