

# Connections

St. Jude's Episcopal Church 815 E Graves Ave, Orange City, FL 32763

## RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

Greetings to all  
St. Jude's family,

I write this on the evening after our 43rd annual diocesan convention and a week of class at Trinity. I will have to admit to being tired - no, exhausted - after this schedule. And yet, I am energized by all that I learned being back in the classroom and energized by the fresh vision being painted for our diocese.

It was a mixed bag emotionally this afternoon, saying goodbye to Bishop Howe and then listening to Bishop Elect Brewer this afternoon. Bishop Howe gave a wonderful recap of

all the ways God has grown the kingdom here for the last 23 years this morning. We had a bit of business to consider and then after lunch, Bishop Elect Brewer came to the podium to give us a bit of what his vision for us might look like - compassionate, charismatic and character.

Please keep our leadership in your prayers as we move on into the next stage of our life together.

Phyllis Bartle  
Rector



**Ash Wednesday**  
February 22  
12PM  
7PM

**Stations of the Cross**  
February 24  
12PM  
6:00PM

For God so loVed the world  
That He gAve  
His onLy  
BegottEn  
SoN  
That whosoever  
Believeth In Him  
Should Not perish,  
But have Everlasting life."  
John 3:16

**1 John 4:8**  
*Whoever does not love  
does not know God,  
because God is love.*

## SENIOR WARDEN

One of my fondest memories of the Christmas season is that as long as I can remember, I have attended the midnight service on Christmas Eve. Even when I was a busy working mother of two children, I would many times leave the "family" Christmas eve party to attend that service. It has always held a special time of quiet reflection for me and helps me to put all of the busyness of the season behind and to focus on the real reason for the season, JESUS. God loves us so deeply as to become human, in the form of the most frail and vulnerable being imaginable. God is born into our world as a helpless infant, a child of hard-working poor people who will soon become refugees. As we move into the season of Lent and learn about his life and ministry, I pray that we all take a few moments each and every day to give praise to our Lord and to thank him for our many blessings.

Carol Ripley

## VESTRY OPENINGS FILLED

### WELCOME NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

At our Annual Parish Meeting on January 8, 2012, three new vestry members were elected to the vestry. The new members are Jan Jaynes, Bill McCabe and Art Ripley.

Art Ripley was filling a vacant position and has been selected to be the Junior Warden. We all know Art and his willingness to serve St. Jude's with his many talents to include his musical ability and his ability to fix and repair everything.

Jan Jaynes is retired from an income tax service after 40 years

and was a member of a previous church vestry in Michigan. She is reliable, dedicated, faithful, organized and willing to serve our church in any manner as she is able.

Bill McCabe and his wife Kathy began attending St. Jude's in 2008. Since 2009 Bill has been involved with VBS, works on the yard crew, has done maintenance at the church, and has pitched in to help wherever he is needed. He has attended a Cur-sillo weekend and became a member of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew.

Please congratulate these new members to our vestry and pray



for them in their new leadership roles. Returning to the vestry are Carol Ripley, Katie Murphy, Michael Williams and Bettie Fleming. If you have a suggestion on how we can improve our church, please feel free to contact any of these vestry members any time. We are here to serve you and love each and every one of you.

Blessings,  
Carol Ripley

*“The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”*  
Genesis 2:15



## ST. JUDE'S FOOD PANTRY

**Luke 3:11**  
*John answered, 'The man with two tunics should share with him who has none, and the one who has food should do the same.'*

Congratulations on a successful Christmas Brown Bag dinner. We served our regular pantry people as well as the Orange City community, including 8 shut-ins living in a mobile home park. Special thanks to Joan for delivering these food bags. The Orange City Eagles chipped in with 3 boxes of non-perishables.

They plan to donate once a month to our pantry. God Bless them. Please if there are any concerns about the food pantry, especially if there are needs in our congregation or Orange City, contact us. Everyone receiving our assistance must sign in and provide proof they are a resident of our town.

Remember communication in the key!

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Helen LaCoste  
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## CONTINUOUS FUNDRAISERS

**TD Bank** makes contributions to St. Jude's Episcopal Church through their Affinity Program. Have or open an account and they make an annual contribution based on the balances in the accounts. Let TD Bank know that you are a part of St. Jude's Church and want your account to help your church. Everything is kept confidential.

**Woody's BBQ** at 2621 Enterprise Rd, Orange City (next to Target in the La Fitness Plaza) will donate 10% of your bill on Tuesday's if you bring in your Sunday Church Bulletin. If you have any questions, you can call them at 386-774-4227



Don't forget to bring your aluminum cans to church. The can bin in the back parking lot is just waiting to be filled up to support St. Jude's Youth Group. What an easy way to bring in funds to help the kids go to Youth Retreats, Summer Camp and other events. Please do not put bags and other carriers of your items in the bins as they will deduct from our earnings.

### Cleaning Ministry:



We say thanks to all volunteers who continually help to keep God's Church clean. A vacuum was donated by Jane Murphy, which will make it easier to get to the more difficult spaces.

We are asking everyone to pick up after using items, such as toys, dishes, etc. If you are part of a group please see that the items used are placed where they came from and put the trash and aluminum cans in the correct containers. They are just outside the kitchen door.

There is a list for supplies needed posted in the kitchen. If you see items needed add them to this list-- Ex. Dish Soap 1-16-2012. Also there is a list for things needing repair behind the kitchen door and again help by listing things you notice. It takes all members to keep God's and our church in working order.



### ECW Episcopal Church Women

Like everyone else we have a lot happening. On Feb. 11th we will have a guest speaker from Haven Hospice who will speak on "Five Wishes". We will have a short meeting. There will be question & answer period followed by refreshments. Everyone is invited to attend.

We will be making jam starting on Monday, the 13th. We are in need of hullers and cutters. Sign-up sheet will be in church for all needs. Please help. If you have any jam jars and can donate them for the festival or if you can make a monetary donation towards the purchase of the jars and other supplies to make the jam it would be much appreciated. Make checks payable to St. Jude's with St. Fest. Jam in the memo.

The annual social night out is April 19 and looking for suggestions on where to go. This is open to all ladies of the parish. Join us on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9AM and see what we are all about.

Joy Reale



The Brotherhood of St Andrews would like to invite any baptized man of the church to join us. We are currently meeting the second Saturday of the month at the same time as the ECW, nine o'clock. So come bring the wife and stay for the brotherhood.

Brian Jackson

## 2011 FINANCIALS

	2011 Actual	2011 Budget
Offerings	120,787.72	115,611.00
Other Inc	<u>9,363.54</u>	<u>9,300.00</u>
Total	130,151.26	124,961.00
Expense	<u>128,339.92</u>	<u>124,961.00</u>
Net	1,811.34	0.00

Church Checking for Daily Operations  
12/31/2011 \$ 11,406.09

Restricted Ministry (ECW, EYC,  
Brotherhood, etc)  
total balance 21,180.97

New Construction Building Fund  
(future sanctuary)  
balance 47,703.80

\$ 1,689.82 was added to the Building Fund in 2011. Pledge boxes contain a building fund envelope once a month to help in reaching our goal someday to construct a new sanctuary. If you do not have a pledge box with these special envelopes, please mark your donation as building fund.

**Thanks for your support!**



*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. LUKE 12:34*

Rector's Discretionary Account donations for 2011: \$ 777.03  
The Rector's Discretionary Account is supported by the congregation of St. Jude's by individual donations and also the loose cash offering on the First Sunday of each month.

## YOUTH QUAKE 2012

My experience at Youth Quake this year was inspirational. It changed how I feel about God in so many ways. Before this weekend I never understood God and how he worked. I had never believed in the whole miracle thing, but after this weekend and so many amazing testimonies, I truly believe in God's work.

The weekend was amazing because of the key note speaker Robby

Dawkins and the truly spiritual band Unhindered. Robby Dawkins gave many great talks about inspiring stories of traveling around the world and doing God's work. The main focus was the power of healing through prayer. Robby taught us that even if praying does not work right away, not to get discouraged, to keep praying and have faith. He said "God doesn't heal everybody". Robby told us many inspiring

stories about how he and others have healed people through prayer. This Youth Quake was definitely different than other Youth Quake's, I was able to get closer to God.



Evan Perry-Smith

*"The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." Luke 18:27*



Choir sings once a month at the 10:30AM at this time with one rehearsal on the Wednesday evening before the Sunday service selected.

Can't do it one month, that's ok, come the next!  
Wednesday Feb. 29, 7PM



**Shrove Tuesday  
February 21  
Pancake Supper**



Meeting and Training  
Saturday  
February 11  
Come learn about what it is like to be part of the altar guild and what they do. New members are always welcome.

## DEACON'S MESSAGE

Will time ever slow down and not go by so fast? No, I doubt it! Here it is almost the end of January. It seems like just yesterday we were planning for Christmas. Now, spring is approaching! Before it actually gets here I want to say I hope everyone had a great Christmas holiday, and I want to thank all of you for your Christmas gift and contribution to my discretionary fund. It is very greatly appreciated. I am so enthusiastic about this coming year. We have some very good and interesting programs planned for our church, and isn't it exciting to anticipate what great new things are in store for us under the leadership of the Rev. Greg Brewer who will soon be our new Bishop? I'm so excited about the Consecration coming up in March. I hope you're planning to go. If you can't be there, you'll still be able to meet our new Bishop when he visits St. Jude's on April 29.

Well, I seem to complain about how fast time goes by. On the other hand, I can hardly wait to experience all the good stuff I know God has in store for us this coming year. I hope you're excited too. As Deacon Wanda said in her most recent sermon, "Come and see" and I would add, and bring a friend!

Thank you again for your gift and for giving me the privilege and opportunity to serve all you wonderful folks here at St. Jude's.

God's many blessings, *Deacon Pauline*

## KAIROS

Training for the next Kairos weekend at Lowell Correctional Institution for Women has begun. The weekend will be April 19- April 22. Deacon Wanda and I ask that you pray for the team which will be taking the Word and the love of Jesus to many of the ladies of Lowell. We ask prayer also for the ladies that their hearts and minds be open and receptive to the love of the Lord. Satan is always at work trying to undermine the good work of God's people, so we need continuous prayer for a successful weekend.

So much of one's humanity is lost in the prison environment. We

try to take the love of Jesus to the ladies by treating them with dignity and making them feel special. We do that in part by providing good meals and "treats" that they don't get while in prison. Any donations of "fancy" cookies, and individually wrapped candy (especially chocolate, and sugar free) will also be a blessing for the weekend. Each team member must pay her own way for the weekend and funds are needed to provide each "graduate" with a cross and a bible. Other supplies are also needed so any donations of money are also much appreciated.

Jesus tells us we should visit the sick, the lonely and the prisoners. Not everyone can personally go into the prisons to minister, but we can all contribute in some way to helping those who do go into the prisons, and the prisoners, many of whom are so eager to hear and receive God's word.

Thank you so much for your prayers and any other help you can give.

God Bless You,

Deacon Pauline

{ *"Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body" Hebrews 13:3* }



ECW Meeting  
9AM  
Saturday, February 11



Renewal of Vows  
Sunday, February 12  
8AM and 10:30AM




Friday, February 17  
7PM

This Month's Host  
St. Peter's Episcopal Church  
700 Rinehart Rd  
Lake Mary



*Make a friend,  
Be a friend,  
Bring a friend to Christ.*

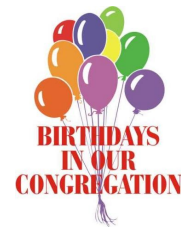
FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES 

- 23 Willis and Barbara Holladay

*The Order of the Daughters of the King* PRAYER BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 19  
9:15-10:15AM

*You're Invited*



FEBRUARY BIRTHS

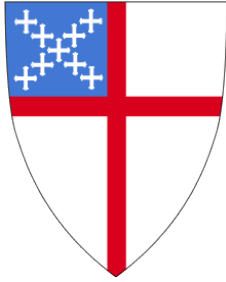
- Skye Sunter 12
- Gary Butler 17
- Adrienne Dembkowski 18
- Kristin Mansfield 19
- Juli Bitler 26
- Bill Lyons 28

*Prayer and Praise*

Sunday, February 26, 5PM

*Everyone's invited!*





*St. Jude's Episcopal Church*

*A friendly congregation bringing people to Jesus Christ  
by sharing the Good News of God's Love through our worship, fellowship,  
discipleship, outreach and service*

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*Volunteer positions  
needing to be filled:*

*Acolyte Warden*

**Please submit articles for the next newsletter by February 20, 2012 for the March edition of "Connections"**

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