

## Junior Warden's Report

June 28, 2023

In our may minutes we noted that the Buildings and Grounds committee was looking into the cost of a riding (zero turn) lawn mower. The committee has received some information on lawn mowers to date. They have decided to also explore the cost of a lawn service to determine if this would be a cost-effective alternative to buying a riding mower. Consequently, this issue is in process.

The Diversity committee is hosting the annual Ice Cream Social on July 16th 2023, outside the church – probably in the parking lot. As has been the practice in past years, they are asking each ministry to provide an item or two. The sign-up sheet is here tonight and will be on the counter of the welcome station for the next two weeks. If you are the elder for a ministry group, please discuss this with them and ask them to participate. Thank you! Also, we look forward to seeing you on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July after church – pass the word along!

The Episcopal church has 9 provinces. The Dioceses of Eastern & Western Michigan are part of Province V. I am Eastern Michigan's representative on the executive board of Province V.



Map of Province V.

As a member of this province there are resources available that we may access. There are networks that we have access to such as archivists, suicide prevention and dismantling racism to name a few of them. Annually there also grants available for youth, creation care, campus ministries etc. The province also offers coaches to church leaders both lay and clergy. Please let me know if you are interested in exploring working with a coach. There is a negotiable cost involved. Province V will hold a conference in South Bend Indiana in April 2024.

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