

Journey Pages

CONNECTING, GROWING AND SERVING FOR GOD'S SAKE FOR OVER A HUNDRED YEARS

574 S. SHELDON ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

"Welcome Home"

you are welcome and
wanted here today!

Good morning and "Welcome Home" to St. John's! We are glad you are here and hope you have a great worship experience with us today.

Being a diverse and inclusive community means not sacrificing the dignity of one for the other. Perhaps now more than ever we find ourselves living in a climate of division and polarization, in both secular and religious settings, and the need for places and ways to make sustainable connections is greater than ever. We desire to live into the dream of what it means to welcome all-not necessarily those who look or think or act like us, but all who yearn for a better and more just way of being in the world united in the belief that love is always the answer.

We are intentional about welcoming those who may have been hurt or turned away from church because of who they love, skin color, finances, addiction, disability or simply because they asked too many questions. We dream of a community in which the phrase "all are welcome" is not just a commitment but also a visible reality. We are committed to opening our doors as wide as possible because we pattern our lives after Jesus' teachings and his message of radical welcome and inclusive love.

Church for some, is as familiar as coming home; for others, church is as foreign as visiting a different country. Our response: We get it—and it's "all good."

We come from varied backgrounds and faith experiences; we are young and old, married and single, we have a growing number of children and youth of all ages and are committed to growing ministries and opportunities for everyone to find their place to belong. We love our tradition and rituals, but we love people even more and ask that you open your heart today and let God do something wonderful.

So, once again, Welcome Home!

Priest Lisa

FAMILY MINISTRY

FAMILY LIFE DINNER & OPEN DISCUSSION

TODAY, APRIL 23 ~ 5:45 – 7:30PM

Families will be meeting this evening for dinner and discussion about SJP Family Ministry programs with Jayne Watson, our Director of Family Ministry and Priest Lisa. If you were unable to attend this evening but would like input into the Family Ministry programs at SJP, contact Jayne Watson at jwatson@stjohnsplymouth.org.



August

**VACATION BIBLE CAMP
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

- August 14-18; 9:00am-12:00pm
 - Children ages 3-11
 - Cost is \$25 per child (includes snacks and t-shirt)
 - Activities: crafts, music, outdoor games, bible lessons
- Registration for campers is now OPEN** and can be found at www.stjohnsplymouth.org or by clicking [here](#). All SJP children, their friends and community are welcome! Contact Jayne Watson at jwatson@stjohnsplymouth.org for more information.



Be a VACATION BIBLE CAMP VOLUNTEER!

Adult and youth volunteers are vital to a successful VBC! Click [here](#) for information on registering as a volunteer. Contact Jayne Watson with any questions at jwatson@stjohnsplymouth.org.

YOUTH SUNDAY BREAKFAST & WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, May 21



Each spring we celebrate our SJP Youth. Mark your calendars for our Youth Sunday Celebration! An all church breakfast is planned for 8:30am and worship service at 10am.

CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS

JOIN US FOR CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST!



Please stop by the Gathering for continental breakfast **each Sunday at 9am**. This is a time for quick bite, a cup of coffee and fellowship with other SJP members you may not know!

Thank you to the Reeves family for hosting this morning!

PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 2 ~ 7:00PM

Several times a year all the ministries of SJP gather to build community and share updates and information about all the ways God is using us to share love in the world and in our community. If you are a ministry leader or would like to know more about getting involved, all are welcome to attend!



VISITOR & NEWCOMER WELCOME BRUNCH
Sunday, May 7 ~ 11:15am

If you are new to St. John's or have been coming a while and want to learn more about St. John's, its ministries and opportunities, please plan on joining us at a Welcome Brunch on May 7 at 11:15am. **RSVP on the Sign-Me-Up board in the hallway.** For more information, contact Phyllis in the church office or at pikegami@stjohnsplymouth.org.

CONFIRMATION AND REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH
THURSDAY, MAY 25 ~ 7:00PM AT ST. JOHN'S

Bishop Gibbs will be presiding at the Deanery Confirmation Service on Thursday, May 25 to Confirm or Receive the following St. John's members: Gabrielle Boileau ©, Rebekah Rayton ©, David Long ©, Teri Long ©, Jeri Johnson ®, and Anne Maher ® along with members of other Episcopal congregations in the area. All are welcome to attend.



SJP ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
Sunday, June 4 at 11:15am

This is a wonderful event to celebrate and enjoy the beginning of summer with others at SJP! The picnic will be held on the church lawn following the 10am service (the parish hall if it's raining). Watch for more details during the month of May.

VESTRY MEETING ~ TUESDAY, APRIL 25 ~ 7:00PM

Please keep your SJP Vestry in prayer as they meet this week for their monthly meeting and vision-planning!

SJP MUSIC DEPARTMENT



Music unites, uplifts, connects, and brings beauty to a world that greatly needs it. All are welcome to take part in the Music Department at St. John's. There are opportunities for all, at all levels of musical experience.

- **The Choir** rehearses at 9am in the Choir Room before worship, and immediately following worship from 11:15am-12:15pm - no weekday rehearsal. The Choir sings each Sunday from September - June.
- **Houseband** rehearses a few Wednesday evenings throughout the month and plays most Sundays from September - June.
- **Handbells** rehearses a few Wednesday evenings throughout the month and plays on a variety of Sundays from September - June.
- **Youth Music Program** is a growing program that meets throughout the year in preparation for specific Sundays. Save the Date for Vacation Bible School! August 14-18 from 9am-12:30pm, both teens and adult helpers needed.
- **SJP Festival Choir** there are opportunities throughout the year to become a member of the Choir for one day! **Sunday, June 4th is Music Ministry Sunday** (and the All Parish Picnic!) It will be another opportunity for anyone who wants to sing with the Choir to join us for the day.

If you have any questions, please be in touch with Liza Calisesi Maidens at lm Maidens@stjohnsplymouth.org.

MUSIC MAKES COMMUNITY!

COMMUNITY CONCERTS FEATURING SOME OF SJP'S OWN

"I Dream a World" ~ Saturday, April 29 at 7:30pm and Sunday, April 30 at 2:30pm at Ward Presbyterian Church in Northville.

FJ Haydn's "The Creation" with the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra ~ Sunday, April 30 at 4:00pm at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

"The Voice of a War: The American Hero" ~ Saturday, May 6 at 8:00pm at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Ann Arbor.

JACOB CARROLL OFFERING MUSIC LESSONS



Teaching music and voice is one of Jacob Carroll's (SJP's Music Scholar) passions. Jacob works with students of all ages and levels of experience and every lesson is tailored to every student. He teaches through his studio at Eastern Michigan University. Half hour \$20/Full hour \$25 lessons available. For more information, see the Community board in the hallway. You may also contact Jacob directly at jacobcarrollsings@gmail.com or 586-601-8423.



TODAY'S AUMBRY LIGHT DEDICATION
In Memory of Jane & Arthur Brummitt



ST. JOHN'S Prayer LIST

We offer prayers today for those who have requested inclusion on our prayer list. Please visit our prayer station located in the Narthex to add names of those you wish to include. Prayers will continue for 30 days.

Dave	Gretchen
Jenny Bicknell	Gerry Bing
Cheryl Crouse	Jeff Holland
Janis Kljun	Kathy Peters & family
Becky Skoug	Carl Spradlin
Charles Williams	Jessica White
The Dewey Family	Family of Tim Julien
Family of Captain Andrew Becker	

For those in uniform

Matthew J. Mitchell - U.S. Navy Chief
Thomas Dolce - U.S. Air Force
Carly Bair - U.S. Navy
Joe James - U.S. Army
Ian Smith - U.S. Navy
Sierra Cavallaro - U.S. Marines
Dylan Racine - U.S. Army



SERVING TODAY - APRIL 23

Preacher Rev. Lisa Tucker-Gray
Altar Guild Beth Wideman,
Tracy McCord,
Maribeth Sala-Gietzen



Lay Ministers

8:00 Ralph Reeves
10:00 Larry Brandenburg, Patricia Ponte, Becky Nickels,
Ken Sanders, Lynn Rison

Acolytes

8:00 Emma Reeves
10:00 Michael Zuckerman, Amelia Dowswell

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
10:00 Patricia Ponte, Carolyn Setty, Martha James

SERVING NEXT WEEK - APRIL 30

Preacher Rev. Lisa Tucker-Gray
Altar Guild Rita Smith, Penney Striegel,
Dawn Florkowski/Danisa Saltarelli

Lay Ministers

8:00 Susan Wainwright
10:00 Sr. Magdalena, Sally Lindroth, Bev Cavallaro
Richard Dessin

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse
10:00 Kenneth Skoug, Casey McCord, Maria McCord

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
10:00 Dave Smith, Alan Taracuk, Roger Schlee

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday-Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm

TODAY - April 23

Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 10:00am
Continental Breakfast – Gathering.....9:00am
Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:30-11:45am
Sunday School.....9:30am
Coffee & Tea.....11:15am
Choir Rehearsal.....11:30am
Family Life Dinner.....5:45pm
HS & Remix Youth-Family Life Dinner.....5:45pm

MONDAY, April 24

Narcotics Anonymous7:00pm

TUESDAY, April 25

Women's Bible Study9:30am
Food Pantry2:00-4:00pm
Vestry Meeting.....7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, April 26

Women's Bible Study.....9:00am
Midweek Worship Service.....10:30am

THURSDAY, April 27

OA Meeting.....8:30am
Men's Group10:00am
Interim Clergy Group.....1:00pm
Food Pantry.....2:00-4:00pm

FRIDAY, April 28

SATURDAY, April 29

Men's Bible Study.....7:30am
Al Anon Meeting8:00am

SUNDAY, April 30

Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 10:00am
Continental Breakfast – Gathering.....9:00am
Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:30-11:45am
Sunday School.....9:30am
Middle School REMIX11:15am
Coffee & Tea.....11:15am
Choir Rehearsal.....11:30am



Dates to Remember

Parish Council Meeting.....Tuesday, May 2
Property Commission Meeting.....Sunday, May 7
Newcomer Welcome Brunch.....Sunday, May 7
BeFriender's Meeting.....Monday, May 8
Prayers & Squares.....Wednesday, May 10
Quarter to Forty Outing.....Friday, May 12
Youth Sunday 10amWorshipSunday, May 21
Congregational Picnic.....Sunday, June 4
Vacation Bible Camp.....August 14-18