

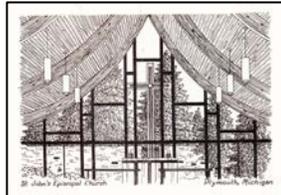
Journey Pages

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

vestry warden update

A transition update from your vestry wardens

This past Tuesday your vestry had a very productive meeting with the Diocese's Canon for Congregational Life, Jim Gettel. Jim walked us through the first steps in the ministry transition process.

(Again, we encourage everyone who is interested in learning more about the process to take a look at the Diocese's transition manual. A hard copy is posted on the bulletin board, or it can be found online at this link: <http://www.edomi.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Reaching-Out-for-What-Lies-Ahead.pdf>)

While many steps remain on this journey, we're happy to report that we have taken one of the first important ones: choosing which of two paths outlined in our canons we will follow to provide for transitional clergy leadership:

1. A vestry can ask the Bishop to appoint a Priest-in-Charge, who would serve for a period of mutual discernment, with the prospect of transitioning into the rector position. (A variation on this path was followed when Priest Lisa came to SJP.)
2. A vestry can choose to work with the Diocese to identify an interim priest to lead the congregation during an intentional discernment and search process for a full-time rector. The interim priest would not be eligible to become the rector.

The vestry elected to take the second path, instructing Canon Gettel to begin the process of identifying candidates to serve as our interim priest. A subset of vestry members will manage this selection process. The discernment and search process for a permanent rector will begin once the interim is in place.

Jim left us with two takeaways to keep in mind in the days to come:

1. **Be patient.** While we may be anxious to "fill the job", this is no ordinary human resources project. The process of identifying and calling the right clergy leader takes time and prayer and mutual support.

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vestry warden update (continued)

2. *One step at a time.* Every step in the process is important, and each builds on the previous step.

On that second point, keep in mind that we are still focused largely on the first step – saying a *good goodbye* to Priest Lisa.

PRIEST LISA'S CELEBRATION SERVICE SUNDAY, JULY 30 ~ 10am ONLY

Priest Lisa's last Sunday with us is July 30, when we will have only one service at 10am, followed by a reception in the parish hall. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for those wishing to help with hosting and/or to bring a hors d'oeuvre or dessert item.

PRIEST LISA'S FAREWELL GIFT

If you wish to contribute to the farewell collection for Priest Lisa, you can do so via Secure Give, or make your check out to St. John's Plymouth, noting "Priest Lisa" in the memo line. The deadline for contributions is Wednesday, July 26.

Your SJP Wardens,
Shelley Zalewski and Liz Covey-Dwyer



CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

we need communion bread bakers!

Many of St. John's ministries are members doing Godly things behind the scenes, which is the case of our communion bread.

Kim Tucker-Gray and Lu Pilgrim have graciously been baking the bread as a ministry to the church. As Priest Lisa and Kim transition to another ministry calling in Ohio, we will need volunteers to make communion bread. **The recipe is simple, the baking a Godly ministry!** If you are interested please contact Pr. Lisa at priestlisa@stjohnsplymouth.org or Phyllis in the office at pikegami@stjohnsplymouth.org.



LIKE TO SING BUT NOT ON a REGULAR BASIS?

Then the summer "pick-up choir" is for you! Plan to come on **Sunday, July 23 at 9:15am** and learn the anthem for the day. We will have another event on Sunday, August 20.

FAMILY MINISTRIES

INTRO TO VBC MEETING & MUSIC REHEARSAL

All are invited to help assist with Vacation Bible Camp the mornings of August 14-18. A preview of the VBC curriculum and the music will be held today in the Gathering at 11:15am. Then on Sunday, July 23 at 11:15am, Liza and Jacob will be teaching the music to any adult or young adult interested in helping during camp. Join us!

FAMILY MINISTRIES (continued)

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

BE a VACATION BIBLE CAMP VOLUNTEER
INTRODUCTION MEETING ~ TODAY, JULY 16 ~ 11:15am

Adults and youth are needed to help with VBC August 14-18! An Intro Meeting will be held today at 11:15am for anyone who may be interested in helping.

- Lead the craft station or participate in the bible lessons
- Prepare & serve snacks or help decorate the church
- Help during opening and closing with music
- You may serve all week or choose your days

Sign up on the Sign-Me-Up board in the hallway, at www.stjohnsplymouth.org, or contact Jayne Watson at jwatson@stjohnsplymouth.org.



HELP US BUILD ROME! ITEMS NEEDED FOR VBC

We are in need of supplies for our upcoming Vacation Bible Camp. Below are the items needed:

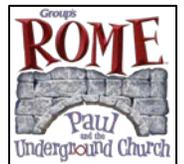
1. Old flat sheets for tents and togas (light colors)
2. Kids jump ropes (5)
3. Medium size cardboard boxes (5)
4. Medium size wicker baskets (5-on loan)

Sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway or contact Jayne Watson at jwatson@stjohnsplymouth.org. Items may be placed on the counter in the parish hall.

REGISTER YOUR KIDS FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP

We will step back in time during the week of VBC to the early church in first century Rome. Children will do crafts in the marketplace, hear bible stories in the grotto, sing songs and play gladiator games.

- August 14-18; 9:00am-12:00pm
- Children ages 3-11
- Cost is \$25 per child (snacks & t-shirt too!)
- Scholarships available upon request



Visit www.stjohnsplymouth.org/christian_education.asp to register. All SJP children, their friends and community are welcome! For more information, contact Jayne Watson at jwatson@stjohnsplymouth.org.

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

In Celebration of
Judithanne & Dave Smith's
Anniversary & Birthdays



TODAY'S AUMBRY LIGHT DEDICATION

In Memory of Robert Sigmon

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.

Brandy	Lexy
Neina	Riley
Susan	Chris Banion
Loren Cook	Cheryl Crouse
Jeff Holland	Janis Kljun
Robert Lupton	Judy Maxwell
Janet Millerschinn	Justin Rush
Becky Skoug	Carl Spradlin
Doug Wood	

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
Dylan Racine - U.S. Army
David Peraino - U.S. Army
Taylor Blair - U.S. Army

Pray

SERVING TODAY - JULY 16

Preacher Rev. Lisa Tucker-Gray
Altar Guild Rita Smith,
Penny Striegel,
Maribeth Sala-Gietzen



Lay Ministers

8:00 Ralph Reeves
10:00 Gabrielle Boileau, James Boileau,
Larry Brandenburg, Becky Nickels

Acolytes

8:00 Emma Reeves
10:00 Jocelyn Dessin, Gabrielle Boileau, Ella Binder

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
10:00 Dave Smith, Robert Hurley, Virginia Warden

SERVING NEXT WEEK - JULY 23

Preacher Rev. Lisa Tucker-Gray
Altar Guild Beth Wideman, Pat Sonntag
Danisa Saltarelli/Dawn Florkowski

Lay Ministers

8:00 Susan Wainwright
10:00 Howard Zuckerman, Lynn Rison,
Michael Zuckerman

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse
10:00 Kenneth Skoug, Meganne Skoug,
Michael Zuckerman

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
10:00 Patricia Ponte, Carolyn Setty, Sydney Good

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Monday-Thursday, 8:30am – 4:30pm

Please note: The office will be closed on Fridays during July and August

SUNDAY, July 16

Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 10:00am
Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:45-11:30am
Coffee & Tea-Gathering.....11:15am
VBC Volunteer Introduction Mtg.....11:15am

MONDAY, July 17

Stock Club.....7:00pm
Narcotics Anonymous7:00pm

TUESDAY, July 18

Food Pantry.....2:00-4:00pm

WEDNESDAY, July 19

Midweek Worship Service*.....See Below

THURSDAY, July 20

OA Meeting.....8:30am
Men's Group.....10:00am
Food Pantry.....2:00-4:00pm

FRIDAY, July 21

Office Closed during July & August.....

SATURDAY, July 22

Al Anon Meeting8:00am

SUNDAY, July 23

Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 10:00am
Pick-Up Choir Rehearsal.....9:15am
Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:45-11:30am
Coffee & Tea-Gathering.....11:15am
VBC Music Rehearsal.....11:15am

Dates to Remember

Vestry Meeting.....July 25
Priest Lisa's Celebration.....July 30 (10am only)
Vacation Bible CampAugust 14-18
Fall Kick-Off DaySeptember 10



*Please note - The Holy Eucharist & Prayer Service on Wednesdays have taken a summer break through August 2. Stay tuned for more information about the August service schedule.