

Journey Pages

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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

We will say a formal farewell to Priest Lisa this coming Sunday, July 30 during and following the 10am service (again, there will be no 8am service that morning). The reception will provide an opportunity for anyone who has not yet shared final thoughts and well wishes one-on-one with Priest Lisa to visit with her.

PRIEST LISA'S FAREWELL RECEPTION

For those wishing to help with hosting and/or bringing a hors d'oeuvre or dessert item, please see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the hallway or call the church office.

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.

Without jumping ahead too far, we want to give you a brief overview of what comes next in our clergy transition process. As we noted last week, your vestry approved pursuing the "interim priest" model for selecting a priest to be with SJP during the period when we discern and call a new rector.

One of the many wonderful benefits of being part of the Episcopal Church is that parishes like ours can access clergy specifically-trained in transition ministry to walk with us during periods like this. An **interim priest** pursues this calling intentionally, knowing that they will be with a congregation for a set period of time, usually less than two years. The interim's focus is on sustaining the community's worship and ministries and helping the vestry and congregation review the past, assess the present and evaluate the future. An interim priest is not eligible to be a

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vestry warden UPDATE (CONTINUED)

candidate for rector of the congregation.

The search process for a full-time rector will not begin for several months; we will have much more information to share with you about that phase down the line.

Under the direction of the Bishop, the Diocese's Canon for Congregational Life, Jim Gettel, is beginning to identify potential candidates to serve as our interim priest. This process will likely take several weeks, during which time arrangements have been made for supply clergy to lead worship. A subset of vestry members will be responsible for interviewing candidates presented for our consideration and making a recommendation to the entire vestry.

In the meantime, sustained by your prayers and kind words of support, your vestry is hard at work on behalf of this wonderful community. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any vestry member with your questions or concerns.

Your SJP Wardens,
Shelley Zalewski and Liz Covey-Dwyer



congregational Announcements

ATTENTION ALL SJP MINISTRIES



As Priest Lisa winds down her ministry here at SJP, we are encouraging all leaders of SJP ministries to stay in touch with our SJP Wardens, Shelley Zalewski and Liz Covey-Dwyer, and the office to ensure that you continue to receive the support you need for the vital ministries that are so important to our community life at SJP!

EUCCHARISTIC VISITORS NEEDED

Eucharistic Visitors bring private Holy Communion to homebound or hospitalized parishioners. A caring presence and good listening skills a must. Training, supplies and instructions are provided. Members provide their own transportation. All Eucharistic Visitors must complete Eucharistic Visitor and Safeguarding God's People Training. If you would like more information, please contact Becky Nickels at 734-981-6831 or ranickels@wowway.com.



AUMBRY LIGHT & ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION OPENINGS

There are several openings on the Aumbry Light and Altar Flower Dedication calendar. An Aumbry Light dedication is a \$5 donation; Altar Flower dedication is a \$50 donation (flowers may be taken after the 10am service if desired). Sign up on the Sign-Me-Up board in the hallway. Envelopes available next to the calendar for donations.

FAMILY MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

VACATION BIBLE CAMP MUSIC REHEARSAL TODAY

Liza and Jacob will be teaching the music to any adult or young adult interested in helping during camp today in the music room at 11:15am. Please join us!

THREE VOLUNTEER SPOTS STILL OPEN FOR VBC

Thank you to those who attended the information meeting and have volunteered for vacation bible camp August 14-18. We have a great team to conduct camp this year. We have 3 volunteer spots open:

- Storyteller to play Paul
- Craft station helper
- Set-up helper for Saturday, August 29



PLUS HELP US BUILD ROME! ITEMS NEEDED FOR VBC

We are in need of supplies for VBC. Below are the items needed and can be place on the counter in the parish hall:

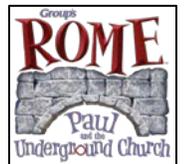
1. Paper towel tubes (several)
2. Container of craft beads (2)
3. Package of pipe cleaners (2)
4. Old flat sheets for tents and togas (light colors)

To volunteer or help with supplies, sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway or contact Jayne Watson at jwatson@stjohnsplymouth.org.

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.



ST. JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

We offer prayers today for those who have requested inclusion on our prayer list. Add names at our prayer station located in the Narthex. Prayers will continue for 30 days.

Brandy	Kelly
Lexy	Neina
Riley	Susan
Chris Banion	Cheryl Crouse
Jeff Holland	Janis Kljun
Robert Lupton	Judy Maxwell
Janet Millerschin	Justin Rush
Becky Skoug	Carl Spradlin
Debra Tucker	Wade Wells
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 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, Becky Nickels,
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

SERVING NEXT WEEK - JULY 30

Preacher Rev. Lisa Tucker-Gray
Altar Guild Jan MacLeod, Penny Striegel
Vicki Pratt/Danisa Saltarelli

Lay Ministers

10:00 Krista Dessin, Lana Klosterman, James Boileau,
Susan Wainwright

Acolytes

10:00 Casey McCord, Gabrielle Boileau, Maria McCord

Ushers

10:00 Dave Smith, Sue Skaggs, Martha James

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 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

MONDAY, July 24

Narcotics Anonymous Picnic7:00pm

TUESDAY, July 25

Food Pantry.....2:00-4:00pm
Vestry Meeting.....7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, July 26

Midweek Worship Service*.....See Below

THURSDAY, July 27

OA Meeting.....8:30am
Men's Group.....10:00am
Interim Clergy Group.....1:00pm
Food Pantry.....2:00-4:00pm

FRIDAY, July 28

Office Closed during July & August.....

SATURDAY, July 29

Al Anon Meeting8:00am

SUNDAY, July 30

Priest Lisa's Celebration Service.....10am only
Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:45-11:30am
Pr. Lisa's Celebration-Parish Hall.....11:15am

Dates to Remember

Property Commission Mtg.....August 6
PFLAG Meeting.....August 13
Vacation Bible CampAugust 14-18
Fall Kick-Off DaySeptember 10



*Please note - The Holy Eucharist & Prayer Service on Wednesdays will not be held through Labor Day. Stay tuned as more information becomes available.