

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

Today marks Priest Lisa's final Sunday at St. John's. In four short years, Priest Lisa made an impact on our church community that will endure for years to come. We will be forever grateful to God for bringing Priest Lisa to St. John's to preach, to teach, to sing and to walk with us on this part of our journey.

Please join us following today's 10am service in the Parish Hall to say "farewell" and wish her well.

Your vestry continues to proceed with the work of ministry transition at St. John's. This week we charged a team of three vestry members with overseeing the process of bringing an interim priest to St. John's. Again, this interim priest will be with us for a period of approximately 18 months while we as a congregation discern our future goals, draft and post a parish profile, and receive and consider candidates for the position of rector.

Over the next few weeks, the interim selection team will work with Bishop Gibbs and the Canon for Congregational Development to identify an interim priest. Arrangements have been made for supply clergy to celebrate and preach until an interim priest is in place.

Prayer is always a good idea, particularly as we face life's inevitable periods of change. We ask that you hold Priest Lisa, her wonderful family and her new parish family at Trinity Episcopal Church, Toledo in your prayers, along with the St. John's community, our vestry and our interim selection team.



Your SJP Wardens,
Shelley Zalewski and Liz Covey-Dwyer



CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE DURING THE TRANSITION

Beginning Monday, July 31, the emergency pastoral care contact will be our Senior Warden Shelley Zalewski. For emergencies she will contact the priest on call, for non-emergencies she will contact a local priest or the diocese. Shelley may be contacted at 248-756-2420.

ATTENTION ALL SJP MINISTRIES

Now that Priest Lisa will no longer be here, 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.



PROPERTY COMMISSION MEETING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 ~ 9:00am

Property Commission will have their monthly meeting on Sunday, August 6 at 9:00am.

FALL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

COULD YOU OFFER A FEW HOURS OF YOUR TIME TO HELP ST. JOHN'S?



The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan requires all parishes to conduct an annual audit of church finances. The process is straightforward and can be completed by a team of parishioners, following detailed, step-by-step instructions provided by the Diocese.

We are looking to assemble a team of no less than 3 people to complete the audit this fall. Only one team member is required to have a background in bookkeeping, finance or accounting; for all others, a willingness to help and a good head for details are all that's required.

We estimate that the total time commitment (spread over several weeks) will be 8-10 hours for each member of the team.

To learn more, contact Shelley Zalewski at 248-756-2420 or shelley.zalewski@sbcglobal.net

FAMILY MINISTRIES (CONTINUED)

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

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 placed on the counter in the parish hall:

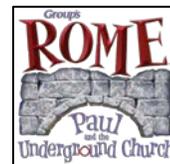
1. Paper towel tubes (several)
2. Container of craft beads (2)
3. Package of pipe cleaners (2)
4. Old flat sheets for tents and togas (light colors)

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.



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

Remembering Chris Lanier
12/25/1988 - 8/4/2013

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 in the Narthex. Prayers continue for 30 days.

Brandy	Kelly
Kevin	Lexy
Marilyn	Neina
Riley	Susan
Loren Cook	Cheryl Crouse
Jeff Holland	Janis Kljun
Robert Lupton	Janet Millerschin
Laurie Pocock	Justin Rush
Becky Skoug	Carl Spradlin
Debra Tucker	Wade Wells
Linda Wiacek	Doug Wood
April Cooke & family	

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 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

SERVING NEXT WEEK - AUGUST 6

Preacher Rev. Bruce Campbell

Altar Guild Rita Smith, Beth Wideman
Maribeth Sala Gietzen

Lay Ministers

8:00 Susan Wainwright
10:00 Patricia Ponte, Penny Striegel, Sally Lindroth,
Ken Sanders, Richard Dessin

Acolytes

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

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
10:00 Patricia Ponte, Robert Hurley, Roger Schlee

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 30

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

MONDAY, July 31

Narcotics Anonymous Picnic7:00pm

TUESDAY, August 1

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

WEDNESDAY, August 2

Midweek Worship Service*.....See Below

THURSDAY, August 3

OA Meeting.....8:30am
Men's Group (departs for St. Leo's).....8:30am
Food Pantry.....2:00-4:00pm

FRIDAY, August 4

Office Closed during July & August.....

SATURDAY, August 5

Al Anon Meeting8:00am

SUNDAY, August 6

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

Dates to Remember

PFLAG Meeting.....August 13
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.