

Journey Pages

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

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You are welcome and wanted here today!

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

Our faith tradition is known by a motto seen on signs in big cities and small towns across the country: "*The Episcopal Church Welcomes You.*" Our community takes that phrase to heart, opening our hearts and our worship to everyone, especially those who may have been turned off by or turned away from previous church experiences for any reason.

St. John's is a community built on varied backgrounds and faith experiences; we love our tradition and rituals, but we love people even more. 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.

If you are visiting for the first time, we are happy that God led you to this place and hope that you will return again. Again, welcome home. Open your heart today and let God do something wonderful.

SIGN UP FOR SJP'S WEEKLY ONLINE JOURNEY NOTES!

Sign up for SJP's weekly online E-news in one of 3 ways:

- 1) Filling out a "Get Connected" card found in the pew
- 2) Via our website at www.stjohnsplymouth.org
- 3) Call the church office at 734-453-0190.

Then find us on Facebook @StJohnsEpiscopalPlymouth



TODAY'S AUMBRY LIGHT DEDICATION

*In Celebration of
Mike MacLeod's Birthday*

TRANSITION UPDATE

A transition update from your vestry

One of the many things for which we can all be grateful during our transition journey is that our Diocese has seen fit to draw us a map. Our process is guided by a comprehensive manual based on the past experiences and best practices of other congregations.

If you have not yet done so, we encourage you to take a look at this resource – a hard copy is posted on the bulletin board, or you can download a copy at <http://www.edomi.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Reaching-Out-for-What-Lies-Ahead.pdf>

If you've been following along (and it's not too late to start!), you know we've reached the section called ***Strengthening the Community***. Our central task at this point is to call an interim clergy leader to walk with us until St. John's calls a full-time rector. We are continuing to make good progress on this step and hope to have more specifics to share with you soon.

In the meantime, we must be careful not to think that the responsibility for keeping the St. John's community strong will rest solely on the shoulders of an interim priest. All of us have a role to play in tending to the many ministries that define who we are and bring us together to reflect the face of Christ to each other and to the world.

Our ministry "portfolio" is vast: Christian education and music for all ages, lay worship leaders, acolytes, altar guild and Eucharistic visitors, a food pantry, a medical loan closet, outreach partnerships like Crossroads and so much more. If you're not already involved in one of these great endeavors, chances are there's a perfect spot waiting for you!

Now is the time to recommit to strengthening our community by getting involved. We invite everyone – not only those who currently lead one (or more!) of our ministries – to join us for the next Parish Council meeting on September 12 from 7pm-8:30pm in the Gathering. Hear what's happening, share what's working and celebrate what's possible.

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TRANSITION UPDATE (CONTINUED)

Your St. John's vestry members

Shelley Zalewski, Senior Warden
Liz Covey-Dwyer, Junior Warden
Beth Frolick-Rapson, Treasurer
Sherry Bass April Cooke
Anne Dehne Mark Eissler
Linda Griffin Liz Needleman



PASTORAL CARE ISSUES DURING THE TRANSITION

For pastoral care issues that may arise in the weeks to come, please call Senior Warden Shelley Zalewski at 248-756-2420. Aided by a priest in the area and/or a SJP Eucharistic Visitor, we will work to address the need promptly.

FAMILY MINISTRIES

WELCOME RECEPTION TODAY AT 9:30AM IN THE GATHERING



Join us as we kick-off SJP's Sunday School year today at 9:30am with a continental breakfast reception in the Gathering. Meet teachers and other parents, pick up information for school year and register your child. Children will be in classrooms making crafts during service and rejoin their family in worship at the time of the Peace. Then beginning 9/17 Sunday school will begin at 9:45am weekly.

If you are unable to attend Welcome Sunday or would like to register ahead of time, you may register online at www.stjohnsplymouth.org.

ADULT & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Contact Jayne Watson at jwatson@stjohnsplymouth.org or volunteer online at www.stjohnsplymouth.org.

JOYFUL NOISE YOUTH CHOIR~ KINDERGARTEN-GRADE 8 FIRST REHEARSAL ~ SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

All youth are invited to participate in the SJP Joyful Noise Choir, our youth music session at 11:15-11:45am following the service every Sunday in the Music Annex. This program is aimed toward bringing music to our youth and connecting families. The choir will sing during special services throughout the year. Below are fall performance dates:

Sunday, Sept. 10 - All youth, parents and VBC kids join us in the Gathering at 9:30am to review our VBC music and sing at the 10am service.

Sunday, Oct. 29 ~ Pipes Spooktacular Concert

Sunday, Nov. 5 ~ All Saints Sunday

Sunday, Dec. (TBD) ~ Advent/Christmas Music

For more information, email Jacob Carroll, our SJP Music Scholar at jacobcarrollsings@gmail.com.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 ~ 7:00PM

This semi-annual event brings together representatives of each of St. John's many and varied ministries to share fellowship and plan for the season ahead. **Everyone is invited** to come and learn about the many opportunities to grow and serve at St. John's, and those currently leading one (or more!) of our ministries are encouraged to be there to represent. Please call or email Phyllis in the office (pikegami@stjohnsplymouth.org/734-453-0190) to confirm your attendance.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER SERVICE RESUMES SEPTEMBER 13 ~ 10:30AM

After a summer recess, we are again offering a mid-week opportunity to gather and pray for the needs of those in our parish, our community and the world. Beginning on September 13, join us in the sanctuary at 10:30am, following the women's bible study.

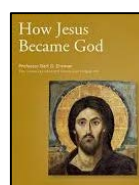
PREPARING & SERVING AT CROSSROADS ~ SUNDAY, SEPT. 17 NEW MENU! CHILI, HOT DOGS AND COOKIES

A team from St. John's will be going to Crossroads to prepare and serve meals. Here are ways you can help:

- **DONATE COOKIES** ~ the cookie bin is in the front hallway. Store-bought or home-baked are appreciated!
- **SERVE AT CROSSROADS IN DETROIT**
Please sign up to serve at Crossroads on Sunday, Sept. 17. We begin at Crossroads at 9:00am. Note on the sign up sheet if you would like to carpool. 20 volunteers needed.



Questions? Contact SJP Crossroads representative Dick Bass at 248-245-4560 or dickbass1943@gmail.com.



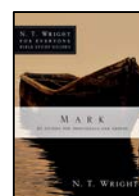
BIBLE STUDIES RESUME FOR FALL

Saturday Men's Bible Study

Began Sept. 9 at 7:30am ~ They will be using a DVD study of *How Jesus Became God*.

Tuesday Women's Bible Study

Begins Sept. 19 at 9:30am ~ This group will begin a study of the *Book of Acts*.



Wednesday Women's Bible Study

Begins Sept. 13 at 9am ~ This group will begin a study of *Mark*, by author N.T. Wright (order the book on Amazon or Christianbook.com).

For more information about these classes, check the bulletin board in the hallway or on the SJP website.

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.

Alex	Dave
Donald	Lexy
Bob & Tom Cooper	Cheryl Crouse
Jeff Holland	MaryEllen Judd
Janis Kljun	Susan Lutz
Marilyn Mason	Tracy McCord
Justin Rush	Becky Skoug
Carl Spradlin	Bernie Weiner
The Barker family	The Polk 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 - SEPTEMBER 10

Preacher Rev. Christine Humphrey
Altar Guild Rita Smith,
Nancy Mitchell,
Irene Mitchell/Vicki Pratt



Lay Ministers

8:00 Ralph Reeves
10:00 Ken Sanders, James Boileau, Bev Cavallaro

Acolytes

8:00 Emma Reeves
10:00 Casey McCord, Maria McCord,
Michael Zuckerman

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
10:00 Patricia Ponte, Sal Cavallaro, Virginia Warden

SERVING NEXT WEEK - SEPTEMBER 17

Preacher Rev. Sally Boelter
Altar Guild Beth Wideman, Maribeth Sala-Gietzen

Lay Ministers

8:00 Susan Wainwright
10:00 Krista Dessin, Lynn Rison, Carolyn Setty

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse
10:00 Jocelyn Dessin, Ella Binder, Clare Binder

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
10:00 Dave Smith, Robert Hurley, Sue Skaggs

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Office Hours ~ Monday – Friday ~ 8:30am – 4:30pm

SUNDAY, September 10 – Fall Kick-Off

Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 10:00am
Property Commission Meeting.....9:00am
Sunday School Welcome Reception.....9:30am
Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:30-11:30am
Coffee & Tea-Gathering.....11:15am
Choir Practice.....11:15am
Joyful Noise Youth Choir.....11:15am
PFLAG Meeting.....3:00pm

MONDAY, September 11

BeFriender's Meeting.....(*cancelled for Sept*)
Narcotics Anonymous7:00pm

TUESDAY, September 12

Food Pantry.....2:00-4:00pm
Parish Council Meeting7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, September 13

Wednesday Women's Study.....9:00am
Midweek Prayer Service.....10:30am
Prayers & Squares Quilters.....12:00pm

THURSDAY, September 14

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

FRIDAY, September 15

Episcopal Council of Women10:30am

SATURDAY, September 16

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

SUNDAY, September 17

Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 10:00am
Crossroads Soup Kitchen (Carpool 8:30am).....9:00am
Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:30-11:30am
Sunday School.....9:45am
Coffee & Tea-Gathering.....11:15am
Choir Practice.....11:15am
Joyful Noise Youth Choir.....11:15am

Dates to Remember

Stock Club.....Monday, Sept. 18
Tuesday Women's StudyTuesday, Sept. 19
Handbell Rehearsal.....Wednesday, Sept. 20
Houseband Rehearsal.....Wednesday, Sept. 20