

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.

TODAY'S AUMBRY LIGHT DEDICATION

Given by Richard Dessin



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

*In Memory of
Robin Wideman*



TRANSITION UPDATE

A transition update from your vestry

Please see bulletin insert for this week's update. For questions and concerns, please contact one of us!

Your St. John's vestry members

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

SIGN UP FOR SJP'S WEEKLY ONLINE JOURNEY NOTES!



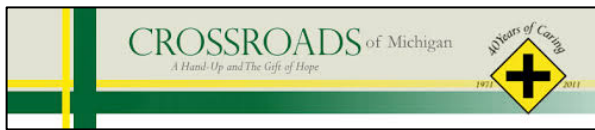
Sign up for SJP's weekly online E-news in one of 3 ways:

- 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



You can also find us on Facebook
@StJohnsEpiscopalPlymouth

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



WE HIT A HOME RUN AT CROSSROADS THANKS TO OUR SJP VOLUNTEERS!

We fed 502 guests (39 receiving seconds!) thanks to the 24 volunteers who were willing to give up 3 hours last Sunday morning to feed our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Those attending were: Becky Nickels & Tara Nickels, Jim & Linda Oldfield, Ken & Judy Lally, Lily Beament, Dee Todd, Kim & Jeff Holland, Linda & Yensi Goerge, Joan Martin, Meg & Mike Scott, Jack & Susan Couzens, Frank Gonda, Kailyn Atkins, Morgan Tilley, Stella Synowiec, Caitlyn Jordan, Sherry & Dick Bass.

Special thanks to Bill Brave for providing 1,000 hot dog buns, to the many that donated cookies, to Deborah Taracuk for recruiting some of her honor students at Schoolcraft College, and Dick Bass who coordinated this event!

Our next trip to Crossroads will be our annual turkey dinner with all the fixings on 12/24. Please mark your calendars!

Thank you received from Sister Elizabeth at Crossroads:

I/we are so very grateful for the wonderful meal provided by St. John's and St. David's last Sunday. The meal was delicious and I know firsthand that it was enjoyed by our guests! That is, I heard over and over from guests that they really liked the chili and hot dogs together and they liked that for the first time Crossroads served REAL CONEY ISLAND HOT DOGS!!! Your idea that many would put the chili on the hot dogs did happen! Also they especially liked the chili. If you still have the recipe, I would be grateful for a copy.

Your sister and friend, Sister Liz

Gleaners service Saturday SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 ~ 8:15am-12:00PM



Members and friends of SJP are invited to travel to Gleaners Food Bank Distribution Center in Detroit to sort and pack non-perishable food and fresh produce into boxes. This is a great way to serve our community and meet new people! Closed-toe shoes required. For more information, contact Irene Jarrell at jarrelli@yahoo.com. Sign up on the bulletin board or contact the church office at 734-453-0190.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

GET INVOLVED THIS FALL! JOIN A SJP MINISTRY TEAM!

Every Sunday, and sometimes during the week, many SJP members are on teams that share responsibilities to make worship and other church functions go smoothly. These teams are always in need of new volunteers. Pray about how you can serve God through serving others! Below are some of the many ways to get involved:

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| Acolytes (5-12 graders) | Altar Guild |
| Chalice Bearers | Lay Readers |
| Ushers/Counters | Eucharistic Visitors |
| Food Pantry | Gardeners Group |
| Prayer Team | Prayers & Squares Quilters |
| Blood Drive Hosts | Congregational Life (special events) |

Contact Phyllis in the church office for more information!

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Pre-K – Grade 6
9:45am in Room #4



Come DIG IN! All children Pre-K-grade 6 are invited to attend our faith formation classes. This fall we kick off "DIG IN, The Bible in one year" program. The DIG IN program takes kids on a fun journey through the Bible where they discover what they have in common with the people God has always loved and worked through. This first quarter we will cover Bible lessons from Genesis through the Birth of Christ. Please contact Jayne Watson for more information.

If you haven't registered your child as yet, you may register online at www.stjohnsplymouth.org.



JOYFUL NOISE YOUTH CHOIR
KINDERGARTEN-GRADE 8
EACH SUNDAY AT 11:15AM

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

JOIN OUR NEW PARENT SMALL GROUP

Do you ever feel you could use the support and fellowship of other parents? This might be a group for you! Several parents will be meeting weekly on Sundays at 11:15am for coffee and fellowship (some of their children will be busy in the Joyful Noise Choir). Please join us in the Gathering!



Wednesday Prayer Service
10:30am in the Sanctuary

This is a mid-week opportunity to gather and pray for the needs of those in our parish, our community and the world. Eucharist will be offered the 1st Wednesday of each month.

A TRANSITION UPDATE FROM YOUR VESTRY

“Lord, give me patience. And give it to me now.”

When will an interim be named? How many candidates will it take before the right one comes along? Why is it taking so long??

If you are anything like those of us on the vestry, you are starting to ask questions like these, and are feeling anxious to “get on with it already.”

As we have detailed in earlier missals to you, the interim selection process specifies that we consider only one candidate at a time, either extending a call to that person to be our interim or “passing” on that person and requesting a subsequent candidate to consider.

We can now report that the vestry has approved the recommendation of the three-person interim selection team that we extend a call to the first interim candidate put forth for consideration.

(Again, this is the process for calling our interim clergy leader, not our next full-time rector. The interim will be with us for the one-to-two-year process of searching for and calling a new rector.)

While we can't wait to share all of the details, we must beg your patience a bit longer. We will make a formal announcement once a final agreement is executed.

In the meantime, here's what you can do to help sustain our St. John's community during the transition:

***Pray for our congregation, vestry and future clergy leadership.
Reflect on your own pledge of time, talent and treasure to St. John's.***

All of our ministries are seeking volunteers – chances are one is a great fit with your time and talent. As for treasure, please honor your 2017 pledge commitment, and prayerfully consider how you might match or even grow that commitment in the year ahead. A solid financial foundation is critical to attracting the brightest and best clergy leaders to SJP.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” – Galatians 6:9

JOURNEY TO GENEROSITY



An opportunity to say 'yes'

Life is an opportunity. Life is a journey. A journey to saying “yes” to God who calls us the Beloved. Life is a journey to love; a journey to welcome; a journey to invite; a journey to peace; a journey to generosity.

From the moment we draw our first breath to the moment we breathe our last, we are both receivers and givers. How we move from takers of everything given to us to sharing everything we have is one measure of how we live into saying, “Yes.”

On our journey to generosity, we learn from our parents and other family members. We learn from friends and church members. We learn through our own actions and from hearing the stories of other generous people.

The gospel stories of Jesus inform, challenge, and inspire us. Whether it’s the story of the Good Samaritan, the rich young ruler, or Zacchaeus, Jesus invites us into what the journey to generosity looks like.

TENS has chosen “Journey to Generosity” as the theme for 2018 to invite everyone into that journey. It is not simply about how much we give to support the mission and ministry of our parish. The journey is about how we live our lives as the Beloved.

Are we generous in our dealings with others? Are we generous when we welcome the stranger and the strange to church on

“Put simply, life is a God-given opportunity to become who we are, to affirm our own true spiritual nature, claim our truth, appropriate and integrate the reality of our being, but most of all, to say ‘Yes’ to the One who calls us the Beloved.” — Henri J.M. Nouwen

Sunday mornings? Are we generous in our forgiveness and in our acceptance of forgiveness?

We hope you find our upcoming offerings helpful as your church travels on the Journey to Generosity.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Treasurer Beth Frolick-Rapson at 248-765-0889 or elizabeth.frolick@ally.com.

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	Chick
Dave	Donald
Lexy	Cheryl Crouse
Jeff Holland	Janis Kljun
Susan Lutz	Marilyn Mason
Justin Rush	Becky Skoug
Pat Sonntag	Carl Spradlin
Bernie Weiner	The Baldwin 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



SERVING TODAY - SEPTEMBER 24

Preacher Rev. Sharon Voelker
Altar Guild Jan McLeod,
Penny Striegel,
Beth Wideman



Lay Ministers

8:00 Ralph Reeves
10:00 Becky Nickels, Howard Zuckerman

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse
10:00 Michael Zuckerman, Casey McCord,
Maria McCord

Ushers

8:00 Linda Reeves, Joe Sabo
10:00 Patricia Ponte, Jane Libbing, Martha James

SERVING NEXT WEEK - OCTOBER 1

Preacher Rev. Reid Hamilton
Altar Guild Beth Wideman, Nancy Mitchell,
Maribeth Sala-Gietzen

Lay Ministers

8:00 Susan Wainwright
10:00 Larry Brandenburg, Connie Hierta,
Lana Klosterman, Sister Magdalena, Lynn Rison

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse
10:00 Meganne Skoug, Karen Sole, Amelia Dowswell

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
10:00 Dave Smith, Sal Cavallaro, Carolyn Setty

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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

SUNDAY, September 24

Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00am
Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:45-11:45am
Sunday School.....9:45am
Coffee Hour – Gathering.....11:15am
Choir Practice.....11:15am
Joyful Noise Youth Choir.....11:15am

MONDAY, September 25

Narcotics Anonymous.....7:00pm

TUESDAY, September 26

Women's Bible Study.....9:30am
Food Pantry.....2:00-4:00pm
Vestry Meeting.....7:00pm

WEDNESDAY, September 27

Wednesday Women's Study.....9:00am
Midweek Prayer Service.....10:30am
Houseband Rehearsal.....6:00pm
Handbell Rehearsal.....6:30pm

THURSDAY, September 28

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

FRIDAY, September 29

SATURDAY, September 30

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

SUNDAY, October 1

Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00am
Property Commission Mtg9:00am
Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:45-11:45am
Sunday School.....9:45am
Coffee Hour – Gathering.....11:15am
Choir Practice.....11:15am
Joyful Noise Youth Choir.....11:15am



Dates to Remember

Handbell Rehearsal.....Wednesday, Oct. 4
Houseband Rehearsal.....Wednesday, Oct. 4
PFLAG Meeting.....Sunday, Oct. 8