

# 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 ALTAR FLOWERS DEDICATION



*In Memory of  
Harold & Jayne Wilber*

## TODAY'S AUMBRY LIGHT DEDICATION

*By Deborah Chamulak*



## GREETINGS FROM PASTOR Dana

It is so good to be here among you! Thank you so very  
much for the warm and wonderful welcome last Sunday.  
My heart was warmed from the very beginning when I  
meandered down that long dark hallway to my office only  
to find a lovely bouquet of flowers waiting at my door from  
all of you (thank you Phyllis!). Father Lew (AlleLEWia)  
Towler, who was on staff before at St. John's when I was,  
2001-2004, showed up at my door at 9:30 with a beautiful,  
real live lay of flowers which I wore at the 10:00 service  
(thank you AlleLEWia!). The music was rowing and  
inspiring (thank you Liza!). The children presented me with  
a beautiful welcome cross made of hands, sequins and  
tissue paper (thank you Jayne!). It was a joy to reconnect  
with so many of you, and an even greater joy to see so  
many new faces and young faces so engaged and involved  
in the life of the church. Sharing in the Lord's Supper, we  
consented together to God's presence and action within and  
among us. To top it off, my husband Barry remarked about  
how respectful and welcoming you were to him as well  
(thank you everyone!).

Sunday evening I had the privilege of attending the Family  
Dinner for the kids and parents of St. John's. Holy Cow!  
The St. John's kids are truly an amazing bunch. Some say  
that our children are the *future* of the church. I say the  
children *ARE* the church every bit as much as you and me.  
If you've not had the opportunity to get to know these kids  
yet, hopefully we will create some of those opportunities  
soon. I was especially impressed with how the kids know  
each other and care for each other. The spirit and energy of  
the kids and the commitment of the parents was inspiring  
and encouraging.

I am reminded this week of that old song I learned when I  
was in Brownies, "Make new friends, but keep the old. One  
is silver and the other gold." I have the privilege of doing  
just that now. I look forward to both getting reacquainted  
*and* forging new relationships with ALL of you. I'm sure  
God will leverage my history in this community for the  
work ahead as we look, not nostalgically to the past, but  
with eager hopefulness toward the future God has in store.

Faithfully,  
Pastor Dana Runestad  
Interim Rector

## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



Please make sure to stop by the Annual Giving Campaign table in the narthex to drop off your pledge card (or drop it by the office during the week). We will bless the pledge cards during worship on Oct. 29. Need to learn more about how your pledge dollars are put to work at St. John's Plymouth? Contact our SJP Treasurer, Beth Frolick-Rapson, at 248-765-0889 or elizabeth.frolick@ally.com.



### Pipes Spooktacular & Trunk or Treat SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 ~ 6:30PM

Join us for a Halloween-themed concert for children of all ages, featuring spooky and just plain silly music and readings performed by the SJP Department of Music. Suggested admission donation is \$5 for individuals, \$15 for families. *Trunk or Treat* in the church parking lot after. **Sign up on the bulletin board to host a trunk!**

### Interested in helping with Pipes Spooktacular?

Planning for the Pipes Spooktacular is underway and you are invited to participate. There are a variety of ways to help: spoken readings, singing, volunteering to help during the rehearsals & concert. **There are only two rehearsals - today, October 22 after the 10am service and Sunday, October 29 from 5:00 - 6:00pm. Hope to see you there!**



### BAPTISM SUNDAY ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 ~ 10am

St. John's next baptism Sunday will be on All Saints Sunday at the 10:00am service. If you would like to learn more about baptism, contact Pastor Dana at [pastordana@stjohnsplymouth.org](mailto:pastordana@stjohnsplymouth.org) or 734-765-1141. **The last day to sign up is for a baptism is today.** The next baptism date will be January 8, 2018.

### REMEMBERING LOVED ONES WHO HAVE DIED

November 5 is All Saints Sunday, when the church lifts up those who have died in the past year (since All Saints 2016). The list of these names is called the "Necrology." If you would like a loved one remembered, email his or her name to [pikegami@stjohnsplymouth.org](mailto:pikegami@stjohnsplymouth.org) or sign up on the Sign-Me-Up board no later than Tuesday, Oct. 31. Please include the year of birth and death, and note your relationship to the person (father, friend, etc.)



## CONGREGATIONAL NEWS (CONTINUED)

### THANK YOU FROM GLEANERS!

Thank you for volunteering with Gleaners Community Food Bank! Gleaners' effort to eliminate food insecurity is driven in large part by people like you. Thank you for all you do to help achieve a hunger-free Southeast Michigan.



Theresa Wick  
Volunteer Services Manager

Pictured: Linda Griffin, Dick Bass, Sam Synowiec, Susan Wainwright, Chris Banion & Phyllis Ikegami.  
Not pictured: Organizer-Irene Jarrell

### LIFELINE SCREENING COMING TO ST. JOHN'S

Life Line Screening will be at St John's on **Monday, November 13**, offering five safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. **One of SJP's own had these life-saving tests last year and proved to be actually LIFE-SAVING!** Appointments are limited, so please sign up now by calling 1-800-690-6495 and receive a \$10 discount off the package or text the word circle to 797979 or visit their website at [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle). **Four complimentary screening certificates (first come, first served) along with more information are on the bulletin board in the hallway.**



### VOLUNTEER TO BE A SJP BLOOD DRIVE HOST!

We need a volunteer (or two) to be a friendly face and check-in host for our Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, Nov. 27.

- One person - full day 9:45am-4:30pm, or
- Two people - half day 9:45am-1:00pm and 1:00-4:30pm

Those interested should contact Phyllis in the office at 734-453-0190 or email her at [pikegami@stjohnsplymouth.org](mailto:pikegami@stjohnsplymouth.org).

### YOU ARE INVITED TO A PRIVATE SCREENING OF "DETROIT" SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 ~ 6PM EMAGINE PALLADIUM, BIRMINGHAM

Christ Church Cranbrook invites you to a private screening of the acclaimed film "Detroit" and panel discussion moderated by Emery King with panelists Kalisha Davis, Peter Hammer, Danielle McGuire and the Rev. Joyce Matthews. Viewing of the film will be held from 6-8pm with a panel discussion afterwards from 8-9pm. Tickets (\$10) and more info can be found at [cccdetroitfilm.eventbrite.com](http://cccdetroitfilm.eventbrite.com). The movie is also playing at the Penn Theatre this weekend.

### "LIVING VOICES OF THE GOSPEL" SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 ~ 4PM

A Hymn Festival Celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Rd in Livonia. Dr. Michael Burkhardt, cantor, will lead the Festival Massed Choir (Holy Cross and Area Choirs), Brass and Percussionists. The event is free and open to the public. Reception to follow the event. For more information, visit [holycrosslivonia.org](http://holycrosslivonia.org).



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## *A leap into the abyss of God*

THE RT. REV. DAN EDWARDS

Jesus' detractors tried to catch him with the twin traps of rules and money. Is it lawful or not to pay taxes to the evil Empire? We use rules and money to keep us safe. Follow the rules and hang on to the money. Manipulate the rules so we can keep more money. If we get enough money, we get to make the rules. Then we can get even more money. It isn't that we're greedy. It's that we are afraid. Rules and money keep us safe.

But Jesus broke through the small-minded consciousness traps. If Caesar's image is on the coin, give him the silly thing. What matters is giving to God what is God's, that which is formed in God's image — ourselves. St. Ignatius prayed, "All that I am and all that I have You have given me. I give it all back." Whoa! "I give it all back." All?

That is taking a flying leap into the abyss of God. That is breathing out trusting that the air will still be there for us to breathe back in. Jesus invites us to give ourselves to the God of infinitely generous grace trusting that God will give us back ourselves again blessed with more life than we had before. It is an act of trust and love.

We miss the point if we give to the Church, Christ's Earthly Body, just to fund a mission of

which we approve. No, giving is a vital act of faith. In olden days, the legal process for conveying a parcel of land was to hand the other person a clod of the dirt. When we give a portion of our money — don't get hung up on rules about percentages — it represents giving our whole lives to God. If we feel a hesitation, a reluctance to let go of our money, that's fear (the chosen tool of all

### For reflection...

- What are the earliest experiences you can remember of learning you needed to follow the rules and have enough money to be safe?
- When you are asked to give — by a beggar on the street, by the Church, by a charity — do you feel any tension or discomfort? Describe the feeling in both its emotional and physical forms.
- Can you recall a positive experience of giving anything — time, money, work? How would you describe that experience? What was positive about it?

oppression) clutching at our souls. A flying leap into God is a scary thing. Rules and money are so much easier to calculate, more manageable, than the awesome living God who loves a cosmos into being, who loves us into being.

We get free to give from trusting God who loves us. When we dare to trust, God shows his love inviting us to trust more and live more freely. Life springs out of the consciousness traps like a jailbreak. That launches the adventure.



Dan Edwards was a layperson in Idaho, then a priest in Georgia, and now serves as bishop of Nevada. His missional priorities are community organizing, multicultural ministries, relational spirituality, and stewardship.



Over the past few weeks, we've been talking about our annual pledge drive, "Journey to Generosity." We have read stories of people who have struggled on that journey and people who have embraced the journey with great hope and faith. We have also heard about the financial needs of our parish.

Each of us plays an important part in the life of this parish, and each of us is in a different place on our journey to generosity. The good news is that no matter where we are on the journey, we are called to move forward. The even better news is that we are loved by God wherever we find ourselves on this journey.

You might expect a letter from the vestry to stress the importance of funding the church budget. Instead, we want to reinforce that if each of us takes to heart our personal journey to greater generosity, the ministry and mission of St. John's will thrive – and so will each one of us.

Determining the amount of one's annual pledge requires careful, prayerful contemplation. As you acknowledge God's abundance in your life, we hope you will join us in responding with greater generosity, considering increasing your annual pledge to St. John's by some percentage if possible.

While each individual and family situation is unique, a worthy goal for all of us is to bring our standard of giving in line with our standard of living.

Whatever you decide to pledge, your generosity will energize our ministry in this community and beyond. Thank you for joining us on this great journey!

Faithfully,  
The Vestry of St. John's Plymouth

## 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.

Gretchen	Henry
Lexy	Cheryl Crouse
Jeff Holland	Janis Kljun
Susan Lutz	Justin Rush
Connie Schamante	Scarlet Synowiec
The Taylor Dalian Family	The Carl Spradlin Family
The Roger Schlee 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  
Nate Jesgarz - U.S. Navy



### SERVING TODAY - OCTOBER 22

**Preacher** Rev. Dana Runestad  
**Altar Guild** Beth Wideman,  
Maribeth Sala-Gietzen



#### **Lay Ministers**

8:00 Ralph Reeves  
10:00 Bev Cavallaro, Amy Higgins, Howard Zuckerman,  
James Boileau

#### **Acolytes**

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse  
10:00 Casey McCord, Maria McCord, TJ Rapson

#### **Ushers**

8:00 Dee Fleming  
10:00 Dave Smith, Sal Cavallaro, Sue Skaggs

### SERVING NEXT WEEK - OCTOBER 29

**Preacher** Rev. Dana Runestad  
**Altar Guild** Jan McLeod, Nancy Mitchell

#### **Lay Ministers**

8:00 Ralph Reeves  
10:00 Carolyn Setty, Krista Dessin, Connie Hierta,  
Becky Nickels

#### **Acolytes**

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse  
10:00 Michael Zuckerman, Karen Sole, Bennet Watson

#### **Ushers**

8:00 Dee Fleming  
10:00 Dave Smith, Robert Hurley, Alan Taracuk

# THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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

## SUNDAY, October 22

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  
Parent Small Group.....11:15am

## MONDAY, October 23

Narcotics Anonymous.....7:00pm

## TUESDAY, October 24

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

## WEDNESDAY, October 25

Wednesday Women's Study.....9:00am  
Midweek Prayer Service.....10:30am

## THURSDAY, October 26

OA Meeting.....8:30am  
Diocese Curate Training Meeting.....9:00pm  
Men's Group .....10:00am  
Interim Clergy Group.....1:00pm  
Food Pantry.....2:00-4:00pm

## FRIDAY, October 27

Diocese Convention-Novl.....

## SATURDAY, October 28

Diocese Convention-Novl.....  
Men's Bible Sunday.....7:30am  
Al Anon Meeting .....8:00am

## SUNDAY, October 29

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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  
Parent Small Group.....11:15am  
Spooktacular Concert & Trunk or Treat.....6:30pm



## Dates to Remember

Safeguard Training.....Saturday, Nov. 4  
Property Commission Mtg.....Sunday, Nov. 5  
NO Sunday School – Baptism Sunday.....Nov. 5