

Journey Pages

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

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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. We suggest you visit 3-4 times, this Sunday may be different from the next!

We would like to *thank you* for visiting! Please fill out a "Get Connected" card found in the pews. We also suggest you visit our website for more information about our community.

ALTAR FLOWER & AUMBRY LIGHT DEDICATIONS

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS DEDICATION

In Celebration of Kay Morgan, and Bennett & Morgan Watson's Birthdays



TODAY'S AUMBRY LIGHT DEDICATION

Given by Deborah Chamulak



SJP IN transition

DISCOVERY PROCESS

Thank you to the crowd who showed up for the informational meeting about the transition process last Tuesday evening! I will do an abbreviated "recap" this Sunday from 9:15-9:45am in the Gathering for the benefit of those who were unable to attend. One question among others came up that bears clarifying:

From the diocese: "A primary goal of the interim priest's ministry is to prepare the congregation for the coming of the next priest. To this end, the interim priest helps the congregation deal with a sense of loss and any unresolved issues arising from the former priest's departure, deals with internal conflicts and helps heal any divisions within the congregation, and helps the Vestry, lay leaders and staff make such changes as may be needed to align congregational life and administration with generally accepted standards in the diocese. ***The interim priest is not eligible to be a candidate for rector of the congregation.***"

Your vestry very intentionally chose the "Interim Priest" option for the transition *so that* you could work through a transition process cleanly, and call a priest of your own choosing whose passion, style and gifts resonate with yours and with the direction toward which you discover God is calling you. I respect and understand and fully support that decision. I signed a covenant that is also signed by St John's Senior Warden, the diocese's Canon for Congregational Life, the Episcopal Bishop and the ELCA (Lutheran) Bishop, that says in bold caps: **UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THE INTERIM RECTOR BE ELIGIBLE TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR RECTOR.** Let's agree not to have this conversation any more. While I am flattered by the thought that some of you would like me to be the settled rector, it distracts from the important work we are called to do together in the months ahead.

Faithfully,
Pastor Dana

DISCOVERING...

Who are we?
What are our needs and strengths?
Who are our neighbors?

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



American RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Monday, November 27

SJP is proud to sponsor our next blood drive with the American Red Cross. If you are healthy and eligible, please come out to donate. Most donations take about an hour, so book your appointment, roll up your sleeve and become a part of the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross and St. John's. To book an appointment, visit their website at www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: stjohnsply) or call the SJP office.

Altar GUILD LUNCHEON Tuesday, November 28 ~ 1PM



Altar Guild Chair Beth Wideman would like to show her appreciation and invite all those involved (or wishing to be involved) in the Altar Guild ministry to the annual luncheon on Tuesday, November 28 at 1pm.

Are you BEING CALLED TO serve?

All who call St. John's their spiritual home have an opportunity—and a responsibility—to discern what role they might play in the days ahead as we continue on our path of transition. Want to know more? See the blue bulletin insert for more information or speak with Pastor Dana.



SIGN-UP TO BE a COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOST

We are resurrecting our Coffee Fellowship Hour and need hosts to sign up to prepare coffee, beverages & snacks each Sunday. A hosts' responsibility is to arrive early to make coffee, beverages and lay out snacks in the Gathering for coffee hour after the 10am service. Please sign-up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

SJP FOOD PANTRY

Especially during the upcoming holidays, those families that SJP serves through our food pantry depend on us for their extra needs while their children are on school break for the holidays. We are very thankful to our SJP members & friends who continue to give generously throughout the year!



NEXT BAPTISM SUNDAY FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN Sunday, January 7 at 10:00am

St. John's next baptism Sunday will be held on "Baptism of our Lord" Sunday, January 7 at the 10:00am service. If you would like to schedule a baptism, please complete the baptism form found outside of office and contact Pastor Dana at 734-765-1141 or pastordana@stjohnsplymouth.org. Parents need instruction with Pr. Dana before baptism day.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



Advent & Christmas

Sundays in Advent

Worship ~ Dec. 3 - Dec. 24 8:00am & 10:00am

Hanging of the Greens & Potluck Lunch

Church Decorating - Sunday, Dec. 10 11:15am

Wednesdays in Advent

Painting Class - Wed., Nov. 29 - Dec. 13 6:30pm

Christmas Eve Worship - Sunday, Dec. 24

Family Service with Eucharist & Christmas Pageant 4:00pm

NEW SERVICE TIME!

Carols & Anthems Prelude 8:30pm

Traditional Liturgy with Eucharist 9:00pm

Carols & Anthems Prelude 10:30pm

Traditional Liturgy with Eucharist 11:00pm

Christmas Day Worship - Monday, Dec. 25

Worship Service with Eucharist (one service only) 10:00am

New Year's Day Worship - Sunday, Dec. 31

Lessons & Carols 8:00am & 10:00am

(No Sunday School; Children's activity in worship)



VOCAL ARTS ENSEMBLE CONCERT AT SJP Sunday, December 3 ~ 3PM

The Vocal Arts Ensemble delighted to share its love of singing great choral literature with St. John's, as they celebrate the holiday season with Magnificats (songs of Mary) and carols from across the ages. A donation of \$10 a person/\$25 for families will be asked. A reception will follow the concert in the Gathering. As part of this celebration, we are asking for volunteers to bring finger dessert for the reception.

HANGING OF THE GREENS AND POTLUCK LUNCH

Sunday, December 10 ~ 11:15am



Decorating for the holidays are exciting! Come help with decorating our church as we await Jesus' birth! We will meet after the 10am service on Dec. 10 (dress down for church suggested) for a potluck lunch and then decorate the church for the Christmas season. Sign up on the Sign-Me-Up board in the hallway for the potluck.

Can you spare an HOUR TO HELP GATHER DECORATIONS? Saturday, December 9 ~ 10am

We are in need of several volunteers with strong muscles and backs to bring Christmas items from the Youth House. If you can help, sign up on the Sign-Me-Up board.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Save THE DATE! ~ INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2 ~ 10am – 12PM

Pastor Dana will lead this introduction to centering prayer; a method of silent prayer that is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. During this time of prayer, we consent to God's presence and action within, creating a reservoir of stillness upon which we can draw throughout the day. More details to come.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH CHRISTMAS PAGEANT



Our annual Christmas Pageant will take place on Christmas Eve December 24 at 4:00pm. We are seeking a few volunteers to help prepare props and costume bags, and hand out the bags at the service. Interested? Contact Jayne Watson at 734-453-0190, ext. 14 or jwatson@stjohnsplymouth.org.

HAT, SCARF & GLOVE DRIVE FOR STARFISH

The Youth of St. John's are holding a Hat, Scarf and Glove Drive (toddler through adult) for their Ministry Partners, Starfish Family Services. The collection bin is by the Family Ministry bulletin board in the narthex through Dec. 3.



ST. JOHN'S 13TH ANNUAL SOCK DRIVE

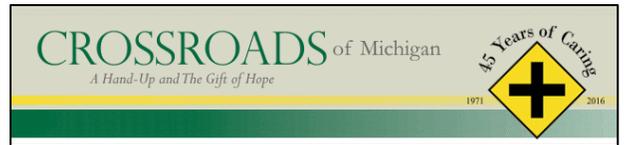
The Men's Devotional Group is collecting funds for the SJP Sock Drive providing socks for St. Leo's and Crossroads Soup Kitchen. A \$25 contribution can provide over 55 pairs of socks. **Please write your check to St. John's with "socks" in the memo line by November 26.** Contact Hadyn Notestine at 734-658-8244 or email Larry MacLeod with questions.

ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASSES WEDNESDAYS, NOV. 29 – DEC. 13

Do you get tired and stressed getting ready for the holidays? Why not do something for yourself! Acrylic painting is fun and easy! Take one class or take them all! Classes are on Wednesdays, Nov. 29 – Dec. 13 from 6:30 – 8:30pm. Cost is \$20 per class. Sign up on the Sign-Me-Up board or contact Danisa Saltarelli at danisart1215@gmail.com. Dress in something old and comfy and please bring newspapers to protect tables.



ADVENT/CHRISTMAS EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES



HELP WITH CROSSROADS THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON! WE STILL NEED TURKEYS, PIE MONEY & VOLUNTEERS

This year St. John's and St. David's together will feed about 700 guests a turkey dinner. This is no small undertaking, and you can help in a number of ways.

Turkeys-We will need 75 turkeys, we had people sign up to bring 40, but we **still need 35!** Each person who signs up should take instructions explaining prep details and a due date off the bulletin board. Take advantage, the price of turkeys is at its lowest right now!

Volunteers Needed-We realize that the date is close to Christmas, and busy with our own preparations, but we cannot get this done without your help!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 9am-12pm we need a minimum of 10 to 12 people for a variety of jobs: making stuffing, packaging the turkey to transport to Crossroads and putting together utensil packages.

SUNDAY, DEC. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE, we need a minimum of 20 people at Crossroads from **9am-12pm.** We will be making gravy, green beans & mashed potatoes. The turkey and stuffing will be warmed up & pies put in containers. We are finished when St. David's arrives at noon.



Adopt a Pie-This year because it's so close to Christmas we are asking for donations so that we can purchase pies from Costco. Just check "yes I'll donate" on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Make your check payable to SJP, write "pies" in the memo line and drop it in the collection plate.



Sign-up sheets can be found on the bulletin board in the hallway by the mailboxes.

If everyone pitches in providing a turkey or 2, donates money for pies and/or volunteers your time, we can make certain 700 less fortunate people do not go to bed hungry on Christmas Eve. Contact Dick Bass, SJP Crossroads representative at 248-477-8481 or dickbass1943@gmail.com with questions.



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.

Donald	Gray
Lexy	Marie
Rev. Barb Cavin	Cheryl Crouse
John Culotta	Suzanne Eberly
Charles Eissler	Jeff Holland
Janis Kljun	Kitty Kremer
Susan Lutz	Marilyn Mason
Justin Rush	Mark Sharp
Ernst Sternberg	Scarlet Synowiec
Donald Walker	The Mike Robinson Family
The Reck Family	The Tacy 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 - NOVEMBER 19

Preacher Rev. Dana Runestad
Altar Guild Jan MacLeod,
 Pat Sonntag,
 Maribeth Sala-Gietzen



Lay Ministers
 8:00 Susan Wainwright
 10:00 James Boileau, Dick Bass, Becky Nickels

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

Ushers
 8:00 Dee Fleming
 10:00 Dave Smith, Sue Skaggs, Alan Taracuk

SERVING NEXT WEEK - NOVEMBER 26

Preacher Rev. Dana Runestad
Altar Guild Rita Smith, Nancy Mitchell, Tracy McCord

Lay Ministers
 8:00 Ralph Reeves
 10:00 Sr. Magdalena, Becky Nickels, Sally Lindroth

Acolytes
 8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse
 10:00 Casey McCord, Maria McCord

Ushers
 8:00 Dee Fleming
 10:00 Patricia Ponte, Robert Hurley, Carolyn Setty

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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

SUNDAY, November 19

Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 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, November 20

Stock Club.....7:00pm
 Narcotics Anonymous.....7:00pm

TUESDAY, November 21

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

WEDNESDAY, November 22

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

THURSDAY, November 23

OA Meeting.....8:30am
Thanksgiving-Office Closed.....

FRIDAY, November 24

Office Closed.....

SATURDAY, November 25

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

SUNDAY, November 26

Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 10:00am
 Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:45-11:45am
NO Sunday School.....
 Coffee Hour - Gathering.....11:15am
 Choir Practice.....11:15am
 Joyful Noise Youth Choir.....11:15am
 Parent Small Group.....11:15am



Dates to Remember

Red Cross Blood Drive.....Monday, Nov. 27
 Altar Guild Luncheon.....Tuesday, Nov. 28
 Advent Painting Class.....Wednesday, Nov. 29
 Private Event-Parish Hall.....Thursday, Nov. 30
 Intro to Centering Prayer.....Saturday, Dec. 2
 Vocal Arts Christmas Concert.....Sunday, Dec. 3

A CALL TO SERVE

People of St. John's ...

All who call St. John's their spiritual home have an opportunity - and a responsibility - to discern what role they might play in the days ahead as we continue on our path of transition. There has never been a better time to put your gifts to work in the service of God in this place, and there are many ways to get involved.

We are looking for men and women with the qualities needed to play a part in making our transition efforts successful. Do you or someone you know have these qualities?

- Faithful membership in St. John's, including an intentional effort to grow in faith through regular worship attendance and involvement in and support of the ministries of SJP
- Good listening skills
- An open mind
- An ability to maintain confidentiality
- Emotional maturity and a willingness to "speak the truth in love" even when encountering conflict

The first opportunity to consider is becoming a member of the vestry:

The vestry is the nine-member governing board of the church, working with Pastor Dana to lead and manage the parish. Each vestry member serves a three-year term.

At our annual meeting in January we will elect three new vestry members. Right now we are asking members of St. John's to prayerfully consider whether they are interested in learning more about this opportunity for themselves, or whether they know of a fellow parishioner they feel might be well-suited to serve.

Additional transition opportunities:

Soon after the identification of vestry candidates, we will begin to form teams to focus on specific tasks related to the transition. The same qualities listed above are needed for success in these additional roles.

Learn more by attending the following:

Sunday, November 26 and December 3 from 9:15-9:45am, "Discernment 101" (How do I know if God is calling me to serve and what do I do about it?). Bring any and all questions. This forum will be led by Pastor Dana.

-----**TEAR HERE**-----

Please use the space below to list any name(s) to be considered for vestry and/or transition team opportunities. This does not oblige anyone to serve; it is merely a tool to begin a conversation about serving. Tear off this section and place it in the suggestion box in the narthex or email your suggestions to sjpsuggestions@gmail.com.

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Please provide your name (it will not be shared with those you have suggested)
