

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

Members and friends of St. John's sign up to dedicate the aumbry light or altar flowers in honor of, in memory of or in celebration of a life event. There are many open dates on the 2018 dedication sign-up sheets on the Sign-Me-Up board in the hallway. This is also a way to support the altar guild budget. An Aumbry Light dedication is a \$5 donation; Altar Flower dedication is a \$50 donation (*flowers may be taken home after the 10am service if desired*).

AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM BISHOP GIBBS



January 9, 2018

*"For everything there is a season, and a time
for every matter under heaven."*

Dear Sisters and Brothers of The Diocese of Michigan:

In September of 1999, one of the questions asked of me during the "walk-about" was: "you're young; you could be a bishop a long time! If you were elected, how long would you be our bishop?" My response was, "as long as I believe God is calling me to be here. I have always been committed to following where God calls me."

On February 5th of this year, I will begin my 19th year as a bishop in God's holy Church. I have served as your Bishop Diocesan since November 1, 2000. After much prayerful discernment, I have heard God's call to move into retirement. Therefore, in consultation with The Standing Committee of the Diocese and in conversation with the Diocesan Staff, I am calling for the election of the 11th Bishop of Michigan. It is my intention to resign effective December 31, 2019; and, in conversation with the Office of the Presiding Bishop, the ordination and consecration of the next Bishop of Michigan is expected to occur in February 2020.

I know that some of you might feel that I am "too young" to retire. At the time that I step down as your bishop I will be three months shy of my 66th birthday and, I will have given nearly 33 years of service as an ordained leader in the Church. The time is right for me to spend more time

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with family and friends who have graciously shared me with the Church for many years and to enjoy other lifelong passions.

It has been a distinct honor to serve as your bishop. You have taught me so much about what it means to be Beloved Community. My own faith has strengthened as I have served with and learned in partnership with you. This is still very much a ministry I love with the depth of my being.

The Standing Committee recently met with the Rt. Rev. Todd Ousley, from The Episcopal Church Office of Pastoral Development. In this role, Bishop Ousley is tasked with providing support and guidance to dioceses as they journey through times of episcopal transition. While it has been nearly 20 years since the diocese has experienced a transition in the bishop's office, I am confident that with the able leadership of the Standing Committee you will journey well and faithfully.

Meanwhile, we have two years of ministry ahead of us. We have much to do as we continue to remain faithful to the call of God in our lives as individuals and as part of the Jesus Movement in southeast Michigan. During this time, I ask your prayers for the Standing Committee and all those who will have roles in keeping this time of transition focused. I ask your prayers for the Diocesan Staff who continue to work and minister on your behalf. I also ask your prayers for Karlah and for me as we travel this time with you; I promise we will keep you in ours.

Faithfully,

+ Wendell

The Rt. Rev'd Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

Thank you Jayne! Jayne Watson has served as our Interim Director of Family Ministry the last several year. As of the end of 2017 she fulfilled that commitment and we want to say thank you! **Plan to join us during coffee hour TODAY after 10 am worship as we celebrate and say thank you to Jayne.**



As a member of St. John's, Jayne plans to continue as an active volunteer in this area of our congregation's ministry. Meanwhile, we will be getting organized in such a way as to divide responsibilities so that "many hands make light work." Youth and family ministry is sure to be an area of priority moving forward in transition.

Jayne has been able to improve communication and

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coordination of these ministries, which has been a huge help to busy families. Her positive spirit and enthusiasm for faith formation continues to bless us as we move forward in transition at St. John's.

2018 OFFERING REMINDERS

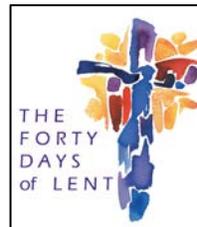


- **Offering Envelopes** - for those that use offering envelopes, please dispose of your 2017 envelopes and begin using 2018. For those who haven't picked up their envelopes as yet, please remember to take them from the table in the Narthex. If you haven't been given envelopes and would like them, please contact Phyllis in the office.
- **SecureGive Online Giving**
 - For those already using SecureGive, please log onto your SecureGive account to update your giving to match your 2018 pledge.
 - Those wanting to sign up to use SecureGive, log onto the SecureGive page (found on the homepage of the SJP website) and create an account. You can give using your debit card, credit card or electronic check (ACH) on a weekly/monthly/or any day of your choosing.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

We need hosts for our 11:15 Coffee Fellowship Hour! Host 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.

LENT IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!



In fact, it's only ONE month away. Mark your calendars - Ash Wednesday is February 14 - Valentine's Day; Easter is Sunday, April 1 - and that's no April fool! Watch for information about opportunities to deepen relationships with God and each other in the coming weeks.

RECTORY / YOUTH HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT

The Rectory/Youth House has been winterized for the winter months and will not be available for meeting or events until spring.

THANK YOU MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANA

"Thank you to each and every one of you who shared cards and gifts with Barry and me over the holidays. We appreciate your kind thoughtfulness!"

St. John's Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 21 ~ Beginning at 10am

Worship

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE WORSHIP SERVICE NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 AT 10AM.

All members and friends are invited for a Potluck Luncheon and the Annual Congregational Meeting following the service.

Annual Meeting Attendance

Your attendance is an essential part of being a beloved member and friend of this faith community especially during St. John's time of transition and discovery. We hope the meeting and booklet will help keep you informed of the important ministries that make St. John's the vibrant community where together we learn and grow as disciples and followers of Jesus.

Potluck Luncheon

A potluck luncheon will be served after the worship service before the business of our Annual Meeting. Sign-up to bring a meat, salad, side dish or dessert. You can find the sign-up sheet on the Sign-Me-Up board in the hallway or contact Laura Good at lauragood16@live.com.

Potluck Help Needed

Laura Good, SJP Congregation Life leader, is in need of volunteers to help in the following ways:

- Help with set-up at 10am Sunday, January 21
- Help during the luncheon to help things flow smoothly
- Help with clean-up after the luncheon

You may sign-up on the Sign-Me-Up board in the hallway or contact Laura Good at lauragood16@live.com.

Annual Meeting Agenda

This is our congregational annual meeting in which we celebrate the past year and look forward to the future. The agenda for this important meeting is as follows:

- Staff Introductions
- Approval of 2017 Meeting Minutes
- Recognition of Out-Going & Continuing Vestry Members
- Presentation of Nominated Vestry Slate
- Senior Warden Remarks
- 2017 Year End Financial Report
- Vestry Approved 2018 Financial Budget
- Acknowledgment of Written Ministry Reports

Annual Meeting Booklet

The Annual Meeting Booklet serves as a more detailed communication to our members and friends. Items found in the booklet will be:

- Message from Pastor Dana
- Draft Minutes from the January 2017 Meeting
- Summaries from Admin, Property & Finance Commissions
- An Outline of the Transition Process
- 2017 Individual Ministry Reports
- Annual Giving Campaign Final Report
- 2017 Balance Sheet
- 2018 Detailed Budget Information
- Parish Statistics
- 2018 Vestry Candidates & Current Vestry Members



service calendar

Serving Today – January 14

Preacher Rev. Dana Runestad

Altar Guild Diane/Jerry Cuper, Penny Striegel,
Maribeth Sala-Gietzen

Lay Ministers

8:00 Susan Wainwright

10:00 Ken Sanders, Sister Magdalena, Penney Striegel

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse

10:00 Ella Binder, Clare Binder

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming

10:00 Patricia Ponte, Sal Cavallaro, Carolyn Setty

Serving Next Week – January 21 – 10am Worship

Preacher Rev. Dana Runestad

Altar Guild Rita Smith, Nancy Mitchell, Tracy McCord

Lay Ministers

10:00 James Boileau, Bev Cavallaro, Richard Dessin

Acolytes

10:00 Meganne Skoug, Karen Sole

Ushers

10:00 Dave Smith, Jane Libbing, Sue Skaggs, Paul Kapusky

Have you made a New Year's resolution to become more involved at SJP? We are in need of volunteers in several areas of ministry: Altar Guild, Readers, Communion Assistants, Acolytes, Ushers, Counters, and Coffee Hour Hosts. If you would like to volunteer or learn more about a ministry, please contact Phyllis in the church office and she will direct you to the correct ministry chair.

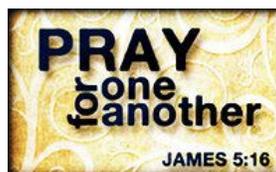
ST. JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

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.

Vicki G.	John H.
Lexy	Sharon M.
Richard Baldwin	April Cooke
Cheryl Crouse	John Culotta
Jon Eissler	Daniel Harris II
Jeff Holland	Janis Kljun
Justin Rush	Donald Walker

For those in uniform

Carly Bair, US Navy
Taylor Blair, US Army
Thomas Dolce, US Air Force
Joe James, US Army
Nate Jesgarz, US Navy
Matthew J. Mitchell, US Navy
Dylan Racine, US Army
Ian Smith, US Navy



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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

SUNDAY, January 14

Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 10:00am

Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:45-11:45am

Sunday School.....9:45am

Coffee Hour – Gathering.....11:15am

SJP Choir Practice.....11:15am

Joyful Noise Youth Choir.....11:15am

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

PFLAG Meeting.....3:00pm

MONDAY, January 15

Detroit Concert Choir Rehearsal.....6:00am

Narcotics Anonymous.....7:00pm

Stock Club.....7:00pm

TUESDAY, January 16

Bible Study.....9:30am

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

WEDNESDAY, January 17

Wednesday Women's Study.....9:30am

Midweek Prayer Service.....11:00am

THURSDAY, January 18

OA Meeting.....8:30am

Men's Group.....10:00am

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

FRIDAY, January 19

SATURDAY, January 20

Men's Study & Fellowship.....7:30am

Al Anon Meeting8:00am

SUNDAY, January 21

Sunday Holy Eucharist10:00am ONLY

Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:45-11:45am

Sunday School.....9:45am

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL

MEETING & POTLUCK.....11:15am

