

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.

AUMBRY LIGHT DEDICATION



TODAY'S AUMBRY LIGHT DEDICATION
In Memory of Al Engelhardt

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DANA

*Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church, gathered today.*

This is the theme of our Sundays during these dark, cold Epiphany days of January. We sing these words as our offerings are brought forward each week. And Christ is our light as we gather around Word and Meal, with Christ as our center and us in community around that center.

I've noticed many of you don't come to worship every Sunday, or even every other Sunday. It seems to be "hit or miss." Maybe once a month or so. One family even introduced themselves to me by saying, "We come every few months." I'm curious about that.

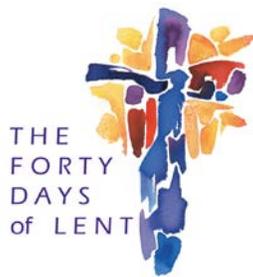
It brings to mind a story. Several centuries ago in a mountain village in Europe, a wealthy nobleman wondered what legacy he should leave to his townspeople. He made a good decision. He decided to build them a church. No one was permitted to see the plans or the inside of the church until he was finished. At its grand opening, the people gathered and marveled at the beauty of the new church.

Everything had been thought of and included. It was a masterpiece. But then someone said, "Wait a minute! Where are the lamps? It is really quite dark in here. How will the church be lighted?" The nobleman pointed to some brackets in the walls, and then he gave each family a lamp, which they were to bring with them each time they came to worship. "Each time you are here," the nobleman said, "the place where you are seated will be lighted. Each time you are not here, that place will be dark. This is to remind you that Whenever you fail to come to church, some part of God's house will be dark."

As a community of faith, each person's presence is the light of Christ. We hold the Christ light for each other. And when you're not here, we notice. You are missed!

Faithfully,
Pastor Dana

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS



LENT IS COMING (and FAST)!

Believe it or not, Ash Wednesday is February 14. It's coming so fast on the heels of Christmas, plans are still being finalized. But we do know this: you can start planning now to join your faith community on Wednesday evenings February 14–March 21. We'll share a simple supper of soup, salad and bread. We'll worship together for Evening Prayer and hear five different saints of St. John's share their faith stories.

Ash Wednesday Holy Communion & Imposition of Ashes

February 14 at 12:00pm & 7:00pm

SJP Joyful Noise & Adult Choirs will be performing at the 7:00pm service. Handbells will rehearse at 5:30pm, SJP Houseband will rehearse at 6:00pm that evening. *(If you are an adult who would like to join the choir for this one evening, just show up at rehearsal at 6:00pm that evening or contact Liza at lmaidens@stjohnsplymouth.org if you have questions).*

Evening Prayer & Faith Stories at 7:00pm

February 21: April Cooke

February 28: Joe Sabo

March 7: Becky Nickels

March 14: Teri Long

March 21: Howard Zuckerman

Lenten Soup Suppers

Wednesdays ~ February 21–March 21 at 6:00pm

Coordinate one of the Soup Suppers

Sign up on the Sign-Me-Up board in the hallway. Once you are signed up for a certain Wednesday, contact Phyllis in the church office and we can post sign-ups for volunteers to help you with food, set-up and clean-up if you wish.

Lenten Bible Studies

Wednesdays at 9:30am then repeated at 8:00pm

Mardi Gras Night

Sunday, February 11 at 5:00pm

An evening for the whole congregation which will include dinner, games and skits.



Centering Prayer Workshop – Repeat of Introduction

Saturday, February 3 from 10am–12pm

Centering Prayer Group

Tuesdays beginning in February from 5:15–6:45pm and Wednesdays from 9:00–9:30am; *Includes a 30 minute "sit," a teaching, and opportunity to share about your CP practice.*

Sermon Discussion

Sundays beginning February 11 after 10:00am worship. Questions can be directed to Betsy Sole at 734-420-6973 or fredandbetsy41@gmail.com.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



- **Worship Assistant Volunteers:** Have you made a New Year's resolution to become more involved at SJP? If you would like to know more about what is involved, contact the chair of the following ministries –
 - **Altar Guild** – Prepare for communion and set the altar
Beth Wideman at 734-722-0373
 - **Readers and Communion Assistants** –
Ken Sanders at 734-354-6968 or webi98@yahoo.com
 - **Acolytes** – *Youth grades 5 and up* – Torch-bearer, Gospel-bearer or Cross-bearer
Bruce Campbell at 734-771-4087 or frbruce@wyan.org
 - **Ushers** – Assist with bulletins, offering & communion
Robert Hurley at 313-805-0766 or rhurley1@ford.com
 - **Counters** – Count and deposit offerings
Dave Smith at 734-662-7460 or dtsmith10@gmail.com
- **Decorators:** We are looking for volunteers to decorate for Lent, Pentecost, etc. If you would like to learn more, contact Pr. Dana at pastordana@stjohnsplymouth.org or 734-765-1141.
- **Music Volunteers:**
 - We always welcome people wanting to join the SJP Choir, Houseband or Handbells.
 - Adult or teen volunteers to help with the Joyful Noise Choir as a room monitor.
 - To learn more about music dept. opportunities, contact Liza Calisesi Maidens, SJP Music Director after service or at lmaidens@stjohnsplymouth.org

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.

VOLUNTEER TO TAKE PAPER RECYCLING

We are in need of a volunteer to take our paper recycling to the paper recycle bin next door to the West Middle School property. Papers would need to be taken on a semi-monthly or monthly basis. Interested? Contact Phyllis in the office at 734-453-0190 or pikagami@stjohnsplymouth.org.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Dates have been set for SJP's 2018 outreach ministries and calendars get filled up quickly so mark these dates now!

Crossroads: February 18, Sept 15, Dec. 22 & 23

Gleaners: April 21, November date pending

St. John's Annual Congregational Meeting Today, January 21 ~ Beginning at 10am

Worship

ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED FOR LUNCH AND THE ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWING THE SERVICE. 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.

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:

- 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

If you aren't able to attend today's Annual Meeting, please make sure to pick up the 2017 Annual Report. You will find many interesting pictures, words, statistics and financial information sharing another year in the life of SJP and the exciting future we will share in the year to come. You can find the booklet on the table in the entrance hallway.



Offering Envelopes - 2018 Offering Envelopes have been placed in mailboxes. If you would like envelopes, call the office or email pikegami@stjohnsplymouth.org.

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.



Many open date for ALTAR FLOWER OR 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*).

service calendar

SERVING TODAY – January 21 – 10am WORSHIP

Preacher Rev. Dana Runestad

Altar Guild Rita Smith, Nancy Mitchell, Tracy McCord

Lay Ministers

10:00 James Boileau, Bev Cavallaro, Krista Dessin

Acolytes

10:00 Meganne Skoug, Karen Sole

Ushers

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

SERVING NEXT WEEK – January 28

Preacher Rev. George Davinich

Altar Guild Beth Wideman, Pat Sonntag, Irene Jarrell

Lay Ministers

8:00 Susan Wainwright

10:00 Larry Brandenburg, Krista Dessin, Patricia Ponte, Becky Nickels

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse

10:00 Maria McCord, Casey McCord, Bennett Watson

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming

10:00 Patricia Ponte, Robert Hurley, Alan Taracuk

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.
Maisie J.	Lexy
Sharon M.	Kim Adams
Richard Baldwin	April Cooke
Cheryl Crouse	John Culotta
Jon Eissler	Daniel Harris II
Jeff Holland	Janis Kljun
Pat Nickels	Justin Rush
Donald Walker	The family of Reg Gerig Sr.

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 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 21

Sunday Holy Eucharist10:00am ONLY

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

Sunday School.....9:45am

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL

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

MONDAY, January 22

Narcotics Anonymous.....7:00pm

TUESDAY, January 23

Bible Study.....9:30am

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

WEDNESDAY, January 24

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

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

SJP Handbells Rehearsal.....6:00pm

SJP Houseband Rehearsal.....6:30pm

THURSDAY, January 25

OA Meeting.....8:30am

Diocesan Training Program.....9:00am

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

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

FRIDAY, January 26

SATURDAY, January 27

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

Al Anon Meeting8:00am

SUNDAY, January 28

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

Property Commission Meeting.....Sunday, February 4

PFLAG Meeting.....Sunday, February 11

BeFriender's Meeting.....Monday, February 12

Ash Wednesday.....Wednesday, February 14