

Journey Pages

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

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(734)-453-0190 TUESDAY THRU FRIDAY 9:30AM - 3:30PM

*Good Morning and Welcome to
St. John's Plymouth!*

We hope your experience in worship inspires and equips you to love and serve God and God's people in the world. We hope you are able to connect with God, with yourself, and with others here through God's Word, song and prayer, and the meal of Holy Communion. Please take a moment to fill out the "Get Connected" card in the rack in front of you so we might follow up with a personal contact. You can learn more about St. John's Plymouth by visiting www.stjohnsplymouth.org. You can learn more about the Episcopal Church, of which we are a part, by visiting www.episcopalchurch.org.

This is an exciting and challenging time for St. John's. We are in a time of transition between rectors (senior pastors). That means we are taking the time to engage in a process of discovery, exploring questions like "Who are we?" "What's going on here?" "Who are our neighbors?" and "What is God calling us to be and do in this place at this time?" Another way to say it is, "Be who you are, see what you have, do what matters to God." Because we have an interim rector, we have the luxury of taking the time to be thorough about this process. We are preparing to live into the next chapter God has in store, and call our next rector who has the gifts, skills and passion to help lead us there.

In the meantime, we worship, learn and serve together in the name of Christ. Explore these pages to see where you might engage. Wherever you may be on your journey, we invite you to join us on ours!

AUMBRY LIGHT & ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS



TODAY'S AUMBRY LIGHT DEDICATION
In Memory of Mary Wideman

WHO ARE WE? WHAT DO WE VALUE? WHAT PRINCIPLES OUGHT TO BE GUIDING US?

It's another step on the journey of discovery during this time of transition, another piece in the "identity" segment. Come to St. John's nave **SATURDAY MORNING MAY 19 FROM 9AM-NOON** and engage the process. Everyone is welcome. Childcare will be provided.

Help clarify our core values and guiding principles. Why?

Values are the commitments that shape the way we do our work. If the mission defines what SJP exists to do, values describe the commitments that will be honored in fulfilling the mission. Guiding principles put those values in action form. This event in the discovery process will help us get clarity about what is most important within our faith community.

Guiding principles are the central things that are to be held to in all circumstances by all members of the community, including the Rector and Vestry. They are the non-negotiables. By discerning them and articulating them ahead of time, they become useful in the midst of difficult decisions. It is vital to be clear about them and to agree to them, not out of a sense of legalism, but out of a desire to attain the vision that God has for us. They may conflict with current practices.

Guiding principles are:

1. Directly related to the biblical values of Jesus and God's vision for the church in mission.
2. Only meaningful in the context of God's purpose
3. Articulated in ways that will be helpful in making decisions on the journey
4. Clear enough and few enough to be helpful
5. Ideals to which all members of the SJP community agree to be held accountable, including members, leaders, staff, vestry, and rector.

For more on the Discovery Process, see the next page.

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND NOTES

Food Pantry Update: At their meeting on Saturday, March 24, 2018, the Diocesan Council of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan approved a Social Service Ministries grant for the food pantry at St. John's, Plymouth in the amount of \$1,012. Special thanks to Jr. Warden April Cooke and to food pantry coordinator Teri Long and her sidekick Dave for their work to make this happen!

Your donations to the food pantry are much appreciated – and we still need you to bring them and place them in the shopping cart in the narthex on Sunday mornings. Please be sure, however, to **bring in food that has not yet expired**. Check the expiration dates. Food that has expired has to be disposed of. Thank you again for your generosity! You are helping SJP feed the hungry in our community.

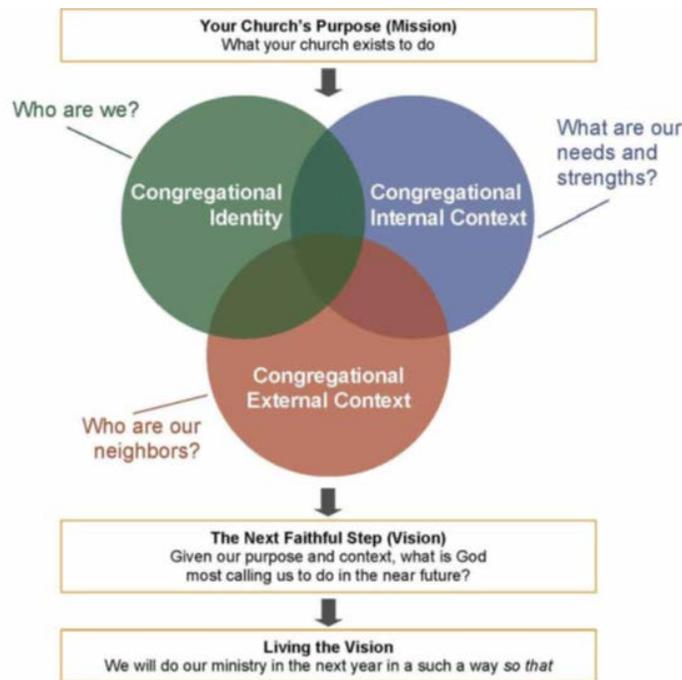
Confirmation May 15 Confirmation for the Trinity Deanery, of which SJP is a part, is Tuesday May 15 at 7 pm. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 200 W St Paul St, Brighton, MI 48116. Planning to affirm their faith are Maria Ballas, Jane Hepp and Amy Hepp. Pastor Bruce Campbell has been guiding them through the process with assistance from Pastor Dana. Please join them in witnessing this pivotal step on their journeys in faith.

The next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday June 12 at 7 pm. This will be a conventional parish council meeting and not combined with any aspect of the Discovery Process. It is postponed a month because of the Confirmation service scheduled by the diocese on May 15.

In Memoriam Victor Lindberg SJP member Victor Lindberg died Monday night April 23 at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia after a long illness. He is survived by, among others, SJP members Edith Lindberg (his spouse) and his son Pete Lindberg and his spouse Janie. *Rest eternal grant him, oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.* Our deepest sympathy to Edith, Pete and Janie. A memorial service is being planned for the end of May. We will keep you posted as to the date and time.

DISCOVERY PROCESS

WHAT DO THOSE CIRCLES mean?



I. Identity

Who are we?

Mission or Purpose
Culture
Heritage
Values/Guiding Principles

II. Internal Context

Our needs and strengths

Internal data trends report
Congregational Survey
Needs Discussion and Gallery Walk
Congregational Strengths discussion

III. External Context

Who are our neighbors?

Community Demographic Trends
Neighborhood Walk
Community Mapping
Community Conversations

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

We offer prayers for those who have requested inclusion on our prayer list. Add names at our prayer station in the Narthex. Prayers continue for 30 days.

SJP and the Discovery Process

Lexy and Family	Molly Cooke
Barb Turnbull	Cheryl Crouse
John Culotta	Jeff Holland
Janis Kljun	John Urso
Gary Friedman	V. Green

Family of Kathy Gassel
Family of Pat Nickels, *Mother of Becky Nickels*

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
Sierra Cavallaro - U.S. Marines
Dylan Racine - U.S. Army
Taylor Blair - U.S. Army
Nate Jesgarz - U.S. Navy



Serving Sunday - APRIL 29

Preacher Pastor Dana Runestad
Altar Guild Beth Wideman, Tracy McCord, Penny Striegel
Lay Ministers
8:00 Ralph Reeves
10:00 Dick Bass, Patricia Ponte, Sr. Magdalena, Richard Dessin

Acolytes

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

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming
10:00 Dave Smith, Jane Libbing, Virginia Warden

Serving Next Week - May 6

Preacher Pastor Dana Runestad

Altar Guild Jan Mcleod, Pat Sonntag, Beth Wideman

Lay Ministers

8:00 Ralph Reeves

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY, April 29

Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 10:00am
Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:45-11:45am
Sunday School.....9:45am
Joyful Noise Youth Choir.....11:15am
SJP Choir Practice.....11:15am
Coffee Hour - Gathering.....11:15am
Confirmation Class.....11:15am

MONDAY, April 30

Detroit Concert Choir Rehearsal.....6:00pm
Narcotics Anonymous.....7:00pm

TUESDAY, May 1

NO Bible Study.....9:30am
Food Pantry.....2:00-4:00pm
Centering Prayer.....5:30pm
Whitaker Meeting.....6:30pm

WEDNESDAY, May 2

Centering Prayer.....8:45am
Women's Bible Study.....9:30am
Staff Meeting.....12:00pm

THURSDAY, May 3

Men's Group Departs for St. Leo's.....8:30am
OA Meeting.....8:30am
Diocesan Priest - Developer Group.....10:00am
Food Pantry.....2:00-4:00pm

SATURDAY, May 5

Diocesan Ministry Fair - Lansing.....9:00am-4:00pm
Men's Study & Fellowship.....7:30am
Al Anon Meeting8:00am

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Property Commission Meeting.....9:00am
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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 5: Ministry Fair in Lansing
May 8: New parish office manager Kate MacEwen starts (Welcome Kate!)
May 15: Confirmation at St. Paul's Brighton, 7 pm
May 19: Core Values/Guiding Principles Discovery Event 9-noon
Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving for Pets Who Have Died 2pm
May 22: Wine tasting fundraiser for the Church at Crossroads

MINISTRY Fair 2018

WATERS OF RECONCILIATION: TURNING AGAIN TO CHRIST

Sat., May 5, 9-4pm
St. Paul's, Lansing



Keynote Speaker: Rev. Melanie Mullen, Director of Reconciliation, Justice and Creation Care for the Episcopal Church.

“The Rev. Mullen brings a unique blend of experiences and gifts to this position,” Spellers said. “She’s a trained community organizer with a heart for building teams and leading communities to make a difference. She has demonstrated

a passion for environmental justice and economic justice. She knows parishes, she knows Capitol Hill and she knows the trenches, and she’s ready to work with our already strong team to take the Episcopal Church’s engagement around reconciliation, justice and creation care even deeper.”

There will be 18 exciting workshops designed to form and to inform us as disciples; disciples who, through the Waters of Reconciliation, are Turning Again To Christ.

Registration is \$15 with a box lunch available at an additional cost of \$10.00. A vegetarian option is also available.

Reception & Benefit For The Church at Crossroads

Tuesday, May 22
6 - 9pm

House of Pure Vin Wine Shop
1433 Woodward Ave.
Detroit, MI



Sample wine & food pairings
curated by sommeliers & expert staff

Tickets: \$100, available at www.edomi.org/crossroads

Space is limited, early registration is encouraged.
Can't attend? Donations are also gratefully accepted.

***Note: The Church at Crossroads is led by SJP's own Rev. Teresa (Sasinowski) Wakeen.**

Visit <https://www.edomi.org/crossroads/> to learn what it's about.

ON DISCERNING a VISION

FROM LOVETT H. WEEMS, JR.'S BOOK, *"TAKE THE NEXT STEP"*

“A temptation that church leaders seem to face almost ceaselessly,” says George Thompson, *“is thinking about the future as basically a continuation of the past.”* A new vision is not a redoing of what we have done in the past. The task is not one of repeating past success. Thompson suggests an exercise in *“Projecting heritage”* as a means of *“following meaning out of where it has been and into where it could be.”* The task is *“applying lived meaning to the future.”*