

Journey Pages

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

574 S. SHELDON ROAD, PLYMOUTH, MI 48170
(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

Dedicate an aumbry light or altar flowers in honor of, in memory of or in celebration of a life event on the Sign-Me-Up board in the hallway. 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).



WHAT'S AT THE CORE OF IT ALL?

LET'S FIND OUT TOGETHER!

AS PART OF OUR DISCOVERY PROCESS WE NEED YOUR HELP
TO IDENTIFY ST. JOHN'S CORE VALUES.

Values are the commitments that shape the way any organization does its work. Values describe the commitments that will be honored in fulfilling the mission. Values can be thought of as the guidelines and boundaries within which the organization will function to accomplish its mission. Each congregation has its distinct sacred bundle of core values. Some may not be lived out consistently, but those values still have great power if they are part of how the congregation sees itself. Thinking about core values helps a congregation get clarity about what is most important within its faith community.

There is a form in the bulletin today for you to write down what you think are the three to five main core values of our church. If you are not able to leave your response today you may send an email to sjpdiscovery@gmail.com with CORE VALUES in the subject line.

Identify three to five values that are an essential part of the life and work of St. John's.

Please feel free to elaborate or add any comments on what you have written.

Help discern SJP's Guiding principles at a workshop

Saturday morning, May 19th 9am - Noon.

*Guiding Principles help put core values
into action statements!*

CONGREGATIONAL NEWS AND NOTES

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 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.

SHARE YOUR STORY ~ SHARE YOUR VOICE

A time to gather around food and share memories for the sake of the future. As SJP prepares for the process of calling a new rector, it's important to realize you are not called to become something entirely new. Rather, your call is to become more of the best of what you have been. This is not to repeat the past. Rather, you will draw from your heritage what is most needed for the current day and translate that heritage for a new time. For the heritage to be useful for the future, it must be released out of the past. If the goal is to write a new chapter in St. John's story, then it is essential that the story be thoroughly understood and respected, and that the new chapter pick up and advance the plot, language, themes and characters that have made up the previous chapters. Three separate events (times and dates will be announced next week) will be offered to share "iconic" stories that depict what life was like at St. John's in each chapter so far. *What kernels, what spirit, would God want you to carry into the future? What is best left behind? It's all part of the discovery process.*

WELCOME KATE MACEWEN!



Kate MacEwen (right) pictured with her husband, attorney Guy Conti, and her horse.

Welcome Kate MacEwen! Kate is our new part time parish office manager. She starts on Tuesday, May 8. Kate has more than 14 years of business and nonprofit fund development experience in human services and arts and cultural organizations. In 2016 Kate chose to leave fundraising to work for her stepmother's company, ezbake technologies, where she serves as the VP of Sales and Marketing. While this position is challenging, it is also flexible and allows for part time employment in addition to her work with her family business. Kate found she missed interacting with people, especially those with a passion for social justice, and decided to apply for the position at St. John's Episcopal Church.

Kate has an undergraduate degree in voice performance and political science from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in communication from Eastern Michigan University. Kate is committed to her community and serves on the St. Joseph Mercy Holiday Ball Committee, is the chair of the Leslie Science Center's Mayfly Gala, participates with her horse for Camp Casey, an organization that helps chronically and terminally ill children with a horse camp experience, and is a board member of the Arbor Opera Theater. Kate is married to Guy Conti, an attorney, and is proudly owned by a pack of spitz dogs and a 19hh Percheron draft horse. Kate and Guy reside northeast of Ann Arbor in Superior Township and are looking forward to celebrating their 10th wedding anniversary in June.

Thank you all for your patience during this transition and thank you to Jacob Carroll for "holding the fort" during the month of April. Now we will ask for your patience again as Kate acclimates herself to her responsibilities and to all of us at SJP.

Again, welcome Kate!

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

Barb Turnbull

John Culotta

Janis Kljun

Gary Friedman

Edith Lindberg

Molly Cooke

Cheryl Crouse

Jeff Holland

John Urso

V. Green

Family of Kathy Gassel

Family of Pat Nickels, *Mother of Becky Nickels*

Family of Victor Lindberg

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 - May 6

Preacher Pastor Dana Runestad

Altar Guild Jan Mcleod, Pat Sonntag,

Beth Wideman

Lay Ministers

8:00 Susan Wainwright

10:00 Becky Nickels, Sr. Magdalena,

Bev Cavallaro

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse

10:00 Meganne Skoug, Karen Sole, Kenji Sole

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming

10:00 Dave Smith, Robert Hurley, Sal Cavallaro

Serving Next Week - May 13

Preacher Pastor Dana Runestad

Altar Guild Dianne/Jerry Cuper, Penny Striegel, Irene

Jarrell/Vicki Pratt

Lay Ministers

8:00 Ralph Reeves

10:00 Howard Zuckerman, James Boileau, Carolyn Setty

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse

Ushers

8:00 Dee Fleming

10:00 Patricia Ponte, Jane Libbing

Serving
one
another

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY, May 6

Sunday Holy Eucharist8:00 & 10:00am

Property Commission Meeting.....9:00am

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, May 7

Narcotics Anonymous.....7:00pm

TUESDAY, May 8

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

Centering Prayer.....5:30pm

WEDNESDAY, May 9

Centering Prayer.....8:45am

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

Healing & Holy Eucharist Service.....11:00am

Staff Meeting.....12:00pm

THURSDAY, May 10

OA Meeting.....8:30am

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

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

SATURDAY, May 12

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

Al Anon Meeting8:00am

Mayumi Sole - Studio Recital.....3:30pm

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PFLAG Meeting - Gathering.....3:00pm



DATES TO REMEMBER

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, 9-12pm

Service of Remembrance, Thanksgiving for Pets Who Have

Died, 2pm

May 22: Wine tasting fundraiser for *The Church at Crossroads*

PAW PRINTS MEMORIAL SERVICE
SATURDAY MAY 19, 2 PM



Addison's Place
A Pet Grief Foundation

Founded 2018

St. John's is partnering with Jennifer Williams, the *Pawsitive Pet Care Team*, and her new non-profit - *Addison's Place: A Pet Grief Foundation* to offer an opportunity to mark the death of a pet in a service of thanksgiving and remembrance.

Bring a picture of your pet.

Are you an animal lover? Would you like to help with this ministry? See Pastor Dana. PD will be leading the service.

Know a pet lover who is grieving? Invite them!

Please RSVP no later than Sunday, May 13, 2018 to:
pawsitivepetmassage@aol.com

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.

SAVE THE DATE

JUNE 10TH ANNUAL PICNIC & OUTDOOR SERVICE

Join us for an outdoor service, and a celebration of the young people of the congregation, followed by our annual picnic! 10am at Plymouth Township park, located on Ann Arbor Trail rd.

A PRAYER FOR TRANSITION

By Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971)

O God,
Who has made us creatures of time,
So that every tomorrow is unknown country,
And every decision a venture in faith:
Grant us, frail children of the day,
Who are yet blind to the future,
To move toward it in the sure confidence of your love,
From which neither life nor death can ever separate us.
Amen.