

Journey Pages

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

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You are welcome and wanted here today!

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. Again, welcome home. Open your heart today and let God do something wonderful.

SIGN UP FOR SJP'S WEEKLY ONLINE JOURNEY NOTES!

Sign up for SJP's weekly online E-news in one of 3 ways:

- 1) Filling out a "Get Connected" card found in the pew
- 2) Via our website at www.stjohnsplymouth.org
- 3) Call the church office at 734-453-0190.

Then find us on Facebook @StJohnsEpiscopalPlymouth



TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

*In Memory of
Caroline Fenwick*

TRANSITION UPDATE

A transition update from your vestry

As we noted in last week's update, we continue to work with the Diocese to select and call an interim priest to lead our congregation during the period of discernment (normally one to two years) prior to calling a new full-time rector to St. John's. Our process is guided by a comprehensive manual from the Diocese based on the past experiences and best practices of other congregations. We are making good progress on this step and hope to have more specifics to share with you in the very near future.

This past Tuesday, your Parish Council met in the Gathering to get updates on what's happening in our ministries, communicate upcoming key events and celebrate our successes.



Are you interested in exploring new opportunities to serve at St. John's? In the coming months each of these ministries will be making presentations so you will be aware of the many opportunities available. St. John's is truly blessed with incredibly talented and gifted members.

Your St. John's vestry members

Shelley Zalewski, Senior Warden
Liz Covey-Dwyer, Junior Warden
Beth Frolick-Rapson, Treasurer
Sherry Bass
Anne Dehne
Linda Griffin
April Cooke
Mark Eissler
Liz Needleman



**PASTORAL CARE ISSUES
DURING THE TRANSITION**

For pastoral care issues that may arise in the weeks to come, please call Senior Warden Shelley Zalewski at 248-756-2420. Aided by a priest in the area and/or a SJP Eucharistic Visitor, we will work to address the need promptly.

FAMILY MINISTRIES

**SUNDAY SCHOOL
BEGINS TODAY!**

9:45am in ROOM #4



Come DIG IN! All children Pre-K–grade 6 are invited to attend our faith formation classes. This fall we kick off “DIG IN, The Bible in one year” program. The DIG IN program takes kids on a fun journey through the Bible where they discover what they have in common with the people God has always loved and worked through. This first quarter we will cover Bible lessons from Genesis through the Birth of Christ. Please contact Jayne Watson for more information.

If you haven’t registered your child as yet, you may register online at www.stjohnsplymouth.org.



**JOYFUL NOISE YOUTH CHOIR~ KINDERGARTEN-GRADE 8
TODAY IS OUR FIRST REHEARSAL!**

All youth are invited to participate in the SJP Joyful Noise Choir, our youth music session at 11:15-11:45am following the service every Sunday in the Music Annex. This program is aimed toward bringing music to our youth and connecting families. The choir will sing during special services throughout the year. Below are fall performance dates:

Sunday, Oct. 29 ~ Pipes Spooktacular Concert
Sunday, Nov. 5 ~ All Saints Sunday
Sunday, Dec. (TBD) ~ Advent/Christmas Music

For more information, email Jacob Carroll, our SJP Music Scholar at jacobcarrollsings@gmail.com.

JOIN OUR NEW PARENT SMALL GROUP

Do you ever feel you could use the support and fellowship of other parents? This might be a group for you! Several parents will be meeting weekly on Sundays at 11:15am for coffee and fellowship (some of their children will be busy in the Joyful Noise Choir). Please join us in the Gathering!



wednesday prayer service
10:30am in the sanctuary

This is a mid-week opportunity to gather and pray for the needs of those in our parish, our community and the world. Join us in the sanctuary at 10:30am, following the women’s bible study. Eucharist will be offered the 1st Wednesday of each month.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



**SMALL BUT MIGHTY:
THE SJP FOOD PANTRY**

Our Food Pantry is on a roll – providing an increasing number of needy local families with essential grocery and household products. Through early September, 205 families (that’s more than 800 people!) were provided with 685 bags of groceries through the SJP Food Pantry in 2017.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP THIS MOMENTUM GOING! It’s easy to play a part in this vital ministry: check out the board in the Narthex where current donation needs are posted. Take one or more of the cards from the board as a reminder for your next grocery trip; then bring the item or items back to SJP and place them in the red wagon.

Many thanks to our Food Pantry volunteers: Teri & Dave Long (co-chairs), Tracy Hallisy, Cecilia Haslam, Irene Jarrell, Lu Pilgrim, and Vicki Pratt. Thanks to Teri & Dave for planting and harvesting the vegetable garden (behind the youth house) and also picking up Panera Bread on each Monday evening to be able to share these extra items with visitors to the pantry! We also thank the SJP community for your generous donations to those in need in our area, please know the many visitors are very appreciative!

SJP FINANCES

FINANCIAL UPDATE ~ SJP OFFERINGS

Operating offerings for the month of August were \$10K lower than budgeted and Year-to-Date is \$7.3K below budget.

OPERATING OFFERINGS	AUGUST 2017	YTD 2017
Actual	\$21,423	\$250,876
Budget	\$31,523	\$258,135
Actual vs Budget	(\$10,100)	(\$7,259)

Our goal this year is for offerings to exceed our budget so we will not need to spend money from cash reserves to cover expenses.

SJP GIVING STATEMENTS

SJP Giving Statements for the period of January-August 2017 will be mailed to your home in the next week. Please take a few minutes to review the giving history in this statement. If you believe any portion of this statement to be in error, please contact the St. John’s Treasurer Beth Frolick-Rapson at 248-765-0889 or elizabeth.frolick@ally.com with questions. We thank you for your generous support of the mission and ministry of St. John’s.

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.

Alex	Chick
Dave	Donald
Lexy	Bob & Tom Cooper
Cheryl Crouse	Jeff Holland
MaryEllen Judd	Janis Kljun
Susan Lutz	Marilyn Mason
Tracy McCord	Justin Rush
Becky Skoug	Pat Sonntag
Carl Spradlin	Bernie Weiner
The Barker family	The Baldwin Family
The Polk 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



SERVING TODAY - SEPTEMBER 17

Preacher Rev. Sally Boelter
Altar Guild Beth Wideman,
Maribeth Sala-Gietzen



Lay Ministers

8:00 Susan Wainwright
10:00 Krista Dessin, Lynn Rison, Carolyn Setty

Acolytes

8:00 Maya Crouse, Ryan Crouse
10:00 Jocelyn Dessin, Ella Binder, Clare Binder

Ushers

8:00 Linda Reeves, Joe Sabo
10:00 Dave Smith, Robert Hurley, Sue Skaggs

SERVING NEXT WEEK - SEPTEMBER 24

Preacher Rev. Sharon Voelker
Altar Guild Jan McLeod, Penny Striegel,
Nancy Mitchell

Lay Ministers

8:00 Ralph Reeves
10:00 Becky Nickels, Howard Zuckerman

Acolytes

8:00
10:00 Michael Zuckerman, Casey McCord,
Maria McCord

Ushers

8:00 Linda Reeves, Joe Sabo
10:00 Patricia Ponte, Jane Libbing, Martha James

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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

SUNDAY, September 17

Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00am
Crossroads Soup Kitchen (Carpool 8:30am).....9:00am
Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:30-11:30am
Sunday School.....9:45am
Coffee & Tea-Gathering.....11:15am
Choir Practice.....11:15am
Joyful Noise Youth Choir.....11:15am
Parent Small Group.....11:15am

MONDAY, September 18

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

TUESDAY, September 19

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

WEDNESDAY, September 20

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

THURSDAY, September 21

OA Meeting.....8:30am
Men's Group.....10:00am
Food Pantry.....2:00-4:00pm

FRIDAY, September 22

SATURDAY, September 23

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

SUNDAY, September 24

Sunday Holy Eucharist 8:00 & 10:00am
Nursery (infant-3yrs)9:30-11:30am
Sunday School.....9:45am
Coffee & Tea-Gathering.....11:15am
Choir Practice.....11:15am
Joyful Noise Youth Choir.....11:15am
Parent Small Group.....11:15am



Dates to Remember

Vestry Meeting.....Tuesday, Sept. 26
Handbell Rehearsal.....Wednesday, Sept. 27
Houseband Rehearsal.....Wednesday, Sept. 27
Property Commission MtgSunday, Oct. 1