

# St. George's Episcopal Church, Milford

## April 16, 2026 EBlast



### An Update from the Church at the Crossroads

#### The Good News Crew (GNC) Celebrates Palm Saturday

*You are likely quite familiar with Palm Sunday, when Jesus entered Jerusalem the week of his death. The people waved palms and cried out, "Hosanna", a plea for salvation: "Save us!"*

*It's a lot to take in. And the Good News Crew students walked the path of Palm Sunday, right through the events of Holy Week.*

*So what did the GNC do? We sang "Hosanna" and waved our blessed palms. We washed each other's feet to remember that we are part of Jesus' servanthood, hearing Jesus' commandment to love one another. We drank juice and ate bread to remember that Jesus feeds us with his own body in self-giving love.*

*We followed Jesus to his arrest and trial, receiving our own crosses to wear. In Golgatha, we witnessed his crucifixion and burial in the new tomb. With our hearts, words, and breath, we prayed. And waited.*

*Finally, we moved to the chapel and experienced the Easter story through Godly Play. Disciples searching, an empty tomb, confusion.*

*Then alone in the garden, Mary Magdalene sees the Lord. He speaks to her. "Mary! Go, tell the other disciples." Announcing the Easter proclamation, she hurries and tells them, "I have seen the Lord."*

*Dismissing to our meal and art projects, student Ethan Hill offered a beautiful prayer of thanks! We enjoyed a wonderful taco bar prepared by parishioner & chef Jeffrey Lacy and crew. We dyed Easter eggs and planted our own pansy gardens to remind us of new life in Christ.*

*Thank you to our beautiful students, their parents, and our dedicated and gifted Leadership Design Team (our teachers) for sharing this experience together.*

#### "Love Thy Neighbor" Dinner - An Amazing Evening!

*On Thursday evening, March 28th, The Church at Crossroads celebrated God's love for one another with **over 70 people**, including many neighborhood members and diocesan congregational friends. Some of us knew each other, but many were meeting for the first time—rich, poor, Black, white, suburban, urban, and across many differences. We gathered to celebrate and share the light that shines in each of us. By the end of the evening, we had become friends in God's love.*

#### A Visit by "Michael Jackson!"

*Talented and gifted neighbor, Tyuawn Brown -- Motown's own Michael Jackson impersonator -- shared Jackson's "Man in the Mirror" with us, rousing us to sing out and dance in our seats. He led some of us out of our seats to learn some classic Michael Jackson moves. Thank you, Tyuawn, for lightening our hearts and helping us to reflect a little deeper on who and what we want to be in the world.*

*God Bless,  
Rev. Teresa*

Thank you to all who engaged in the discipline of giving alms during Lent. Please return your mite boxes by this Sunday April 19. We will be blessing them during worship and praying for Rev Teresa and her important work at Church at the Crossroads.

See you Sunday,  
Rev. Michelle

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### Sunday April 19

8:30 am - Holy Eucharist Rite I Celebrant: Rev. Michelle  
In the Church

10:15 am - Holy Eucharist Rite II Celebrant: Rev. Michelle  
In the church & livestreamed

11:45am - Outdoor Worship Visioning Meeting

### Monday April 20

7:00pm - Vestry Meeting

### Wednesday April 29

1:00pm - Crochet for a Cause

6:30pm - Braver Angels

### Wednesday May 6

1:00pm - Crochet for a Cause

### Thursday May 7

11:00am - Outreach meeting

### Tuesday May 12

11:00am - ECW

### Wednesday May 13

7:00pm - Worship Committee Meeting

### Saturday May 16

8:00pm - LOK Outing - "Hello Dolly"

## Scam alert:

Some members are getting texts from an unknown number pretending to be Rev. Michelle, Deb or anyone else from the church will never ask you for money, gift cards or personal info by text or email. If anything seems fishy at all please call Rev. Michelle or the person texting you directly using the number in the directory. Scammers are using AI to make these scams more believable and effective. Please stay safe and take care of each other.

## Lenten Mite Box for the Church at Crossroads

If you are giving alms to Crossroads for Lent this year, it is time to return your mite boxes. Please return your alms to the fish in the sanctuary by Sunday April 19. We will bless them in worship that Sunday. PS. Ed and Margaret welcome you to convert your coins into a check or cash before you return them, but will take any offering you give :).

## Outdoor Worship Visioning Meeting April 19

Do you have ideas or opinions about how we can improve our outdoor worship experience? Join us after church on April 19 on the front lawn (weather permitting) to see if we can reenvision our outdoor

worship space and improve the experience for all our members and guests. Don't worry, we won't be worshipping outdoors until June, but we want to do some planning now. All experiences are welcome.

## Safe Church Training Thursday May 7

Do you need to take or renew your safe church training? The diocese is offering a Safe Church, Safe Communities In-Person Training at St. John's Episcopal Church, Plymouth (574 S Sheldon Rd, Plymouth, MI 48170) **Thursday, May 7, 2026 10:00 AM- 3:00 PM**. Bring a sack lunch, there is no cost for the training. Safe Church Training is required every 3 years for all active Vestry Members, EMs, EVs, Worship Leaders, Staff and anyone else in a leadership position. Register here to attend:

[www.edomi.org/safechurchtraining](http://www.edomi.org/safechurchtraining)

## October LOK Outing

Deb Lesnew needs a count for the Dio dinner theatre show on October 4th. We are seeing the Crucible. We plan on the afternoon show at 12:15. The cost will be around \$50. It can be less depending on the group size. It is non refundable. She needs a count by June 15. Please sign-up at church, on the Facebook Group or RSVP to Deb Lesnew.

## Ongoing Outreach Activities

Below is a list of things we are currently collecting for our ongoing outreach ministries. Check back often to see what we are up to

**Dress and other nice clothing** - Grace Centers of Hope Resale Shop - Middle of Hallway - through Feb

**Small Toiletries** - FedUp - Hallway Closest to Office - Ongoing

**Non-perishable food** - Community Sharing - Green bin in Narthex - Ongoing

**Used Grocery Bags** - Crochet for a Cause - Bins outside by plastic box or in back classroom - Ongoing

## Ongoing Ministries in Action:

### -Braver Angels

Monthly meetings have now been moved to the last Wednesday of the month working on depolarization. All are welcome. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm, skills practice at 7:00, and planning at 7:30, finishing at 8:00 pm. **The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 29th in the fellowship hall. See you then.**

### -Coffee Fellowship

Coffee Fellowship April Sign up is posted in the Fellowship Hall. **Please sign up to Host!** We also always need people to set-up & clean-up for Coffee Hour.

### -Crochet for a Cause

Making mats for those in need out of plastic grocery bags. 1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. We have a great time! **Next Meetings are April 15 & 29.**

### - Cookie Ministry - Supporting the AA groups that meet at our church

All four weeks of cookie donations each month continue to be covered by the Darcys, Mike Fanfair Sr., Vestry and Linda Gillepsie. Thank you for your ongoing support! Should one of these volunteers need a break, they will let Dot know and she will specifically reach out for additional help, if needed.

### -ECW (Episcopal Church Women)

ECW will continue to meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. **The next Meeting is Tuesday May 12 at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall.**

St. George's ECW is a small group of women committed to supporting the many activities of this church. All women members of the church are members of ECW and are encouraged to attend the meetings. Do come along and join us.

### - Healing Prayer

Provides laying on of hands and anointing for healing after worship at 8:30 & during communion at 10:15 service. The next Healing Prayers will be on **April 19 & May 3**. Healing Prayer can be offered at all other services by request.

### - LOK - Ladies of the Knight

**2026 Tentative Schedule.** Keeping check throughout the year for updates and more info.

May 16 at 8:00pm - Joyce Spletzer - Farmington Players "Hello Dolly"

June - Laura Frost & Deb Shomoch - Detroit River Cruise

Deb Lesnew & Beck Sheridan - Recycled Rockettes

July 18 - Ann Gatland - Summer Party

Sandy Scott - St Sabba's Orthodox Monastery

August 25-26 - Joyce Spletzer - Stratford Trip - see info above

September - Caroline Liebau - Mariners Church

October 4 - Deb Lesnew - Dio Dinner Theatre - see above for more info

November - Dot Vangel - Ford Rouge Tour

December 5 - Joyce Spletzer - Annual Christmas Party

### - Mens' Group

The Men's Group normally meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. All Men are invited to attend.

The **next meeting** is on **Wednesday April 15 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

Please see Mike F. Sr's upcoming email for more information.

## Keeping Your Faith Strong

### -Those in Our Prayers

**It is time for our periodic review of our prayer list, those who have been on the list for a long time will automatically come off, if you would like someone added back on, please let Rev. Michelle know or add it to the prayer request sheet in the Narthex.**

Please pray for our members, community members and friends in search of health, healing, wholeness and solace: *Annie E., Barry, Brett & Megan & Joshua, Carol R., Caroline, Cheryl, Denise, Dot V., Eric, Fred K., Helen, Janine C., Jeanne, Jim, Joan B., John E., Judi V., Katie M., Karen S., Kim, Leon, Lisa D., Lisa S., MaryLou, Matt, Michael B., Michelle M., Michelle R., Nancy B., Olivia S., Rebecca, Rick, the Sera Family, Sharon A., Sue H., Theresa A., Tara*

Loving God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: accept our prayers, and to those who seek healing, grant the power of your grace, that the weak may be strengthened, sickness turned to health, the dying made whole, and sorrow turned into joy; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

*Amen.* (Book of Occasional Services pg217)

### - Online Daily Office Schedule

Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. Morning Prayer

Fridays, 4 p.m. Evening Prayer

Sundays, 7 p.m. Compline

Do you join our Sunday worship online? A reliable and quick way to find our YouTube services (live or recorded) is from our website's "Watch" page, accessed from the top of the home page by clicking the

word "Watch." [Here's a direct link.](#) Want to participate in our Daily Office online? Those are on Facebook. [Here's the link.](#)

### **-Sermon Blog**


Ever hear something in worship and think, I wish I could look at that again or send it to a friend? Well now you can. Now St George's has a Sermon Blog. Weekly sermons and reflections will be posted here from now on. Rev. Michelle's sermons will appear on Sunday morning, Morning Prayer reflections will usually be up within a couple of days. Feel free to share! [St George's Sermon Blog](#)

### **When to contact the Priest:**

Please be in touch. I can only pray, help or connect you with resources if I know what is happening. Examples of when to contact the Priest: Birth, Death, Illness, Hospitalization, Difficulty in the Family, You would like to receive sacraments or a Pastoral visit, You have an idea or ministry you would like to discuss. I am usually in the office Wed and either Tues or Thurs 9:30-3. If you see my car in the lot, feel free to pop in. If I don't answer the phone make sure to leave a message or send a text and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

How to contact Rev. Michelle: **Phone/Text:** (734) 646-4064 or **Email:** [priest@stgmilford.com](mailto:priest@stgmilford.com)

### **-Forward Day by Day Devotions**

The May-July Booklets are available now to pick up in the Narthex. Let us know if you need one mailed/delivered to your house. The cost is \$2.00 for each booklet. Please reimburse us as you are able in the donation box nearby. I recommend a read! 

### **Community Events**