

St. George's Episcopal Church, Milford

Aug 7, 2025: EBlast



Back to College

Sr Warden Ruth Jeffrey and I had the great pleasure of attending the College for Congregational Development together this summer. And let me tell you it was a transformative experience. I have been to a lot of continuing education events in my 14 years of ministry and this was by far the best. Over the 6 days we have spent together at the Cathedral, Ruth and I learned a lot of new models and techniques to create growth and change in our congregation. We thought about our neighborhood and the needs in our community. We learned about how people enter a congregation and what current members can help (or hurt) that process. We learned about how to create change and overcome resistance. We learned about privilege and status and a new way to think about our roles in the world. All the while, we also got to practice our new skills in a wonderful and supportive small group and think about real world applications to what we were learning. Needless to say it was a busy week.

And now that we are back, we are eager to put our new skills into practice. We already used one of our new models at our summer Vestry retreat to check in on how our leaders are doing. And you will see more new things coming this fall including hopefully a workshop on social position and privilege and perhaps the introduction of some new musical styles in worship. And guess what, you could get in on the fun too. CCD is moving beyond the summer this year. The diocese is offering a Saturday program starting in November where you can learn the material Ruth and I learned over the course of 6 Saturdays in Nov, Dec & Jan. If that still seems like too big of a commitment, you could check out one of the free Saturday mini-courses (one of which may be at St G) starting on Sept 13. Please see Ruth or Rev. Michelle for more info.

See you Sunday,
Rev. Michelle

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Friday August 8-Sunday August 10

Milford Memories - Sign up to help with Parking

Sunday August 10

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

Tuesday Aug 12

11:00am - ECW Meeting

Sunday Aug 17

Rev. Anna Taylor McCants - Guest Preacher

Wednesday Aug 20

1:00pm - Crochet for a Cause

6:30pm - Men's Group

Sunday Aug 24

1:00pm - Holocaust Museum Tour

Tuesday Aug 26

6:00pm - Braver Angels

Milford Memories Aug 8-10

Parking for Milford Memories is our biggest fundraiser of the year. It funds all our Outreach Ministries and covers the cost of serving at the Crossroads Soup Kitchen and we can't do it without you! There are only a few slots left but we still need help

Saturday Morning and **Sunday Afternoon**. Use the QR code or follow the link below to sign up or check your time slot.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E44A8AD2EABF58-57528354-stgeorges>

Materials and instruction will be provided. See Mike Darcy, Mike Fanfair Sr. or Ruth Jeffrey for more info.

**FedUp Collection**

Pastor Anna will be coming to St. George's on August 17. You might like to support her shower ministry by donating towels, washcloths, trial/hotel sized toiletries, deodorant, etc. We are saving things for her on the pew in the back hallway by the office door.

LOK Outing to Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea

Join us Saturday Oct 11 at 3:00pm to see Norma & Wanda by Jeff Daniels. Cost is \$52.50, please see Becky Sheridan and pay for your ticket by August 10. Dinner to follow at Common Grill. Carpooling available. About the play: Two very different sisters get themselves into an outrageous pickle with an old high school boyfriend, a chaotic church social and a secret family recipe for Christmas sausage. Contains adult language and subject matter.

LOK Outing to Holocaust Center Sunday, Aug 24 at 1pm

Join us Sunday August 24 at 1:00pm for a special guided tour of the new exhibit at the Zekelman Holocaust Center in Farmington Hills. Cost is \$8 (\$6 for Seniors). Carpool will be available after church. We will likely go out to eat afterwards. Everyone is welcome, bring your friends and spouses. Please RSVP on the Facebook Group or to Joyce.

Rev. Michelle on Vacation Aug 11-17

Rev. Michelle will be on vacation to Chicago and the Wisconsin Dells Mon Aug 12-Sun Aug 17. Please contact Ruth Jeffery or Deb Sawyer if you have an urgent need and they will put you in contact with the resources you need.

Blessing of the Pets Pics and Thanks

Thank you to all who made last week's Outdoor Worship and Pet Blessing a success. By my count, we had 41 people, 10 dogs and a cat. Rev and the Dragon Slayerz brought down the house with their song and all our furry friends were very well behaved. I can't wait until next year.



Ongoing Ministries in Action:

-Braver Angels

Monthly meetings are normally held on the last Tuesday 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. **NOTE Next Meeting is on Tuesday, August 26th**

-Coffee Fellowship

Sign-up sheets are available to host coffee fellowship during August. This valuable ministry allows us to have a lovely time of food and fellowship together after church and **it won't happen without hosts.** It is quite a simple endeavor requiring only 2-3 items like, pastries, fruit/veggies and/or crackers & cheese and a commitment to help set up and clean-up. Unused food is taken home or given away after. You can do it on your own or with a partner. Please see Mary Lou J. and Joyce S. for more information.

-Crochet for a Cause

Making mats for those in need out of plastic grocery bags. 1st 3rd & 5th Wednesdays from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. We have a great time! **Next Meetings are August 20 & Sept 3.**

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

Who can help on the **third Friday of each month?** About 50 cookies are needed in total. Please reach out to Dot if you would like to cover **15 August** (third Friday.) or once in a while to give the Darcys and the Vangels a break on the other Fridays. You can drop off your cookies the Sunday before or during office hours during the week

-ECW (Episcopal Church Women)

ECW will continue to meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. The **next Meeting is Tuesday August 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.

-‘Purls of Wisdom’ Knitting/Crochet for Charity

Currently, this group is not meeting. An update will be published should the situation change.

-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 **August 10 & 17**. Healing Prayer can be offered at all other services by request.

- LOK - Ladies of the Knight

Tentative Calendar of Events

August 24 - Sunday at 1:00pm Holocaust Museum - men welcome!

September 12 - Friday: Dakota Inn Rathskeller evening - men welcome!

October 11- Saturday at 3:00pm: Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea. Tickets \$52.50 to be paid no later than August 10 to Becky Sheridan (Chair)

November 13, Thursday at 11:00am: Pewabic Pottery, Tour & Tile making. Register with Debbie Lesnew by Oct 26

December 13, Saturday at 2:00pm: Annual Christmas Party at Joyce Spletzer's home.

Extemporaneous: Tuesday movies at Emagine.

- 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 August 20 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

Please pray for our members, community members and friends in search of health, healing, wholeness and solace: *Anne G., Annie F., Art, Barry, Brett & Megan, Bryian Family, Carol R., Caroline, Cheryl, Helen, Janice, Janine C., Jeanne F, Joan B, John, Judi V, Kathy, Katie M, Karen S., Kim, Laurie, Lisa D., Lisa S., Liz, Mark, Mary Lou, Maya, Nancy K. & family, Rick & Debbie, Rick, Sandy & Carol K., Sharon A., Sue H., 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.](#)

Summer Break

The **Daily Office Team Dave, Deb and Rev**, will be taking a '**Rest and Reflection' Summer Break Sunday 03 Aug (no Compline) through Friday 15 Aug (no Evening Prayer) inclusive.**

The Daily Office will restart on Sunday 17 August with Compline at 7 pm.

-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

-Forward Day by Day Devotions

The Aug - Sept Booklets are available 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! 

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