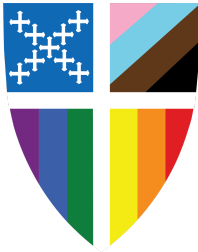


St. George's Episcopal Church, Milford

June 11, 2026 EBlast



Pride Month in The Episcopal Church

For decades, LGBTQ+ Episcopalians and allies have worked to make The Episcopal Church a place of belonging and inclusion. We have prayed, studied, and discerned, and in doing so, we have seen the evidence of God's blessing in the lives and love of our LGBTQ+ siblings in Christ

In 2026, we will celebrate the 50th anniversary of our church affirming that LGBTQ+ people have a full and equal claim to the love, acceptance, and pastoral care of the church. The journey to make that promise a reality continues today, as we remember the struggles, celebrate the joy, and give thanks for love and for lives that refuse to be erased.

Today in The Episcopal Church, discernment for the ministries of bishop, priest, deacon, and lay leadership is open to all without discrimination. We celebrate and give thanks for the beauty, strength, and sacred worth of LGBTQ+ leaders across all contexts and callings.

We invite you to join us on the journey. You belong. No exceptions.

HISTORY:

Faithful Episcopalians have been working toward a greater understanding and radical inclusion of all of God's children for nearly a half-century. In 1974, Louie Crew founded IntegrityUSA, a nonprofit organization with the goal of full-inclusion of LGBTQ+ people in The Episcopal Church. The next General Convention, in 1976, adopted resolutions stating that "homosexual persons are children of God who have a full and equal claim with all other persons upon the love, acceptance, and pastoral concern and care of the Church" (1976-A069), and that they "are entitled to equal protection of the laws with all other citizens" (1976-A071). You can read more about the history of LGBTQ+ inclusion in here: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/organizations-affiliations/lgbtq/history/>

See Bishop Bonnie's 2026 Pride Statement Here:

https://youtu.be/Us23pAO3AFY?si=fmWcQuk_iTM_IXwn

See You Sunday,
Rev. Michelle

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday June 14

8:30 am - Holy Eucharist Rite II in the Church
Celebrant: Rev. Michelle Werner

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Monday June 15

7:00pm - Vestry Meeting



Wednesday June 17

1:00pm - Crochet for a Cause

6:30pm - Men's Group

Sunday June 21

11:30am - Father's Day Lunch

Tuesday June 23

6:30pm - Braver Angels Town Hall #2

Thursday June 25

1:00pm - LOK Event - Diamond Jack River Cruise

Friday June 26

7:00pm - Recycled Rockettes

Sunday June 28

8:30am - Indoor Worship

10:15am - Outdoor Worship

11:45am - Benthic Brass Outdoor Concert

1:00pm - Post Concert Luncheon

Wednesday July 1

1:00pm - Crochet for a Cause

Sunday July 5

9:30am - Patriotic Organ Concert

Wednesday July 8

10:00am-1:00pm Summer Lunch at Crossroads

Sunday July 12

8:30am - Indoor Worship

10:15am - Outdoor Worship with Dragon Slayerz Band

11:45am - Picnic Lunch

Benthic Brass Outdoor Worship, Concert and Picnic

Our first outdoor worship of the summer will be Sunday June 28. Following the service, the Benthic Brass return for a stirring outdoor concert at 11:45 followed by a luncheon of chili dogs, salads and all the fixings. Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to contribute to the luncheon.

Braver Angels Citizen Led Town Halls

We had a successful meeting on Wednesday May 27 with about 20 people from the community attending the first session of our Citizen-Led Town Hall meetings. The focus of the first meeting was upon identifying community strengths and challenges, and deciding which makes sense to address at the community level. The second meeting on **June 23, 2026, 6:30-8:30 pm**, will be a discussion of the current ways in which residents can communicate with local governments, and why they work or don't work for residents. The third meeting on **July 29, 2026**, a Citizen-Led Town Hall, will involve working together across political perspectives to find mutually agreeable actions that address those challenges. Come and help us start the conversation! Feel free to invite your friends and neighbors.

June LOK Outing

Diamond Jack Detroit River Cruise will be on **Thursday June 25 at 1pm**. Cost is \$20 for Seniors, payable at the Dock please arrive 30 minutes early for boarding. Carpool can be arranged from St G. If desired, lunch afterwards at Sinbad's on the river. Men are welcome! Sign up in Fellowship Hall.

Recycled Rockettes June 26

Our very own Deborah Lesnew and Becky Sheridan will be performing **Friday June 26th at 7:00pm** at the Hartland Senior Center. The theme this year is Swing Time: A Big Band Dance Party. See either Deb L. or Becky S. for advance tickets (\$10)

Milford Garden Walk on Friday June 19 & Saturday June 20

10am to 4pm. If there is enough interest, we can get a group together and have dinner afterward. Ticket advance price is \$15 and can be obtained at the following locations: Acorn Farms, The Clothing Cove and Main Street Art all in the village of Milford on downtown's 'Main Street.' (Tickets on the day will be \$20!!)

4th of July Patriotic Concert Sunday July 6 at 9:45am

Come a little early or stay a little late this Sunday to enjoy John's annual American Music Concert between the services. It will be a great and festive way to wrap up the Holiday week.

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.

Changes to Our Staff

After thoughtful prayer and discernment, St. George's is moving in a new direction with its music ministry. As a result, we are not renewing John's contract. He will continue with us through the end of summer. We are grateful for the ministry that both John and D'Anna have blessed us with over the last ten years and we will all have an opportunity to celebrate his ten years of ministry with us closer to his departure date. We have formed a search committee to begin the process of seeking a new Director of Music consisting of Rev. Michelle, Mike Fanfair Sr, Ruth Jeffrey, Deb Sawyer, Dot Vangel & MaryLou Johnstone. Our goal is to create a music program that offers accessible music oriented to our small choir and congregation, moves to a greater focus on congregational singing, and adds both traditional and newer music to our services. Members of the search committee welcome ideas and feedback from across the congregation. Changes like these are always difficult, and we will continue to keep John and D'Anna in our prayers. We will also continue to provide periodic updates on the status of our music ministry in the eBlast.

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

Recyclable Textiles - Oakland County Foster Closet - in pink bags, first classroom - through end of May
Children's items and Luggage - Oakland County Foster Closet - end of hallway - through end of May

Dress and other nice clothing - Grace Centers of Hope Resale Shop - Middle of Hallway - Ongoing

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

The next meeting will be the second of three town hall meetings on Tuesday June 23 in the Fellowship Hall. See you then.

-Coffee Fellowship

Coffee Fellowship June 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. 1st 3rd & 5th Wednesdays from 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. We have a great time! **Next Meetings are June 17 & July 1.**

- 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 Gillespie. 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 meetings are cancelled for June & July reconvening in August when ECW will continue to meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. The **next Meeting is Tuesday August 11 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 **June 14.** 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.

June 25 at 1pm - Laura Frost & Deb Shomoch - Detroit River Cruise - see above for more info

June 26 at 7pm - Deb Lesnew & Beck Sheridan - Recycled Rockettes

July 18 - Ann Gatland - Summer Party

July 28 - Sandy Scott - St Sabba's Orthodox Monastery - see above for more info

August 25-26 - Joyce Spletzer - Stratford Trip

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 June 17 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 F., Barry, Carol R., Caroline, Cheryl, Denise, Dot V., Eric, Fred K., Helen, Janine C., Jeanne, Jim, Joan B., Joe, John E., Judi V., the Kane Family, Katie M., Karen S., Kim, Leon & Sheila S., Lisa D., Lisa S., MaryLou, Mary S, Matt W., Michael B., Mike W., Michelle M., Michelle R., Nancy B., Olivia S., Rebecca, Rick, the Sera Family, Sharon A., Sue H., Theresa A., Tom C.

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

-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



RECYCLED ROCKETTES
Don't miss this dance concert featuring Livingston County's most incredible dancers aged 50 and up!

The poster features a globe, stars, and a collage of photos of dancers. A logo for St. George's Episcopal Church is in the top right corner.

FOREVER IN RHYTHM

TICKETS:
\$10 IN ADVANCE OR
\$15 AT THE DOOR

JUNE 25 - 1PM
JUNE 26 - 7PM

Hartland Performing Arts Center 9525 E Highland Road Howell, MI 48843

