

# St. George's Episcopal Church, Milford

## June 5 2026 EBlast



### An Invitation to the Season of Discipleship

Summer appears to be upon us at last in Michigan. Along with the heat, summer arrives with its particular abundance — light that lingers past dinner, gardens beginning to show their potential, children loose in the streets until dark. If we pay attention, it is a season that preaches to us every day.

Discipleship, at its heart, is about paying attention. It is the slow, lifelong practice of being called into relationship — with each other, with those in need, with God present in all places and in all things. Jesus did not just call people into lecture halls and stuffy church buildings. He called them to the road, the lakeshore, the city and the wilderness. He called them into the living world, and he said: *look*.

This season of discipleship at St George's invites us back into that posture. When we sit with neighbors on a porch, we are practicing the ministry of presence. When we show up at the farmers market or the backyard barbeque or the local festival or the fireworks show, we are dwelling in the kind of incarnational space where Jesus seemed most at home. The kingdom of God, he suggested, is less like a cathedral and more like a mustard plant — sprawling, resilient, spreading wildly, making habitat for other living things to thrive.

This summer, the invitation is simple. Go outside. Be with people. Notice what is growing. See where God is working in the world. See where the Holy Spirit is blowing. Bring your full self — your questions, your struggles and your delight — and trust that Jesus has already shown up in light and the dark, in the green and the brown. And what a beautiful world he is already working to build.

See You Sunday,  
Rev. Michelle

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

#### Sunday June 7

8:30 am - Holy Eucharist Rite II in the Church

Preacher: Reavis Graham Celebrant: Rev. Michelle Werner

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#### Tuesday June 9

11:00am - ECW meeting is cancelled.

## **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

## **Sunday June 28**

8:30am - Indoor Worship

10:15am - Outdoor Worship

11:45am - Benthic Brass Outdoor Concert

1:00pm - Post Concert Luncheon

## **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 picnic lunch of chili dogs, salads and all the fixings. Please sign-up in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to contribute to the luncheon.

## **Tent Raising - June 14**

Our first outdoor worship of the season is coming up. We need a few folks to join us after the 10:15 service on June 14 to help us put up the tent and figure out the new configuration for the outdoor "sanctuary". Many hands make light work.

## **Braver Angels Citizen Led Town Halls**

We had a successful meeting last 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, a Citizen-Led Town Hall on **June 23, 2026, 6:30-8:30 pm**, is focused on identifying mutually agreeable actions that address those challenges. The third Citizen-Led Town Hall meeting on **July 29, 2026** will focus upon planning and supporting the actions identified in the second meeting. 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 or Becky 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!!)

## 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. 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 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, Brett & Megan & Joshua, 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](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



## 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

