

St. George's Episcopal Church, Milford

May 14 2026 EBlast



Your Vestry Hard at Work

It's been a while since our annual meeting so I thought I would remind you who is currently serving on our Vestry and about the hard work they do to keep St George's ministry strong.

Our Current Vestry Pictured left to right includes Lori Moulton-Boekler, Jr Warden - Ruth Jeffrey, Clerk - Steve Vangel, Kate Strauch, Sr Warden - Mike Fanfair Sr, Deb Sawyer, D'Anna Potter, Brett Tafel, Janine Cole and non-voting members Treasurer - Ed Caravallah and Associate Treasurer - Margaret Walbridge (and of course Jesus, the true head of the church).

Our Vestry is a wonderful group that helps oversee the ministry of our congregation. It helps maintain the health of the congregation including the building, finances, staffing, mission and ministries of the congregation and all of our beautiful members. We are a prayerful group that works hard to listen to both the calling of the Holy Spirit and the voices of the whole congregation. We welcome feedback and ideas from any and all. At least 3 new members are elected to the Vestry each year so there are always opportunities to join our group for the next year.

The Vestry meets monthly on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00pm. The meetings are always open to the public and minutes are published after they are approved on the bulletin board by the office and attached to the eBlast about once a month.

See you soon,
Rev. Michelle

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Saturday May 16

2:00-4:00pm - End Gun Violence Candidate Forum - Cathedral Church of St Paul in Detroit
8:00pm - LOK Outing - "Hello Dolly"

Sunday May 17

8:30 am - Morning Prayer Rite I
Celebrant: Deb Sawyer - In the Church
10:15 am - Morning Prayer Rite II
Celebrant & Preacher: Rev Graham - In the Church & Livestreamed

Monday May 18

7:00pm - Vestry Meeting

Wednesday May 20

1:00pm - Crochet for a Cause
6:00pm - Men's Group

Wednesday May 27

6:30pm - Braver Angels Sponsored Town Hall

Wednesday Jun 3

1:00pm - Crochet for a Cause

Tuesday June 9

11:00am - ECW

Parking Lot Resurfacing - Lot Closed Until Saturday Night

Work crews are hard at work resealing and restriping our church parking lot right now. The parking lot will be completely closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday. If you need to access the church, you can pull across the concrete at the front and park on the front lawn, but please don't cross the blacktop, it will damage the new surface. The lot will be fully reopened Sunday morning. Thank-you for your patience and for your faithful donations to the building fund that made this critical work possible.

Textile Drive

Do you have old, stained or damaged clothing, sheets, bedding, purses or other textiles laying around your house? Now is the time to bring them to church. This Spring we will be participating in the textile drive for the Oakland County Foster Closet. They get paid by the pound to recycle old material so all that stuff that is too damaged to donate elsewhere can help support kids in need. See flyer below for exactly what they take and how to package it. Special pink bags are available at church in the narthex and fellowship hall. Please return items to be recycled to the first classroom next to the kitchen off the fellowship hall. If you have other higher quality still usable/salable items you can package them separately and put them in the hall by the bathrooms. Adult items will go to Grace Centers of Hope and kids items and luggage will go to the actual Foster Closet (see flyer below for their needs).

Braver Angels Citizen Led Town Halls

The Braver Angels in Milford group at St. George is hosting a monthly series of non-partisan moderated Citizen-Led Town Hall meetings, beginning with "Working Together to Keep The Community Strong" on **May 27, 2026, 6:30-8:00 pm**. The focus of the first meeting is 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! See flyer below for more info and 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 coming in Fellowship Hall.

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

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

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 the first of three town hall meetings on Wednesday, May 27 in the Fellowship Hall. See you then.**

-Coffee Fellowship

Coffee Fellowship May 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 Meeting is May 20.**

- 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 June 9 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 **May 24 & June 7.** 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 - June 25 at 1pm - Detroit River Cruise - see above for more info

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

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 May 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

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., 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

Working Together to Keep the Community Strong


A Non-Partisan Moderated Citizen-led Town Hall

Start the conversation!
Wednesday, May 27, 2026 6:30-8pm
St. George's Episcopal Church
801 E. Commerce St.
Milford, MI 48381



Hosted by
Braver Angels
Braver Reconcilers
Purple Crane Alliance for Civil
Discourse

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3:00 - 5:00 PM

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FOR MORE INFO: 248-334-2627
DIRECTOR@BOUNDTOGETHERPONTIAC.ORG



Get a fresh start!

We are the Oakland County Foster Closet (scan our QR code to learn more about us). We are a 501c3 nonprofit providing children that qualify, all of the essentials that they need, absolutely FREE

Donate your items instead of throwing them away in a landfill and we earn .10 cent per lb.

We have a partnership with Simple Recycling (You can visit them at www.simplerecycling.com) that allows us to recycle items that are torn, ripped, stained, old, unusable or just not needed. We receive .10 cents per lb., but more importantly, these items do not end up in a landfill. If you would like to participate with this program, you can use the attached PINK/ ORANGE Simple Recycling bag or you can use a white garbage bag with a large "X" on both sides. Please return bags to the church by the end of May and we will deliver them to the Foster Closet.

This is what they recycle: (In Pink/ Orange Bags)

Men's Clothing	Children's Clothing	Women's Clothing	Boots & Shoes
Belts & Ties	Books	Bras	Coats & Jackets
Fashion Accessories	Handbags & Purses	Hats & Gloves	Kitchenware
Linens	Pillows	Sandals & Slippers	Socks
Stuffed Animals	Table Linens	Tools	Towels
Toys	Undergarments	Bedding (sheets, pillow cases, blankets, comforters)	

To learn more about the Foster Closet **Scan this QR code**

Items they **CANNOT** take collect include:

Appliances	Furniture
Carpeting	Mattresses
Hazardous Waste	Tires
Paint	Traditional Recyclables (metal, glass, paper)



Items they take for use for their clients (Do not put in pink bags)

Clothing:	Sizes NB – adult 2X Clothes for children and should focus on what children would wear
Linens:	Sheets for Crib, Twin, Full or Queen Bath towels, Washcloths
Luggage:	Carry-on, Regular luggage, Duffle bags (No garment bags or make-up bags)
Shoes:	Tennis shoes, Water shoes, Boots, Sandals
Books:	Board books, Young readers, Chapter books, Series
Toys:	Ages 0-3 new or used, Ages 4 and up new only
Kids equipment:	Strollers, Car Seats, High Chairs, Cribs, Pack n Plays, Gates, Bouncers, Jumpers, Outside toys

If your item is not on this list, feel free to send a text or picture to us at 248-419-4487