# St. George's Episcopal Church, Milford
# November 5, 2026 EBlast



## Vigilance

*"Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."* Matthew 25:13

The Gospel lesson for this week ends with "Keep awake". I am sure that we are all very relieved this week that the election is over and at the very least we will stop being inundated with political TV ads, text messages, mailers and social media posts every minute of the day or night. Many of us are also excited for the at least partial change of the political party in charge in our state and in Washington for the next few years.

But Jesus reminds us that this is not the time to fall asleep or to turn our responsibilities over to others. This is the very moment that we are called on to continue to live out our baptismal promises to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ, to seek to serve Christ in all people and to strive for justice and peace among all people. If anything, the shift in political leadership should inspire us to be ever more active in holding our leaders accountable to the gospel values we proclaim. Now is the time to work together to love our neighbor, heal divisions and work for the betterment of all people. This is work we all do together, not just those who hold elected office. So let us continue to find our place, as a church and as individuals to live out our baptismal promises in the world.

See you Sunday

Rev. Michelle

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

**Saturday November 7**
9:00am - Outdoor Clean-up
**Sunday November 8**
8:30am - Holy Eucharist Rite I in the Church
Celebrant: Rev. Michelle Werner
10:15am - Holy Eucharist Rite II in the Church
Celebrant: Rev. Michelle Werner
**Tuesday November 10**
11:00am - ECW
**Saturday November 14**
9:00am - Indoor Clean-Out
1:00pm-4:00pm Braver Angels Workshop at Highland Township Library
**Monday November 16**
7:00pm - Vestry Meeting

**Wednesday November 18**

1:00pm - Crochet for Cause
6:30pm - Mens Group

## Outdoor Church Clean-up Day - Saturday November 7

Join us Sat November 7 9:00am-1:00pm to help clean-up the church grounds for the Fall. Coffee & Cookies provided!

## Indoor Church Organizing and Clean-up - Saturday November 14

Do you love to purge, clean and organize? Join us on Saturday November 14 at 9:00am for our indoor clean-up day. In order to lay the new flooring, we need to reorganize all the classrooms and throw away all the old stuff we no longer need. We are hoping to reorganize our classrooms and common space to make everything more attractive, functional and welcoming.

## Community Sharing Empty Bowl Project Main Event

Join the fight against hunger and support Community Sharing at Bakers of Milford on **Sunday Nov 8 from 12pm-3pm.** Join us for Soup, Bread, Silent Auction, Raffles and More. The cost is $20.

## Incarcerated Youth Ministries Cookie Drive

Calling all bakers. Would you help us bring Christmas joy to children who are incarcerated? For 30 years IYM has been providing ministry to young people who are often written off. This year St George's will be helping them to provide Christmas treats and stockings to the young people and staff at 4 Michigan facilities. They are looking for **nut free homemade cookies & the like**. A touch of home via homemade is more important than ever this year. ALSO, if anyone has access to travel size shampoo, conditioners and non alcoholic mouth wash they would be pleased to have them for the stockings. Please return cookies and items to the church by **Sunday Nov 29** and Caroline will deliver them to the folks who run this ministry who are longtime friends of hers.

## Braver Angels Families and Politics: A Workshop for Everyone

Join us **Saturday November 14th, 1pm-4pm, at the Highland Township Library**. This workshop teaches participants how to preserve family bonds while staying true to their values and political beliefs. Although the focus is on family relationships, you can use these strategies with any loved one. You'll have some fun in this workshop – it won't be all serious. After all, we all come from quirky families. You will learn about the family dynamics of political differences, apply them to your family, and learn and practice effective communication skills with difficult family members . To register, visit https://www.eventbrite.com/e/families-and-politicsregistration-2002922389785

## Fall Stewardship Campaign - Plenty Good Room

Our Fall Stewardship campaign is running in October and November. This year we will be focusing on stories of welcome, abundance and transformation. Stay tuned for temple talks & EBlast articles from members telling their best stories from St G. If you have a story to tell, see Rev. Michelle. Also, check your mailboxes in October for Stewardship packets and pledge cards and information about how to support our ministry in 2027 and beyond. **Please return your pledge cards by this Sunday November 15.**

## Fire Recovery Update

Our fellowship hall is back and everything is officially clean! We are still working on replacing kitchen appliances and some other electronics but we have full use of the building. We are currently getting bids for the replacement of flooring, carpet and damaged electronics. Thank you all for your patience and prayers during this time. Stay tuned for further updates and opportunities for congregational input.

## Choir Rehearsals

The Choir is back! And weren't they lovely last week. **The Choir rehearses Thursdays at 7pm in the Sanctuary.** We hope to get some new folks to join us this year. If you haven't been in choir for a while, if you've never been in a choir, if you are a talented musician or less so, you are welcome here. This is Jiabao's particular speciality and passion so come check it out and make a joyful noise with us.

## Coffee Hour Returns

We continue to use a coffee maker on loan. We will provide some snacks, bottled water, coffee and good fellowship after the 10:15 service. We are also starting to restock our packaged treats supply so feel free to bring some in. The fridge has returned fully cleansed and is ready for Coffee Hour refrigerated items. A Coffee Hour Rota for November will be posted on Sunday. Sign up to Host. Remember to keep it simple! Any questions about future coffee hours, ask Deb Sawyer.

## Printing of Service Bulletins

Service Bulletins will be printed on **Wednesdays** in November except for **10th & 24th** which are **Tuesdays.**
If you have any announcements or info for any Service Bulletins or the eBlast please ensure it is emailed to Rev. Michelle & Deb Sawyer by at the latest Monday close of business of the respective week or earlier if possible. Our thanks In anticipation, Rev. Michelle & Deb Sawyer

## 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 - ongoing
**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 are on the last Wednesday of the month working on depolarization. Check back for the next meeting date.

### -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 just delivered 15 mats to Corner Laundry & Shower located in St. Peters Episcopal Church in Corktown. **Next Meeting is November 18 & December 2nd.**

### - 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** reconvened this month and will continue to meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. The **next Meeting** is **Tuesday November 10** 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 **November 15 & December 6.** 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.
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 November 18** at **6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.**
Please see Mike F. Sr's upcoming email for more information.

### - Sunshine Committee

Please look for a Zingerman's delivery box that is serving as our greeting cards depository. If you have any extra greeting cards at home, especially birthday cards or would like to purchase some new ones to help us restock our supply, it would be greatly appreciated! We also need help going through our current inventory. Some envelopes got glued onto the greeting card. Cards and envelopes that are still intact need to be redone by inserting the envelope into the card and not around the outside of the card. Can you help?

## 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 P., Deb Sur, Diane C. & Family,. Diane S. & Family, Dot V., Eric, Fred K. & Family, Gina, Gina G., Helen, Janine C., Jeanne, Jenna & Don, Jim, Joan B., Joe, Judi V., Kate K., Katie M., Karen S., Kim, Larry, Lee, Leon & Sheila S., Lisa D., Lisa S., Marianne V, Mary I., Mary S., Mary V., Matt W., Michelle M., the Mike P. family., Nancy B., Olivia S., Rebecca, Rick, the Sera Family, Sharon A., Sue G., Sue H., Theresa A., Zack* and for any whom we now name aloud or hold in the silence of our hearts.

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 Nov - Jan large copy and pocket sized booklets are available for you 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

