

St. George's Episcopal Church, Milford

Oct 16, 2025: EBlast

Crossroads Sunday - No 10:15 Worship on Oct 19



Tell Out My Soul

Stewardship 2026

As Christians we are story tellers. We have an ancient narrative, one that starts at the beginning of time and reveals the relationship between God and God's Creation. We see this story grow through the Old Testament and prophetic tradition until our story recounts the life and witness of Jesus Christ the Son of God. But that story doesn't end with the Resurrection just as it did not end with the Cross, it continues on in each of us today as we are transformed by the work of the Holy Spirit and the Good News of Jesus Christ.

All year we have been dwelling in Luke's Gospel which is bookended by the animated story-telling of two women named Mary. Early in the Gospel, Mary the mother of Jesus, tells us of her encounter with the Divine who informs her that she will bear a child who will change the world. She proclaims her joy: "Tell out my soul! The Greatness of the Lord!" At the end of the Gospel, another Mary, Mary Magdalene, visits the tomb to discover it empty and receives instructions from the Risen Christ to go tell the others. She carries this Good News with jubilation to the Disciples.

So, what is your Good News; the idea, dream or challenge placed in your heart by God that needs to be shared? What is the ministry to which you are called which will change the world, sharing your talents, gifts, and love with your family, your church and your community.

This fall at St. George's, we will be focusing some time on these stories – the ones inside you, the ones you are still writing, the ones we tell about those who have gone before us. We are all a part of this ongoing narrative – the ongoing Creation. We will hear some stories from our church family and maybe even spend some time writing our own. And we will consider the ways our own experience of creativity and service has deepened our faith. So maybe in a quiet moment, give some time over the next few weeks to think about how your own soul cries out to spread the Good News in thought, word and deed.

Tell out my soul! The Greatness of the Lord!

See You Sunday (at 8:30 or Crossroads),
Rev. Michelle

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday Oct 19

8:00am-2:30pm - Crossroads Soup Kitchen

One Service only: 8:30am HE Rite I

No 10:15 Worship Service at St. G.

Sunday Oct 26

11:30am - N-Word Duet Presentation

Wednesday Oct 29

1:00pm - Crochet for a Cause

6:30pm - Braver Angels Meeting (new day)

Sunday Nov 2 -All Saints Sunday - Daylight Saving Time Ends

Wednesday Nov 5

1:00pm - Crochet for a Cause

Tuesday Nov 11

11:00am - ECW Meeting

Friday Nov 14

7:00pm - Vestry Meeting

Sunday Nov 9

11:30 - The Sorting Machine, Seeing your Voice, Power and Influence

Sunday Nov 16 - Please return your pledge cards

Crossroads Soup Kitchen - Oct 19

NO 10:15 WORSHIP at St George's on Oct 19. There is still time to sign up! We have a good crew but we are missing some key folk who will be out of town so we could use more people.

We need two shifts of 10-15 people (there can be some overlap). One to cook 8:00am-11:00am & One to serve food 10:30am-2:30pm. Consider bringing your children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends. See Mike Fanfair Sr. for more information or if you have questions.

We have sorted and filled 3 car loads worth of clothes, mats and other items to bring to Crossroads. Thank you for your generosity.

Sign-Up Here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E44A8AD2EABF58-58827280-crossroads>

N-Word Duet - Sun Oct 26

Join us at 11:30 on Sunday Oct 26 to hear a presentation about how privilege and prejudice affect our lives and relationships and the possibility of growth and change.

Alexander Payne Morgan and Dwight Stackhouse will be reading from their play "The N-Word Duet: A Shared Recollection of Racism and Recovery" the play traces the theme "from innocence to understanding" from two opposite sides. Alex's journey is from blind loyalty to his family's white supremacy (his "innocence") to the truth about his racism. Dwight's journey is from the beautiful innocence of his sheltered upbringing in a non-racist integrated neighborhood in Detroit to the truth that people can hate him for the color of his skin and social institutions can act accordingly.



All Saints Sunday Nov 2

We will be doing a special candle lighting and Remembrance of Saints at both services this year. If you would like the name of a loved one remembered during the prayers, please print their name clearly on one of the yellow cards in the Narthex and place it in the basket. Names can also be emailed to office@stgeorgesmilford.org until Tues October 28.

Tell Out My Soul - Stewardship 2026

Packets went in the mail today. We still need at least one more person to tell us a story about "How serving in the church has deepened your faith". If you would be willing or give a brief temple talk or write a little bit for the eBlast please let Ruth or Rev. Michelle know. Please prayerfully consider your contributions to St George's for the coming year. We ask that you return your pledge cards by **Sunday Nov 16**. Extra cards are available in the Narthex.

2026 Episcopal Calendar

We will be ordering Episcopal Calendars for 2026 for the church and Worship Leaders next week. If you would like one for personal use, let Deb know and she can add it to our order. Cost is \$5.

Join the Altar Guild

We have had some change over (both people joining and stepping away) on the Altar Guild and we need some more assistance. Being a member of the Altar Guild at St George's is more than just setting the Lord's table... One Saturday a month we meet our partner (for 30-45 min) and begin to connect with the Holy Spirit in a unique and quiet way. It can be meaningful and purposeful to assist with laying the linens, setting up eucharist elements, placing the vases out for the flowers, ensuring the Gospel is marked for our reading, and filling the candles with oil.



Other various occasions bring some additional tasks but these are often tied with worship. Altar Guild Members also set the altar for funerals, weddings, and baptisms.

All is in the Lord's Service, a gift of our time for the glory of God and for our neighbors. We are currently Caroline L., Felicia I., Megan T. Lisa D. and Nancy P. with Barb B. assisting as she can. Come and talk with us after a celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

You might be inspired to learn more about this deeply special ministry and want to join us. Many hands make the Lord's work light and no burden.

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

Winter & Warm Outdoor Clothing - Crossroads Soup Kitchen - Far back of Hallway - through Oct 17

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

Small Toiletries - FedUp - Hallway Closest to Office - Ongoing

Non-perishable food - Community Sharing - Green bin in Narthex - Ongoing

Used Grocery Bags - Bins outside by The Dragon - 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. **NOTE: Next Meeting is on Wednesday, October 29th.**

-Coffee Fellowship

A Sign-up sheet is now available to host coffee fellowship in November. We are looking for hosts for **Nov 2, 9, 23 & 30**. 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 Oct 29 & Nov 5** (two weeks in a row).

- 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 **Oct 17** (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 November 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.

-‘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 **October 26**. Healing Prayer can be offered at all other services by request.

- LOK - Ladies of the Knight

Tentative Calendar of Events

November 13, Thursday at 11:00am: Pewabic Pottery, Tour & Tile making. Register with Debbie Lesnew by Oct 6

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 November 19 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, Brian, Carol R., Caroline, Cheryl, David, Denise, Dennis, Fred K. & family, Helen, Janice, Jeanne F., Jen C., Joan B., John, Joshua, Judi V., Kathy, Katie M., Karen S., Kim, Laurie, Lisa D., Lisa S., Liz, Lucy H. & family, Mark, Mary Lou, Maya, the Metry Family, Nancy, Rick Debbie & Rick, the Sera Family, 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.](#) 

The Autumn Daily Office Rest and Refreshment will be from Sunday 19th October through Friday 31st October inclusive:

No Compline Sunday 19th October

No MP Monday-Thursday 20th through 23rd October

No EP Friday 21st October

No Compline Sunday 26th October

No MP Monday-Thursday 20th through 30th October

No EP Friday 31st October

Compline restarts Sunday 2nd November 2025.

-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 November-January 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!

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Community Events

Please Join Us for a Reading From

The N-Word Duet:

**A Shared Recollection of
Racism and Recovery**

By: Alexander Payne Morgan
& Dwight Stackhouse



A Black man who grew up innocent of prejudice and a White man raised to be a white supremacist find common ground exchanging their life stories.

The reading is based on real-life personal experiences and uses language pertinent to the times which may cause some discomfort. It is not gratuitous, but we want you to be aware.

Sunday,
Oct. 26th
11:30 AM

**St. George
Episcopal Church**
801 E. Commerce St. Milford MI 48381

LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES ?



Bound Together provides tutoring, nutrition and experiential learning to kids grades 1-8 at All Saints Church in Pontiac. We always welcome help from individuals and organizations who would like to play a supporting role! You can choose either larger or smaller commitments, with flexible numbers of volunteers. See some ideas below - or come up with your own project that you would like to share. Want more info? Be in touch at director@boundtogetherpontiac.org!

FUNDAY MONDAY

Monday afternoons, 4:00 - 5:30 Oct-Nov, Jan-April. Lend a helping hand to our facilitators as they share art, robotics & coding, medical STEM learning or sports! Choose your week activity, and share fun AND learning!

At holiday time, we build a department store for our kids to choose a gift for four of their special adults - and we depend upon donations of gift items that will make Mom, Grandma or Grandpa smile! Collect items until Thanksgiving to be delivered by Dec.!!

SHOPPING DAY: DONATION DRIVE

SHOPPING DAY: HELP BUILD THE STORE

On Dec 3 (and AM on the 4th!), we will be building our department store at All Saints Church - and we need help to sort, organize and display items so that our kids can have a super "shopping" experience! Everything from sweeping and table set up to organizing jewelry, tools, kitchen or bath/spa items - we need LOTS of hands!

This is it! On Dec 4, 4:30 - 5:30, we will welcome our kids to the store - and we will need a personal shopper for each child, gift wrappers, people to help track gifts and get them to each child's bag, and help for writing holiday greetings to teachers, parents and other special people! And, we super need help AFTER the event, 6-7, to pack things away and leave our space better than we found it. ♥

SHOPPING DAY: THE BIG EVENT

HOLIDAY PARTIES

We love a good party, and so we celebrate whenever we can :

October 30 - Halloween
December 11 - Holiday Party
February 12 - Valentine's Day
May 7 - End of the Year Party
We would love to have help with games, crafts, set up and tear down, serving pizza - lots of different roles, from 3:00 - 6:30!

ALMOST ALL OF OUR GOOD IDEAS COME FROM OUR FRIENDS - SO LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE A DREAM PROJECT TO ADD!

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