

St. George's Episcopal Church, Milford

October 14, 2026 EBlast



The Joy of Giving

This week in our Stewardship series, Ruth Jeffrey shares her answer to this question:

Share a time when giving or serving brought you joy.

How has generosity here impacted our community?

Mission trips have a special place in my heart. In 2005 I had the privilege of being part of a Katrina mission trip with the church I was attending at the time. We spent an impactful week demoing a couple of homes that had been soaked by the storm surge after the Hurricane. The work itself, while necessary, wasn't really the thing that struck me the most. The biggie was seeing the unfailing faith and resilience of the people who were so heavily affected by the storm. I was moved by these examples of Christian faith as they dealt with such devastation. I came back from the trip with a renewed appreciation for my life, and a deeper sense of my faith.

Two additional mission trips to the Appalachians a few years later reinforced the lessons I had learned in Mississippi. Spending time with folks who had dealt with years of economic woes tied to job loss, environmental catastrophes and health issues again made me appreciate the life I had. Spending time with amazing, faith-filled people despite all that was inspiring.

One of the things that has drawn me to St. George's is our commitment to Outreach. There may not be many of us, but we sure do make a splash! Crochet for a Cause, regular "feed the fish" contributions for our favorite worthy causes, our support of Crossroads, Socktober, the glove tree, the list goes on. While not as flashy as a mission trip, these Outreach programs are meaningful examples of how we are the Hands and Feet of Christ. As the song says, "We will work with each other, we will work side by side... And they'll know we are Christians by our Love".

Ruth Jeffrey

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday October 18 - The Feast of St Luke

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

Celebrant: Rev. Michelle Werner

10:15am - Holy Eucharist Rite II in the Church & Livestreamed

Celebrant: Rev. Michelle Werner

11:30am - Benthic Brass Oktoberfest

Monday October 19

7:00pm - Vestry Meeting

Wednesday October 21

1:00pm - Crochet for a Cause

6:00pm - Mens Group

Friday-Saturday October 23-24 - Diocesan Convention

Tuesday October 27

6:30pm- Braver Angels

7:00pm - Worship Team Meeting

Sunday Nov 1 - All Saints Day

Wednesday Nov 4

LOK Ford Rouge Tour

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.

Socktober

All October long we are collecting new socks for folks in need. Kids socks will go to the Oakland County Foster Closet. Adult socks will go to Fed Up and the Corner Laundry. Please place socks in the bin in the narthex or outside by the dragon. If you would like to contribute money for a bulk buy of socks from Amazon, put it in an envelope marked "Socks" in the offering plate and we will purchase them for you. See flyer below for more info and take a flyer or share on social media to get the community involved.

Oktoberfest Sunday October 18

Come one, Come all to our first annual Benthic Brass Oktoberfest at St George's. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall after the 10:15 worship for food and fun. The Benthic Brass will provide us with rousing music while we eat a German themed potluck complete with sausage and sauerkraut, homebrew beer and tons of other great food. There will be lots of singing, dancing (though not on the tables) and fun. Invite your friends and neighbors. A free will offering will be collected to support our Fellowship Hall rejuvenation. **Reminder, we do not have kitchen appliances, so if you signed up, please bring hot food in a crock pot or insulated container.** We will have coolers & ice available for beverages and cold food.

All Saints Sunday Nov 1

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 27.

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 Sunday November 15.**

LOK Trip to Ford Rouge Tour - November 4

We will be taking the Ford Rouge Tour on Wednesday, November 4th in the morning. Joyce arranged a discounted price—\$22.00 per person. **If you signed up, please pay Joyce in a timely manner.** Stay tuned for the final fee for parking. Plan on 2-3 hours for the whole experience!

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.

Welcome Jiabao Guo

Our new musician started his ministry with us on Sunday September 6. He comes to us as an incoming Doctoral Student at the University of Michigan in choral conducting. He has a broad background in voice, piano, organ, conducting and musical education. He is also friendly and attentive and is already proving himself to be a wonderful addition to St George's. I know you will all welcome him into our community with open arms.

Coffee Hour Returns

We borrowed a coffee maker last week. We will provide some snacks, bottled water (hopefully coffee) and good fellowship. We are also starting to restock our packaged treats supply so feel free to bring some in. Sorry, no refrigerated items until we get the fridge repaired/replaced. Any questions about future coffee hours, ask Deb Sawyer.

Printing of Service Bulletins

Service Bulletins will be printed on Wednesdays in October.

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. All are welcome. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm. discussion/skills practice at 7:00, and planning at 7:30, finishing at 8:00 pm.

Braver Angels of Milford Michigan will be meeting 6:30-8:00pm on Wednesday October 28.

-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 October 21 & November 4.**

- Cookie Ministry - Supporting the AA groups that meet at our church

Cookie Ministry is on break until the kitchen and coffee area can be fully restored.

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 **October 18 & November 1.** 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.

November 4 - Joyce Spletzer - Ford Rouge Tour (see info above) RSVP by Oct 14.

December 5 - Joyce Spletzer - Annual Christmas Party

- Mens' Group

The Mens' Group normally meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. All Men are invited to attend.

The **next meeting is on Wednesday October 21 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, 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 booklets are available for you to pick up in the Narthex. The pocket sized copy is slightly delayed from Forward Movement and is expected soon. 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



SOCKTOBER AT ST. GEORGE'S

NEW SOCKS ONLY! *Oct. 4-Nov 1*

FOR CHILDREN: 0-12 MO, 12-24 MO, 2-3T, 4-5T, BOYS 9-11, GIRLS 9-11

FOR ADULTS: ANKLE AND QUARTER

BABY & CHILD SOCKS DONATED TO: OAKLAND COUNTY FOSTER CLOSET
ADULT SOCKS DONATED TO: FED UP/CORNER LAUNDRY

ITEMS CAN BE PLACED IN
 NARTHEX BINS OR PLASTIC TUBS
 BEHIND THE PORCH DRAGON



St George's Oktoberfest

Featuring the Benthic Brass



Music | Food | Family Fun

Sunday October 18th at 11:30
 St George's Episcopal Church
 801 E Commerce St
 Milford, MI