

St. George's Episcopal Church, Milford

October 7, 2026 EBlast



Plenty Good Room

Jesus assures us, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." John 14:2, NRSV These words remind us that God's abundance is spacious and generous. There is plenty good room in God's household for each of us.

This year's stewardship theme, Plenty Good Room, invites us to recognize the abundance God has already entrusted to us. Even in uncertain times, we are called to trust that there is enough: enough for our families, enough for our church, enough for our neighbors.

One way we live into this truth is by sharing our resources – our money, our time, and our talents – for the mission and ministry of this congregation. These gifts support worship that lifts our hearts, teaching that shapes disciples, fellowship that strengthens our bonds, and outreach that embodies Christ's love.

Over the next several weeks, you will hear stories from leaders in our parish about how they have experienced God's abundance and been transformed by their experiences in this parish and beyond. And I want to hear from you too. Last month our Vestry members were asked to tell a story about one of these questions.

- Share a story of when you experienced God's abundance.

- How has being part of this parish changed your life?
- Where do you see God building beloved community among us?
- Share a time when giving or serving brought you joy.
- How has the generosity here impacted our community?
- Tell about a time you felt welcomed here.
- How has this parish shown radical welcome to you or others?
- What hope do you have for our parish as we look to the future?
- Tell about a time when worship moved or shaped you.
- Share a hymn, song, or piece of music that carries your faith.

Which of these spark something in you? Would you like to tell us your story? If so, let me know, we would love to hear it in worship or in the EBlast or even just around the table at Coffee Hour.

See you Sunday,

Rev. Michelle

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday October 11 -

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

Tuesday October 13

11:00am - ECW Meeting

Sunday October 18

11:30pm - Benthic Brass October Fest

Monday October 19

7:00pm - Vestry Meeting

Wednesday October 21

1:00pm - Crochet for a Cause

6:00pm - Men Group

Friday-Saturday October 24-25 - Diocesan Convention

Wednesday Nov 4

LOK Ford Rouge Tour

Fire Recovery Update

Big progress has been made! Lyon Restoration completed their main work today so we have the Kitchen (minus appliances) & Fellowship Hall back. All of the appliances and electronics have been removed for specialized cleaning. The organ is being cleaned and hopefully will be in working order by Saturday.

I would like to try to have a coffee hour on Sunday. **Does anyone have a 10-12 Cup coffee maker we can borrow for a few weeks? We can also start re-stocking our packaged snacks.**

Stay tuned for more updates on our new flooring, paint and general upgrades we are going to try to make as a result of this. Thank you all for your patience and prayers during this time. Check back often for more updates.

Socktober

All October long we will be 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.

Octoberfest Sunday October 18

Come one, Come all to our first annual Benthic Brass October Fest 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. Sign-up sheet is available if you would like to contribute to the potluck.

ECW & Kitchen Restocking Planning- Tuesday October 13

Come one, come all. The ECW (and anyone else interested) will be meeting **Tuesday Oct 13 at 11:00am**. Now that the kitchen is clean, we will be working on figuring out what we need to restock, rearrange and/or replace as we get ourselves back to normal.

Fall Stewardship Campaign - Plenty Good Room

Our Fall Stewardship campaign will be 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. **Please RSVP to Joyce or in the Facebook Group by Wednesday October 14th.** Plan on few cars, since parking is \$10 per car. 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 this Sunday

But only if we can find a coffee maker to borrow. 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 21 & Nov 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 have been cancelled for the summer reconvening in October when ECW will continue to meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. The **next Meeting is Tuesday October 13 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 11&18.** 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 Men's 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

Welcome to Sandy S. for officially joining our tiny, but mighty committee of now 3+! We are working on putting together a birthday card kit for Kim McIntosh. We will deliver the kit to her house. Kim will take care of the month of October and November and Sandy will be finishing up the year with December.

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 appreciated!

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., David S., Deb Sur, 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 Aug - Oct 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

