

St. George's Episcopal Church, Milford

September 10, 2026 EBlast



More than HOLY CHAOS

Last week, we talked about Holy Chaos, and well as Joyce Spletzer so eloquently put it, Could Sunday have offered our church family more ??

More... "almost tragedy"?

More... welcoming to visitors, both furry and otherwise?

More... delightful than having our wonderful Bishop visit us and celebrate the Eucharist?

More... grateful for our new music director?

More... delicious than the wonderful food we shared?

How blessed we are!

No question there.

For those who may have not yet heard, we had a small fire in the church overnight on Saturday. A floor fan overheated, caught fire and burned for a while and then graciously burned itself out. No one knew until Sunday morning when Deb and I arrived to prepare for worship. We are very fortunate that there was not more damage, but smoke did move throughout the building and there is a layer of soot on all surfaces especially in the kitchen but throughout the church.

And yet, Sunday was still St. George's at its best. A little fire can't keep us down. We worshiped, we prayed, we welcomed all of God's beloved creation, we ate, we worked hard together, we laughed, we loved and supported one another.

And luckily we have very good insurance that has a lot of experience helping churches deal with this very thing. Remediation efforts are underway and we hope to be pretty much back to normal in a few weeks.

A company called BioSweep is coming Thursday to begin the smoke removal process. **The church building will be completely closed from Thursday morning to Saturday Evening. Please do not enter the church building for any reason.**

This Sunday we plan to worship indoors at 8:30 using just the first fews pews like we did last week. At 10:15 we plan to worship outside again.

Going forward, **Please DO NOT enter the building unless you are asked to by Rev. Michelle, Ruth or Mike.** We will likely need some help later in the process with sorting and cleaning of items and we will let folks know what those needs are when the time comes, but for now we have to let the experienced professionals do their work.

See you next week,
Rev. Michelle

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday September 12

8:30 am - Morning Prayer Rite I in the Church

Officiant: Deb Sawyer

10:15 am - Morning Prayer Rite II **Outside on the lawn**

Officiant: Mike Fanfair Sr.

Wednesday September 16

1:00pm Crochet for a Cause

6:30pm Men's Group

Sunday September 20 - Crossroads Lunch Service

8:30am - Worship at St G.

8:00am-10:30am - Cooking Shift at Crossroads

10:30am-1:00pm - Serving Shift at Crossroads

12:30pm - Worship at The Church at Crossroads

No 10:15 Worship at St G.

Sunday September 27

9:30am-12:00pm Vaccine Clinic

Tuesday September 29 - LoK Trip to Mariners' Church - see detail below

Welcome Jiabao Guo

Our new Director of Music will be starting 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 already proving himself to be a wonderful addition to the staff. I know you will all welcome him into our community with open arms.

Crossroads Sunday Lunch is Sept 20

We will be returning to Crossroads to provide our annual Sunday Lunch on September 20th. **We will not have 10:15 worship at St G's.** We encourage folks to come at 8:30 or to worship with us at The Church at the Crossroads. There are two shifts 8:30-11:00am to cook and 10:30-2:30 to serve. You can work both shifts. Car pool will be available from St G. Sign-up genius is available now. Click this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E44A8AD2EABF58-65070236-crossroads> or see Mike Darcy or Rev Michelle for sign-up assistance.

Vaccine Clinic September 27 9:30-12:00

Our annual vaccine clinic from Kroger is back this fall. They plan to continue to provide all the traditional vaccines flu, shingles, pneumonia, tetanus, RSV, etc as well as this year's updated COVID shot at no cost for those with Medicare or commercial insurance. A Sign-up sheet is available in the Fellowship hall so we can get an estimate but walk-ins are always welcome. Invite your friends and neighbors. Don't miss this opportunity to protect yourself and those you love from preventable disease this fall.

LOK Trip to the Mariners' Church of Detroit - September 29 at 11am

170 E. Jefferson Ave Detroit MI 48226

The Rev. Todd is providing a personal tour for which there is no cost but a donation to the church would be appreciated. There is underground parking with an exit right at the church entrance. In order that she can provide a count to Rev. Todd. **Please let Caroline Liebau know by September 15.** Also advise who is driving and how many could thus provide a ride.

Lunch is planned for afterwards.

Choir Rehearsals

We have been postponed for a few weeks, but you can't keep us down. Choir rehearsals will now resume (hopefully) on **Thursday September 17 at 7:00pm**. 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 in September

Folk do stuff with family and friends at weekends hence attendance at St G ebbs and flows! Ensuring our Sunday Coffee Hours are hosted this month when there is no 'special event' the 'Packaged Treats' initiative will continue at St G. stocked up with packaged treats, all individually wrapped eg: granola bars, little bags of cookies or chips, tiny muffins, trail mix, mini Kit Kats/Snickers etc. Items that do not need freezing, have long dates, are all individual - no packets which get left half eaten and open and no stuff in the freezer! A cupboard is labeled up **'PACKAGED TREATS'** to store these tasty snacks. Then there will always be something to accompany a cup of tea/ coffee as we enjoy Sunday Fellowship together. If you have any questions see Deb Sawyer.

This will only work if we all keep shopping and help put these treats out on Sundays... over to us all heh!

Printing of Service Bulletins

Service Bulletins will be printed on Wednesdays into September and 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, skills practice at 7:00, and planning at 7:30, finishing at 8:00 pm.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 30 in the fellowship hall. See you then.

-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 Meetings are September 16 & 30.**

- 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 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 **September 27.** 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.

September 29 at 11 am- Caroline Liebau - Mariners' Church

October 4 - Deb Lesnew - Dio Dinner Theatre

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 September 16 at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

Please see Mike F. Sr's upcoming email for more information.

- Sunshine Committee

We are a tiny but mighty committee that does very important work. Long time member Kim MacIntosh will be helping us out again this fall, but we can always use more dedicated card senders. We send out birthday, get well, congratulatory, sympathy, and thank you cards. We also follow up with first time visitors by sending a card. We would love more help. If you would like to help with this ministry, please reach out to Janine or Dot.

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, Cheryl P., 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, Leon & Sheila S., Lisa D., Lisa S., Marianne V, MaryLou, Mary I., Mary S., Mary V., Matt W.,*

Michelle M., the Mike P. family., Nancy B., Olivia S., Rebecca, Rick, Ron D., the Sera Family, Sharon A., Sue G., Sue H., Theresa A., Tom C., 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