

St. George's Episcopal Church, Milford

September 24, 2026 EBlast



Crossroads

I didn't think St George's could have impressed me more than it had over the last few weeks in welcoming the Bishop and our neighbors in the midst of a fire and coming together to assist in the clean-up. And then, you went and raised the bar again last Sunday. It didn't matter that much of the church building was unusable because you all were too busy being the church in the world and loving and caring for our neighbors at Crossroads Soup Kitchen, doing what St G's does best, feeding people and having a good time :).

We decided to try something new this year, so rather than do our traditional soup and sandwiches, our hard working team made 600 (yes 600!) servings of lasagna from scratch before 10:00am. And don't worry, Mike and Dave still got to man the enormous industrial kettle, this time to cook more than 100lbs of ground beef. The team made an assembly line and had those pans of lasagna in the oven in no time, along with the bread and green beans.

And then, as the second shift began to arrive it was assembly line time again to assemble all his food into ready to eat meals. It was a chilly and rainy day, so we were so glad that we had prepared such a hearty meal for our folks. We served about 450 in person guests starting at 11:00am and by 1:30pm every single one of those 600 meals was gone between seconds and take out meals. We had many lovely conversations and shared many smiles with our new friends and satisfied guests.

And we also got the opportunity to worship with the Church at the Crossroads as well. Rev. Teresa has graced us with her presence many times but we were thankful to see her in her element. We sang and we prayed and we worship together with this vibrant ministry. We even got to participate in welcoming 2 new members to the Episcopal church.

All around this was a wonderful day. Thank-you to all who played a part in this ministry, volunteering, praying, working at Milford Memories, inviting your friends and just being a part of this community.

See you Sunday,
Rev. Michelle

PS. Thanks to Joyce & Dot for all the amazing photos!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday September 27

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

9:30am-12:00pm Vaccine Clinic

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

Wednesday September 30

1:00pm Crochet for a Cause -) subject to restoration company completing

6:30pm Braver Angels Meeting -) the removal of the soot

Sunday October 4 - Feast of St Francis - Stewardship Season Begins

Wednesday October 7

1:00pm - Crochet for a Cause

Sunday October 18

12:00pm - Benthic Brass October Fest

Wednesday October 21

1:00pm - Crochet for a Cause

6:00pm - Men Group

Friday-Saturday October 24-25 - Diocesan Convention

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 Narthex 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.

Fire Recovery Update

Things are happening! We have contracted with a local restoration company and the great wiping has begun. Every single surface in the church will be wiped and/or vacuumed to remove the soot, the appliances, cabinets and all the dishes in the kitchen will be cleaned, all the upholstery will be cleaned, and air scrubbing HEPA filters are running as we speak. This week they are focusing on the sanctuary, narthex, library and bathrooms so we can get back to worshipping in a more normal manner. Hopefully all cleaning will be done by the end of next week and we can move on to some specialized cleaning, redecorating and final restoration. 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. 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.

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.**

Thank-you from Crossroads Sunday Lunch

St G. came through as always on the 20th. A team of more than 20 volunteers made, served and cleaned up 600 lasagna lunches and brought Jesus's love and care to all on a cold rainy day in Detroit. Thank you to all who helped make this transformative day possible.

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 stay in touch with Caroline Liebau** advising 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 resume once the specialist restoration clean up has been completed, anticipated during next week.

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 in September

Coffee Hour is paused for the moment whilst the specialist restoration cleanup especially in the Kitchen and Fellowship hall is completed. Watch the Blast for updates in this regard. Any questions about future coffee hours , ask Deb Sawyer.

Printing of Service Bulletins

Service Bulletins will be printed on Wednesdays in 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.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 9/30/26. We are planning to meet at St. George's Church, provided remediation from a recent fire is completed. Pizza and salad will be provided at 6:30pm.

We have a busy agenda planned, including work on:

A Local News service based on Braver Angels principles, as decided in our recent Citizen Led Town Halls. A big thank you to everybody who has been involved so far, and we need additional input from others to make this happen.

Discussion of an organizational structure for the group - what is the best way to organize the various roles for event planning, membership coordination, communication, and handling money? Your ideas are appreciated.

Planning for two runs of the "Families & Politics" workshop are planned for November 14th 1-4 pm at the Highland Township Library, and December 12th, exact time and location to be determined. Your help with hospitality and management of this event will be appreciated.

We will also practice depolarization skills together by discussing a current polarized issue with each other, within the confines of the "Listen-Acknowledge-Pivot-Perspective framework.

-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 hopefully September 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 October 21 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., 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, 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

