



**St. John's
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Church**

The Red Door

WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME

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St. John's Episcopal Church*



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It's Spring - Time to Plant a Seed and Watch it Grow and Flourish!

And here we are... we're in Eastertide! After a rather long and weather-dreary, yet fulfilling Lent, it was a regular whirlwind of a Holy Week! I do have to admit that this year's Holy Week had a number of firsts for me. Although I've helped, I never had a Maundy Thursday service with foot washing. I've never done a Tenebrae service, although this one was a bit modified from a traditional one, and Easter Sunday was the first time that I ever chanted the Eucharistic prayer. I even wore a chasuble on Easter! A number of firsts for sure, but you all and it being our first (of hopefully many) Holy Week's together made it all the more special. Thank you!

This is probably a good time to throw it out there. After the Maundy Thursday service, Dan and I wound up leaving out of different doors at the same time and started talking in the parking lot. We wandered around outside and talked about the outside of the church. While the church looks well maintained and neat, there appears to be so much potential to make it quite the nice looking property. I understand that up to this point, much of spring cleanup and outside stuff has fallen on Don and Ken. And they have obviously done a great job! But there's only so much fire-power in two people.

Another brainstorm of Mitch's - and it falls back to what I've said before. We're all ministers in the world - and this place is no exception. Many of us (including myself) enjoy doing outside work, and it can be so fulfilling to see the end results of any labor we do outdoors. I was thinking about an outside or gardening ministry. There may be some of us - or potentially new people that may come to us in the future - that feel drawn to getting together, plotting together, and making some real cool and neat things happen around the grounds of our church. If this is something that calls to you, please consider having a chat with Don, Ken, or myself about it.

555 S. Wayne Rd. is our home - our spiritual home, but our home nonetheless! We see this concept of ministry in constant swing in our church. We have those that serve within the masses, fulfilling some of the things that need to be done. Readers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and the wonder-workers behind the scenes that do altar-guild, maintain just about everything in the building, make sure that coffee hours happen, and about anything else you can come up with.

Ministries! It's not just work (although there's work involved for sure)! Many times without realizing it, we are called to do things allowing us to share the gifts that are given us by the Holy Spirit. Those gifts that are given to us, shine brightly when we do the work that utilizes them to their fullest. It's even more satisfying when sharing that work with others that have the same or similar gifts.

Think about it - ponder it. If it's not gardening or something else we currently have, perhaps there's a chance to start a new Ministry that doesn't yet exist. Plant a seed and watch it grow and flourish!

Until next month.....

-Fr. Mitch +

Worship With Us - All are Invited



Sunday Services

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| May 4 | 9:30 am Holy Eucharist
Third Sunday of Easter
<i>Celebrant & Preacher:
Fr. Mitch Yudasz</i> |
| May 11 | 9:30 am Holy Eucharist
Fourth Sunday of Easter
<i>Celebrant & Preacher:
Fr. Mitch Yudasz</i> |
| May 18 | 9:30 am Holy Eucharist
Fifth Sunday of Easter
<i>Celebrant & Preacher:
Fr. Mitch Yudasz</i> |
| May 25 | 9:30 am Morning Prayer
Sixth Sunday of Easter
<i>Officiant: Nick Hamblin
Reader: Sande Godbout</i> |

Holy Week and Easter Services at St. John's Episcopal Church

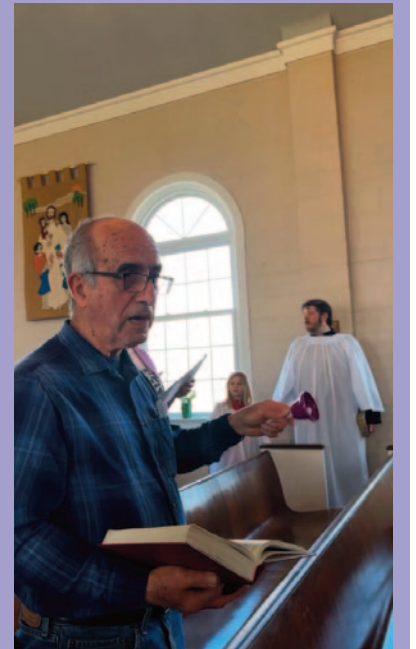


A special thank you to Violet Streeter and Sande Godbout for all of the photos and pages 2 and 3!



Holy Week and Easter Services photos continued

Tenebrae Service was held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Livonia.



Birthdays:

2	Hannah Russell	18	Kyle Fowler
5	Ken Coyne	21	McKenna Erickson
7	Ryan Erickson	31	Amelia Hamblin
11	Sande Godbout		

Happy Anniversary to:

Don. & Violet Streeter -May 20; Ken & Jeannie Coyne-May 22

Our apologies if your name should have appeared here! Please help us update our list. Send your special day to: minutemgr@gmail.com



Learning More About Our Diocese

The Episcopal Diocese Of Michigan Is An Open, Affirming And Welcoming Body Of Christ

***We Are Grounded In Our Commitment To Both Embrace Our Neighbors With The Unconditional Love Of Christ,
And To Uphold And Maintain Our Histories And Traditions.
No Matter Who You Are, There Is A Sacred Place For You In This Diocese.***

Who We Are

The diocese consists of 75 congregations in the southeastern region of Michigan, comprising of over 17,000 baptized members. We are organized into seven deaneries, which provide local organization and collaboration for our congregations. The diocese is the area of jurisdiction of the bishop, and the bishop is the chief executive and pastor of the diocese.

The chief administrative bodies of the diocese include the diocesan convention, which meets annually to set policy and approve the diocesan budget. During the year, the Diocesan Council meets with the bishop on a regular basis as the representatives of the convention to carry out the work of the diocese between conventions. To learn more about our Diocese and explore online resources, visit: www.edomi.org.

Great News for Our Community

Ken's Country Produce, (located on Ford Road just east of Newburg) has reopened for the season with lots of plants to choose from. Owner Linda Torni Dabelstein passed away in January 2025 she was preceded in death by her husband Ken in May 2021. The business was closed until now but the family has decided to reopen. Let's support this longtime family business!



**Westland Farmer's
Market Opens
Thursday May 22!**

This Month's Altar Guild Schedule

May 04	Sande G., Julie J.
May 11	Wendy C., Violet S.
May 18	Joan S., Sande G., Pricilla H.
May 25	Sande G., Julie J.



FOOD PANTRY OPEN

**Thursday, May 8,
3:30 pm - 5 pm**

On the last Sunday of the month
collection plate donations go to our
Food Pantry Ministry.



MAY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sundays:

Sun. May 4 Daughters of the King, *after service*

Sun. May 18 Vestry Meeting, *after service*

Join us for Coffee Hour *after our 9:30 service. Enjoy coffee, tea, light refreshments and camaraderie!*

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