



ST. JOHN'S
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The Red Door

WHERE ALL ARE WELCOME
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St. John's Episcopal Church



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Know Your Blessings

"Gracious God, we give you thanks for this day, and for your many blessings which we enjoy."

This is how my prayers begin. My faith or trust in God is rooted in the ground of gratitude. It is nurtured by the many blessings that swirl around in the beautiful dance of grace.

A current blessing under my feet is being closer to my sister Jane, her husband Paul, and their son Todd. Together we walked across the Mackinac Bridge last month. Not for those afraid of heights! The number of people with walkers or canes was surprising, however, so the crowd was a delightful mix of youngsters and those young of heart and spirit. We had so much fun that we are thinking about walking it again next year!

In addition to gratitude for family, gratitude for the beauty of nature fills my heart with joy. Being out in nature, regardless of the time of year, regardless of the weather (no such thing as "bad" weather, just wrong clothing) renews my spirit. My prayer for you this month is for you to know many blessings from God and to live a life full of grace and gratitude. And may the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your heart and mind in the knowledge and love of God, and in Christ Jesus, our Savior.

-Rev. Henny



My nephew Todd, sister Jane and me on ferry from Mackinaw City to St. Ignace Sept. 2, 2019.

"Hazardous Saints" Bible Study Starts October 16

The new bible study (and a great time to jump in if folks have not been coming!) is "Hazardous Saints," by our own Episcopal Church Publishing Company. We will learn about Barnabas, Francis of Assisi, Thomas Cranmer, Sojourner Truth, Dorothy Day, and Oscar Romero.

Worship Opportunities All are Welcome



Sunday Services

- Oct. 6 Holy Eucharist 8:30 am & 10:30 am
Rev. Henny officiating
- Oct. 13 Holy Eucharist 8:30 am & 10:30 am
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- Oct. 20 Holy Eucharist 8:30 am & 10:30 am
John Buehner preaching
- Oct. 27 Morning Prayer 8:30 am & 10:30 am
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Wednesday Bible Study & Prayers

Oct. 16, 23 & 30

Bible Study 10:00 am
Compline/Prayers 11:30 am

FALL FESTIVAL



A glorious Autumn day helped draw hundreds of residents and friends to our Fall Festival on October 5!

Our seventh annual Fall Festival kicked off with almost 30 crafters. Our vendors and sponsors generously donated items to our silent auction and ticket raffle. The kitchen staff and grill masters did a great job with their pulled pork, brats, hot dogs, nachos and walking tacos!

Daughters of the King ran the Bake Sale and sold a couple of their beautiful crocheted afghans.

CVS was on hand to administer flu shots. Our children enjoyed the bounce house, crafts, face painting and games.

Once the craft show and kid's activities were over, adults sang and danced to the music provided by David James (along with the Andy & Bobby Show), Rob & Max Acoustic, Benny Speer (of Benny and the Jets) and Andy Spisak & the Big City Country Band! Thanks to all of the committee members, *especially chairperson Sharon Scott*, and everyone who contributed, volunteered and attended! As soon as final numbers are in, we will share the financial results of this wonderful event. [Thanks to Violet Streeter for Fall Festival photos!]

St. John's Episcopal Church Thanks Our Fall Festival Sponsors & Friends:

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TRUNK OR TREAT

Please join us on Sunday, October 27th for our annual Trunk or Treat Halloween extravaganza! We plan on giving out treats and toasting s'mores from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Please consider bringing your vehicle and candy to distribute and be in the parking lot no later than 6:00 pm. (Be set up and ready to go at 6:15 for the early birds!) Costumes and decorations are optional for adults and autos, but we encourage our children to dress up!

If you are not able to attend, but would like to donate candy or money to purchase candy, you may drop either off to the church office Monday – Friday from 11:00am – 3:00pm starting on October 1st.

6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

TRUNK
OR
TREAT

Sunday, October 27

ENJOY SMORES AT 7:30 pm!!

October

Anniversaries

24 Sharon & Ted Scott
26 Marilyn & Ed Grimm



Pledge Cards will be going out soon and are due back on or before November 17.

Birthdays

13 Audrey Suchy	22 Olivia Attard
14 Sonya Kowalski	25 Christine Brown
16 Linden King (1 yr. 2017)	26 Maritza Cox
17 Victoria (Boadie) Attard	29 Ryan Shork
21 Susan Daniel	



FOOD PANTRY OPEN

Thursday, October 10,
Hours: Noon-2 pm

Donation always welcome!
(no expired foods please)



Welcome Potluck



**SAVE
THE
DATE:
OCT. 20!**

After the second service, we'll have a potluck celebration to welcome Rev. Henny to St. John's. There is a sign up sheet in the parish hall. 😊

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OCTOBER EVENTS & MEETINGS

SUNDAYS:

Sunday, Oct. 6	Daughters of the King, 12 pm
Sunday, Oct. 13	Breakfast, 9:30 am Vestry meeting at 12 pm
Sunday, Oct. 20	Welcome Potluck for Rev. Henny

WEDNESDAYS:

Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	Senior Exercise Class 9 am (free will donation)
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