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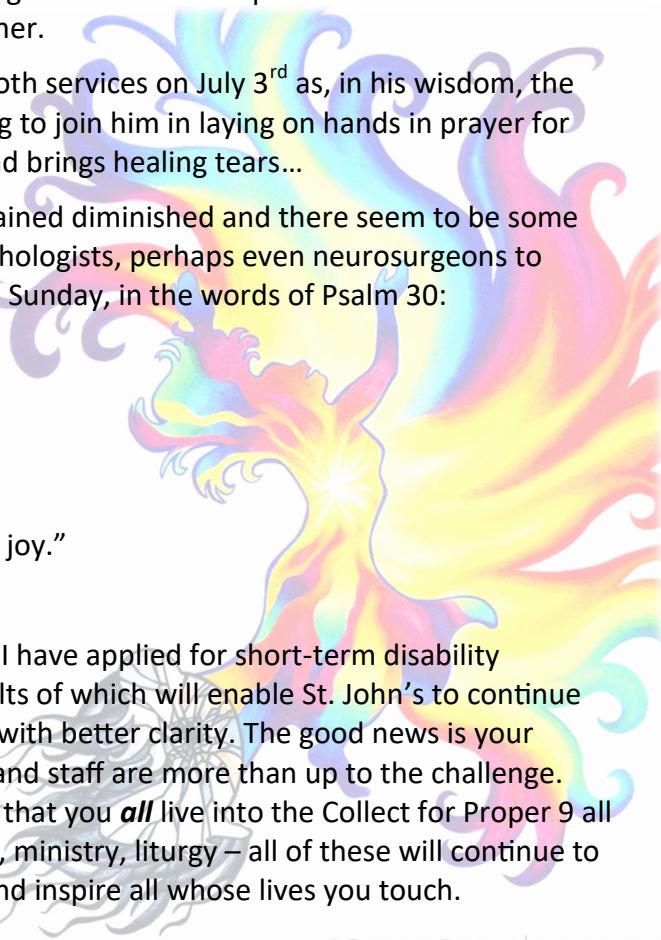
O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect for Proper 9 (Sunday closest to July 6) which was read on July 3rd, is a good one. It gets right to the very essence of what it means to be followers of Christ; to be community: united to one another with pure affection. Truly, that is the deepest possible understanding of our relationships for which God created us: devoted to God (and God's ways), and united with each other.

The living out of this collect was made so very real for me at both services on July 3rd as, in his wisdom, the Reverend Curt Zimmerman, invited members of each gathering to join him in laying on hands in prayer for me. Pure affection: it makes one's knees threaten to buckle and brings healing tears...

Since having a seizure on June 14, my ability to speak has remained diminished and there seem to be some other effects which will be left to neurologists, and speech pathologists, perhaps even neurosurgeons to repair. All will be revealed in due course. As we also prayed on Sunday, in the words of Psalm 30:

"O Lord our God, we cried out to you, *
 and you restored us to health...
 Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon us; *
 O Lord, be our helper.
 You have turned our wailing into dancing; *
 you have put off our sack-cloth and clothed us with joy."



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All in God's time.

In the meantime, I have applied for short-term disability benefits; the results of which will enable St. John's to continue to move forward with better clarity. The good news is your wardens, vestry, and staff are more than up to the challenge. The great news is that you **all** live into the Collect for Proper 9 all the time! Mission, ministry, liturgy – all of these will continue to feed and house and inspire all whose lives you touch.

With affection, peace and blessings,

Jim+

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June Worship Links

Below are direct links to last month's worship services.

If viewing electronically, **click on the date to view the video from that day.**

[Pentecost/Whitsunday \(June 5\)](#)
Holy Eucharist (unavailable)

[2nd Sunday after Pentecost \(June 19\)](#)
[Holy Eucharist](#)

[1st Sun after Pentecost/Trinity Sun \(June 12\)](#)
[Holy Eucharist](#)

[3rd Sunday after Pentecost \(June 26\)](#)
[Holy Eucharist](#)

You can find older services on this page:

www.sjec-midland.org/sermons

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EIGHBOR WITH EVERYTHING WE'VE GOT ABOUT US

Muddy Church Trail VBS

August 1-4, 6:30-8:00 pm

Join us as we follow the trails on a new Biblical Adventure each night. You will encounter the Good Shepherd and sheep, fish, creation, and lots more. There will be songs, stories, snacks, and lots of adventures.



This is a VBS for ALL ages! Children from age 5 and up may attend alone. Anyone 4 and under is welcome to attend with a grown up. All are welcome. Invite your neighbors, your grandchildren, and yourself.

Registration is available by clicking the link, below,
or calling the church office:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080549AFAC2DA3FC1-muddy>

Want more info? Interested in volunteering?
Contact Missy Harrison
989-631-2260 or missy@sjec-midland.org



Some words about the mural . . .

from Jenni Stoll

When Missy told me she wanted to do a mural and we started brainstorming ideas my immediate thought was *it needed to be something with God is Love*. That phrase is something I have heard her say so many times. It's such a powerful sentence, those three words. I was then reminded of a book she shared with the children during Godly Play. The book is called **God's Dream** by Desmond Tutu. That book provided the inspiration for the rainbow made with handprints.



Watching the mural come together with the help of children and adults alike was truly amazing. The preschool children were so excited to help and even the adult church members seemed to be happy to "lend a hand". I am honored I was able to help add a little something to our wonderful church. Thank you, Missy, for allowing me to be creative and add my touch.



Mair Alsgaard 1931 - 2022

(Excerpted from the [Midland Daily News article](#) by Victoria Ritter published on June 24, 2022)

Midland's music community has lost a beloved teacher and musician. Eluned Mair Alsgaard, 90, died June 17.

Mair was born Dec. 24, 1931, in Cardiff, Wales, the only child of David and Eluned (Phillips) Godwin. She grew up in the coal mining village of Six Bells, Abertillery where she developed an interest in music. She took piano lessons and participated in competitions, winning many awards.

Jim Hohmeyer of Midland, a friend of Mair's, recalls stories she shared about her piano competitions. The contestants were required to memorize a piece of music; although Alsgaard had memorized the music, she could not perform it unless the music was nearby. Fortunately, she found a workaround.

"She could not play the piece without the music close to her," Hohmeyer said. *"She would put the music on the bench and then she would sit on the bench so the judges couldn't see it."*

Mair attended Weymouth College where she earned a degree in music. While she was in college, she travelled to Saginaw to visit relatives. During her visit, her aunt set her up on a blind date with Richard Alsgaard, a graduate of the University of Michigan. The two continued to correspond by mail after Mair returned to Wales and while Richard served in the U.S. Army. Two years later, Richard proposed to Mair over the phone; she moved to Saginaw and the couple was married on Oct. 9, 1954.

Mair's daughter, Sheila Nye of Saginaw, said her mom's greatest quality was her strength.

"Moving from Wales to the U.S. at an early age was not easy, I'm sure," Nye said. *"When they first started out, they didn't have a lot of money."*

The Alsgaards' first son, David, was born sickly, so Richard and Mair had him treated at Henry Ford Hospital. Richard worked for Dow Corning, but the company didn't provide health insurance for newborns. To help pay the medical bills, Mair got a job as a social worker covering nearby rural areas.

After a couple of years, she started teaching piano out of her home and continued for over 60 years. Mair provided piano lessons until this spring, connecting with her students over Zoom during the pandemic.

"She influenced a ton of kids with her love of music," said David Alsgaard, her son.

Mair's dedication to music continued as she served as the music director for Blessed Sacrament Church for 19

years, was the music and liturgy Director for St. Brigid Church and music resource coordinator for the Catholic Diocese of Saginaw. After her retirement, Mair was the organist and music director at St. John's Episcopal Church for many years until spring 2022.

Amon Eady, director of music at St. John's, worked with Mair for the last five years. He spoke of Mair's devotion to her work and how he enjoyed her dry sense of humor.

"She was up at the church every single day until she physically couldn't," Eady said.

There will be a Memorial Service celebrating Mair's life at St. John's Episcopal Church on **Saturday, August 20, at 9:30 am**. This will be followed by a celebration of life at the Midland Country Club from 11am to 3pm.

[Click here to read the full Obituary](#)



One of Eady's favorite memories was going over to Mair's house during the pandemic to remotely broadcast Sunday church services. They would rotate who would provide bagels, donuts or breakfast sandwiches.

"As non-ideal as it was, it was so much fun," Eady said.

Hohmeyer first met Mair when he was the Music Society director at Midland Center for the Arts. She encouraged him to join the Michigan Music Teachers

Ms. Alsgaard

It was nearly 11 years ago when I climbed onto the piano bench of your living room and met you for the first time. From that day in the winter of 2011, my eyes were opened to the glory of music, the frustration of practice, and the satisfaction of performance. I remember the early years of simply enjoying music, of walking into your house and playing music games on the laptop while you finished a lesson with a different student. I remember the guilt of not practicing (ha, embarrassing in retrospect) and stumbling through a lesson. Though you gave me encouragement and praise, I knew you could see through my sham. As my interest in piano dwindled, you still tried to provoke a sense of appreciation for music in me. When I had a resurgence in musical interest, you challenged me to take my progression slow and further analyze the music, rather than rushing to lands unknown. I remember the awkward and clunky zoom lessons in 2021, the piano sessions at St. Johns, and the recording process for my last grade of Piano SAT. Though I was incredibly frustrated, you were patient, and though I knew my performance was less than exemplary in my eyes, you were still proud. After the last recital you held, I knew that I would probably not see you for a bit. But when I heard the news of your passing, I was absolutely devastated. I wish I had spoken more to you, knowing that you had suffered in the past months. I was not your best student, many others can take that title away from me. But from the bottom of my heart, I thank you for all the memories and knowledge I've gained from you in 11 years. I still have the postcards you sent me on Christmas day (our birthdays being adjacent was quite funny wasn't it?), the toys and stationery from the bin that you gave us as rewards for work, the music trophies you gave us even when the MMTA didn't give us one. I'll remember the horrid Keyboardfest practices (I have to admit I definitely could've done way better), the conversations about music interpretation, and the reprimands for rushing, whether it be in playing or in bowing. Thank you for introducing me to music Ms. Alsgaard. I promise to bow in front of the piano before playing Bach, to take my time bowing, to play more baroque. On behalf of all your students, thank you. We will always think of you whenever our fingertips meet the black and white keys.

Grant Wang

June 24, 2022

Association; today, he is deeply involved with the organization and oversees the organization's Student Achievement Test.

"She was very good at getting people involved in musical organizations," Hohmeyer said.

Mair continued to pursue her passion for music by joining the Saginaw Valley chapter of the American Guild of Organists, served as the chair of the Midland Symphony Board and was president of the Symphony League, twice. She was also involved with the Board of Community Concerts, Midland Historical Society, the steering committee for Matrix Midland and Friends of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library.

"She was very fair and giving. She always cared more about other people than she did about herself. She always loved to give back and felt that was a higher calling," David said. *"Mom had the inability to say 'no.' If somebody asked her for help or to volunteer for this or substitute for that, she was right there."*

Mair received several accolades for her contributions to the music community. In 1975, the Midland Jaycee Auxiliary named Mair the Woman of the Year. The following year, she was named the Midland Musician of the Year by the Midland Symphony Orchestra Society. Her latest honor was being named the Music Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Music Teachers Association in October 2019.

"I think about how many lives she touched, not only as a wife and mother, but as a choir director, organist, social worker, friend and teacher," Nye said. *"She always taught me to be kind to people."*

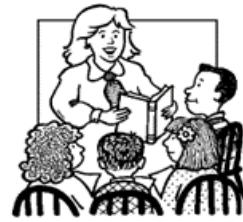
Mair is survived by her four children, David (Kelly) Alsgaard, the Rev. Erik (Sheila George) Alsgaard, Ian (Victoria) Alsgaard and Sheila (Lenny) Nye; six grandchildren and five great-grandsons. Her husband died in 2018.



Library News — The Waring Room: Growth and Development

by Marnie Bash

Next to - and closely related to Faith and Spirituality - is the Growth and Development Section; this group of books relates to living your faith in the everyday world rather than dealing with how to increase and grow in the spiritual aspects of our lives. Here we find books and pamphlets on parenting and faith formation for children, graceful aging, and dealing with suffering and loss, as well as the day-to-day living our faith. Helpful topics when you're wondering, "what good is my faith?"



Books on Faith Formation, Parenting/Children, and Adolescence/Youth are all found on the top shelf in the bookcase of children's books in Williams Hall. Check them out when you're choosing book(s) for your child to read. Highly recommended in the Faith Formation group are *Growing Compassionate Kids* by Jan Johnson and *The Busy Family's Guide to Volunteering* by Jenny Friedman to help our kids look outside of themselves and their family, or *To Dance with God* by Gertrud Nelson or *The Art of Tradition* from Mary Walsh with ideas for establishing family traditions. In the books about and for adolescents, *Way to Live: Christian Practices for Teens* is a good one for them to read, or *Reaching Teens in Their Natural Habitat* is great for parents, especially if read before your child is a teen! And you don't even have to leave Williams Hall to find these books! In addition, there is a set of pamphlets which describe age-appropriate ways of helping your child grow in faith from birth through their teen years found on the cupboards to the right of the fireplace. The first one gives an overall picture, *Being Involved in Your Child's Faith Formation*; the other three deal with specific ages, *About Faith and Your Child*: from birth to age 6 or from 6 to 12 years old, and *About Faith and Your Teen*. Quick, easy reading with some neat ideas to help you raise your children in faith.

If, on the other hand, your children are grown and gone and you're enjoying being an "empty-nester", back in the library itself are a number of delightful books about enjoying life and continuing to grow spiritually as we age. Barbara C. Crafton weighs in with *The Courage to Grow Old*, Kathleen Fisher has both *Autumn Gospel* and *Winter Grace*, and Mary Pipher gives us *Women Rowing North*. In addition, in Christian Living, a variety of books show us people living comfortably with their faith in the larger world: *When the World Takes the Wind Out of Your Sails* by James Moore, *More than Enough, Living Abundantly in a Culture of Excess* by Lee Moses, Eugene Peterson's *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*, half a dozen books by John Ortberg, and *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World* by Joanna Weaver. Enjoyable to read as well as giving us thoughts and ideas about living our faith day to day.

The Growth and Development Section also includes two other important topics: Life Hurdles and Suffering and Healing. The first topic includes discussions of things like death, losing a spouse, and divorce. Under the topic of death, you will find *Dying Well: Peace & Possibilities at the End of Life* by Ira Byock, a general surgeon I believe, *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande, another MD, and the classic Kubler-Ross book, *Death: The Final Stage of Growth*. Under divorce is *The Unexpected Legacy of Divorce* by Judith Wallerstein, et al. Important books for particular times.

Suffering results from a wide variety of causes, and the books under Suffering and Healing deal with a number of ways we suffer. David Finnegan-Hosey describes his journey through mental illness in *Christ on the Psych Ward*, and Andy McQuitty talks about dealing with cancer in *Notes from the Valley*; Antoinette Bosco weighs in with *The Pummeled Heart, Finding Peace through Pain*, Lewis Smedes talks about "forgiving" in *The Art of Forgiving*, and finally, there are several books dealing with grief. Books in this section are not necessarily "easy" reading, but they can be very helpful at difficult times in our lives.

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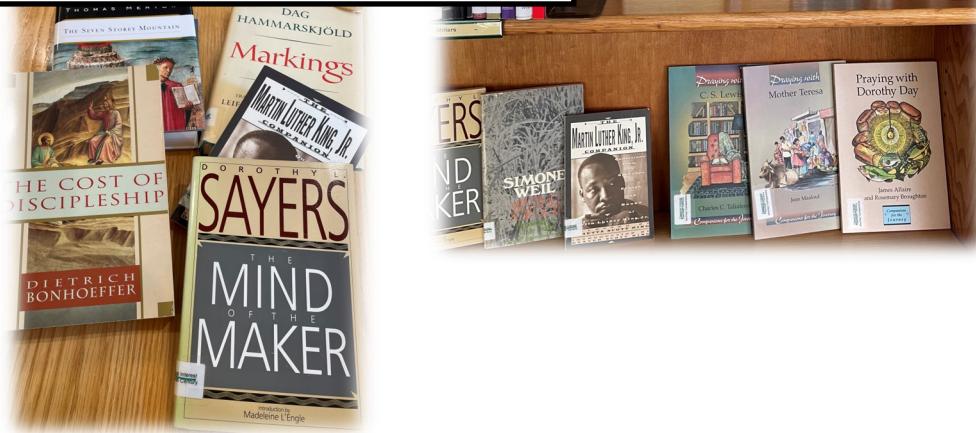
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Most of the books in the Growth and Development Section are primarily designed for specific people at specific times in their lives; however, the books under Christian Living are good for all, and it also doesn't hurt to be acquainted with

some of the ideas in other parts of this section before you find yourself facing something you never expected! Look over the titles – I've kept the "best of the best" for you to read – and see if something doesn't catch your eye!

Feature Shelf: This month the Feature Shelf has books by Twentieth Century writers, people many of us are familiar with but who are no longer alive: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Dag Hammarskjold, Thomas Merton, etc. Most of these books were written in the early or middle part of the century and spoke to the situations they found themselves in then. Interesting books from interesting writers. *The Spiritual Life* by Evelyn Underhill, *Waiting for God* by Simone Weil, *The Seven Story Mountain* by Thomas Merton, *The Cost of Discipleship* by Bonhoeffer, and more. Come and see!



Spices Delight Us

In July, please provide flavor to SAMS Pantry... *salt, pepper, common spices and vegetable oil*. There is a bin for donations in the Narthex.

We appreciate your ongoing support of SAMS!





June 25, 2022

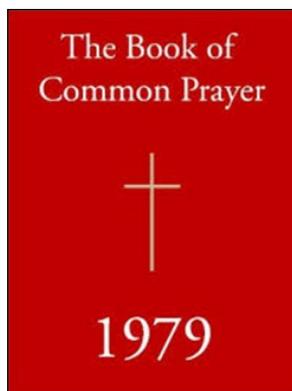


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June 12, 2022





BCP Spotlight

by Ellen McVey

Proper 25 Collect for Sunday closest to Oct 26, p. 235

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

This prayer is the collect to be used on the Sunday closest to Oct. 26. However, I think it's a great "all the time" prayer. We know that this prayer was included in the Leonine sacramentary, a collection of prayers for mass dating back to the sixth century with some sections dating to the fifth century.

I especially like the phrase "...make us love what you command...". It's a good reminder to check my motivations to see if I may be doing "the right things" but grudgingly. Make me love what you command.

Our baptismal covenant states what God commands ..."Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? Will you strive* for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? – *I will, with God's help.*" Make us love what you command.

*Strive = make great efforts to achieve or obtain something; to struggle or fight vigorously

Happening NOW - 80th General Convention

By the time you read this, our diocesan deputation is likely on their way to Baltimore to participate in the 80th General Convention. Below are some ways to stay connected to what is happening there:

- ❖ [Subscribe to receive news and updates](#) from the dioceses (this link provides a subscription to the diocesan newsletter, **The Feast Online**).
- ❖ Connect with the diocese on social media:
 - ◆ Eastern Michigan - [Facebook](#) - [Instagram](#) - [Twitter](#)
- ❖ Search and/or follow "#gc80" on social media to see posts from across the Church.
- ❖ Episcopal News Service - [Website](#) - [Facebook](#) - [Twitter](#)
- ❖ Deputy News - [Website](#) - [Facebook](#) - [Twitter](#) - [TikTok](#)

Post-General Convention Meetings:

The joint delegations (Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan) are hosting two post-General Convention meetings (via Zoom) and invite everyone to join us. We will be reporting back about our experience at GC80 and discussing any legislation that will have a particular impact on our dioceses. Below are dates & times as well as the link to RSVP (you must RSVP to receive the Zoom link). Please join us!

Thurs., July 28th, 7-8:30pm

[RSVP](#)

Sat., July 30th, 10-11:30pm

[RSVP](#)

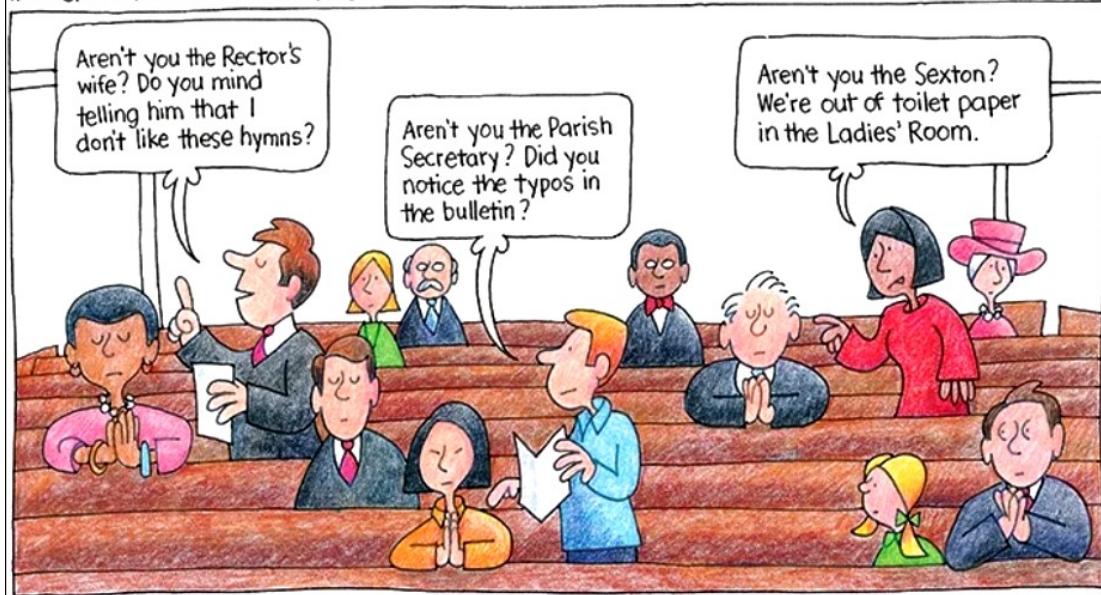


Sara Philo and Ellen McVey at the 80th General Convention sporting bow ties in memory of Bill Spaid, a deputy from Western, MI who died earlier this year.

Click here to read the
most recent issue of
The Feast



IN A QUIET MOMENT OF REFLECTION BEFORE THE SERVICE ...



fellowship

Men's Breakfast — Monday, August 1

Join us at the Big Boy Restaurant at 1513 S. Saginaw Rd. for our monthly **Men's Breakfast**. Once in the restaurant, walk through the big room to the smaller room located at the southeast end of the restaurant to find our table.



HOLY HIKES GREAT LAKES

July 23 - Bowman Lake Trail in Baldwin

The next hike of our 2022 season will take place on Saturday, July 23rd at the Bowman Lake Trail in Baldwin, celebrating the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene!

The Bowman Lake Trail is densely forested with hardwoods, red and white pine, and aspen. The area, which includes a three-acre lake with boat access, is a habitat for the federally endangered Karner blue butterfly. Barring any necessary changes, we will be hiking and praying about a two-mile loop. It is a bit hilly, so you may want to bring some kind of walking stick or trekking poles. Well-behaved dogs are welcome to join us at this site.

Unless specifically told not to, we will post signs to help guide participants to our basecamp near the start of the trailhead. A reminder email with specific instructions is sent to all participants a day or so before the hike.

All in Eastern and Western Michigan are invited to join Holy Hikes Great Lakes as we hike (of course), learn, pray, and worship together in God's creation. Please [click here for more details](#), and click the button, at left, to RSVP to join us for this no-cost event!

RSVP

Our Holy Hikes Chapter Coordinator is Beckett Leclaire (Grace, Port Huron). Questions? Contact Beckett at bleclaire@eastmich.org or bleclaire@edwm.org.

The photo, above, shows a Holy Hiker stopped at one of our prayer stations during our June hike in Oscoda.





Each month the *Prayer Corner* includes the church's prayer list as well as the anniversaries and birthdays for the month. The prayer list is updated weekly and included in the Sunday morning worship service bulletins, along with the *Daily Prayers for the Wider Church*. The most recent version can be found at any time by clicking the "Announcements" link on the SJEC web page:

<https://www.sjec-midland.org/>

Please keep the following people in your prayers...

Ian Alsgaard, James Robinson, Phil Robinson, Cathy Chang & Juan Lopez, Jim & Sue R., Beth Porreca, Anita, Doug, Vincent, Janeene Brady, Kristi, Arra, Jay, Penny, Ashlee, the C3 Gospel Choir, the Germain family, the Alsgaard family, the Matthews family, and the St. John's staff.

Prayer update: Many of you may have noticed the C3 (Christ Central Church) Gospel Choir has been on our prayer list for quite some time. The choir lost one of its members in a tragic accident the very same week they visited us back in April. They will come off our weekly prayer list soon, but if you have any other concerns or questions regarding how to support them, please see our music director, Amon Eady. Thank you!

Contact the church office
631-2260 / office@sjec-midland.org

- to add someone to the prayer list
- inform us of your marriage date
- inform us of your birth date
- inform us if you've been baptized

Give thanks with those celebrating July Birthdays...

1 - Kyle Mesler	19 - Basil Clark
Dave Stafford	20 - Jan Harry
3 - Judith Monto	21 - Ralph Rye
7 - Roy Kretz	Mason Keelin
8 - Helen Srodes	24 - Cathy Strong
9 - Bill Barnett	25 - Gordon Roush
10 - Rev. Todd Ousley	27 - Tracey Kempsell
Ella Plishka	28 - Caroline Voorheis
12 - Bud Schartow	Ryan Voorheis
Jen Gruhzit	29 - Pat Wilson
14 - Adam Philo	30 - Sheila Mesler
18 - Tom Miller	31 - Lisa Shartow-Miller
Connor Dasbach	

Give thanks with those celebrating July Anniversaries...

12 - Andy & Karen Roberts	20 - Bill & Jenny Kent
15 - Dave & Karen Whisler	23 - Mike & Jane Scott
18 - Stacy & Carol Daniels	30 - Dave & Tracey Kempsell

Pastoral Care

Since the publication of our last Epistle, we have marked the following passage:

Deaths

June 17.....Mair Alsgaard

Do you know someone who would appreciate a pastoral visit from our clergy or lay visitors?

- ... who is a patient in one of our area hospitals?
- ... who should be added to our prayer list?

With their permission, please contact our church office and pass this information along to us so that we may respond appropriately. It's always better to get a message more than once than not at all! In the case of a pastoral emergency outside of office hours, please contact: **The Rev. Jim Harrison 810-516-2159 (cell)**.

Charles Bash
Faye Ebach
Bob Estabrook

Jan Marcou
Roni Rogers
Pat Roush

These parishioners serve St. John's through our Pastoral Care ministry. St. John's is grateful for their time & love of neighbor.



*Rest eternal grant unto her, O Lord;
and let light perpetual shine upon her.*



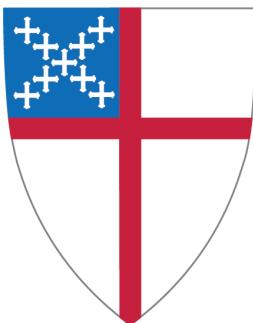
pastoral care

Tai Chi in the Garden

Wednesdays at 5:30 pm

June 1 thru September 28

Offered by Laurie McGuire, P.T.,
of Physical Therapy Center
\$5 per session
No experience required



HEAD OF THE CHURCH - JESUS CHRIST MINISTERS - ALL OUR MEMBERS

Clergy

The Rt. Rev. Prince G. Singh.....*Bishop Provisional*
The Rev. Jim Harrison*Priest-in-Charge*

Staff

Dr. Amon Eady*Director of Music*
Denise Isenbarger ..*Bookkeeper & Office Manager*
Missy Harrison*Director of Children
and Youth Ministries*
Ellen Woodard*Administrative Assistant*
Nick Lowthian*Sexton*

Meditation with Angela

Thursdays at 7:00 pm

June 2 thru September 1



Meditation is a spiritual practice found in many religious traditions that focuses on quieting the mind and opening ourselves up to be in the present moment. In Christian meditation we allow ourselves to let go of all thought and expectations and spend time in the presence of God. This tradition was introduced by Fr. John Main and has continued through the World Community of Christian Meditation (WCCM).

Angela Garcia invites you to experience this time of silence and stillness on Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Courtyard.

To get in touch with any Clergy, Staff Member or Member of the Vestry, call or email the parish office:

(989) 631-2260
office@sjec-midland.org

OUR VESTRY - OUR ELECTED LEADERS

Class of 2023

Jesse Donahue
Sara Philo
Lee Smith, *Co-Warden*

Class of 2025

Bill Kent
Paul Tolly
Gina Wilson

Class of 2024

Toshia Albright, *Clerk*
Chris Lauckner, *Co-Warden*
Ellen McVey, *Assistant Clerk*

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday

- 8:00am Holy Eucharist..... Sanctuary
 9:00am Fellowship Hour..... Williams Hall
 10:00am Holy Eucharist..... Sanctuary & Facebook
 11:00am Fellowship Hour..... Williams Hall
 5:00pm NA..... McNab Room
 6:30pm Youth Group..... contact Missy Harrison
 7:00pm Bible in the Basement..... contact Sara Philo

Monday (Parish Office open 9am-3pm)

- 8:00am Morning Prayer..... Facebook
 12:00pm AA..... McNab Room

Tuesday (Parish Office open 9am-3pm)

- 8:00pm Compline..... Facebook
 1:00pm Knitpickers..... Williams Hall

Wednesday (Parish Office open 9am-3pm)

- 10:00am Women's Bible Study..... McNab Room
 12:00pm Holy Eucharist..... Sanctuary & Facebook
 5:30pm Tai Chi in the Garden..... Courtyard

Thursday (Parish Office open 9am-3pm)

- 8:00am Morning Prayer..... Facebook
 10:00am Love Knots (bi-weekly)..... Williams Hall
 7:00pm Meditation with Angela..... Courtyard

Friday (Parish Office open 9am-noon)

- 12:00pm AA..... McNab Room
 5:00pm Evening Prayer..... Facebook

Saturday

- 8:00am Compline..... Facebook
 12:00pm AA..... McNab Room
 7:00pm NA..... McNab Room

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as we seek to follow Jesus, and invite all to join us
on a sacred journey of hope and transformation.***

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