

THE EPISTLE

MAY 2025

May is a month of movement. It seems almost overnight that the trees along our street—or back there in Barstow Woods—went from bare to budding to green and leafed. Places not-so-recently frozen and silent explode with life. It's graduation season, and the school year and program year are winding down as we lean toward summer. It's a beautiful time of year...and sometimes a bittersweet one. Change can be exciting, hopeful, life-giving—it's how we grow. But change can also be tender and uncertain, especially when we didn't ask for it.



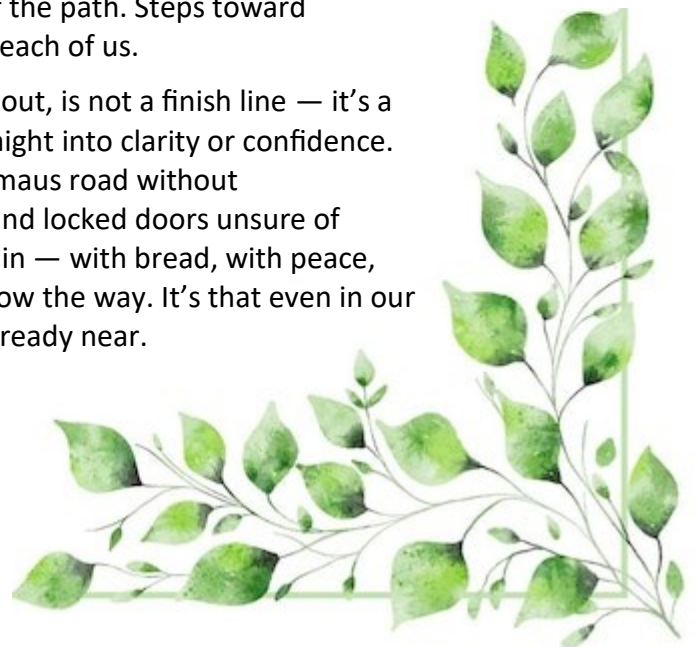
I've heard about a number of big transitions recently: graduates discerning next steps, families navigating endings and beginnings, employment changes (desired or otherwise). Some of these changes bring joy and celebration; others bring grief or fear; and many bring a range of feelings at once. Even good change asks something of us. It invites us to let go of what has been, to step into what could be, and to carry the weight of the unknown in between.

In times like this, I find myself thinking about discernment — not as a lightning bolt from above, but as the quiet and sometimes uncomfortable practice of listening. Listening to your life, your body, your community. Listening to the nudges of the Spirit in the midst of change. It's not always a clear path, and it rarely feels efficient. But it is holy. Discernment invites us to pay attention — not to the whole journey at once, but to this moment, this day, this next small step.

And often, the next step is not what we expect. Sometimes it's movement — a door opens, a phone call comes, a choice becomes clear. Other times, the next step is waiting. Resting. Trusting. Staying put. That doesn't mean you're stuck or doing it wrong. Some of the most faithful choices we make are the ones that seem the smallest — the cup of coffee with a friend, the morning walk, the deep breath before answering the hard question. These are not detours; they are part of the path. Steps toward wholeness, healing, and the fullness of life God wants for each of us.

All of this is Easter work. Because resurrection, as it turns out, is not a finish line — it's a beginning. After Jesus rises, the disciples don't launch straight into clarity or confidence. They wander. They wonder. They wait. They walk the Emmaus road without understanding, fish all night without catching, gather behind locked doors unsure of what's next. But Jesus meets them there — again and again — with bread, with peace, with love. The promise of Easter isn't that we'll always know the way. It's that even in our confusion and fear, new life is already unfolding. God is already near.

So if you're in a season of change—chosen or not—be gentle with yourself. You don't have to have it all figured out. You don't need a five-year plan or perfect peace. You just need a little light for the step you're on, and the assurance that you don't walk it alone. God is with you. And we, your church, are walking beside you too.





April 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.**

[5th Sunday in Lent \(April 6\)](#)

[Holy Eucharist](#)

[Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sun. \(April 13\)](#)

[Holy Eucharist](#)

[Maundy Thursday \(April 17\)](#)

[Holy Eucharist](#)

[Good Friday \(April 18\)](#)

[Holy Eucharist](#)

[Easter Day \(April 20\)](#)

[Holy Eucharist](#)

[Second Sunday of Easter \(April 27\)](#)

[Holy Eucharist](#)

You can find older services on this page:

<https://www.youtube.com/@st.johnsepiscopalchurchmid8944/streams>

WE APPRECIATE YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT!

St. John's depends on the generosity of our friends and members. Pledges and gifts to St. John's can either be made by check and sent via US Mail to 405 N. Saginaw Rd., Midland, MI 48640, or by visiting tinyurl.com/Give2SJEC. This link will take you to a screen where you will enter the amount of your donation, and

designate a specific purpose or fund. Enter your email address as well, and you'll receive an electronic receipt.



You can also access electronic giving from the upper right-hand corner of our [webpage](#), from the pinned post on our [Facebook page](#), or by pointing your phone's camera to this QR code.



If you have any questions about your continued financial support of St John's, please call the church office and your call will be directed to the appropriate staff person. Thank you for your generosity!





Ryan Bash

grandson of Charles and Marnie Bash, is graduating from Park Junior High and will be attending Lyons Township High School in LaGrange, IL.



Connor Dasbach

son of Paul and Tina Dasbach, is graduating with his medical degree from Wayne State School of Medicine in May. He will start his anesthesiology residency at Ohio State University in Columbus in June. He is grateful for all of the thoughts and prayers.



Sydney Bash

granddaughter of Charles and Marnie Bash, is graduating from Park Junior High and will be attending Lyons Township High School in LaGrange, IL.



Eloise Dupuis

daughter of Aimee Dupuis, is graduating from two years of preschool at the Chippewa Nature Center and in the fall will be attending kindergarten at Bullock Creek Elementary School.



Chloe Escoffre

daughter of Melissa Maxwell, is a fifth grader currently attending Chestnut Hill Elementary School. Chloe loves theater, singing, and spending time with friends and family. Chloe is proud to continue on in Girl Scouts and has recently started horseback riding lessons. Chloe will be starting Northeast Middle School this fall.



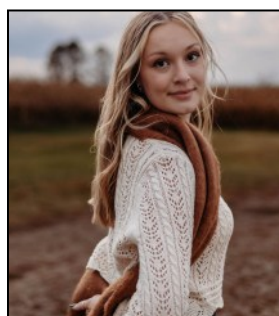
Ian Garlinghouse

son of Chad and Emily Garlinghouse, is an 8th grader at Bay City Western Middle. He is headed to Western High School where he will play trumpet in the marching band and play football for the freshman team.



Mallory Garlinghouse

daughter of Chad and Emily Garlinghouse, is a senior at Western High School. She is on the National Honor Society and has enjoyed dancing during high school. She is heading to Saginaw Valley State University to study occupational therapy.



Brenna Gruhzt

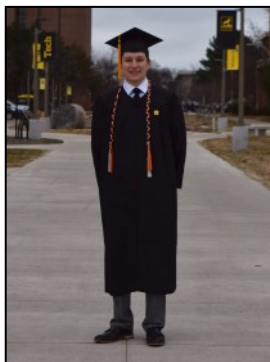
daughter of Jen Gruhzt, will be graduating from Uplift Michigan Online School in June 2025. She is dual enrolled at Delta College and is studying Architecture. She is also "bridging" (graduating) to an Adult in Girl Scouts, having been actively involved since kindergarten. She is beginning an internship this summer with Relevelated Development in Midland. She enjoys crochet, D&D, and coffee shops. Brenna plays the Bb Clarinet and the Bass Clarinet.

**Hailee Nielsen**

granddaughter of Jerry and Margo Nielsen, is graduating from the University of Michigan Medical School on May 16, 2025. (She also did undergrad at U of M.) She begins an Internal Medicine residency at the University of Chicago on June 23, 2025.

**Kade Nielsen**

grandson of Jerry and Margo Nielsen, graduated from Michigan Tech University on April 26, 2025 with a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He will begin employment as an engineer at Hemlock Semiconductor on June 23, 2025.

**Lillian Stoll**

daughter of Bryan and Jenni Stoll, is graduating from Learning Tree Cooperative Preschool and will be attending Plymouth Elementary School next year. She loves Bluey, Gabby Dollhouse, art, ballet and music!

Logan Stoll

son of Bryan and Jenni Stoll, is moving on from Jefferson Middle School and heading to Dow High. He enjoys fishing, hunting, watching sports and playing on his Xbox.

**Marie Stoll**

daughter of Bryan and Jenni Stoll, is graduating from Adams Elementary School and will be attending Northeast Middle School next year. She loves art, music, ballet, makeup and games.

**Patrick Ward**

son of Ervin and Elyse Ward, is graduating from Carpenter Pre-Primary and heading to Kindergarten at Plymouth Elementary.

Draven Forbes, one of St. John's Choral Scholars, is graduating from Central Michigan University.

Aiden Carter, son of Kate Robinson and Kristina Mason, graduated from Michigan Youth Challenge Academy earlier this year and is now graduating from Marshall High School.

Grace Robinson, daughter of Kate Robinson and Kristina Mason, is graduating from Midland High School.

Children & Youth Ministries

April



EYE Youth group is continuing our study series from Storymakers on *Identity*. This was chosen by our youth in the fall and should be an adventure to walk through with our youth. We hope to see some youth join us for this new curriculum. During April we took some time off for various holidays and vacations, but are coming back full swing into May and finishing our year in June.

During April the EYE youth group used some of their service and outreach funds to support a local non-profit that supports our community. The Children's Grief Council of the Great Lakes Bay Region (<https://childrensgriefglbr.org/>) has wonderful programming for children and youth to help as they grieve the loss of someone special to them. They have support groups and within the groups they do a lot of crafts and artwork to express their grief. The youth donated yard games, snacks, and art supplies from their wish list.



**Children's
Grief Center**
GREAT LAKES BAY REGION



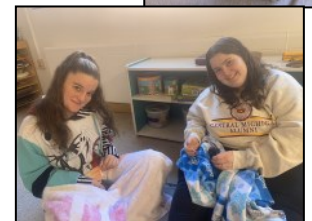
Sunday School in April was full of a few adventures. We finished up some Godly Play stories about Easter at the beginning of the month. The younger kids had some good questions and explored the Easter story. The older kids worked through some independent lessons and asked to watch service from downstairs a few times. As they grow and learn about God it is more intriguing for them to want to watch and participate in services. It is a great transition to see their interest and curiosity grow.



Throughout March and April the children colored small crosses to add to a larger picture to be displayed on Easter Sunday. Plans changed and the art turned into a wooden cross covered in the colored paper crosses made by the children. It was on display in the courtyard Easter Sunday. All children that wanted to participate in the Palm Sunday's procession of the Palms did so and



then enjoyed Sunday school activities. Easter was enjoyable for all. Children were welcome upstairs for the Sunday service or to attend childcare downstairs. After service the church hosted an Easter egg hunt on the back lawn with juice and cookies for a snack. This is a great tradition to bring young and old together for a fun event. At the end of April the Albright family brought some visitors to Sunday school. They brought in their rabbit and bunnies that they are raising for the Midland County Fair this year. A parable on rabbits



and cute furry visitors put a smile on many faces. Thank you Albright family for sharing.

In May we look forward to celebrating our many friends graduating. We have several Sunday school friends graduating from preschools and elementary schools. We hope all our graduates attend church on May 11th to receiving a blessing and to be celebrated during and after the 10am service. We will continue our Sunday school year through June.



The May **2nd Sunday Sharing** will be **Sunday, May 18**, after the 10 am worship service. The topic will be *Pastoral Care* facilitated by Fred Schuster.



Organ Project Update

Exciting progress is continuing to be made on our Organ Project! The new instrument is scheduled to be completed by October, and we can't wait to hear it fill our sanctuary with music. So far, we've raised **\$168,930.28** of our \$330,660 goal—thank you to all who have given so generously! We're still accepting donations through *The Mair Alsgaard Memorial Organ Fund*, and every contribution brings us closer to the finish line. In addition, grant applications have been submitted to several local foundations, and we hold these requests in prayerful hope. Thank you for your continued support and prayers!



Applications for garden boxes are still available on the bulletin board outside Williams Hall and from the parish office. Weather permitting, planting day will be **Saturday, May 17 at 10am**.

Contact Lee Smith with questions and if you can help on May 17 and/or with ongoing tending and harvesting (optimalvalue@att.net / 989-859-9746).



Please join us for the 1st annual **St. John's Episcopal Church Handbell Retreat** June 7th and 8th!



Saturday, June 7th will be from 11am-5pm, and the weekend will culminate with all Retreat participants ringing at the 10am service at St. John's on June 8th. Beginners are welcome and highly encouraged to join! No prior musical knowledge or experience is needed. The cost for the entire retreat is \$5, which will cover the materials you will need for the Handbell Retreat as well as lunch. If interested, please speak to Nykkoa Lurie after service, or email her at nykkoalurie@gmail.com for information on how to register.

ON THE SECOND SATURDAY IN MAY:

Place a bag of
nonperishable food
next to your mailbox.



Your letter
carrier will
handle the
rest!

**Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive — VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The annual letter carriers **Stamp Out Hunger** food drive takes place on **Saturday May 10**. We welcome volunteers to transport bins from the post office dock to SAMS, unload bins from cars, check item dates, and sort items between **3:30 and 6:00 on Saturday May 10**.

Those willing to transport items should report to the dock in the back of the post office on Rodd St. at 3:30. Other volunteers should report to SAMS Pantry at 3:30 and park in back in the Cambridge St parking lot.

Please send a text or email to *Anthony Dizon Webb* (989-430-3150 / aedizon123@gmail.com) and *Dana Pressnall* (989-859-3756 / dpressnall@charter.net) if you plan to volunteer, especially if you are willing to transport items. This will help us to assure adequate coverage. Thanks very much for your willingness to help. It's usually a fun and chaotic afternoon!

Meijer Simply Give — Spring Campaign

Between **Sunday, March 30, and Saturday, June 28, 2025** stop by Meijer and purchase a \$10.00 Simply Give gift card located near the checkout lanes.

Double Match Day: Saturday June 14. For every \$10.00 donation, Meijer will give an additional \$20.00. Your \$10.00 donation becomes \$30.00 for EFPN.

The Meijer Simply Give program continues to be a huge blessing for SAMS, providing critical funds to purchase essential items not available through the Food Bank. We're truly grateful for all who support this initiative!

**St. Martha's Annual Baby Shower**

St. Martha's annual Baby Shower is in memory of Suzanne Kaba and Barb Sovereign. These ladies were instrumental in organizing the baby shower over the years for young mothers in need in our area.

A table has been set up in Williams Hall where you can leave your donations. Below is a list of items we're collecting. The shower will end on Mother's Day (May 11) and all items will be distributed to local organizations serving young mothers in need the following week.

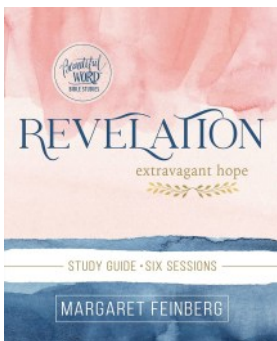


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| * Diapers - sizes NB-6 | * Baby Wipes |
| * Baby Shampoo | * Baby Lotion |
| * Desitin Cream | * Teethers & Pacifiers |
| * Sippy Cups | * Boppy Pillows & Covers |
| * Bassinet & Crib Sheets | * Tummy Time Play Mats |
| * Onesies - sizes NB to 24M | * Pajamas - sizes NB to 5T |
| * Outfits - sizes NB to 5T | * Socks |

Women Journeying Together

formation

This month we are well into *Revelation, Extravagant Hope*, with Margaret Feinberg. It has created much discussion and raised many questions. Did you know there are over 500 references to earlier books of the Bible in Revelation? We've already seen two of the major references - Daniel and Ezekiel – but there are many other references to find. Come and see with us. We will finish this study in early June.



May 15 – *When Life's Not Fair*

May 22 – *How to Overcome the Enemy*

May 29 – *When All Hell Breaks Loose*

June 5 – *The Promises of Heaven*

Women Journeying Together meets each Thursday afternoon during the school year from 1:00 to about 2:30. We gather in the Activity Room, at the bottom of the stairs across from the church office. We study, share, pray for and with each other, laugh frequently, and occasionally have lunch together. Women of all ages are welcome to join us, for a special study or “forever”. If you have questions, please contact me, Marnie Bash, at mpbash@ameritech.net or join us any Thursday afternoon.

Library News

by Marnie Bash

Last month books on Spirituality were put on the Feature Shelves for our 2nd Sunday discussion, but they were all packed in together because of all the other books on the Feature Shelves as well. This month they shine on their own and are spread out, allowing you to see them more easily and find the one(s) you're most interested in. These books include books about a “Rule of Life”, attentiveness, journaling, and much else; I've also included a few books on praying.

Books on Spiritual Practices include Richard Foster's *Life with God*, *Streams of Living Water*, and David Robinson's *Ancient Paths, a Look at the Benedictine Way*. Margaret Gunther's *At Home in the World*, is on developing a rule of life in our modern world, as is Corinne Ware's book, *Saint Benedict on the Highway*. Other good discussions may be found in Esther De Waal's *Lost in Wonder* (attentiveness) and Rachel G Hackenberg's *Writing to God* (journaling).



New this month are a few books on prayer (watch for more on prayer and books of prayers next month). Out this month are Anthony Blooms', *Beginning to Pray*, Deborah Douglas' *The Praying Life*, and Kristin Ingram's *Beyond Words, 15 Ways of Doing Prayer*. There is much more out on the shelves in William's Hall, but even more back in the library itself. See me if you wish to look for more, and I'll be glad to help you find other books on this or other topics.

The Book of
Common Prayer



1979

BCP Spotlight

by Ellen McVey

36. For the Oppressed (BCP, p. 826)

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

This prayer was written by Caroline Rose for the 1979 BCP. A few years ago, I discovered that Carolyn authored several of my favorite BCP prayers. She served on the 1979 BCP drafting committee and the committee on prayers and thanksgivings. But who was she?

It took a little sleuthing, but I found that she was married to The Very Rev. Lawrence Rose who became the Dean and President of General Theological Seminary (GTS) in NYC from 1947-1966. (Fun fact: A few years later, Mo. Alissa received her MDiv from GTS!) Born in 1903 in Peru, Indiana, Caroline graduated from Vassar in 1925 and obtained a master's degree in social work from Northwestern. She met Lawrence while doing fieldwork in Montana as part of her first job. They had 3 daughters and served as missionaries in Japan until they had to leave due to escalating hostilities leading up to WWII. They moved to NYC and Lawrence began working at GTS. Caroline supported her husband by entertaining seminary students, alumni, and visiting clergy. She also held classes for student wives because she felt it was important for them to "know how to read their husband's books". After 55 years of marriage, Lawrence died in 1987; Caroline died in 1993.

Several years ago, I located one of Caroline's daughters, Fran. She sent me this picture of her parents and shared that "my mother was active in several church organizations...my parents were devout Christians and read the daily offices together after breakfast. They loved the 1928 Prayer Book but charitably accepted the changes and reforms of the 'modern' church". I learned that another daughter, Margaret (deceased), married the Rev. Christopher L. Webber, author of "A Vestry Handbook", several books in the "Welcome to the Episcopal Church" Series, collections of prayers, and hymnals.



Caroline and The Very Rev. Lawrence Rose

I hope you find this prayer "for the oppressed" to be helpful during these times of "swift and varied changes of the world". Please also join me in giving thanks for the life and service of this remarkable layperson who, by sharing her gifts, made a far-reaching impact on our Church.

Church History in Three Minutes (or Less)

by Eric Carlson

Working on the by-law revisions last year, I was reminded of the official legal name of the denomination to which St. John's belongs: Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States. What does it mean to call ourselves "Protestant"? Now, it describes one of the western Christian churches separate from the Roman Catholic Church and following principles of the Reformation. That's a far cry from its original, very narrow meaning.



Luther and his followers lived in the Holy Roman Empire, a conglomeration of hundreds of semi-autonomous territories, ranging from sprawling dukedoms to compact city-states, each with its own government. (The Empire had similar boundaries to Germany today.) Ruling over them was an Emperor, who had a lot of prestige but little actual power thanks to the Empire's pluralistic and decentralized nature. In the 1520s, the Emperor was Charles V, who was also the ruler of Austria and Hungary, which were not part of the Empire. The eastern borders of Austria and Hungary were frequently attacked by Muslim Ottoman Turks, and Charles always needed to raise troops in the Empire to repel them. Although an ally of the Pope and the Roman church, when facing a ferocious attack by the Ottomans in 1526, he bribed territories that had adopted Luther's Reformation by offering them religious toleration in return for military assistance. It worked. But in 1529, having beaten back the Turks, the Pope pressured Charles to break the Lutheran 'heresy' so he withdrew his toleration policy. The leaders of several Lutheran territories issued a formal protest against the Emperor's action—and that's where "Protestant" originated. It was a political term, applied exclusively to parts of Germany.

Luther's followers didn't call themselves Protestant—or Lutheran, for that matter. They were *evangelisch*, followers of the Gospel. (*Evangelion* is Greek for 'good news'.) What we call the Lutheran Church today is the *Evangelische Kirche* in Germany. (To avoid confusion, Germans use the term *evangelikal* for the more modern churches that we call Evangelicals.) Followers of the various 16th century reforms in Switzerland and parts of south Germany, who eventually became known as Calvinists (after John Calvin, the church leader in Geneva) were known as *réformé*—the Reformed. That's the tradition of Calvin University, Mother Alissa's *alma mater*, and Midland Reformed Church, down the street from us. Where do we Episcopalians fit into all of this? That's next month's topic!

Men's Breakfast — Monday, June 2, 8:00 AM

fellowship

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.

JOIN US for food and fellowship!!



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... Cathy Chang & Juan Lopez, Susan & Bob, Dean, Char Bakeman, Betty Kirkley, Ronnie, Henry Youngquist, Chris, Yvonne, Charlene Adams, Dennis, Kendra Kleber, Alice & Fred Stoll, David and Paul.

Give thanks with those celebrating May Birthdays...

1 - Bruce Ellis	13 - Jan Morden
4 - Alissa Anderson	Andy Roberts
5 - Jeanne Black	19 - Aimee Dupuis
Chris Lauckner	HJ Smith
7 - Deborah Blackhurst	20 - Charlotte Bakeman
8 - Brandon Angell	22 - Julie Smith
Alicia Watt	25 - Lori Pung
10 - Anthony Dizon-Webb	Mary Jo Schuetz
12 - Esme Latocki	27 - Mary Ann Tolly
Lee Smith	28 - Olga Fagan
13 - Toshia Albright	Karen Roberts
Fred Stoll	30 - Jenni Stoll
17 - Rachel Leonard	

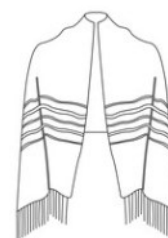
Contact the church office

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 May Anniversaries...

If you got married in May, let the office know so we can celebrate with you!!



Members of the congregation who have received Pastoral Care training are available all year for friendly visits. Members who are in the hospital, nursing homes, or homebound may request a visit from our team to receive communion, a comforting prayer shawl or a pocket cross.

Team members include:

The Rev. Alissa Anderson and parishioners

**Chris Esquivel
Chris Lauckner
Jan Marcou**

**Pat Roush
Chris Schuster
Fred Schuster**

Call the parish office (989-631-2260) with a pastoral care request. In the case of a pastoral emergency outside office hours, please contact **The Rev. Alissa Anderson at 616-540-9102 (cell)**.



ACT UGANDA 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

2024 was another amazing year for ACT Uganda—a faith-inspired nonprofit working alongside communities in Southwestern Uganda to support education, health, and economic empowerment.

Please take some time to read our 2024 Annual Report to learn about all we've accomplished together through God's grace and your support. You can find the report on our website at actuganda.org in the "Nonprofit Data" section under the "About ACT" menu, our Facebook page (facebook.com/ACTUgandaUSA/) and on our Instagram link (instagram.com/actuganda).

While you're visiting our website, don't miss the chance to browse beautiful, handmade gifts in our online store—each purchase supports ACT's life-changing programs.

From all of us at ACT Uganda, thank you for being part of the impact!



ACT received a Mother's Day gift in the form of a \$5000 donation from Old Mission Wound Care and Rebirth Advanced Healing to the ACT HEAL Program. "At Old Mission Wound Care (OWMC) and Rebirth Advanced Healing, we believe deeply in supporting healthy mothers and babies," said Dr. Chris Mason, Owner, President and CEO. "Investing in the health of mothers and babies through the ACT HEAL Program is an investment in the future of their community. We are honored to contribute to this crucial initiative and support the health and well-being of families." It is donations from caring individuals and businesses like this, that continue to help those in need through the many programs of

ACT. The ACT HEAL Program is a health promotion program working in Muko Sub-County, Uganda. A major focus is the education of mothers and girls with a focus on maternal health education for expecting mothers. It reached 874 pregnant women last year, all in rural, hard-to-reach areas of Uganda. To learn more about OWMC visit their website at rebirthheals.com; to learn more about ACT Uganda visit actuganda.org.



Members of the ***Detroit Handbell Ensemble*** and ***Lux Women's Choir*** extend their grateful thanks to St. John's Episcopal Church for hosting their concerts last weekend.



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with Rev. Alissa**

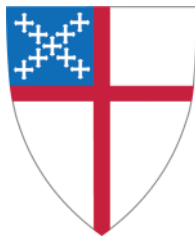
Schedule a time via Calendly

[CLICK HERE](#)



Drop in Coffee Shop Office Hours

Thurs., 9-11 AM. This month you'll find her at Grove Tea Lounge (2405 Abbott Rd.)



HEAD OF THE CHURCH - JESUS CHRIST

MINISTERS - ALL OUR MEMBERS

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

Clergy

The Rev. Allissa G. Anderson *Rector*
Jess Hart *Seminary Intern*

Staff

Dr. Amon Eady *Director of Music*
Travis Fader *Organist*
Linda Germain *Children & Youth Director*
Colleen O'Dell *Bookkeeper*
Ellen Woodard *Administrative Assistant*
Nick Lowthian *Sexton*
Vickie Densmore *Janitor*

Class of 2026

Deb Blackhurst
Angela Garcia, *Co-Warden*
Gail Hoffman

Class of 2028

John Adams
Doug Germain
Ann Wright

Class of 2027

Eric Heglin, *Clerk*
Susan Rye
Fred Schuster, *Co-Warden*

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHN'S

Sunday

8:00am	Holy Eucharist.....	Sanctuary
8:30am	Chancel Choir.....	Choir Room
9:00am	Fellowship Hour.....	Williams Hall
10:00am	Holy Eucharist.....	Sanctuary & Facebook
11:00am	Fellowship Hour.....	Williams Hall
11:30am	Handbell Choir.....	Bell Zone
2:00pm	EYE Youth Group.....	Activity Room
5:00pm	NA.....	McNab Room
7:00pm	Bible in the Basement (1st & 3rd).....	Activity Rm

Monday (Parish Office open 9am-3pm)

12:00pm	AA.....	McNab Room
6:00pm	Popup Bible Study.....	Library

Tuesday (Parish Office open 9am-3pm)

10:00am	Samaritan Fund Clients.....	Library
1:00pm	Knitpickers.....	Williams Hall
5:00pm	Prelude Music.....	Bell Zone

Wednesday (Parish Office open 9am-3pm)

10:30am	Women's Bible Study.....	McNab Room
12:00pm	Holy Eucharist....	Chapel (use office entrance)
1:00pm	AA.....	McNab Room
5:30pm	Tai Chi.....	Williams Hall
6:30pm	Christian Meditation.....	Activity Room

Thursday (Parish Office open 9am-3pm)

10:00am	Love Knots (2nd & 4th).....	Williams Hall
1:00pm	Women Journeying Together...	Activity Room

Friday (Parish Office open 9am-noon)

12:00pm	AA.....	McNab Room
5:45pm	Peer Support Meeting.....	McNab Room

Saturday

12:00pm	AA.....	McNab Room
7:00pm	NA.....	McNab Room



The 10:00 am worship service is livestreamed on YouTube. At the time of the service, go to: <https://www.youtube.com/@st.johnsepisopalchurchmid8944/streams>. A live service will have a prominent "LIVE" badge on the video thumbnail or title indicating the video is currently being streamed live. Previous services can also be viewed here at any time.

*We joyfully gather to pray, worship, learn and serve as we seek to follow Jesus,
and invite all to join us on a sacred journey of hope and transformation.*

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