

The Messenger

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This June we have an exciting event taking place within the Episcopal Church. The house of bishops will be electing a new Presiding Bishop on June 27th. This process determines who will lead our denomination for the next nine years, a critical time in the life of the church.

The Office of Presiding Bishop in the American Episcopal Church is equivalent to the office of an archbishop and it is part of a group of Anglican leaders known as Primates (those who lead each of the churches of the Anglican Communion). Unlike the Archbishop of Canterbury, however, the Presiding Bishop does not govern a diocese, but instead focuses solely on leadership of the entire denomination. I encourage each of us to read the biographies of the candidates found at the following internet source:

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2015/05/01/four-chosen-as-nominees-for-27th-presiding-bishop-2/>



Pray that God will guide the bishops in their voting and that God will grant us a new leader who is able to lead us through the many challenges facing the church in our time.

Christ's Peace,
Fr. Daniel



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JUNE?

Recognizing Our Graduates | June 7

We want to offer our congratulations to all of our 2015 graduates! Please join us for worship on June 7th.

Vacation Bible School | June 15 - 18

St. John's will be joining forces with our neighboring churches, Holy Cross Lutheran and First Presbyterian, to create a terrific VBS experience! Our 2015 VBS theme is **Everest: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power!** VBS will run from **June 15-18, 6:00pm - 8:30pm, for students age 3 through grade 6.**

Friends are always welcome! Registration forms can be found in the Community Room or at www.stjohns-saginaw.org/ministry/sunday-school/



Pick-Up Choir | June 21 @ 9:30am

Have you ever thought about singing in a choir? Maybe you weren't sure it was a good fit or couldn't commit to the rehearsal schedule? Maybe you know someone who likes music and could find a community at St. John's? Either way, mark your calendars for these Summer Pick-Up Choir services.



- June 21
- July 5
- August 9
- August 30

Rehearsal begins at 9:30am and the choir will sing during the 10:30 worship service. You really won't need to sweat anything because there are no robes in the summer! Contact Kevin Simons with questions.

Game Night Fellowship | June 26 @ 6:00pm

Cards, chess, Connect Four? Whatever your game, June 26th is the night to play it at St. John's. From **6:00 till 9:30** we'll meet for an evening of Game Night Fellowship. Please bring a snack to pass and BYOB (Bring Your Own Beverage, whichever is most age appropriate.) Think this would be a more frequently scheduled event? Contact Amy in the church office to let us know!



STAINED GLASS WINDOWS

The next time you are in church, take time to really look at our beautiful stained glass windows. They have stories to tell – from the birth of Jesus to his crucifixion and stories of our patron, St. John. Not so easy to find are the stories of the people who gave us those windows. If you know any of their stories, please share them with us. The windows are a valuable part of our heritage.

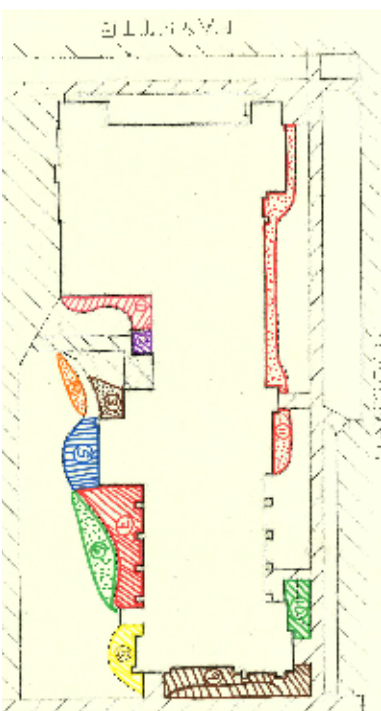


The windows are beautiful, but some are in urgent need of repair. St. John, over the altar, is damaged and the large window over the stairs to the community room is seriously bowed out. This has been known for several years. Unless we take care of them **now**, it may be much more expensive later.

The Building and Grounds Committee has received two bids for the work. “We” (vestry, finance committee, building and grounds and other concerned parishioners) are putting together a plan to raise the necessary money. It will be a combination of pledges, grants and possibly loans. To apply, we need to have pledges in hand. The pledge drive will begin in the fall. Stay tuned for more information, and thank you for your support.

Ellen Redfield,
Project Coordinator

Curious about how the restoration is done... visit this link watch and learn more:
<http://www.stainedglassresources.com/tiffanyascensionwindow.html>



ADOPT-A-PLOT

Calling all green thumbs! Garden plots around St. John’s are still available for adoption and are in need of a little spring TLC from you. This ministry helps to keep St. John’s looking as alive on the outside as it feels on the inside. From beautiful flowers and decorative benches to weeding and mulch, there’s a plot for all sorts of gardeners. Check the community room bulletin board for available plots and what sort of suggested maintenance is needed.

RECOGNIZING OUR GRADUATES

St. John's is proud of how our members work and grow in the community around them. If we've missed someone, please let our office know and join us on **June 7th** for worship so we can recognize them in person!

Samantha Barshaw, High School Diploma - *Swan Valley High School*

Samantha has served as an acolyte and lector at St. John's and is planning to attend Oakland University to study physical therapy in the fall.

Jim Brown, Associate in Applied Science, (criminal justice/law enforcement) - *Delta College*

Jim has served as a Sunday School assistant at St. John's.

Lucas Curell, Associate in Business Management - *Delta College*

Lucas works as a project manager for a telecommunications firm. He also serves on the vestry and as a Sunday School teacher at St. John's.

Tom Grantham Jr., B.A.A. - *Saginaw Valley State University*

Tom is graduating with a double major in finance and economics and a minor in chemistry. He currently works as a credit analyst for Gateway Financial Solutions in Saginaw. Tom also serves as an acolyte and a LEM at St. John's.

Sarah Hoffman, B.A. - *Michigan State University*

Sarah received her B.A. with a major in social work. She has served in the nursery and on many other service and outreach projects at St. John's.

Tyler Rump, B.S. - *Syracuse University*

Tyler graduated with a B.S. in Architecture and will be working with the firm of Goldstein, Hill & West in New York, NY. Tyler has also served as an usher and greeter at St. John's.

Taylor Shinaberry, B.S. - *Michigan State University*

Taylor graduated with a B.S. majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science.

Rachelle Austin-Fergin, M.M. - *Roosevelt University*

Rachelle has graduated with a Master of Music and plans to continue pursuing her career in voice. Rachelle is a member and was a former choral scholar at St. John's.

A Farewell from Mary-Jo

It is hard to believe that my three months among you as an intern are almost finished. My last Sunday will be June 14th. I want to thank you for your warm welcome and hospitality. I have learned so much from Fr. Daniel, the Rev. Pam Renna, Amy, Kevin, the altar guild and vestry. I have also learned from so many of you who have shared with me your faith and love of this parish community. Please pray for me as I continue my journey toward priesthood and be assured of my prayers for you and this great church community.

Birthdays

Jun 1 - Jeff Endean
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 Jun 2 - Don Tepe
 Jun 3 - Ida Smith
 Jun 3 - Mya Baillargeon
 Jun 5 - Jannis Rump
 Jun 6 - Dylan Spence
 Jun 13 - Cedrick Jackson
 Jun 16 - Zachary Miller
 Jun 18 - Richard Mott
 Jun 19 - Lou Smith
 Jun 19 - Mary Ellen Whitney
 Jun 20 - Jeremiah Kraniak
 Jun 20 - Ned Wetmore
 Jun 24 - Betty Donaghy
 Jun 25 - Mark Mahlberg
 Jun 30 - Ivor Henry

Anniversaries

Jun 3 - Burris & Kathie Smith
 Jun 3 - Tom & Connie Grantham
 Jun 4 - Louie Rosas & Sarah Daugherty
 Jun 9 - Jeff & Lyrna Endean
 Jun 11 - Ben & Betty Donaghy
 Jun 13 - Al & Jane Vondrasek
 Jun 21 - Bill & Judy Millar
 Jun 21 - Dave & Rea Corcoran
 Jun 28 - Chuck & Judy Stuart

JUNE 7

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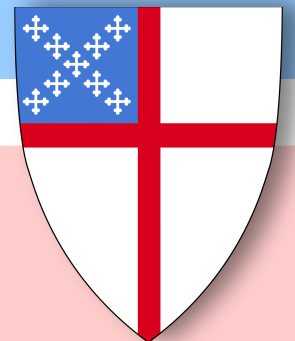
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