**SERVING AT 10 AM**

Announcer: ........................................ Chris Lauckner
Greeter: ............................................ Betty Schartow
Ushers: ............................................. Jim Bakeman, Dana Pressnall
......................................................... Lee Smith
Acolyte: ............................................. Charles Bash
Lectors: .............................................. Lisa Miller, Pat Roush
Intercessor: ........................................ Marnie Bash
Element Bearer: .................................... Bonnie Bash
Eucharistic Ministers: ........ Charles Bash, Marnie Bash
.......................................................... Karen Newhouse

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**SERVING AT 8 AM**

Lector: .............................................. Joan Ryan
Eucharistic Minister: ......................... Joan Ryan

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**HEAD OF THE CHURCH – JESUS CHRIST MINISTERS – ALL OUR MEMBERS**

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**Office Hours**
Monday thru Thursday ... 9am-3pm
Friday ... 9am-noon

**Rector Hours**
Monday thru Thursday ... 9am-5pm
Please call to make an appointment.

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**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 1, 2019**

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**Welcome!**

It is our pleasure to have you join us for worship today. If this is your first visit, or even if you’ve been attending for a little while, and you’d like to learn more about us, please take a ‘Welcome’ card from our pews, complete & place the ‘Connect’ side in the offering plate or hand it to one of our greeters or clergy so that we may follow up with you. Or, feel welcome to contact us using the information on the back of this bulletin.
**The Coming Week**

**Sunday, 9/1**
- 8:00am - Worship
- 9:00am - Bible Study
- 10:00am - Worship
- 12:00pm - Worship Committee

**Monday, 9/2**
- Labor Day
- Parish Office Closed

**Tuesday, 9/3**
- 8:00am - Building and Grounds
- 10:00am - Samaritan Fund
- 1:00pm - Knitpickers
- 6:00pm - Handbell Choir Rehearsal

**Wednesday, 9/4**
- 10:30am - Women's Bible Study
- 12:00pm - Holy Eucharist

**Thursday, 9/5**
- 1:00am - Women's Journeying Together
- 6:00pm - EpiscoPALS in Motion (off site)

**Friday, 9/6**
- 12:00pm - AA
- 6:00pm - Potluck Dinner Church

**Saturday, 9/7**
- 3:00pm - ACA

**Sunday, 9/8**
- 8:00am - Worship
- 8:30am - Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 9:00am - Bible Study
- 10:00am - Worship
- 11:30am - Community BBQ / Rally Day
- 6:00pm - Harmony Diversity Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm - w/e group (new study group)

**Next Sunday's Readings - September 8, 2019**

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**
- Jeremiah 18:1-11
- Philemon 1:21
- Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
- Luke 14:25-33

**Spend a bit of time this week looking at next Sunday’s readings. It’s a great way to prepare for worship and build a personal spiritual discipline of regular bible reading.**

**Online Calendar:** Click on the “Calendar” link at top right of our website & explore in a dynamic monthly or weekly format. Click on an entry and, if info is available, a brief description will share more about that ministry or event. Keep tabs on all going on at St. John’s and share those happenings with others!

**“Preparing for Sunday” on our website:**
- www.sjecmidland.org/devotional-resources
- provides scripture passages, reflection and prayer resources for each week.

**Our Daily Prayers**

*Please keep the following people in your prayers…* Rev. Mike Wilson, Joe Cleland, Diana Cleland, Ian Alsagard, Sheila Nye, James Robinson, Phil Robinson, Rev. Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez, Michael Kaye, Bob Sabourin, Jim and Sue R., Ashley Riggs, the Chang and Juan Lopez, Michael Kaye, Bob Sabourin, Jim and Sue R., Ashley Riggs, the Trautman family.

*Give thanks with those from St. John’s celebrating anniversaries this week…* September 2-Stephen and Charlotte Jacqmain

*Give thanks with those from St. John’s celebrating birthdays this week…* September 2-Ava Massey, 3-Carol Schelb, Jack Philo, 6-Jerry Nielsen

*Pray for the Diocesan Standing Committee and for the people of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan; PRAY for St. Francis, Grayling;
*In our international Anglican prayer cycle; PRAY for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, The Most Revd Justin Badi Arama - Bishop of Juba and Archbishop of the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

**Pastoral Care**

*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 is 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. Ken Hitch 802-999-3697 (cell).*

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

- Charles Bash  
- Jan Marcou
- Faye Ebach  
- Hazel Robinson
- Bob Estabrook  
- Roni Rogers
- Betsy Greenwood  
- Pat Rouah

**Community BBQ / Rally Day**

**Sunday, September 8, 11:30 AM**

*St. John’s Episcopal Church*

*Celebrate summer and community with good food, great conversation and fun lawn games!*

*Free and family friendly. All are welcome!*

**Children and Youth Formation News**

*Children are welcome to attend both the 8am and 10am service. We love the sound of children in worship. There are worship bags with lots of interesting things to help enrich time in church. Childcare services are available downstairs during the 10am service.*

**Church School Year Notes**

*September 8, 10am*  
*Godly Play begins. All children from age four and beyond are welcome.*

*September 15, 4-6pm*  
*Junior/Senior High (6th grade to seniors) Youth Group pizza party. Bring your friends and neighbors, and your appetite!*

*September 29, 4-6 pm*  
*Alternative Spring Break (March 29-April 3, 2020) Brunch and Information session.*

**Our new study group, designed for evenings or the weekend – and hereafter known as the w/e group until a proper name can be chosen – will meet for the first time on Sunday evening, September 8, at 7:00pm in the Activity Room. This gathering will include “meet and greet” and deciding how the group wants to proceed, followed by a brief study from Short Stories by Jesus, a DVD study with Amy-Jill Levine, which looks at some of Jesus’ more familiar parables; on Sept 8th the parables will be “the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son” from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 15.*

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**Adult Formation News**

**Women Journeying Together** will resume on **Thursday, September 5,** at **1pm,** downstairs in the Activity Room. We will be using the book and DVD series, *Breaking the Code,* by Bruce M Metzger and David A. Desilva, discussing the Apocalypse of John, Revelation. Please read the first chapter of Revelation in preparation for class.

**TODAY is the last chance to donate items for Project Connect.**

**See the table in Williams Hall.**

**DINNER CHURCH**

**Potluck Dinner Church**

**THIS FRIDAY, September 2,** at **6:00 PM**

Join us this Friday for our Potluck Dinner Church gathering. This casual, quiet, reflective service joins the mysticism of Holy Communion with the fellowship of a dinner party. *Bring your potluck dish to Williams Hall by 6:00PM* and get a reprieve from the work week while giving your weekend a spiritual kick start.

*Come by yourself or bring others!*

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**September 6, 9pm**  
*Fall Commitment Program Kickoff. One worship service at 9am.*

**September 10, 6pm**  
*Blessing of the Animals.*

**September 22, following 10am worship**  
*Vestry Listening Session*