

St. Katherine's Episcopal Church, Williamston, Michigan

St. Katherine's is a place of grace.

During Sunday worship, we thank God for loving us without reservation. We ask God for discerning hearts, so that everyone we meet feels welcome and accepted. We respond to God's gift of grace by caring about each other and through service, especially to the people of Forster Woods Adult Day Center. These relationships enrich our lives. We are a welcoming community with a clear vision:



We are people of all ages seeking wholeness as a community of Christ, sharing the journey, growing deeper in faith and reaching out into the world.

For the smaller size of our congregation, we have been blessed to offer both Rite I and Rite II services, at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.



respectively (with one joint service at 9 a.m. during the summer

months). We support our aging congregation with pastoral care, which the community has continued to offer during the pandemic, learning to engage even more in the absence of a full-



time rector. We support outreach within the community, through our partnership with Forster Woods Adult Day Center, and by regularly collecting and delivering supplies to

Haven House (a local homeless transition shelter for families), and to local children needing school supplies in the past.

People and place are our blessings.

We maintain the original wooden gabled Carpenter Gothic 1887 chapel for worship when



the weather permits. The chapel is listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places and is a visual landmark for passersby on our country road. Our setting includes 11 serene, forested acres with deer trails that are used by neighbors to walk their dogs and hunt morel mushrooms. We are an adaptive and flexible congregation, able to grow

with each new rector who is called to serve in our community. We are friendly and welcoming—a community of life-long learners who seek intellectual engagement from our priests. A 524-pipe organ reverberates through the sanctuary, played most often during services by music students from Michigan State University (MSU). St. Katherine's is an engaged congregation where everyone participates, and where we continue to seek spiritual and liturgical growth.



Our lay leaders actively participate in services, planning for the liturgical seasons, and leading Bible Study.

Our age is a gift and challenge.

Our new rector will have the opportunity to help us draw in more congregants from the surrounding, diverse communities. St. Katherine's is not located on a main road, though signs on several area main roads direct passersby to the church. We have been a community of all ages until very recently and we need to rebuild our young family members. Our congregation has numerous long-tenured families who have been the bedrock of community. We have

raised up two priests and three deacons from our membership. Our congregation looks forward to the opportunity to reshape our vision for the future with a new rector.

We seek welcoming and respectful energy

St. Katherine's hopes that our next rector prioritizes getting to know who we are as a congregation to help us grow our community in a respectful, welcoming, and energetic manner. We respect intellect and continual, enthusiastic learning from our rectors as they help us grow in our faith. We deepen our faith by participating in planning services during the liturgical seasons, participating as lay leaders, and learning from sermons. Our partnership with Forster Woods Adult Day



Center provides perpetual opportunity for our rectors to grow in grace towards its participants and their caregivers. While participation with Forster Woods is not a requirement of the

rectorship, our new rector must be welcoming to the participants, caregivers, and staff that use St. Katherine's facilities and grounds.



Nestled between a small town and urban area

Located between a small town, Williamston, and the hustle and bustle of East Lansing and Lansing, the community of St. Katherine's offers a wide range of employment, entertainment, educational, recreational, and cultural opportunities. Williamston is a lovely small town with a charming main street for those who prefer the pace and friendliness of a



small town. St. Katherine's is just minutes away from the world class institution of Michigan State University (MSU) and all that it has to offer the greater community. We are close to Lansing, Michigan's capital, the seat of state government. The Michigan Flyer is available for easy transport to

Detroit, Ann Arbor, Jackson, and the Detroit Metropolitan Airport. Cultural opportunities abound, with great ethnic diversity thanks to MSU. Residents have access to music of all



types, many art guilds and fairs, a minor league baseball team, the Potter Park Zoo, and an extensive park system and nature preserves. The public education available in the area from preschool through college graduation is widely recognized as exceptional.

Finances are sound

Finances are on solid footing at St. Katherine's. Throughout the pandemic our congregation kept up with their annual pledges to our general fund and renewed their pledges for the 2021 fiscal year. We currently have 37 pledging families and 4 regular contributors. St. Katherine's pays our full diocesan commitment as requested by the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan. We have a strong savings fund that has been used in 2020 and 2021 for maintenance and repairs to our facilities. We also hold a healthy endowment fund. St. Katherine's Vestry authorized an outside auditor to audit our books for 2019 and 2020. The auditor's work has been delayed by the pandemic, but we hope to complete the 2019 this summer and the 2020 audit is expected to follow completion of the 2019 audit.

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Guided by our newly elected bishop the Rt. Rev. Dr. Bonnie A. Perry, we are a diocese that values collegiality, creativity, and openness. We offer community organizing training, the College of Congregational Development, and ongoing collegiality and support. We invite you to come and join us as we embody the Gospel both inside and outside our church doors. Please send your Cover Letter, Resume, and OTM Profile to the Rev. Canon Ellen Ekevag, eekevag@edomi.org.