



Office for
Transition
Ministry

Ministry Portfolio

Full Portfolio (last updated Mar 1, 2024)

St. John's, Westland, Michigan

555 South Wayne Road, Westland, MI 48186, United States

Contact:

Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge (Part-time) | Receiving Names until 05/01/24.

eekevag@edomi.org

Weekly Average Sunday
Attendance (ASA)

27

Number of Weekend
Worship Services

1

Number of Weekday
Worship Services

Number of Other per Month
Worship Services

Current Annual
Compensation

\$23683

Cash Stipend

\$22000

Housing / Rectory Detail

Utilities

SECA reimbursement

\$1683

Compensation Available for
New Position

Housing Available for

4

Pension Plan

**We're in compliance with
CPF requirements.**

Healthcare Options

Dental

Housing Equity Allowance in
budget

Yes

Annual Equity Amount

Vacation Weeks

**One month, including 5
Sundays (standard)**

Vacation Weeks Details

Continuing Education Weeks

2 (standard)

Continuing Education Weeks
Details

Continuing Education
Funding in budget

\$501-\$1000/year

Sabbatical Provision

Yes

Travel/Auto Account

Yes

Other Professional Account

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Describe a moment in your worshipping community's recent ministry which you recognize as one of success and fulfillment.

We are currently experiencing success in our ministry as a church because we have all banded together to run our parish without regular clergy and still are able to gather for worship, run a community food pantry, and still have social events.

How are you preparing yourselves for the Church of the future?

Doing Zoom meetings so that it is easier and safer to meet. Livestreaming worship so that the homebound and those with health issues can still attend worship and be part of the community. Trying to involve younger members when we can.

Please provide words describing the gifts and skills essential to the future leaders of your worshipping community.

determined, flexible, compassionate, welcoming.

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Describe your liturgical style and practice for all types of worship services provided by your community.

We are middle church that leans toward the traditional using organ and piano for musical accompaniment. We do Rite II worship from the BCP and use The Hymnal, LEVAS, and occasional chant for music resources.

How do you practice incorporating others in ministry?

We use lay lectors, worship leaders, and preachers at worship in the absence of a supply priest. Music ministry and our thriving Daughters of the King chapter also uses volunteers to enhance worship and be involved in the community.

As a worshipping community, how do you care for your spiritual, emotional and physical well-being?

We interact socially with each other frequently. We also try to gather as a community outside of worship. We support each other by helping with the various ministries each of us leads and is involved with.

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How do you engage in pastoral care for those beyond your worshipping community?

We host several 12 step groups (AA, Al-Anon, Narcanon) as well as provide space for a small Presbyterian church on Sunday. We also rent space to a pre-school and offer our spaces to other community groups.

Describe your worshipping community's involvement in either the wider Church or geographical region.

Many members are involved in local government or non-profits. We also volunteer at community events (e.g. -trunk-or-treat, BBQ & Music festival). We also run a community food pantry that gets support from the city.

Tell about a ministry that your worshipping community has initiated in the past five years. Who can be contacted about this?

Our food pantry has greatly expanded during the last five years due to COVID. We have volunteers who have stepped up to handle the added demand. We have a lay preacher and members make comfort blankets for shut-ins. Contact church office.

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What is your practice of stewardship and how does it shape the life of your worshipping community?

The only stewardship efforts we currently engage in are letters to parishioners and asking for volunteers.

What is your worshipping community's experience of conflict? And how have you addressed it?

We began to have issues with relationships between our members and last clergy. We lost members at first but small group discussions helped us decide on a path forward and some members are starting to return.

What is your experience leading/addressing change in the church? When has it gone well? When has it gone poorly? And what did you learn?

We have been without an assigned priest for over 1.5 years but have managed to adapt worship, church administration, and day-to-day running of the church. We have lost members but we are learning to deal with this too.



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Prior Incumbents

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. Henrietta Grossoehme	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2019-09	2002-09

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. Steve Dominick-Steinberger	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge	2015-07	2018-10

Name	Position Title	Date Begun	Date Ended
The Rev. Rob Kerr	Rector / Vicar / Priest-in-Charge (Part-time)	2005-06	2015-02

Church School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Children School	Number of Students for Children School
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Number of Teachers/Leaders for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Students for Teen/Young Adults School	Number of Teachers/Leaders for Adults School	Number of Students for Adults School
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Day School	Number of Students for Day School	Number of Teachers for Day School	Number of Total Staff for Day School
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Worshipping Community Web site: stjohnswestland.com

Media Links:

Online References:

www.facebook.com/stjohnsepiscopalwestland

Languages Significantly Represented:

Provide Worship or Classes in:

References

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Current Warden/Board Chair

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John Buehner

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Parish/Institution

Local Community Leader

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