

Revelations-Mini

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Two telephone poles were put up in the last two weeks and the wires run. Doug Fry and Fry Masonry **removed the concrete steps** from the old entryway, which will become a storage area and the location of the electrical panel for the four air conditioning units. Inside work begins Monday, October 24.



PLEASE NOTE THIS CHANGE: All hands are needed on Sunday, October 16 beginning at 12 noon, for a "clean out the Lower Level" moving day—moving furniture up to the Great Hall or Annex, putting things out for "free" on the curb, and throwing away other things.



David and I had a blessed **week of renewal** in New York City with our son and his wife and their daughter. We did a lot of grandparent duty. On Sunday we attended Church of the Good Shepherd on the Eastside of Manhattan, and were uplifted by worshiping and fellowshiping with an interesting and diverse group of people.



Thank you to our **Deacon** Floyd Kunce for preaching, and to our **Worship Leaders**—8 am: Pam Cronkhite and John Griffith and 10 am Steve Wilson and Rob Kinsey—for leading worship on the 25th, and to Connie Griffith for leading music, and all those who helped in the service. We are truly blessed with great spiritual leaders in this church.



View from our son's apartment on 38th Street looking toward 8th Ave.



Removing the concrete steps from the old entryway to make way for the new electrical panel.

St. John's Guild will meet on Wed, Oct 5 for Noon-day prayer, lunch, meeting and program.

The program will be Julie Andrews from Century Bank and Trust, Trust Dept. "Who will get Grandma's yellow pie plate?" (Estate Planning). If you are not called for a reservation, call Judy Burnham or Emily Baker.

All are welcome!!

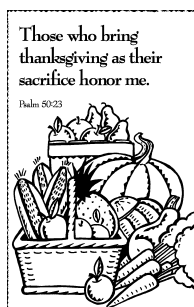
Our **next Movie night** will be **Friday, October 7 at 7 pm**: “Gran Torino”. This movie is another film about the challenges of cultural diversity. While not suitable for young children, it has a powerful message for adults.

There is **Leadership Training** for the Diocesan ELIMINATION OF RACISM Program, **Sat. Oct. 22** from 10:00-3:00 at St. Mark’s, Grand Rapids. For more information: See the Rector.

The Vestry met this week and spent some time thinking about all of the various changes that have occurred since 2004, when I began as Rector here. After this list is compiled, I will be share it with everyone. If you think of a change that has occurred, let me know, so I can make sure that it is on the list.

A **decorating team** for choosing the colors for the lower level bathrooms has been formed: Sugar Kirsch, Mary Kay Kunce, and Konrad Holzworth. The **decorating team** for the upstairs bathrooms is Connie Griffith and Rose Rudinski. Rob Kinsey will begin work soon on the upstairs bathroom project.

The **Healing Mission with Rev. Mike Endicott from England** is scheduled for next **May 18-20**, and Caralee Mayer has volunteered to head up the Coordination and Hospitality Committee for the Mission. Please see her if you would interested in helping.



This Sunday we are beginning a Stewardship Series called: **Feasting on Gratitude**. All the handouts will be available. Also, if you are able to make an **additional contribution** to the Church Operations, it is much needed to help with the church programs at this time.



This Sunday, Oct 2, PLEASE WELCOME Leslie Gosling as our visiting organist.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS—This SUNDAY, OCT 2 at 12 NOON.

This week a group met to continue visioning for the **Mission Forward** of the Church; they will be looking into additional ways to discern, learn, and pray for the work God is calling us to do as the Body of Christ. Another group met to work on **Hymn Selections**.

Friday Friendship Meal on Sept 23: Chefs— Daryl Herrmann and Katharine Taylor. 87 Meals were served.

Please continue to keep **Audra Noecker** in prayer.

Condolences to Lorraine and Clayton Painter and their daughter, Laura Spofford, on the sudden death of her husband, Earl. Clayton is back from Washington State, where he did the Eulogy for the service.

Condolences to Jack and Sugar Kirsch on the death of his cousin, Chuck Kirsch.

Condolences to Anne and Ned Good on the death of Anne’s mother, Ethel Osborne, on Monday, Sept 26.

Please keep David and myself in prayer as we travel to the **AMEN Conference** (All Michigan Episcopal Clergy) on Mackinac Island during the middle of next week.

Peace and Blessings—Meredith
PS—Check the church out on Facebook.



Peace Rose, brought from Allen Park, growing on the south side of the church.