

## Frequently Asked Questions

Are we a New Church or the same one just in a different place? While most of us were attending St. Andrew's two years ago, we really are a new church! We are in different facilities obviously, but we also have new programs with new leaders and a new mission. Church plant experts call a church like ours a "transplant" and say that we have to do 85% of the things a new church has to do.

Do we have an affiliation? In April, 2006, the Vestry voted to affiliate with the Anglican Mission in the Americas which is overseen by the Anglican Province of Rwanda. The Rwandan church has had American born bishops here in America overseeing churches like ours for seven years. Our Bishop is the Rt. Rev. Thad Barnum worked with the Rev. Terry Fullam at St. Paul's in Darien, Connecticut, from 1978-1987.

What is our name?: Our name is the Anglican Church of Livonia although we do not consider it to be our "permanent" name. We will be happy to take suggestions of what you think, or hear in prayer, our name should be. We are continuing to pray about what it should be. Why so much time and prayer on this? First, God gives names to people in the Scriptures and the name is always tied to the mission or role that person will play. So we need to hear from God. Secondly, our name is what the community will know us by and will attract or repel folks depending on what we choose. So start praying and feel free to submit names to the Vestry.

What about Funerals and Weddings?: There are many pastors I know here in town who have and will continue to allow us the use of their sanctuary if we need it.

What is our Long term site selection status?: We're not ready to find a long term facility due to limited funds in the bank and our lack of knowledge concerning how large the Lord wants us to grow. Most new churches build too early – that is before they have stopped growing. We want to become the church God wants us to be by growing in maturity and into ministry which will increase our size as well. We wouldn't buy only one pair of shoes for our child and expect him to cram his foot into it later on. It would cripple him. So too we do not want to settle down too early before discerning what God wants to do with us. In June 2007, the Vestry established a Building Fund and a Building Committee to oversee the process of locating the place God has selected for us.

What is our Basic Plan? We are working in four key areas:

1. Worship – Keeping the substance of our faith and worship while making it accessible to newcomers. Developing the music ministry.

2. Youth/Children – Providing a fun, safe and age appropriate environment where children will be taught the message of the Gospel and the stories of how God has acted in history (Bible stories).

3. Discipleship/Small Groups – In order to move from consumer Christians (ones who simply attend church and focus on being fed) to ones that minister in Jesus' name, we need to be educated on the basics of the faith and scripture, how to hear God's voice, how to minister and

how to share the good news. We are in the process of developing small groups and raising up leaders to teach these classes.

4. Assimilation of New Members – Most visitors need to be reached out to seven times before they really feel welcome in a church. Bread or cookie delivery, small group coordinator, pastor and other ministries are working together to invite people into Christ's church.

What about Silence/Reverence in church? Being in an exercise room brings a challenge to us as we prepare for the service. Please remember to allow for silent prayer in the sanctuary before the service and during communion.

Where can I help? What can I do?

1. Small group participation to grow in your Christian walk
2. Sunday School teachers/assistants. Call Lisa Kannapell at 248-426-0379.
3. Nursery care provider. Call Lisa Kannapell at 248-426-0379.
4. Small group host . Call Paulette Mullen at 734-513-6734.
5. Set up chairs and take down chairs. Call Ed Bender 313-937-3393
6. Set up or take down coffee hour
7. Welcome strangers
8. Pray for groups, ministries, leaders, youth and the un-churched who will attend. Pat Knudsen at 734-421-2618 can give you some ideas.
9. Cookie baking or delivery team for newcomers. Contact Rich Pruett at 734-421-5334.
10. Altar Guild. Call Marge Deacon at 734-464-8548
11. Office help. Call Marcia at 248-442-0422 to set up a time.