



The St. John's Evangel

From the Newest Priest in the Diocese of Western Michigan

A song has been running through my head for days now, each time I have reflected on all of you who helped make my ordination at Emmaus as wonder-full as it was. A group of priests from Louisiana wrote it as a prayer, thanking God for the lavishness of God's love. That same Love is what has surrounded me through this entire ordination process – in that mystery of Incarnation! So to all of you – who baked, weeded, planted, watered, nailed, hauled, moved, wrote, organized, poured, sewed, gifted, mowed, cheered, served, prodded, listened, spoke, sang, played, and prayed:

“Love that's freely given wants to freely be received.
All the love you've poured on us can hardly be believed.
And all that we can offer you is thanks.
All that we can offer you is thanks.”

All that I can offer you is thanks... many, many, thanks.

Rev. Sr. Diane

Do you have a garden you enjoy? A small patio, a quiet space of greenery and flowers? Would you be willing to share it on Saturday, June 24?

If the answers are “Yes,” please talk to Karen Varanauskas about being part of our Garden Tour, benefitting the St. John's Capital Campaign.

We'd love to see your garden!!



Remember Our Homebound Members

Stop by to visit or drop a card to our parish members who are homebound.

Alma Dickerson

461 E. Wing Rd., Mt. Pleasant
772-2516.

Al Neal

Maplewood, 1945 Churchill Blvd.
Mt. P - 773-6172

Forrest Robinson

"Green Acres, 1807 W. Remus Rd.
Room #205. The Facility 772-3456

Verna Schurr

Green Acres Memory Care Unit
1805 E. Remus Rd.
Mt. P. Green Acre's # 772-3456



Home Communion

Just a reminder: you should let the parish office know if you are ill and wish to receive communion or a visit from either the clergy or a Lay Eucharistic Minister.

St. John's Prayer Group

The 16 members of the Prayer Group offer petitions daily for the church and for specific requests. All parishioners are welcome to become members of the Prayer Group or to submit requests by calling Sandy Wood, 773-9326, Martha Rarick, 773-7510, or the church office at 773-7448.



Zachary Dearing	2
Jacob Tarrant	2
Noah Tarrant	2
Anna Koeppen/Babcock	6
Logan Seger	7
Jessica Hart	14
Leah Babcock/Wolf	17
Lynne L'Hommedieu	19
Steven Berkshire	25
Melissa Jackson	29



Colin & Anne Alton	2
David & Carrie Blackburn	10
Tim & Nancy Hartshorne	13
Kendall & Lois Klumpp	16
Allen & Joan Salmonsén	18
Elliott & Emelia Parker	19
Dick & Marlene Shinn	25
Forrest & Linda Robinson	26

The Altar Flower Calendar

is near the front door of the Church. There are still quite a few Sundays left for you to provide altar flowers to honor or to remember a loved one. Please find a date and sign up today!





Outside the Tent

As I write this column, Sister Diane's ordination to the priesthood is four days away. Her dream of decades will come to pass after long discernment and the painful realization that the Roman Catholic Church, her spiritual home for many years, was still light years away from acknowledging the vocations of women, whether to the diaconate or the priesthood. And yet Jesus, the founder of our faith, accepted women with an openness that scandalized his followers and the Jewish authorities. I was looking through my "clippings" file for inspiration in a dry week, when I ran across the following excerpt from Dorothy Sayers' *Unpopular Opinions: Twenty-One Essays*. Her comments seem apt for this celebratory week, and so I pass them on to you:

"Perhaps it is no wonder that the women were first at the Cradle and last at the Cross. They had never known a man like this Man—there never has been such another. A prophet and teacher who never nagged at them, never flattered or coaxed or patronized; who never made arch jokes about them, never treated them either as 'The women, God help us!' or 'The ladies, God bless them!'; who rebuked without querulousness and praised without condescension; who took their questions and arguments seriously; who never mapped out their sphere for them, never urged them to be feminine or jeered at them for being female; who had no axe to grind or uneasy male dignity to defend; who took them as he found them and was completely unselfconscious. There is no act, no sermon, no parable in the whole Gospel that borrows its pungency from female perversity; nobody could guess from the words and deeds of Jesus that there was anything 'funny' about woman's nature."

And so, this coming Saturday, our bishop will call down God's Spirit on Diane and make her a priest in the Church. I believe with all my heart that Jesus will be beaming on her, thankful that she will become all that he has meant her to be.

Peace, Nancy

REMEMBER, for the Summer...
St. John's will continue to meet for
ONE Sunday morning worship service
at 9:00 a.m. until September 3





JUNE 2017 Sunday Lay Ministry

DATE	LESSONS	PRAYERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD
June 4 The Day of Pentecost	9:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	9:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	Lynne L'Hommedieu and Sandy Wood	Candy Henderson and Carol Lauffer	Matthew Kinney	Pamela Dingman and Peg Hicks
Lectionary: Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:25-35, 37 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23						
JUNE 11 Trinity Sunday	9:00 a.m. Jim Thurston	9:00 a.m. Jim Thurston	Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn	Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen	Kendall Klumpp	Pamela Dingman and Peg Hicks
Lectionary: Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20						
JUNE 18 Father's Day 2 Pentecost	9:00 a.m. Candy Henderson	9:00 a.m. Martha Rarick	Clancy and Pat DeLong	David, Nancy and Matthew Kinney	Emma Dingman	Ella Jo Regan and David Shirley
Lectionary: Exodus 19:2-8a Psalm 100 Romans 5:1-8 Matthew 9:35-10:8-23						
JUNE 25 3 Pentecost	9:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Cochrane	9:00 a.m. Joan Kadler	Sally Goodrow and Barbara Sheperdigian	Kendall and Lois Klumpp	Adam Baker	Ella Jo Regan and David Shirley
Lectionary: Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69: 8-11, 18-20 Romans 6:1b-11 Matthew 10:24-39						
JULY 2 4 Pentecost	9:00 a.m. Tom Cochrane	9:00 a.m. Henry Fulton	Colin, Anne and Matthew Alton	Lynne L'Hommedieu and Sandy Wood	Matthew Kinney	Pamela Dingman and Harriett White
Lectionary: Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 89:1-4,15-18 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42						

Happy Father's Day, Dad!





JUNE 2017 at St. John's Episcopal Church. For updates, visit the Parish Website and click on "Calendar"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 28, Easter 7 9 am Choral Eucharist <i>The Rev. Sr. Diane Stier, Presiding</i> 5 pm Potluck and Eucharist at Emmaus	29 <i>Church Office closed in observance of Memorial Day</i>	30 10 am T'ai Chi 5:30 pm Yoga	31 Noon Eucharist 6 pm T'ai Chi	June 1 10 am T'ai Chi <i>Mt. Pleasant Farmers' Market Opens Today!!</i>	2 <i>Office Closed</i>	3
4, Pentecost 9 am Choral Eucharist <i>Sunday School for Everybody!!</i>	5 Noon Daughters of the King <i>Fr. Wayne Away until Saturday Deacon Nancy Away until 6/18</i>	6 10am T'ai Chi 5:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Compassionate Friends	7 6 pm T'ai Chi	8 10am T'ai Chi <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Rummage Sale!!</div>	9 <i>Office Closed</i>	10
11, Trinity 9 am Holy Eucharist <i>Vestry After Coffee Hour Sunday School for Everybody!</i>	12 <i>Office Closed</i> 4 pm Music Meeting	13 10am T'ai Chi 5:30 pm Yoga	14 Noon Eucharist 6 pm T'ai Chi	15 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10am T'ai Chi 7pm MPADG in Parish House	16 <i>Office Closed</i>	17
18, Pentecost 2 9am Holy Eucharist <i>Sunday School for Everybody!</i>	19 <i>Evangel Deadline</i> 4 pm Music Meeting	20 10am T'ai Chi 5:30 pm Yoga	21 Noon Eucharist 6 pm T'ai Chi	22 10am T'ai Chi	23 <i>Office Closed</i>	24 <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Celebration and Garden Walk!</div>
25, Pentecost 3 9 am Holy Eucharist <i>Sunday School for Everybody!</i> 5pm Potluck and Eucharist at Emmaus Monastery	26 <div style="border: 2px solid blue; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Fr. Wavne on Vacation until July 21</div>	27 10am T'ai Chi 5:30pm Yoga	28 6pm T'ai Chi	29 10am T'ai Chi	30 <i>Office Closed</i>	July 1



This is our Greeter/Coffee Hour Host Schedule—If you cannot serve on the date you were given, please exchange dates with someone else on the list and call the Parish Secretary at 773-7448.

Greeters



Coffee Hour Hosts



June

- 4 Lynne L'Hommedieu and Sandy Wood
- 11 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 18 Clancy and Patricia DeLong
- 25 Sally Goodrow and Barbara Sheperdigian

June

- 4 Candy Henderson and Carol Lauffer
- 11 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 18 David, Nancy, and Matthew Kinney
- 25 Kendall and Lois Klumpp

July

- 2 Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton
- 9 Renee Babcock and Leah Wolf
- 16 Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane
- 23 Marcia David and Candy Henderson
- 30 David and Jennifer Dingman and family

July

- 2 Lynne L'Hommedieu and Sandy Wood
- 9 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 16 D.J. and Misha Proctor, and Christi Brooks
- 23 Barbara Sheperdigian and Harriett White
- 30 Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton

August

- 6 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 13 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 20 Kendall and Lois Klumpp
- 27 David, Nancy and Matthew Kinney

August

- 6 Ralph Baber and Karen Varanauskas
- 13 Sharon Bolden and Marcia David
- 20 Laura Cochrane and Candy Henderson
- 27 Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane



St. John's Episcopal Church, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Vestry Minutes, May 14, 2017

Present: Rev. Wayne Nicholson, Clancy DeLong, Sharon Bolton, Eric Vinciguerra, Adam Baker, Ulana Klymyshyn, Tom Cochrane. Guest: Karen Varanauskas
Father Wayne convened the meeting with a prayer at 11:44 A.M.

April Minutes

It was moved by Eric and seconded by Adam to accept the April minutes. Motion passed.

Update

Father Wayne spoke with the bishop who accepted Wayne's retirement date of Dec. 31, 2017. There is a shortage of clergy and supply priests. Organists, Mary Lou Nowicki, Moonyeen Albrecht, and choir director, Chase Simpson are all willing to stay on during the transition period.

Finances

Clancy went over the financials. There is a need to encourage people to pay early on their capital fund campaign pledges. The projected revenue stream should be ready for the next vestry meeting, June 11. Regarding missing roof shingles, the insurance may cover that (from wind damage).

Construction Project

Karen gave us the update. The windows in the lantern still need to be done, then the final interior and exterior touch-ups can be finished. The drainage work should begin this week.

Building Use

Wayne, Clancy and Ulana will be on a committee to develop a building use fee structure and schedule, and develop a form for usage and fees.

Adjourn

It was moved by Eric and seconded Adam to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed (12:30). The next vestry meeting will be Sunday, June 11, 2017 after church coffee hour.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Bolton



May 2017 Financial Report

Below is a summary of operating fund activity through the end of April (33.33%).

Unrestricted operating fund receipts \$ 60,439 (31.37% of budget)
 Unrestricted operating fund expenditures 64,537 (33.50% of budget)

Operating fund receipts over (under) expenditures \$ (4,098)

Operating income is over \$4,000 down from where it should be at this time. Please verify that your yearly operating pledge is up to date.

Also, St. John's is now making payments on the five year construction loan. Pam Dingman and I are compiling your Under One Roof pledge and subsequent payments. We will be sending out detailed statements in the next week or two.

Cash balances on April 30, 2017 are as follows:

Checking Account	\$ 32,858.87
Capital Campaign Savings	\$ 36,700.82
Certificate of Deposit	\$ 15,539.80
Endowment Fund Investment Account	\$ 61,561.10

Capital Campaign funds balance on April 1, 2017 19,016.10
Capital Campaign funds balance on April 30, 2017 29,276.09

Capital Fund Activity during April:

Capital Fund Receipts	2,768.00
Bldg Renovations (Project Add-ons)	10,233.00
Credit Card Fees	(3.29)
Mortgage Interest	(792.51)
Building Renovations – Telephone/Grounds	(997.56)
Net Activity	(11,207.64)



Total Building Expenses Through April:

Loan Proceeds/Contractor Draw	205,583.40
Non-Loan Expenses	180,652.00
Sub-Total	386,235.40
Anticipated Expenses:	
Mortgage Balance Due Contractor	44,417.00
Mortgage Interest (future estimate)	31,221.01
Bank Fees/Credit Card	5,000.00
TOTAL PROJECT COST	466,873.01

Clancy DeLong, Treasurer

Anglican Worthies

318. Bronte, Charlotte (1815-1856)
Novelist (pt. iii)

Branwell's venture in Bradford had not worked out: no customers. Charlotte therefore decided regretfully that she had to advertise as a governess to support him. (Anne had already left, a similar assignment.) . The position of governess was typical for unmarried young women of modest means; the conditions of employment varied. Charlotte was taken in by a family who treated her menially. Instead of educating the children, she was no better than a baby-sitter for them who misbehaved and had to be kept under control with no support from the parents. She lasted a miserable year.



From 1839 to 1841 Charlotte was back home, “as happy and carefree a period as any she would know,” keeping house with Emily. Anne had lasted only half a year. Precious time on her hands, Charlotte began her first novel, “The Professor.” Their father had a new curate, William Weightman, a classical scholar, extremely attractive and polite. Though he was already engaged, there was about him “a condition of amorousness [that] was habitual about him,” Gérin says, which, in a household of three eligible young women, must have been awkward. It was not Charlotte but Anne who fell for him. Charlotte wrote cynically to Ellen, “No young lady should fall in love, till the offer has been made, accepted—the marriage ceremony performed and the first half of wedded life passed away—a woman then can begin to love, but with great precaution—very coolly—very moderately—very rationally—if even she love so much that a harsh word or cold look from her husband cuts her to the heart—she is a fool.”

Branwell was accepted as a clerk on the new railroad line from Manchester to Leeds. Charlotte went into a family as a governess of a merchant in Bradford. Still on her mind was ultimately to establish a school of her own. (Margaret Wooler offered her some property.) But she received a letter from Mary Taylor, a school friend from Roe Head about a program of tuition in Brussels that promised to provide more sophisticated training for the career Charlotte contemplated. This was very tempting; she was longing to get away from Yorkshire. She felt “such an urgent thrust to see—to know—to learn—something internal seemed to expand boldly for a minute.” Could she and her sisters go? A friend came up with the money. Charlotte told her aunt, “I feel an absolute conviction that, if this were allowed us, it would be the making of us for life.” But could she leave her aging father? He relied more on Charlotte than the others. “Papa will perhaps think it is a wild and ambitious scheme; but who ever rose in the world without ambition?” Miss Wooler wanted her to come back as a teacher, but “a fire was kindled in my heart which I could not quench. . . I so long to increase my attainments to become something than I am,” and study at this *pension* in Brussels seemed to offer that opportunity. She planned to stay a just a year. Emily, the awkward one, would go with her. Anne gave up her position as a governess to look after their father. Thus began the most momentous and stressful episode of her life, the experience that would shape her into the successful novelist we acknowledge her. She left the fall of 1842.

The Pensionnat Athénée was run by a Mme. Heger; her chief instructor was her husband, Constantin. Ostensibly Charlotte wished to see how such a school was run, and to become fluent in French. But there was more to it, obviously. Gérin tells us, “For Charlotte it was a time of hope, if ever there was such a period in her life. The longing for wider horizons, for a new stimulating life, for freedom in exchange for her recent bondage—that ‘wish for wings’ that had gripped her as with a physical ache months ago when Mary Taylor wrote from Belgium.” The Hegers had been married just six years; already there were three children. Her husband was five years younger. They were a happy Catholic family with Mme. Heger running a popular school for young girls of means in Brussels. Their household was more “domestic”



than Margaret Wooler's; the staff, besides the Hegers, consisted of both men and women. The pupils wore long black dresses. Charlotte enjoyed the "easy hours, the excellent food, and the comparatively benign supervision at first.

Constantin Heger was small, dark, and handsome in his visitor's eyes. The misfortunes of his past could naturally appeal to an impressionable young woman. During the Belgian Revolution he had lost his first wife and child. For this reason he tended to be reserved toward strangers, occasionally temperamental, even tyrannical, but he could also be generous, patient, and even tender-hearted. Clearly a conflicted temperament, definitely "interesting" to a Bronte girl. He was a gifted teacher and was known throughout the community. Mme. Heger, by contrast, was reserved and cautious, mindful of the reputation of her school.

At first Charlotte was content. She enjoyed the access to the living room after supper, and she liked her pupils. She enjoyed walking about the beautiful city, its architecture, promenades, and gardens. But she did not care for the dominant Catholic culture, which pervaded all aspects of common life; she noted "the mummeries thereof; also the idiotic mercenary aspect of all the priests." Heger's piety made her angry.

Emily, not surprisingly, never adjusted. Another English boarder remembered "her tallish, ungainly, ill-dressed figure contrasting so strongly with Charlotte's small, neat, trim person, although their dresses were alike." To such remarks Emily replied, "I wish to be as God made me."

Back in Haworth, things were not going well. Their father's curate, William Weightman, the love of Anne's life, died of cholera. Their aunt, who had lived with them, died in late October. Mary Taylor's sister Martha died in November. Branwell lost his position at the station because of a discrepancy in accounts. (He was innocent but let go all the same.) His sister Anne got him a place with the Robinson family, which once employed her. Charlotte and Emily returned, but Charlotte carried a letter of recommendation from Heger, another from his wife: they wanted her back. She must have been almost overcome with joy. Gérin says, "Diffident all her life, not of her mental powers but of her power to please, the effect of feeling herself liked and valued was always decisive."

So Charlotte returned to Brussels. In later years she realized that this was a mistake. Gérin reminds us that the return to the pension was the turning-point of her life. "Without the experiences of the second year in Brussels, the full potentialities of her nature and genius would not have been explored. It was to be her fulfillment—not instant but gradual—without which she would not have become the woman she did not have produced the books by which she is known." But at what emotional cost! --hlf



**The Blessed Saint Andrew goes to Scotland
A Poem for Pentecost**

And of a sudden, as they sat together,
There came on them a heavy, forceful wind—
But not a wind at all--more like a breezy body,
With a scent of living flesh, natural, feral,
Entering their mouth and nostrils, and
Opening up their ears.
It filled up all the room, scattering
The jumble of converted bachelors,
Their scrolls, their bowls, spilling their dark red wine
Before blasting through the curtains at the back.
It felt to the disciples that it buffed
Them all about at least until sixth hour,
Although it may have been just minutes.
Then, some men found themselves upon the floor,
Staring as though they'd been lobotomized:
John and Thomas felt themselves renewed,
Their minds were emptied out of stresses
And regards of daily life, and filled again.
They seemed to one another as though
Each one was ten years younger and much stronger.

They went outside to see what it destroyed.
Around them were the crowds.
(Each day they met, always there were crowds.
Some of them disciples and some women
Who did not carry faith but only cared for it;)
Crowds, wondering what the strange wind was about.

And then the twelve disciples began to speak,
And as they spoke, they stared at one another
Because each person spoke a different tongue—
The nouns and verbs of districts all about them:
Of Parthia, the Medes, the Elamites, Judea,
Of those who lived by rivers to the east
(Whose ancestors had rudely seized their people
And brought them into years of pointless exile),
Of Pontus, Cappadocia, and Phrygia,
Pamphylia and lands along the sea,
Stretching west,
Where none of them had ever been before,



Like Libya and Egypt; and even Peter
Spoke with the elegance of mighty empire,
A tongue so alien to the cause
Of New Jerusalem and of the risen Christ,
The language of a city they believed
Would never grasp the promise of their Lord
Of everlasting life, of peace, of sharing
The glory of the Kingdom coming soon.
And as they jabbered each to one another,
Their parts of speech so strange to one another,
They laughed because they seemed to know each other,
James and Justus, nodding with new joy.
With one exception.

No one could understand what Andrew said.
He spoke with glottal stops
And words whose sounds did not resemble speech
So much as vowels tightened in his teeth,
And consonants that clipped with irritation.

He alone inherited a tongue
Would send him far across the western sea
And into the unknown ocean, where whose lands
So dark and distant, even the dreaded empire,
Had come to see that they could not subdue,
And left these people to their savage thoughts
Of angry gods, of misery on earth,
Eternal fire, damnation all without.
“Those there be dour folk,” the boatman said.
“They think and drink and fight, that’s all they do.
You’ll not have much of luck with them,” he said.

And as the boat approached the rocky shore,
Blackened by the rolls of wet, gray clouds,
And shoved ahead by thrusts of winter wind,
The saint recalled his lake, the wide smooth sands
Of Galilee, the waters brim with fish,
The white-robed stranger standing on the shore,
His hands reaching out to them,
And talking of the catch.

The warm, hot sun; the light so far away.

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June, 2009



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St. John's Mission:

St. John's Episcopal Church, with God's help and in the Anglican tradition, lives to proclaim the Gospel of Christ by ministering through worship, outreach, fellowship and education. We welcome all who enter our doors, and we support the diverse callings of each member as we seek to serve Christ in every person.

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