



The St. John's Evangel

My Brothers and Sisters,

For me, the start of the academic year has so often generated excitement. I don't remember my first day of Kindergarten in Covina, California, but I certainly do remember my first day of Junior High – at West Rocks JHS in Norwalk, Connecticut. And my first day at Norwalk High School. And the excitement of my first day at Westminster College in Pennsylvania. And then being nearly overwhelmed by the enormity of the University of Washington (from my room with a view of Lake Washington). And then... I vividly remember my departure from San Francisco International Airport, heading off to The General Theological Seminary. I was *loaded* with stuff (how did I get all that loot on a plane? *That* part I don't remember...). And *loaded* with a mixture of joy and fear but a quiet confidence that God would see me through.

We begin our Church Year (sometimes called the “program year”) on September 10 – we'll have survived a return to two services on September 3, but on the 10th we will be graced by the return of our choir, both our volunteers and our choral scholars, who may, today, be experiencing their own emotional responses to a new academic year.

I am so looking forward to the coming year! There are new faces in our gatherings. EfM is restarting with seven participants. We're developing a retreat day for elders this fall. Sunday School seems to be an enormous success. Yoga and T'ai Chi continue to activate the air of our Parish House. The Compassionate Friends brings to us their griefs and their grace. St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox congregation will gather monthly for worship at St. John's. Eucharist gatherings every Sunday evening at Emmaus Monastery. St. John's 101 re-starting for newcomers in October (and “oldtimers” are certainly welcome, as well!).

It's going to be a terrific year at St. John's! I hope you'll be here!

Blessings,
Wayne+



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

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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.



David Shirley	3
Matthew Blackburn	4
Lydia Bloem	4
Emma Dingman	4
Clancy DeLong	5
Meg (Shirley) Bennet	7
Nel (Shirley) Boose	7
Dawn (Dingman) Hall	7
Laura Cochran	10
Christine Dyer	15
Joan Salmonsoen	16
Sharon Bolton	20
Elizabeth Brockman	20
Carol Lauffer	26
Frank Benn	29



Charles & Doris Sherwood	6
Dean & Lonnie McDuff	9
Randi & Lynne L'Hommedieu	11
Gordon Bloem & Nancy Pareshall	13
Donald & Janice Schurr	18
Tom & Mary Ellen Cochran	28

The Altar Flower Calendar

is near the front door of the Church. There are still 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

In his letter of 21 August 2017, Wayne reminds us that our beautiful renovation—of Parish Hall and the old rectory—must be for more than our enjoyment. They must also be for our community a welcoming space. In the months to come we will talk about those uses, and in all those conversations I hope we can think and converse with open minds and hearts. Two years ago, when we first began fund-raising for this project, Wayne asked Moonyeen Albrecht and me to write a hymn to sing on that occasion. And so I print it here for us all to “read, mark, and inwardly digest” as we begin this next phase of our renovation.

Peace, Nancy

Under God's Roof

Long ages past, in Pharaoh's land,
the Source of life and love
descended from his home above
to pitch his tent in Sinai's sand.
His homesick flock, who gave no thanks,
he shaded from the burning sun,
and when the forty years had run,
he stood with them on Jordan's banks.

Long ages past, in Caesar's lands,
the Source of life and love
descended from his home above,
a helpless child in swaddling bands.
His wayward flock he gave his tent,
a temple made of godly love,
but they would seek an earthly throne,
and turned from Jesus, heaven-sent.

Long ages on, in this new land,
the Source of life and love
descended from his home above
to offer those a guiding hand
who built this church, a holy place
where souls of all sorts could abide.
Today we fling its red doors wide
to welcome those who seek God's grace.

September 2015



SEPTEMBER 2017 Sunday Lay Ministry

DATE	LESSONS	PRAYERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD
September 3 13 Pentecost	8:00 a.m. Steve Berkshire 10:00 a.m. Carol Lauffer	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 9:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	Lynne L'Hommedieu And Sandy Wood	David and Jennifer Dingman	Emma Dingman	Pamela Dingman and Harriett White
Lectionary: Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28						
September 10 14 Pentecost	8:00 a.m. Jim Thurston 10:00 a.m. Karen Varanauskas	8:00 a.m. Jim Thurston 10:00 a.m. Sandy Wood	Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn	Ford and Pamela Dingman	Adam Baker	Pamela Dingman and Harriett White
Lectionary: Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20						
September 17 15 Pentecost	8:00 a.m. Barbara Sheperdigian 10:00 a.m. Jessica Vinciguerra	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Henry Fulton	Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton	Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen	Matthew Kinney	Sally Goodrow, Lynne L'Hommedieu Martha Rarick
Lectionary: Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35						
September 24 16 Pentecost	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Anne Hiebert Alton	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	Sharon Bolton and Laura Cochrane	David, Nancy, and Matthew Kinney	Emma Dingman	Sally Goodrow, Lynne L'Hommedieu Martha Rarick
Lectionary: Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Philippians 1:21-30 Matthew 20:1-16						
October 1 17 Pentecost	8:00 a.m. Jim Thurston 10:00 a.m. Ralph Baber	8:00 a.m. Jim Thurston 10:00 a.m. Joan Kadler	Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane	Carol Lauffer and Lynne L'Hommedieu	Adam Baker	Pamela Dingman and Peg Hicks
Lectionary: Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4 12-16 Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32						





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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sept 3, Pentecost 13 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Sunday School 10am Holy Eucharist with Music 5pm Holy Eucharist at Emmaus	4 Labor Day <i>Office Closed</i>	5 10 am T'ai Chi 5:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Compassionate Friends	6 Noon Eucharist 6 pm T'ai Chi	7 <i>Mt. Pleasant Farmers' Market Every Thursday</i> 10 am T'ai Chi 5:30 pm Choir	8 <i>Office Closed</i>	9 10am St. Demetrios Orthodox Worships at St. John's
10 Pentecost 14 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Sunday School 10am Choral Eucharist with <i>Baptism</i> Vestry following Coffee Hour 5pm Holy Eucharist at Emmaus	11 Noon Daughters of the King 4pm Music Meeting 5:30pm EfM	12 10am T'ai Chi 5:30 pm Yoga	13 Noon Eucharist 6 pm T'ai Chi	14 Holy Cross 9:30 am Staff Meeting 10am T'ai Chi 5:30pm Choir	15 <i>Office Closed</i>	16
17 Pentecost 15 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Sunday School 10am Choral Eucharist 5pm Holy Eucharist at Emmaus	18 4pm Music Meeting 5:30pm EfM	19 10am T'ai Chi 5:30 pm Yoga	20 Noon Eucharist 6 pm T'ai Chi	21 10am T'ai Chi 5:30pm Choir	22 <i>Office Closed</i>	23
24 Pentecost 16 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Sunday School 10am Choral Eucharist 5pm Potluck and Holy Eucharist at Emmaus	25 <i>Evangel Deadlne</i> 4 pm Music Meeting 5:30pm EfM	26 10am T'ai Chi 5:30 pm Yoga	27 Noon Eucharist 6 pm T'ai Chi	28 10am T'ai Chi 5:30pm Choir	29 <i>Office Closed</i>	30



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



September

- 3 Lynne L'Hommedieu and Sandy Wood
- 10 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 17 Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton
- 24 Sharon Bolton and Laura Cochrane

October

- 1 David, Nancy, and Matthew Kinney
- 8 Marcia David and Candy Henderson
- 15 Clancy and Pat DeLong
- 22 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 29 Ford and Pamela Dingman

November

- 5 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 12 David, Nancy and Matthew Kinney
- 19 Ulana Klymyshyn and Lynne L'Hommedieu
- 28 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn

Coffee Hour Hosts



September

- 3 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 10 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 17 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 24 David, Nancy and Matthew Kinney

October

- 1 Carol Lauffer and Lynne L'Hommedieu
- 8 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 15 Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton
- 22 Harriett White and Sandy Wood
- 29 D.J. and Misha Proctor and Christi Brookes

November

- 5 Sharon Bolton and Laura Cochrane
- 12 Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane
- 19 Bernice Cole and Candy Henderson
- 28 Clancy and Pat DeLong



**St. John's Episcopal Church
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858**

Vestry Minutes, August 21, 2017

Present: Clancy DeLong, Sharon Bolton, Eric Vinciguerra, Bernice Cole, Tom Cochrane, Marcia David, Ulana Klymyshyn, Adam Baker, Wayne Nicholson. Guests: Sandy Wood, David Shirley.

Rev. Wayne convened the meeting with a prayer at 6:00 P.M.

June Minutes

It was moved by Tom and seconded by Bernice to accept the July minutes. Motion passed.

Rector's Time

Rev. Wayne will be sending a letter to parishioners regarding his new departure date (July 31, 2018) as well as a list of work to be accomplished. It was moved by Tom and seconded by Ulana to make a resolution accepting this departure date. Motion passed; resolution made. There is a need to thank those who have gone above and beyond in helping complete the construction project. A parish gathering to thank people was discussed.

Pastoral Concerns

Pat Claussen is coming home. John Lauffer's cancer has returned.

Goodrow Update

It is not yet known if the fund will be receiving grant money from United Way. The John H. Goodrow Fund is currently spending up to \$2000 per week to help clients. Most of the aid is going to transportation, shelter, and utilities.

Upcoming Goodrow Fundraisers: Maple Creek Golf Outing, August 26; Shepherd Bar & Restaurant Brunch, October 15; Winter Fundraiser at Bucks Run, February 16, 2018.

Building and Grounds

Marcia presented a list of projects that have been completed and those that still need to be done. She has contacted people who will finish these projects: painting the back of the building, railing, shelves, moving a chandelier, and sealing the ramp (spring). She created another list of things to be addressed: replace missing shingles and roof repair, power wash west side of church, front doors power washed and painted, plexi-glass to be put back on windows. Snow removal was also discussed, but was not resolved.

Sandy Wood requested that a memorial garden be in place.



Christian Education

Tom indicated that Sunday School for Adults is going well. When we return to two services on September 3rd, it will be held at 9 A.M.

Construction Update

David said that the Health Inspector and Fire Marshall will be coming this week. We need a thermometer for the oven, and there is one already in the refrigerator.

Finances

Clancy went over the financial statements. At the end of July we had a positive balance-nearly \$400.00. While everything is backed up multiple times, there is some concern for computer security. The last person using the computer should shut it off completely.

Adjourn

It was moved by Bernice and seconded by Clancy to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

The next vestry meeting will be Sunday, July 10, 2017 (after coffee hour in the Undercroft).

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Bolton



August 2017 Financial Report

Below is a summary of operating fund activity through the end of July (50.00%).

Unrestricted operating fund receipts \$ 110,899 (57.56% of budget)
Unrestricted operating fund expenditures 110,503 (57.35% of budget)

Operating fund receipts over (under) expenditures \$ 396

A big thank you to all who have kept their pledges up to date. Planning for the 2018 budget has begun. Please let me know of any special expense requests you may have. In addition, any fund raising ideas you may have to cover the additional costs incurred during the construction phase of Under One Roof.

Cash balances on July 31, 2017 are as follows:

Checking Account \$ 23,844.95
Capital Campaign Savings \$ 36,705.39
Certificate of Deposit \$ 15,563.05
Endowment Fund Investment Account \$ 63,419.16

Capital Campaign funds balance on July 1, 2017 12,846.83
Capital Campaign funds balance on July 31, 2017 15,628.69

Capital Fund Activity during July:

Capital Fund Receipts 4,174.00
Building Renovations Receipts 5,018.50
Credit Card Fees (3.29)
Mortgage Principle (3,919.69)
Mortgage Interest(749.00)
Building Renovations (Add-ons)(1,738.66)

Net Activity 2,781.86

Total Building Expenses Through July:

Loan Proceeds/Contractor Draw 240,267.40
Non-Loan Expenses 197,112.99

Sub-Total 437,380.39

Anticipated Expenses:

Mortgage Balance Due Contractor 9,732.60
Mortgage Interest (future estimate) 29,731.75
Bank Fees/Credit Card 4,850.00

TOTAL PROJECT COST 481,694.74

Clancy DeLong, Treasurer
St. John's Episcopal Church



Anglican Worthies

321. Bronte, Charlotte (1815-1856) Novelist (pt. vi)

Jane Eyre was a success. Marketed under Charlotte's previous "nom de plume," "Currer Bell," it generated considerable gossip about the identity of the author. Thackeray, to whom Charlotte sent an anonymous copy, was not fooled; it felt "female" to him. When she confessed, he replied, "I wish you had not sent me your 'Jane Eyre.' It interested me so much that I have lost (or won, if you like) a whole day in reading it at the busiest period with the printers I know waiting for copy." But praise had to be particular to please her. Gérin tells us that "the criticism she really cared about was the moral estimation in which the book was held." The next book, she told her publishers, would be with the woman question, particularly the status of governesses. She was also interested in the conflict between Yorkshire evangelical clergy and the new curates coming from Oxford.

1848 necessitated a trip to London, where she got to know her publishers, Smith Elder, very well. George Smith described Charlotte as "interesting rather than attractive. She was very small and had a quaint old-fashioned look. . . . There was but little feminine charm about her; and of this fact she was herself uneasily and perpetually conscious." Back home, Anne was ill with a cough, and Branwell was having "episodes" and frequently falling. "What will be the ultimate end," she wrote to Ellen Nussey? "God knows," He died that September. "The final separation, the spectacle of his pale corpse, gave more acute, bitter pain than I could have imagined. Till the last hour comes, we never know how much we can forgive, pity, regret a near relation." To George Williams, her editor of Smith Elder, to whom she had already unburdened herself about life at home, "I do not weep from a sense of bereavement. . . but for a wreck of talent, the ruin of promise, the untimely decay [and] distinction of what might have been a burning and shining light. . . . Nothing remains of him but a memory of errors and sufferings."

I should add here that Branwell drew the only portrait we have of his sisters. It has been frequently reproduced. A fourth figure has been washed out. I have always assumed this was originally meant to be their father, but maybe Branwell intended to include himself.

Emily caught cold at her brother's funeral. By November she was much worse. Gérin says at this point, "The experience of the next few weeks would bring the fearful realization that ill health had been undermining the whole family for a long time." Since September everyone in the manse had been sick. At the beginning of the new year (1849), Charlotte wrote to her editor in London, "Unused to the possession of robust health, we have not noticed the gradual approach of decay; we did not know its symptoms: the little cough, the small appetite, the tendency to take cold at every variation of atmosphere have been regarded as things of course. I see them in another light now." Her sister was still alive, bearing her condition stoically, refusing medical help. "Like a sick animal she would rather drag herself into a corner she



knew. . . than be handled by strangers and removed to an alien place. By 19 December the author of *Wuthering Heights*, the most bizarre creation of the three of them, was gone.

Ellen Nussey came north and discovered that Anne was in critical condition, consumption in both lungs, but receiving plenty of care. It was too late. Anne held on till May. Charlotte caught cold in June. In later years Charlotte wrote of her sisters,

In Emily's nature, the extremes of vigor and simplicity seemed to meet. Under an unsophisticated culture, inartificial tastes and an unpretending outside, lay a secret power and fire that might have informed the brain and kindled the veins of a hero. Anne's character was milder and more subdued. . . . Long-suffering, self-denying, reflective, and intelligent, a constitutional reserve and taciturnity placed and kept her in the shade, and covered her mind, and especially her feelings, with a sort of nunlike veil, which was rarely lifted.

In her sorrow, she was working on *Shirley*, a novel about women in love, "women suffering from unrequited love, women who have never, and never will be, loved" (Gérin's words). She finished it in August of 1849. But she was in deep grief for the loss of both her sisters. There was a love-interest of sorts in her own life, a young man of promise, James Taylor, who does not seem to have shown much passion toward her—nor she toward him. Yet he wanted her to marry him now—before he traipsed off to India--while she was still in child-bearing years. She was not really interested; she did not love him. (He eventually went off with the expectation that they might connect when he returned in a couple of years!)

She went down to London to see Thackeray and her publishers. (George Williams declared later, "Strangers used to say they were afraid of her. She was very quiet and self-absorbed, and gave the impression that she was always engaged in observing and analysing the people she met.")

Famous now, she was making friends in the greater literary world. Besides Thackeray, there was Mrs. Gaskell (1810-1865), wife of a Unitarian minister, and a budding novelist whose first work, *Mary Barton*, had just been published. She lived in Ambleside in the Lake District; *Wordsworth was the vicinity as was Thomas *Arnold's widow. A contemporary described Mrs. Gaskell as "a noble-looking woman with a queenly presence. And her high, broad severe brow, her finely-cut mobile features, were lighted up by a constantly-varying play of expressions as she poured forth her wonderful talk. . . . Though one of the most brilliant persons I ever saw, she had none of the restlessness and eagerness that spoil so much of our concertation nowadays. . . . When you were with her, you felt as if you had twice the life in you that you had at ordinary times." She was a perfect friend for Charlotte, who felt she could be fully open with her.

Besides the author, Mrs. Gaskell, who after Charlotte's death, wrote the first biography of her, she met the most famous female of the day, Harriet Martineau. Martineau was a reformer, an advocate for women's issues. She was also an atheist, and she did not care for *Jane Eyre*. Nevertheless she proved a loyal friend to Charlotte. -hlf



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BACK TO SCHOOL

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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