



The St. John's Evangel

Dear people and friends of St. John's,

Heartfelt thanks to all of you for your generous, loving, memorable, and poignant farewell to Father Wayne and Harry on Sunday, July 29! Our 12 years together have been among the best years in the 134-year history of this parish. We wish them all the best as they retire to Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and a leisurely life on the Gulf Coast.

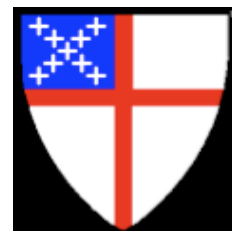
Meanwhile, our journey together continues as we begin another transition period and search for a new rector. The new Rev. Canon Missioner Val Ambrose, Rev. Sr. Diane, Deacon Nancy, the Vestry, the future Search Committee, and I will do all we can to support you in your various lay ministries as we discern our path forward in the months ahead. When you have comments, concerns, questions, or suggestions, share them with any of us.

Together, we CAN do this! "All shall be well."

Love to all in Christ.

David

Sr. Warden & Verger





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, 1805 E. Remus Rd.
Room 205 Mt. P. The Facility, 772-3456

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.



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.



Misha Proctor	4
Roger Hatch	5
Geoffrey Shirley	7
Jessica Vinciguerra	8
Mary Lou Nowicki	12
Pat Thurston	14
Christopher Benn	15
Zachary Leslie	17
Mary Kiesgen	19
Emelia Parker	20
Cindy Seger	23
Gordon Bloem	27
Debi Peterson	29
Katherine Shirley Peterson	30



David & Nancy Kinney	1
Jim & Pat Thurston	5
Dick & Sandy Wood	6
Aaron & Dawn (Dingman) Hall	30

The 2018 Altar Flower Calendar

is posted near the back door of the Church. Please consider a Sunday that is a good date for you to honor or remember a loved one and sign up to provide flowers. Thank you!





Outside the Tent

“All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well.”

These words of Dame Julian of Norwich, who dispatched her wisdom from a contemplative's cell in fifteenth-century England, comfort me as I think about Wayne's retirement. I am sure for many of you this is an anxious, uncertain time. But I also believe that it is a time when we can continue to grow as a parish, and as individuals. We are not alone in our journey, but are guided by the national church and the diocese in the process for choosing a new rector. For the first three months of this interim period, the vestry has entered into agreements with Sister Diane and with me so that the sacramental and pastoral needs of the parish are covered. After October 31, 2018, these agreements can be extended each month, as needed.

Sister Diane will be the sacramentalist, as is appropriate to her role as priest. I am charged with providing pastoral care and with continuing my diaconal ministry, as outlined in the following contract between the vestry and me:

- Be the primary contact between the parish and the parishioner regarding pastoral issues (illness, confinement, conflict, grief, joy)
- Visit those who are homebound—either long-term or after serious illness or surgery—on a regular basis while coordinating more frequent visits by Eucharistic Visitors.
- Make hospital visitations prior to surgery if local (or if agreed to by the deacon)
- Attend monthly staff meetings at a time and day agreeable to all
- Attend monthly Daughters of the King gatherings
- Continue liturgical diaconal role regularly, including Prayers of the People, altar responsibilities, preparation of home communion kids for Eucharistic visitors



- Communicate clearly, especially with the priest, senior warden, organist, choirmaster, treasurer, altar guild, and parish secretary.

I am hoping to draw more parishioners into taking communion to homebound members of the congregation, and to form a small committee to discuss ways to improve our pastoral care of our brothers and sisters.

These will be challenging months, but I believe they can be a time to deepen our faith. I am honored to be entrusted with the role of pastoral caregiver, and I hope you will feel free to bring your concerns to me.

Peace, Nancy

Education for Ministry (EfM)

If you are interested in participating in Education for Ministry (EfM) please contact Steven Berkshire at daeberk@yahoo.com or call him at 989.774.1640 (days) or 989.317.0240 (evenings.) Steve needs to send in the fall enrollment to ensure that we get the books and materials in time for the first session, tentatively set for Monday, September 10 at 5:30 p.m.in the Parish House.



REMEMBER!

St. John's will continue to meet for **ONE** Sunday morning worship service at **9:00 a.m.** for the month of August. The **8:00 a.m.** and **10:00 a.m.** services will resume on **Sunday, September 2nd !!!**

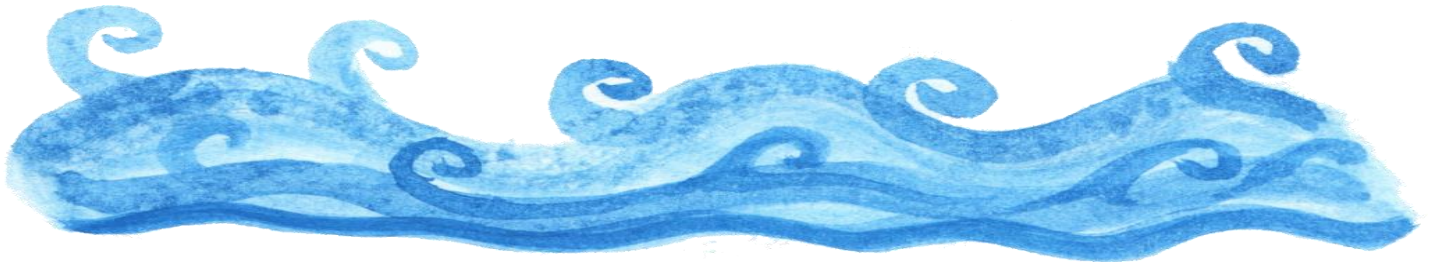


AUGUST 2018

Sunday Lay Ministry



DATE	LESSONS	PRAYERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD
August 5 11 Pentecost	9:00 a.m. Karen Varanauskas	9:00 a.m. Henry Fulton	Sharon Bolton and Marcia David	Kendall and Lois Klumpp	Matthew Kinney	Pamela Dingman and Peg Hicks
Lectionary: Exodus 16:2-4,9-15 Psalm 78:23-29 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35						
August 12 12 Pentecost	9:00 a.m. Carol Lauffer	9:00 a.m. Joan Kadler	Colin , Anne, and Matthew Kinney	Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn	Emma Dimgnan	Pamela Dingman and Peg Hicks
Lectionary: 1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51						
August 19 13 Pentecost	9:00 a.m. Karen Varanauskas	9:00 a.m. Jim Thurston	Laura Cochrane and Marcia David	Christi Brookes, D.J. and Misha Proctor	Rex Dingman	Ella Jo Regan and David Shirley
Lectionary: Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34:9-14 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58						
August 26 14 Pentecost	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn	Alice Ciccu and Barbara Sheperdigian	Adam Baker	Ella Jo Regan and David Shirley
Lectionary: Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18 Psalm 34:15-22 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69						
September 2 15 Pentecost	8:00 a.m. Barbara Sheperdigian 10:00 a.m. Sandy Wood	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Henry Fulton	Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen	Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton	Matthew Kinney	Pamela Dingman and Harriett White
Lectionary: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Psalm 15 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23						





AUGUST 2018 at St. John's Episcopal Church. For updates, visit the Parish Website and click on "Calendar"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				10 a.m. Tai Chi	Office Closed	
11 Pentecost 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9 a Holy Eucharist 10 a Pine River 10 a Sunday School 5 p. Holy Euchars at Emmaus 5 p Yoga		10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Yoga 7 p.m. Compassionate Friends		10 a.m. Tai Chi	Office Closed	
12 Pentecost 12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9 a Holy Eucharist 10 a Pine River 10 a Sunday School 5 p. Holy Euchars at Emmaus 5 p Yoga	7:00 p.m. Vestry	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:3- p.m. Yoga		9:30 a.m. Staff 10 a.m. Tai Chi	Office Closed	
12 Pentecost 19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9 a Holy Eucharist 10 a Pine River 10 a Sunday School 5 p. Holy Euchars at Emmaus 5 p Yoga	EVANGEL Deadline	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:3- p.m. Yoga		10 a.m. Tai Chi	Office Closed	
12 Pentecost 26	27	28	29	30	31	
9 a Holy Eucharist 10 a Pine River 10 a Sunday School 5 p. Holy Euchars at Emmaus 5 p Yoga		10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:3- p.m. Yoga		10 a.m. Tai Chi	Office Closed	



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 773-74

Greeters



Coffee Hour Hosts



August

- 5 Sandy Wood and Sharon Bolton
- 12 Colin, Anne and Matthew Alton
- 19 Laura Cochrane and Marcia David
- 26 Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane

August

- 5 Kendall and Lois Klumpp
- 12 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 19 Christi Brookes and D.J. and Misha Proctor
- 26 Harriett White and Sandy Wood

September

- 2 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 9 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 16 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 23 David, Nancy and Matthew Kinney
- 30 Ulana Klymyshyn and Lynne L'Hommedieu

September

- 2 Colin, Anne and Matthew Alton
- 9 Ralph Baber and Karen Varanauskas
- 16 Sharon Bolton and Elizabeth Brockman
- 23 Laura Cochrane and Bernice Cole
- 30 Clancy and Pat DeLong

October

- 7 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 14 Sandy Wood and Sharon Bolton
- 21 Colin, Anne and Matthew Alton
- 28 Laura Cochrane and Marcia David

October

- 7 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 14 Ford and Pamela Dingman
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**St. John's Episcopal Church
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Vestry minutes for July 9, 2018.**

Present are Wayne Nicholson, David Shirley, Ella Jo Regan, Adam Baker (clerk), Clancy DeLong, Marcia David, Nancy Kinney, Tom Cochrane, Ulana Klymyshyn.

Tom moves to approve minutes from June 24 meeting with Bishop Hougland, Ulana seconds. Vestry approves.

Marcia recommends Vestry accepts Elizabeth Brockman's resignation with regret, Nancy seconds. Vestry approves. Wayne mentions that our bylaws recommend we fill Liz's spot until her term is up in 2021. David has talked to a handful of people with some potential possibilities. Marcia and Adam both believe it would be a good idea to make an announcement in church.

Wayne mentions he changed mileage compensation in their Letters of Agreement for Nancy Fulton and Sr. Diane from \$0.54 to current IRS recommended rate.

Wayne proposes that each member of Vestry could have an area of church functioning they are responsible and form committees if they need to. Ulana is doing Restoration House, Clancy is doing finance, Nancy Kinney is doing Building and Grounds, Ella and Bernice are on holiday baskets, Tom is on Christian Formation, EfM is Steve Berkshire. Adam is considering expanding his role as clerk into general Communication for Vestry/Church. Nancy and Marcia agree to be Hospitality coordinators.

Wayne mentions that Sr. Diane needs a title. "Interim" is not appropriate because an interim serves for a fixed period and cannot become rector. They take on more responsibility than an "associate" because they take on more pastoral concerns, often becoming a part-time or full-time employee. Vestry decides on "Associate Priest" as her title.

Nancy reports that work on roof started today. Marcia helped Nancy and David Kinney find 2 bundles of shingles in the basement left by GLBC so roof will match perfectly. Nancy said builders expect work to be done in about 4 days while the weather holds. Marcia reports that paint outside the Clean and Bright room looks like it is bubbling and peeling. Nancy will also ask for a lattice or screen to be built to hide the Parish House AC units. Ella points out that the ceiling in the rectory needs to be patched. Nancy will look into it.



Clancy plans to cover cost to repair roof by asking for offerings in church. If money is not in building and grounds, there is enough in endowment fund to cover costs. Clancy reports we are at about 50% budget for the year. Gas and electric are slightly up and pledges are slightly down, which is normal for this time of year. Clancy also reports that auditors were surprised we turned over the information they requested in 4 days. Audit is going smoothly so far as Vestry wishes to have things in order before Wayne leaves.

Wayne reports that during his last Sunday he will ask people involved in certain ministries to stand and commit to continuing their work, so we should be prepared to stand and reaffirm our commitments. David prays we don't forget anyone.

Wayne reports he has selected August 13th at 7 p.m. as the next meeting time. David reports that we may need to adjust meeting time if Sr. Diane and Nancy Fulton are to attend meetings regularly. Tom added that if/when we return to two services at 8 and 10, with Sunday School at 9, Vestry meetings could again be held on Sundays after coffee hour.

David reports that there are 2 copies of the Vestry Resource Guide and he has copied the chapter on Clergy transition and the role of Vestry during the transition. He passes out copies for Vestry to read and discuss at next meeting.

Wayne states he has enjoyed working with this and all other Vestries during his time at St. Johns. He thanks us for our support and continued service to the parish. Wayne blesses Vestry. Adam moves Vestry adjourn, David seconds. Vestry adjourns.

Faithfully submitted,
Adam Baker



July 2018 Financial Report

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

Unrestricted operating fund receipts	\$ 94,442.85 (48.53% of budget)
Unrestricted operating fund expenditures	<u>109,881.68</u> (56.46% of budget)

Operating fund receipts over (under) expenditures \$ (15,438.83)

Through June, income is approximately \$5,000 below expenses, when annualizing rector salary and benefits. In tracking with past years, operating pledges fall behind during the summer months. Please verify that your pledge is up to date. This is very important since we have unforeseen expenses, such as \$5000 for roof repairs, separate from the previously mentioned \$5000. Also, if you have generously offered to fund individual items during our construction, please be sure to you have fulfilled this commitment. Bills associated with your gift have already been paid.

Cash balances on June 30, 2018 are as follows:

Checking Account.....	\$ 49,020.74
Savings	\$ 36,723.65
Certificate of Deposit.....	\$ 15,653.96
Endowment Fund Investment Account.....	\$ 64,849.86

Capital Campaign funds balance on January 1, 201820,103.05

Capital Campaign funds balance on June 30, 201817,443.25

Capital Fund Activity For June:

Capital Fund Receipts	5,172.73
Interest Income.....	4.58
Bank/Credit Card Fees	(2.80)
Mortgage Principle.....	(3,940.06)
Mortgage Interest	(728.63)

Net Activity505.82

BUILDING PROJECT

Total Capitalized Expenses.....	442,345.51
Non-Capitalized Expenses (Bank Fees/Interest) ...	15,508.09

Subtotal457,853.80

Anticipated Expenses:

Mortgage Interest	17,113.76
Bank Fees/Credit Card.....	943.36

TOTAL PROJECT COST475,910.92

Clancy DeLong
Vestry Treasurer



ANGLICAN WORTHIES

333. Clough, Arthur Hugh (1819-1861)

Poet

Clough (rhymes with “rough”) is known mostly because of Matthew Arnold’s elegy, “Thyrsis,” which mourned his death. But Clough led an interesting intellectual life in the mid-Victorian period. His restless mind connected him with many important figures familiar to those of you who read these brief biographies of Victorian figures every month.

Clough was born in Liverpool, the son of parents from the business world. (His mother was an evangelical.) At the age of three his parents emigrated to Charleston, South Carolina, where they lived for fourteen years, but the boy was returned to England for his schooling. In 1829 Clough and his older brother were enrolled in Rugby, an experience that informed the rest of his life. There he met the famous headmaster, Thomas *Arnold who, Anthony Kenny tells us, “welcomed him into his family circle where he formed lifelong friendships with the two eldest boys”—Matthew and Thomas. From their father, however, Clough learned to take his life’s choices very seriously, which implies an excessive amount of self-reflection, restlessness, and doubt.

In November of 1836 Clough won a scholarship to Balliol College (Oxford). Among his fellow students were A.P.*Stanley, later Dean of Westminster and friend to Charles *Kingsley, and Benjamin *Jowett, the translator of Plato and later Master of Balliol, who elevated Balliol to prominence and modernity among Oxford colleges. Clough’s tutors were A.C. Tait, one of the most influential churchmen of that period, and W.G. Ward. Ward was the most ardent disciple of Cardinal *Newman, and eventually left the established Church, left the priesthood, became Roman Catholic--and married! Clough struggled spiritually between two theological extremes—his mother’s conservative evangelicalism and Ward’s persuasive appeals. When he took his final examination in 1841, he obtained only a second class. Kenny tells us that Clough, in despair, walked all the way from Oxford to Rugby to tell his former headmaster that he had failed.

Clough in many ways never achieved what he always sought. He began to write poetry at college, probably the only calling he was suitable for, choosing *Wordsworth as his model. But his previous “failure” haunted him so in November of 1841, he “sat” for an examination for a fellowship at his college—and failed again. Matthew Arnold was with him at Balliol, and Matthew’s father was no longer at Rugby but in Oxford as Regius Professor of History. In his elegy, “Thyrsis,” Arnold refers movingly to long walks these students took in the country sides those Oxford years. They seemed to have so much to share about their prospects. It is possible it was Arnold who persuaded Clough to try again for a fellowship. The following spring Clough “sat” for a fellowship at Oriel, the college of the *Oxford Movement—and was successful! In June, however, the elder Thomas Arnold died suddenly of a heart attack. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away.



Matters did not go smoothly at Oriel. Newman was still around, and Clough was struggling with the issue of subscription. If Clough was to go on for an M.A, he would have to subscribe to the Thirty-Nine Articles again (pp. 864-76 of the Prayer Book). The Articles, first adopted in Elizabeth I's time, were theologically out of date; few clergy believed in in predestination (Article XVII), but one could not pick and choose. Clough did finally subscribe; Kenny believes he may have felt he had to, to support his family. (His brother died in November of 1843; his father a year later.)

By 1845 his former tutor, W.G. Ward, had left. Matthew Arnold became a tutor. Clough was reading the dangerous German biblical scholarship and drifting away from orthodoxy. He was also reading Carlyle and Emerson, whom he met in 1847. The following year he resigned his teaching position, unable to hold to the Articles. Then he went to Paris to observe the new revolution, along with Emerson. When Emerson that July left Liverpool for America, Kenny says, Clough saw him off. "Carlyle, [Clough] complained, had led everyone out into the desert and left them there. Emerson, in reply, laid his hand on Clough's head, and told him he was to be the bishop of all England."

It was not going to happen; Clough could hardly stand for holy orders. His next project was a huge narrative poem, *The Bothie Toper-na-Fuosich*, a narrative of a "reading party" or social conversation, of folk from various trades and backgrounds, discussing social issues and interacting with one another. It is written in hexameters, the lengthy line that Homer used in ancient Greek, but is very awkward in English. The English prosody is roughly ten syllables (pentameter), not twelve—or it "feels" like ten, more or less. I find Clough's twelve-foot line difficult to enjoy. So did everyone else.

This same year, 1848, Clough went to Rome, which was under siege by the French. He quickly composed another poem, *Amours de Voyage*, about a young Englishman in Rome in similar circumstances, who falls in love, but she returns to England, and nothing further happens. This was perhaps Clough's most popular work, though it too is in hexameters. In Naples he wrote "Easter Day," in which he denied the resurrection of Christ, but expressed hope for those who have given up the tenets of their faith.

Back home after a tempestuous year, our young poet found work as director of University Hall in London, a sectarian college of lectures for students already enrolled in University College. Kenny tells us that even there, among persons like himself, Clough was not content. He was spending more time with Carlyle. He authored a dramatic poem, *Dipsychus*, in which a "tormented youth" (like himself) debates with the devil over religious matters. This was obviously influenced by Goethe's *Faust*, the expanded version of which came out in 1832. One senses that Clough really was not "poetic" yet, but writing philosophical tracts in meter!

Lionel Trilling suggests that Clough and Matthew Arnold were no longer as close as in Oxford days, that philosophical differences arose between them. In addition, it is obvious that Clough was restless and unsettled; that he struggled to find himself. Arnold, on the other hand, was never afraid to change his mind and make life-choices that must have been extremely difficult.

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HAPPY LABOR DAY

Monday, September 3, 2018

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.

The Rev. Dn. Nancy Casey Fulton, 773-7193

The Rev. Sr. Diane Stier, ec 989-807-0215

2018 Vestry Officers

Sr. Warden: David Shirley: 773-3463

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Treasurer: Clancy DeLong, 989-400-6546

Co-Treasurer: Lynne L'Hommedieu, 772-8340

Vestry Clerk: Adam Baker: 989-492-1626

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