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# *The Evangel*

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*A Note from the Senior Warden --*

## MISSION STATEMENT REVISION

Dear people and friends of St. John's,

At the Vestry Meeting on June 9, we examined the parish Mission Statement. After much discussion, we agreed unanimously to replace the phrase "Anglican tradition" with the phrase "Episcopal Church tradition." As your Senior Warden, I would like to explain the reason for this change.

Historically, St. John's has observed moderate "high church" liturgies and practices and a rich tradition of English choral music in our services since the days of the famous Boy Choir in the 1940's. Hence, the use of the phrase "Anglican tradition" in the Mission Statement created by an earlier Vestry years ago.

St. John's has never been an Anglican parish in the strict sense of that term.

In recent years, there has been a schismatic and separatist movement within the Episcopal Church in response to the election of a gay bishop and the ordination of gay priests and female priests.

In June 2009, the Anglican Church of North America was founded as a haven for the ultra-conservative schismatics and separatists. Today, these parishes are known as "Anglican" parishes.

In 2018, the Anglican Church of North America included 1,062 parishes --including 17 parishes in Michigan with 4 of them within the boundaries of our diocese -- with a total membership of 134,649. The ACNA opposes the ordination of gay priests and bishops, the ordination of female priests, endorses a pro-life stance toward women's reproductive rights, and generally opposes social justice initiatives.

Mindful of this recent turn of events within the wider Church, your Vestry affirms its allegiance to the Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Western Michigan. I assure you that our liturgies, practices, and musical tradition will remain the same!

The point is simply this: **We seek a new Rector who supports our allegiance and commitment to the Episcopal Church tradition as observed and practiced in the Diocese of Western Michigan.**

Here is the revised text of Mission Statement:

**St. John's Episcopal Church, with God's help and in the Episcopal Church 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.**

Faithfully yours, *David*



**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**

Longtime member of St. John's, has moved to Brighton to be near his son.

His new address is:

Brookdale Brighton

833 E. Grand River Ave., Apt. 122  
Brighton, MI 48116.

**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
Patricia Thurston	14
Christopher Benn	15
Zachary Leslie	17
Mary Kiesgen	19
Emelia Paarker	20
Gordon Bloem	27
Katherine Shirley Peterson	30



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

Did you take home **Kitchen Linens** to wash after Coffee Hour?? If you did, please remember to bring them back ASAP! Thank ou!

**The 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 altar flowers. Flowers are a wonderful addition to worship!



## Outside the Tent

These past few weeks NASA, the media, and the American people have celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the first walk on the moon. I remember well the years leading up to that event: the desperate effort to catch up to—and eventually to surpass—the Soviet Union after they propelled Sputnik into space. I remember the false starts, especially the death of Gus Grissom and his companions, when Apollo Three burst into flame. And I remember sitting at the St. Francis Hospital switchboard, watching Neil Armstrong bouncing on the moon's surface, pronouncing his famous words: "one small step for man, one giant step for mankind." When my shift ended and I walked out of the building, I stared awestruck at the moon.

Now we have astronauts of both genders expanding our understanding of space as they circle earth in the International Space Station. We pay little attention to the launching of the space shuttles as they carry a new shift of astronauts to the ISS. But two of the shuttles, like the Apollo spacecrafts before them, have proved vulnerable to disaster. Those events I also remember with haunting clarity: "Challenger," with an elementary teacher on board, blowing up within minutes of leaving the launch pad; and "Columbia," which had served 22 years and flown 27 missions, disintegrating as it re-entered earth's atmosphere.

We are—all of us—fragile human beings, destined not for endless life on this earth, but for eternal life with a Creator we cannot fathom. And so the loss of life, especially when it is so dramatic, haunts us. When the horror of death is too much at odds with what I know of life, I sit down at my computer, trying to write away the pain, as I did on February 6, 2003.

### **"In Memoriam: Starship Columbia"**

In the first hours of daylight,  
moments before their airship exploded  
into a galaxy of death stars glinting in the Texas sun,  
they hurtled through the fiery borderland between space and sky,  
shedding weightlessness for earth-bound pleasures:  
children's smiles, lovers' caresses,  
quiet moments over coffee and the morning paper.

Now they lie scattered—  
burned and broken bodies, a helmet, a NASA patch—  
in debris that cuts a gash across rolling hills and piney woods.  
For those who love them  
there will be no cold hand to touch in farewell,  
no stiffly arranged face to exclaim over,  
no weight in the coffin borne on aching shoulders,  
only a snapshot of Columbia's last crew,  
smiling in orange suits, helmets in hand,  
eager to climb the gantry to their childhood dreams,  
sunshine on their faces,  
and no thought that this voyage will end  
as their lives float down the skies  
to a quiet Texas field.

Peace, Nancy

# August 2019

## Sunday Lay Ministry



DATE	LESSONS	PRAYERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD
August 4 8 Pentecost	9:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Cochrane	9:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen	Elizabeth Brockman	Emma Dingman	Pamela Dingman
<b>Lectionary:</b> Isaiah 66:10-14 __ Psalm 66:1-8 __ Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16 __ Luke 10:1-11, 16-20						
August 11 9 Pentecost	9:00 a.m. Carol Laufer	9:00 a.m. Jim Thurston	David, Nancy and Matthew Kinney	Ford and Pamela Dingman	Matthew Kinney	Pamela Dingman
<b>Lectionary:</b> Deuteronomy 30:9-14 __ Psalm 25:1-9 __ Colossians 1:1-14 __ Luke 10:25-37						
August 18 10 Pentecost	9:00 a.m. Tom Cochrane	9:00 a.m. Sandy Wood	Ulana Klymyshynn And Lynne L'Hommedieu	Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen	Adam Baker	Ella Jo Regan and David Shirley
<b>Lectionary:</b> Genesis 18:1-10a __ Psalm 15 __ Colossians 1:15-28 __ Luke 10:38-42						
August 25 11 Pentecost	9:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	9:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	Rod Lesle and Marian Matyn	Kendall and Lois Klumpp	ARex Dingman	Ella Jo Regan and David Shirley
<b>Lectionary:</b> Genesis 18:20-32 __ Psalm 138 __ Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19) __ Luke 11:1-13						
Sept. 1 12 Pentecost	9:00 a.m. Candy Handerson	9:00 a.m. Carol Laufer	Colin, Anne And Matthew Alton	Lynne L'Hommedieu and Sandy Wood	Adam Baker	Pamela Dingman and Harriett White
<b>Lectionary:</b> Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23 __ Psalm 49:1-11 __ Colossians 3:1-11 __ Luke 12:13-21						





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31	August 1	2	3
		10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 pm Yoga	6:30 p.m. Yoga	10 a.m. Tai Chi J	Office Closed	
		Aug. 4 Pentecost 8 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist SS after Coffee Hour 10 am Pine River 5 pm Holy Eucharist at Emmaus 5 pm Yo	5	6	7	8
Aug. 11 Pentecost 9	12	13	14	15	16	17
9 a.m. Holy Eucharist SS after Coffee Hour Vestry Meeting 10 am Pine River am 5 pm Holy Eucharist at Emmaus 5 pm Yoga	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 4 p.m. Music Meeting	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Yoga	6:30 p.m. Yoga	10 a.m. Tai Chi	Office Closed	
Aug. 18 Pentecost 10	19	20	21	22	23	24
9 a.m. Holy Eucharist SS after Coffee Hour 10 am Pine River 5 pm Holy Eucharist at Emmaus 5 pm Yoga	4 p.m. Music Meeting	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Yoga	6:30 p.m. Yoga	10 a.m. Tai Chi	Office Closed	
Aug. 25 Pentecost 11	26	27	28	29	30	31
9 a.m. Holy Eucharist SS after Coffee Hour 10 am Pine River 5 pm Potluck & Eucharist at Emmaus 5 pm Yoga	4 p.m. Music	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Yoga	6:30 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 773-7448**

**Greeters**



**Coffee Hour Hosts**



**August**

- 4 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 11 David, Nancy and Matthew Kinney
- 18 Ulana Klymyshyn and Lynne L'Hommedieu
- 25 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn

**August**

- 4 Elizabeth Brockman
- 11 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 18 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 25 Kendall and Lois Klumpp

**September**

- 1 Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton
- 8 Sharon Bolton and Sandy Wood
- 15 Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane
- 22 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 29 Ford and Pamela Dingman

**September**

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

**October**

- 6 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 13 David, Nandy, and Matthew Kinney
- 20 Ulana Klymyshyn and Lynne L'Hommedieu
- 27 Rod Leslie and Marian matyn

**October**

- 6 Sharon Bolton and Elizabeth Brockman
- 13 Clancy and Pat DeLong
- 20 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 27 Ford and Pamela Dingman

**St. John's Episcopal Church  
Vestry Minutes, July 14, 2019**

Present are Adam Baker (clerk), David Shirley, Sandy Wood(guest), Ulana Klymyshyn, Tom Cochrane, Marcia David, DJ Proctor, Clancy DeLong, Pam Dingman (guest), Eric Vinceguerra, Diane Stier.

David opened with a prayer. Marcia moved that we approve June minutes, Eric seconded. Vestry approved.

Adam reported that the Search Committee had a few questions regarding the change in mission statement. His report follows:

The mission statement and vision statement were created some years ago by the vestry. It does not need to be approved by the congregation. The wording change was done to make it clear that St. John's loyalty was to the Episcopal Church and not to any schismatic element within the worldwide Anglican Church. The mission statement is done with input of the congregation but it is the prerogative of the Vestry to create it and change it as it sees fit. This change was done to differentiate us from the Anglican Church and the Episcopal Church (which is part of the Worldwide Anglican Communion).

Ulana added that many in Search Committee were confused as to the reasoning of the mission statement change. She suggested that there be a question and answer period for the congregation to have their questions answered regarding this name change. This will probably happen after coffee hour next week.

Diane completed her Pastoral Report.

Marcia reported that there was a major water problem that was first noticed Sunday. It resulted in a flood which was contained and fixed. Marcia reported that we need to check that the problem is fixed for good. Sandy complemented Marcia, David, Pam, Alice, Matt, Kendall, and Tom for their work. Sandy reported that she is concerned that almost all the buildings and grounds work is falling to a handful of aging congregants and wishes that the Parish would take more pride and initiative in maintaining our buildings and grounds. She thinks it is time we step up a little more. David suggested we have a discussion at the next Vestry meeting about how to involve the Parish more.

Clancy completed his financial report. We are running a surplus at the moment.

David reported that he met with Mark from Simoni Systems Inc from Saginaw to discuss the acoustics and projection screen in the Parish House. They suggested a large electronic TV panel and a camera mounted around the back door of the church for overflow events. They also suggested acoustic panels which may be disguised. David reported we will have a quote from him in about two weeks.

David also reported that Olivia Ohler approached him about pew cushions. He believed that full-length cushions would interfere with the church acoustics. He suggested we could buy 10-12 individual cushions could be stored in the sanctuary and used by people when needed. He will suggest that idea to Olivia.

Pam gave her update on the Columbarium. She discussed options to expand the Columbarium.

Diane left.

Marcia moved Vestry adjourn, Tom seconded. Vestry adjourned. Next meeting is scheduled for August 11.

Adam Baker  
Vestry Secretary

## June 2019 Financial Report

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

Unrestricted operating fund receipts ..... \$ 97,820.59 (53.34% of budget)  
Unrestricted operating fund expenditures ..... 87,041.44 (47.46% of budget)

**Operating fund receipts over (under) expenditures . \$ 10,779.15**

Income and expenses track very closely to budget through June. Though there appears to be a \$10K surplus, expenses for Wayne's funeral, the flood in the undercroft and several one-time annual payments have yet to be recorded. The Endowment fund received a \$10K gift in June. The Capital Fund reserve for which to draw mortgage payments is less than two payments. Please verify that your Capital Fund pledge amounts are up to date as well as pledges for specific items.

The campaign to retire the mortgage will commence once additional capital expenditures are known (new roof, noise dampening system, etc.).



**Cash balances on June 30, 2019 are as follows:**

Checking Account .....	\$ 101,964.44
Savings .....	\$ 26,737.65
Certificate of Deposit .....	\$ 15,778.86
Endowment Fund Investment Account .....	\$ 77,876.48

**Capital Campaign funds balance on June 1, 2019 ..... 7,380.02**

**Capital Campaign funds balance on June 30, 2019 ..... 7,159.67**

**Capital Fund Activity For June:**

Capital Fund Receipts .....	4,445.00
Interest Income .....	3.34
Bank/Credit Card Fees .....	0.00
Mortgage Principle .....	(4,120.87)
Mortgage Interest .....	(547.82)
<b>Net Activity .....</b>	<b>(220.35)</b>

**BUILDING PROJECT**

Total Capitalized Expenses .....	442,345.71
Non-Capitalized Expenses (Bank Fees/Interest).....	22,563.27

**Subtotal.....464,908.98**

Anticipated Expenses:

Mortgage Interest .....	10,108.04
Bank Fees/Credit Card .....	893.90

**TOTAL PROJECT COST .....475,910.92**

Clancy DeLong, Parish Treasurer

## ANGLICAN WORTHIES

347. Monk, William Henry (1823-1889)  
Composer

In our pews at St. John's are two books peculiar to the Episcopal Church, which patrons are not encouraged to look at. One, of course, is the Book of Common Prayer, which contains the liturgies for Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, Compline, Holy Eucharist, and the service of burial, the most frequently used services of the American Episcopal parishes. The book also contains the psalms and historical items, and a lectionary of texts for anyone who wants to worship on one's own. Anyone who calls oneself an Episcopalian should own a Prayer Book, though the current practice at St. John's discourages anyone from opening it.

In its place on Sunday morning persons are given a bulletin containing that day's order of worship as well as the hymns for the second service, so that no one will have to open the second book in the pews. This is the Hymnal 1982 which, in 960 pages, contains not only more than seven hundred hymns, words and music, but also extensive lists of "tunes," that is, the names of the melodies for each set of words, names of composers and arrangers, lyricists, and an alphabetical index of the first lines. But unless you have worshipped here as long as Sally Goodrow and Martha Rarick have, who remember singing out of an older edition of this book, you are not going to know this. You sing, if you can sing—and if you come to the early winter service, you are excused from singing anything—out of the bulletin designed for every Sunday.

Why is that? The weekly waste of all this paper is to help a newcomer coming to St. John's for the first time to be able to follow the service without having to flip through pages of these essential books. In other words, parishioners are being weaned from the knowledge and use of the Prayer Book and Hymnal, the staple publications of any Episcopal Church and the hallmarks of our denominational identity, and future members will lack the awareness of publications that make us Episcopalians and not some other mainline church.

Back to the Hymnal. Let us look, for example, at Hymn 59, "Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding, 'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say," which we often sing at Advent. (Our book is a hymnal, not a hymnbook, because it contains both words and music. The inclusion of both is a nineteenth-century innovation, when many parishes of all denominations provided only the words. Congregations sang only the melody; only the organist needed the music.) At the bottom of Hymn 59 we are told that the words are 6<sup>th</sup> century and were translated for inclusion in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*. The tune is "Merton," which signifies that the melody has an identity apart from the words; the tune could be used with other words, as occasionally happens. "Merton" was composed by William Henry Monk; the descant by one Alan Gray, someone who likely knew Monk.

William Henry Monk is one of the outstanding figures in Protestant hymnody. He was not university trained but studied in London, possibly under organists strongly influenced by the \*Oxford Movement. He received his first position in 1841 at St. Peter's in the city. He was only eighteen. Six years later he was chosen choirmaster at King's College, London. In 1846 he was editor of two periodicals, *Parish Choir* and the *Tractarian Society for Promoting Church Music*. By 1849 he was named organist as well. But in 1851 he was named Professor of Music for the School for the Indigent Blind; well known by



this time, he was frequently invited to lecture. His most permanent position was St. Matthias at Stoke-Newington. Here he instituted a daily choral service with a voluntary choir! His biographer, Judith Blezzard, says that "Monk set high standards, demanding good discipline and giving his choir challenging music. He wished also to foster congregational music, using the organ for support rather than display." By this time the use of hymns, formerly an evangelical or Methodist practice, was finding a legitimate place in Anglican worship, though I question whether there was a standard hymnal.

In 1857 Monk was named musical editor for the first edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1861), which would become the standard for Anglican use. Here is where Monk made his mark: he composed fifteen tunes for inclusion in this collection, including the melody for the most famous hymn tune in the English-speaking world, "Eventide," the words, "Abide with me, fast falls the eventide," written by Henry Francis \*Lyte. He also harmonized or arranged many older tunes for congregational use, especially from continental hymnals.

Other appointments followed. In 1874 he was named Professor of Vocal Music at King's. He was involved in further collections, especially for the Church of Scotland, which at that time was still singing versified stanzas of the psalms. A posthumous publication was *The Book of Common Prayer, Edited with Plain Song and Appropriate Music*, which gave him the opportunity to introduce plain song into common worship, an interest dating to the 1840s.

In 1882 he received an honorary doctorate from Durham. He died on 1 March 1889 and was buried at Stoke Newington. In our hymnal Monk is cited more often among composers and arrangers than anyone else (Bach is close). Here are a familiar few:

76	Winchester New	"On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry" (arranged)
119	Dix	"As with gladness men of old" (harmonized)
150	Aus der Tiefe rufe ich	"Forty days sand forty nights" (harmonized)
154	Valet will ich dir geben	"All glory, laud and honor" (harmonized)
181	St. Ethelwald	"Awake and sing the song"
208	Victory	"The strife is over, the battle done" (arranged)
210	Ellecomb	"The day of resurrection" (harmonized)
286	Zeuch mich,	"Who are thee like stars appearing?" (harmonized)
337	Unde et memores	"And now, O Father, mindful of the love"
397	Nun danket all Gott	"Now thank we all our God" (harmonized)
559	Dulce carmen	"Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us" (harmonized)
625	Darwell's 148 <sup>th</sup>	"Ye holy angels bright, who wait at God's right hand"
662	Eventide	"Abide with me: fast falls the eventide"
680	St. Anne	"O God, our help in ages past" (harmonized).

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September 2, 2019

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

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