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Dear people and friends of St. John's,

As you may know, our Choirmaster Chase Simpson is getting married on Saturday, August 1, and he and his fiancée Tori have already moved to Bowling Green, Kentucky, where Chase will do graduate school at Western Kentucky University, and Tori has a job teaching high school chemistry. If you would like to give them/him a farewell or wedding gift or card, you can take it to the Old Rectory any morning Monday-Thursday by THURSDAY, July 30, and I will deliver them to Chase at the wedding in Ionia, Michigan, on August 1. Eric Vinciguerra is now Choirmaster *pro tempore* for the coming year. Thank you, Eric!

Peace,

The Rev. Sr. Diane Stier, Associate Priest



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.

St. John's Prayer Group

If you wish to add or remove names from the Prayer List, please call Nancy Fulton, 773-7193, Sandy Wood, 773-9326, Martha Rarick, 773-7510, the church or email Pamela Dingman, paddingman@hotmail.com. Thank you.



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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
Jessica Vinciguerra	8
Mary Lou Nowicki	12
Patricia Thurston	14
Christopher Benn	15
Zachary Leslie	17
Mary Kiesgen	19
Geoffrey Shirley	19
Emelia Parker	20
Katherine (Shirley) Peterson	30



David & Nancy Kinney	1
Jim & Patricia Thurston	5
Arron & Dawn (Dingman) Hall	30

The 2020 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! Thank you





During this period when St. John's is closed, your financial support gifts may be sent in the following ways:

1. Mail to the church office.
206 W. Maple Street
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
2. Drop off through the mail slot at the church office door.
3. Pay by credit card. Call Clancy DeLong at (989) 400-6546 to provide card information.

NO CONTACT METHOD OF GIVING

The Western Michigan Diocese has contracted with an online giving platform to assist parishes during this crisis. This is a safe, paperless way of giving through direct debit or credit card. To take advantage of this program, please click on the following link

<http://givingtools.com/give/1276/2180>

Clancy

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Minutes for Vestry Meeting Sunday, July 12, 2020, 11:30 a.m. via Zoom

Present: Adam Baker (clerk), Nancy Herman-Kinney, Tom Cochrane, Ulana Klymyshyn, Marcia David, David Shirley, Clancy DeLong, Ella Jo Regan, D. J. Proctor, Eric Vinciguerra.
Guests: Rev. Sr. Diane Stier, Alice Ciccu

Sr. Diane opened with prayers for the Vestry and the Search Committee.

Tom moved that Vestry approve June 14 minutes. Marcia seconded. Vestry approved.

Sr. Diane completed her Pastoral Report. She gave updates on Ari Hart, Sandy Wood, and Nancy and Henry Fulton. The 2020 Joint Diocesan Convention will be held on October 31 via Zoom with voting by phone application. Cost will be \$100 per parish. There will be a Pre-Convention Meeting via Zoom on September 17 at 7 p.m.



David explained that the Rev. Deacon Nancy Casey Fulton's official retirement date will be November 17, 2020. Until then, she requests no official and pastoral duties and will be listed as Deacon Emeritus.

David gave an update on the Reopening Task Force. He is adding Eric to it for input from the choir. Preliminary Phase III plans include the following:

1. Observe face mask and social distancing guidelines.
2. Reopen with Morning Prayer or Ante Communion. Resume Eucharists when the congregation is comfortable with restrictions.
3. Provide simultaneous webcasts of services. Sr. Diane will contact a potential donor for needed broadcast equipment.
4. Provide a lockbox for offerings and pledge payments in the Narthex. Do not use offering plates.
5. Procure HVAC filters that trap viruses and help stop them from circulating.
6. Continue virtual coffee hours via Zoom.

Adam gave his update on the Search Committee which has received applications from candidates and is reviewing them.

Nancy completed her Building and Grounds Report. There have been recent concerns regarding security and doors being left unlocked. David suggested she call Mt. Pleasant Sash and Door to check doorframes, doors, panic bars, and locks. Nancy and Clancy will contact a security agency for additional suggestions. Nancy will contact Ken Klumpp to repair the sagging railing by the Parish House front door.

Tom reported that Church School is continuing.

Ulana updated on the Good News Garden and the Weekly Connection meetings. Based on responses to the Parish Survey, she suggested that we have a dialogue on music and liturgy and what changes we would like to see before we hire a new rector. David suggested that the Weekly Connection meeting on July 29 be devoted to this topic, and he will ask Dennis Flynn and Eric to attend.

Clancy completed his Financial Report. Revenues are down about 5% so far this summer. Deacon's salary, custodial expenses, and choral scholar costs have gone down also.

Next Vestry Meeting is scheduled for August 9 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Marcia moved Vestry adjourn. Adam seconded. Vestry adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam Baker, Clerk



June 2020 Financial Report

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

Unrestricted operating fund receipts	\$ 76,513.69 (44.90% of budget)
Unrestricted operating fund expenditures	<u>89,152.91</u> (52.32% of budget)
Operating fund receipts over (under) expenditures	\$ (12,639.22)

Through June, pledges received have decreased even more than last month; down over 5%. Please confirm that your pledge is up to date.

Cash balances on June 30, 2020 are as follows:

Checking Account.....	\$ 72,862.91
Savings.....	\$ 26,751.04
Certificate of Deposit.....	\$ 15,936.86
Endowment Fund Investment Account.....	\$ 79,579.68

Capital Campaign funds balance on June 1, 2020	\$ 18,476.58
Capital Campaign funds balance on June 30, 2020	\$ 18,024.22

Capital Fund Activity For June:

Capital Fund Receipts	\$ 3,588.00
Interest Income.....	3.33
Bank/Credit Card Fees.....	0.00
Mortgage Principle.....	(4,311.12)
Mortgage Interest.....	(357.57)
Net Activity	\$ (1,077.36)

BUILDING PROJECT

Total Capitalized Expenses.....	\$ 442,345.71
Non-Capitalized Expenses (Bank Fees/Interest) ...	28,269.99
Subtotal	\$ 470,615.70

Anticipated Expenses:	
Mortgage Interest	\$ 5,195.22
Bank Fees/Credit Card.....	100.00

TOTAL PROJECT COST.....\$ 475,910.92

Outstanding mortgage balance as of June 30, 2020.....\$ 97,062.69

Clancy DeLong
Parish Treasurer



ANGLICAN WORTHIES

359. DeKoven, James (1831-1879)
Priest

The controversy over ritualism or “high church” accompaniments to the liturgy, which we recently described in the account of the trials of Edward *King in the 1870s, were equally contentious in the United States. This is most evident in the life of James DeKoven, a priest in Wisconsin. An accomplished clergyman, DeKoven's brief career was distinguished by the principles he stoutly defended in the name of their devotional advantages, which were a worry of his superiors. DeKoven's case seems similar to that of King's in that his Anglo-Catholic style was appreciated by his parishioners but not supported by the episcopate.

Any non-verbal practice in liturgy borrowed from the Roman Catholic Mass provoked considerable anxiety in England and America throughout the nineteenth century—a fear that this liturgical derivation would induce loyal Anglican and American Protestants to repudiate their home church for Catholicism. This distrust of Roman Catholicism lasted beyond the nineteenth century and became more general in substance. I was aware of it as a child in Protestant Pittsburgh at the end of WW II, when *American Freedom and Catholic Power* (1947), by Paul Blanchard, ignited these ancient fears in this country. John F. Kennedy was, remember, our first Catholic president, and he had to fight this animus throughout his campaign. Now this denomination has other things to worry about.

A native of Connecticut, DeKoven attended Columbia College (it was known then) and may have picked up his high church partiality in those years. If not there, then as a student at General Seminary in 1851. DeKoven was ordained a deacon in 1854; then he accepted a teaching position at Nashota House in Wisconsin. It is important for Search Committees looking over the credentials of applicants to note where each applicant was trained for ministry as well as what aspects of seminary life did one most enjoy. General is probably the most theologically liberal; this was our formal priest's school. Virginia Theological is “low” and emphasizes scriptural study. Nashota House today is the most Anglo-Catholic; they are almost in another world. DeKoven trained there as well. If he was not a ritualist before he got there, he was by the time he finished. DeKoven was ordained by Jackson Kemper (1789-1870), the first American missionary bishop, the founder of Nashota House, and the founder of the first diocese in Wisconsin.

In 1859 DeKoven became the warden of Racine College, a recently established institution in Wisconsin founded “to educate the youth placed in its care. . . with an especial view. . . to the preparing for the study of Theology, those interested in becoming clergymen. (One source stated that the college was the only institution in the country with a daily service of worship—a suspect claim.) Here DeKoven remained for the rest of his life.

DeKoven is famous in the history of our church for his advocacy of ritualism in worship; he made his name speaking before General Conventions in 1871 and 1874. He also spoke before the Church Congress in 1876. He was nominated bishop in Massachusetts, Wisconsin, Fond du Lac, and Illinois but refused them all. More prestigious perhaps were invitations to Trinity Wall Street in New York, Church of the Advent in Boston, and St. Mark's, Philadelphia—all prestigious pulpits. But he was never tempted by appointments that would have broadened the appeal of his controversial position.

In 1879 he fell while ice-skating on the grounds of the college and suffered a fatal injury. He was buried on the college grounds. After his death it was revealed that DeKoven was owed \$80,000 in uncollected salary. His feast day is March 22.

Racine continued as a training institution for clergy until 1890; thereafter it functioned as a preparatory school until 1934. It now serves as the DeKoven Center. --hlf



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St. John's Mission:

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.

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