



THE EVANGEL

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Dear people and friends of St. John's,

Communication – one of those things we know is vitally important, but something that can be hard to accomplish well. It comes from the Latin verb *communicare*, which means to make common. At the parish level, we use several means of trying to stay in communication with one another:

- The “*This Week at St. John’s*” email goes out each week, generally on Thursdays. All parishioners who have email addresses – and others who have asked to be on the list – get this email weekly. About 40% of those who receive the email open it.
- The *Evangel* – this monthly publication – comes out just before (or sometimes after!) the beginning of each month. It has the minutes of the last Vestry meeting, a financial report from the Treasurer, parishioners’ birthdays and anniversaries, a piece of history and education (Henry Fulton’s “Anglican Worthy” column), and whatever other interesting things are happening during the month. A link to the *Evangel* is sent out by email – and is also posted on our webpage. (stjohnsmtpleasantmi.com) The *Evangel* is also mailed to those without internet access or who have asked for a ‘hard’ copy.
- Sunday Announcements – during our regular Sunday morning celebration of Eucharist – reach those who are attending in person or online.
- Special email messages – which I send out directly – are about something very specific that has come up – perhaps involving a special need, a parishioner, or some recent event.
- Social Media – in the form of our webpage on the internet (see above) or our presence on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/St-Johns-Mount-Pleasant-160189840686505/?fref=ts> – is another way for us to get information out – to parishioners and to the public. Our separate Facebook Group page is “private” – visible only to members.
- Annual Meeting – which, obviously, comes only once a year – provides us with an opportunity to conduct business and give a recap of the previous year and an opportunity for questions and answers.
- Communication with one another – at a deep level, sometimes – goes on regularly at Coffee Hour (in person, but also by Zoom), in Church School on Wednesday mornings, and in the Wednesday evening Weekly Connections.
- Sunday’s Bulletin is mailed out weekly to those without internet access or those who have asked for a ‘hard copy’.

Dear people and friends of St. John's (cont.)

- I regularly visit and call people, especially those not able to be present in church. As we move into August, think about when I might be able to visit you, if that's something you would be interested in. If you'd prefer a phone call - or a visit on Zoom - let me know that, too.

My hope is that we can keep improving the ways we communicate with one another. I am hoping to have whole-parish gatherings more than once a year, for example. During September, we will likely try to resurrect the "House Meetings" that we have generally held in the fall.

Looking forward to sharing all that we hold in common.

Sr. Diane+

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GOOD NEWS GARDEN

The Good News Garden is growing fast! We have 6-10 gardening volunteers each Friday morning, and others doing behind the scenes work. We have started taking the produce to the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen every week. Multiple varieties of tomatoes, peppers, and zucchini are the first produce ready, but eggplant and cucumbers are not far behind! If you would like to volunteer in the garden, please contact Laura: cochr1ll@cmich.edu.

2021 ALTAR FLOWERS



The NEW 2021 Altar Flower Calendar is posted in the Lantern across from the elevator. 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! You may use flowers from your garden or a store and arrange them yourself, or arrange with Elliot's or Norm's Florist to do arrangements and they will deliver to the church. Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!



MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

As we get back to being in the church, there are many things that we will need to start doing again! One of these is preparing the church for worship, the task of the Altar Guild. At this time there are only three members serving on the Altar Guild and it would be great to have another three or more to spread out the duties.

We are also in need of members who will be willing to serve as coffee hour hosts, Acolytes, and Lay Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact, Pamela Dingman at 989-772-4814 or at padingman@hotmail.com. You may also contact the church office at 989-773-7448 or at saintjohnsmp@gmail.com.



Now is the Time to Give

For all giving – pledges, building fund, flowers, organ, People Helping People, etc. – use the [Giving Tools link](#) to give securely online. A one-time donation can be made, or you can set up recurring donations from a credit card or bank account. The link is available on our website and Facebook page.

If you prefer, 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.



Remember Our Homebound Members

Drop a card to our parish
members who are
homebound.

Alma Dickerson

461 E. Wing Rd., Mt. Pleasant MI
48858
772-2516.

Sandy Wood

5785 E. Broadway Rd., Mt.
Pleasant MI 48858

St. John's Prayer Group

If you wish to add or remove names
from the Prayer List, please call Sr.
Diane Stier, 989- 807-0215, Martha
Rarick, 773- 7510, the church office,
or email Pamela Dingman:
paddingman@hotmail.com.

Thank you.



Pastoral Care

Just a reminder: you should let the
parish office know if you are ill
and wish to receive a call from the
Rector.



August Birthdays

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| 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 |
| Emelia Parker | 20 |



August Anniversaries

David and Nancy Kinney
8/1/2002
Jim and Patricia Thurston
8/5/1972

Can't find your parish
directory? It's on the parish
website:
<https://www.stjohnsmtpleasantsmi.com/> under About Us -
then Members Only. sjec206

Minutes for Vestry Meeting July 12th, 2021

Present are Adam Baker(clerk), Diane Stier, Tom Cochrane, Jerry May, Ulana Klymyshyn, Olivia Ohler, DJ Proctor, Clancy DeLong.

DJ and Tom opened with a prayer.

Marcia moved that Vestry approve minutes from the June meeting, Tom seconded. Vestry approved the minutes.

Clancy completed his financial report. He drove home how vital it is that St. John's finds more sources of revenue. The pandemic has reduced our revenue and now our fixed payroll expenses are close to 75% of our budget. Clancy stated that we will need to form teams and committees to explore and implement some of the ideas Vestry discussed at the July 10th retreat to increase membership and expand our financial base. Clancy gave the Vestry the following directive: everyone shall come to the next Vestry meeting with an idea for Parish growth and future direction for the church. Tom moved that Vestry accept the financial report as submitted, DJ seconded. Vestry approved the financial report.

Tom reported that the Wednesday morning Church School group decided to continue meeting on Zoom.

Adam completed his Buildings and Grounds report. We have a new sign in front of the Rector's Office with our current Rector's name on it. Diane thanked Adam for getting that done. Vestry expressed support that we continue using the removable letters while we wait on a more permanent solution for the large sign on Washington Street. Adam, Jerry and DJ will work on the sign for the foreseeable future.

Diane reported that she is suggesting that Eric create a series of Choral recitals for Organ and Choir to showcase music that is in the traditional Anglican music tradition.

Diane completed her Pastoral Report. She reported that we need more volunteers to visit parishioners in their homes. Now that we are opening up, we can expand beyond just delivering communion and can now do more services like prayer.

Adam closed with prayer. Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 9th at 7pm by Zoom. Marcia moved that Vestry adjourn; Tom seconded. Vestry adjourned.

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday 10AM: Holy Communication in church and live on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#)

Wednesday 10AM: [Church School by Zoom](#)

Wednesday 7PM: [Connections Conversations by Zoom](#)

Thursday 8PM: [Compline \(Night Prayer\) by Zoom](#)

Coffee Hour Schedule:

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|------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Aug. 1st | | Sharon Bolton |
| Aug. 8th | Lynne L'Hommedieu | Pam Dingman |
| Aug. 15th | David Dingman | Jennifer Dingman |
| Aug. 22nd | Ken Klumpp | Lois Klumpp |
| Aug. 29th | Barbara Sheperdigian | Elizabeth Brockman |
| Sept. 5th | Pam Dingman | Ford Dingman |
| Sept. 12th | Christi Brooks | D.J. Proctor |
| Sept. 19th | Clancy DeLong | Pat DeLong |
| Sept. 26th | Barbara Sheperdigian | Lynne L'Hommedieu |

Lay Minister Schedule:

| | Lectors | Prayers |
|------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Aug. 1st | Mary Ellen Cochrane | Tom Cochrane |
| Aug. 8th | Carol Lauffer | Jessica Vinciguerra |
| Aug. 15th | Mary Kiesgen | Ulana Klymshyn |
| Aug. 22nd | Adam Baker | Harry Nicholson |
| Aug. 29th | Barbara Sheperdigian | Anne Alton |
| Sept. 5th | Jessica Vinciguerra | Ulana Klymshyn |
| Sept. 12th | Harry Nicholson | Adam Baker |
| Sept. 19th | Mary Ellen Cochrane | Tom Cochrane |
| Sept. 26th | Anne Alton | Barbara Sheperdigian |

Greeters Schedule:

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|------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Aug. 1st | Ulana Klymshyn | Sharon Bolton |
| Aug. 8th | Ken Klumpp | Lois Klumpp |
| Aug. 15th | Mary Ellen Cochrane | Tom Cochrane |
| Aug. 22nd | Pam Dingman | Ford Dingman |
| Aug. 29th | David Dingman | Jennifer Dingman |
| Sept. 5th | Lynne L'Hommedieu | Marcia David |
| Sept. 12th | Mary Kiesgen | Ulana Klymshyn |
| Sept. 19th | Pam Dingman | Ford Dingman |
| Sept. 26th | Lois Klumpp | Kenn Klumpp |

August Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|-----------|---|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| 1 10AM Holy Communion 11Am Virtual Coffee Hour | 2 | 3 | 4 10AM Church School via Zoom 7PM Weekly Connection via Zoom | 5 8PM Compline via Zoom | 6 Office Closed | 7 |
| 8 10AM Holy Communion 11Am Virtual Coffee Hour | 9 | 10 | 11 10AM Church School via Zoom 7PM Weekly Connection via Zoom | 12 8PM Compline via Zoom | 13 Office Closed | 14 |
| 15 10AM Holy Communion 11Am Virtual Coffee Hour | 16 | 17 | 18 10AM Church School via Zoom 7PM Weekly Connection via Zoom | 19 8PM Compline via Zoom | 20 Office Closed | 21 |
| 22 10AM Holy Communion 11Am Virtual Coffee Hour | 23 | 24 | 25 10AM Church School via Zoom 7PM Weekly Connection via Zoom | 26 8PM Compline via Zoom | 27 Office Closed | 28 |
| 29 10AM Holy Communion 11Am Virtual Coffee Hour | 30 | 31 Wedding of Marsha McNeil and Charlie Darnell | | | | |

June 2021 Financial Report

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

Unrestricted operating fund receipts..... \$ 82,447.41 (45.23% of budget)
 Unrestricted operating fund expenditures..... 92,285.45 (45.36% of budget)
 Operating fund receipts over (under) expenditures..... \$ (9,838.04)

Through June, pledges remain down. As we emerge from Covid, we are and will continue to encounter additional expenses, some mandated. Please verify that your pledge is up-to-date.

| Cash Balances | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------|
| Cash in Checking Account | 53,599.51 | |
| Savings | 26,764.39 | |
| Certificates of Deposit | 16,053.94 | |
| Endowment Fund | 98,632.66 | |
| Total | <u>195,050.50</u> | |
| Cash Sources This Month | | |
| Traditional Giving | 12,836.00 | 83.42% |
| Online Giving | 2,550.70 | 16.58% |
| Total | <u>15,386.70</u> | 100.00% |

Anglican Worthies



373. Green, Henry Richard (1837-1883)
Historian

The leading historian of the Victorian Age was Thomas Babington Macaulay (1800-1859), whose *History of England from the Accession of James II* (5 vols., 1849-1861), which was to extend to the ministry of Sir Robert Walpole, was never finished. There are several candidates in English history for second place, among them Goldwin Smith, George Stubbs, and Arthur Freeman. Our candidate is Henry Richard Green, in whose brief life four works on England made him extremely popular if not much read now. Older readers see Trevelyan's *History of England*, published by Longman's in 1926, as the last of the older writers, and perhaps better than them all. (When I went to work for Longman's in New York after school, I was given copies of Trevelyan! He was considered the "authority" then. Dated but still immensely readable.) There must be many accounts of the Glorious Revolution (1689) by now, but nothing equals the Victorian Macaulay. But Green's distinction was different.

Green was born to a tradesman in Oxford and matriculated at Jesus College. His family were High Church, which accounts in part for the direction of his life in spite of the fact that he ultimately rejected that line of thought; we are told that he was banished from his uncle's house in 1850 because of his indifference to the rise of papal influence in the Church.

Nevertheless he entered the Church after college in that year. This was followed by service in several parishes in London, those little neighborhood churches, which was almost ruinous to his heart. By now he must have realized that he was not cut out to be a clergyman; his years at Jesus had inspired in him a different direction, and in 1864, he retired from clerical work to donate his life to historical study. Working as a librarian, he had several ambitious projects, including a history of the English Church as "exhibited" in the lives of the archbishops of Canterbury, but he published first *A Short History of the English People* in 1874, which he expanded into a full-length history in four volumes (1878-1880.)

His health was compromised, and for his subsequent efforts he on his wife, the gifted historian and Irish nationalist Alice Stopford (1847-1929). He was in Menton, southern France, for his health, when died in 1883. The *Conquest of England* appeared after his death. The *Short History* was republished in 1915 in the pocket edition of *Everyman's Library*. Rosemary Jann in 1985 praised this edition as bringing "a new epoch in the writing of history, making the social, industrial, and moral purpose of its people its main theme." This reissue sold 285,000 copies. This is the set I discovered in the stacks of the University of Michigan Library in the 1960s.

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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.

Rector:

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

Deacon Emeritus:

The Rev. Nancy Casey Fulton, 773-7193

2021 Vestry Officers

Sr. Warden: Nancy Herman Kinney: 989-546-5424

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