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# *The Evangel*

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## **VESTRY APPOINTS SEARCH COMMITTEE**

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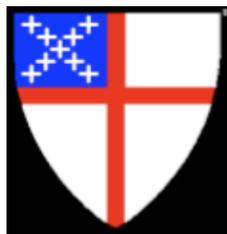
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### Remember Our Homebound Members

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

#### 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.



Lois Klumpp	2
Andy Brockman	4
Diane Benn	6
Marcia David	6
Jim Thurston	8
Elliott Parker	13
James Wilson	13
Emma Dyer	15
Mary Ellen Cochrane	19
Jane Gilmore	19
Rene Babcock	20
Robin Mower	21
Harriett White	24
Doris Sherwood	25
Patricia DeLong	30



Neil and Robin Mower	17
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## Outside the Tent

First snow! The flakes so few, so light,  
Remake the world in solid white.  
All bundled up, we feel as if  
We were fat penguins, warm and stiff.  
Downtown, the stores half split their sides,  
And mother brings home things she hides.  
Old carols peal, the dusk is dense,  
There is a mood of sweet suspense.  
The shepherds wait, the king, the tree—  
All wait for something yet to be,  
Some miracle, and then it's here,  
Wrapped up in hope— another year!

John Updike

Friends gave Charlie *A Child's Calendar* when he was an infant. The book is an unappreciated gem, with a poem for each month of the year. Charlie and I read it so often that we knew every poem by heart. Now I can rattle off only “November”—our grace at Thanksgiving dinner—and “December.” I know that I have shared with you both of those poems, but I do so again because together they reflect my spiritual life as I give thanks for many blessings, then, after a Sunday of bowing to Christ the King, wrap myself in the expectation of the birth of Jesus. The Advent wreath—its greens gathered from our garden—the candles flickering in early darkness, the houses and sheds along our alley bold white planes against the deep winter sky: these earthly images warm me to the core, softening my sadness at the coming of winter.

I sat down with the Updike as I worked on this column, and once again his deft writing gave me hope for the new year, the long winter. Hear the opening of “January.”

The days are short,  
the sun a spark  
hung thin between  
the dark and dark.

Five years ago, to cope with those short days, I challenged myself to write a daily haiku reflecting on the view out my windows. I wrote faithfully for two months, producing only twenty haiku that I have kept, but the exercise gave purpose to my day. Upstairs in my study I watched the woodpeckers foraging up and down the tulip poplar. There was a low branch—now pruned away—where birds occasionally rested in their coming and goings. On one of those days I watched a cooper's hawk perched on that branch, his eyes gleaming as he watched for smaller birds and other tasty creatures. Though that branch is dead and gone, I always think



of that hawk when I look out my window. And the downy woodpecker? He was there a few minutes ago.

A few days ago I filled the bird feeders for the first time this season. They remained strangely silent until this morning, when a junco pecked for a while at the wild bird feed, then flew to the nearby shrub that is the launching pad for all our winter birds. I was happy to see her, my winter companion, the harbinger of spring to come.

Nun-like, cloaked in grey,  
bending toward icy seed pods:  
hush of new year's dawn.

Peace to you in this season of peace and hope,  
Nancy

St. John's Family: Many thanks for your birthday greetings and song, and for the beautiful (and delicious) cake at coffee hour. You really lighted up my venture into the 70s! Love to you all,  
Nancy

### Christmas Flowers and Greens

This year we are asking for contributions for greens and flowers to decorate the church and enhance our worship. These contributions may be made as a memorial or as a thank offering and will be included in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletins. This form **MUST** be placed in the Sunday offering plate or in the church office by **Monday December 16!**



**\*\*PLEASE PRINT\*\***

I wish to contribute Christmas Flowers and greens

In \_\_\_\_\_ honor of, or \_\_\_\_\_ in memory of:

From:



## Upcoming Advent and Christmas Events and Services

### December 9, Advent 2

5:00 p.m. Advent Lessons and Carols  
The Rev. Dn. Nandy Casey Fulton, Officiant

### December 16, Advent 3

11:45 a.m. The Hanging of the Greens (After Coffee Hour)  
2:00 p.m. Caroling to our Homebound  
Meet at the Parish House.  
After caroling, refreshments at  
Henry and Nancy Fultons, 807 S. University

### December 24, Christmas Eve

ONE SERVICE

7:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist



### December 25, Christmas Day

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (said)  
The Rev. Sr. Diane Stier, Celebrant

### December 30, Christmas 1

ONE SERVICE

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Carols

**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**St. John's ANNUAL MEETING**  
**will be held on Sunday,**  
**January 27, 2019**  
**after ONE service at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Your presence is VERY important!**



***CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY***

**St. John's Episcopal Church**

**206 W. Maple Street, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858**

**centerforchristianspirituality@yahoo.com**

18 November 2018

Have you ever imagined journeying to the center of your soul by walking a meandering path in silence? This was the mythological journey of ancient Greeks and Celts and the literal pathway of medieval Christians. The floor of the French cathedral at Chartres built in the late 12<sup>th</sup> and early 13<sup>th</sup> centuries is a labyrinth.

On Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 6 pm, The Center for Christian Spirituality will be offering St. John's and the larger Mt. Pleasant community a free opportunity to experience the labyrinth in our own community. The experience of "walking the labyrinth" is a reflective and spiritual journey into one's own interior that calms, relaxes, and restores. That is the experience of several Board members who have walked the labyrinth in other places. The labyrinth unites the symbols of the spiral and the circle as one follows an ongoing path to the core of the structure -- and then back out into the world of everyday experience and responsibility. Unlike a maze, there is no getting lost or running into a roadblock. The journey is continuous. For many this is a deeply prayerful experience that opens up new pathways for experiencing oneself and the Divine.

The Center for Christian Spirituality thought it might be an ideal experience of gently re-centering ourselves as we prepare for Christmastide, reminding us that Advent is a season of "waiting in joyful hope." For so many of us Advent has become fraught with a sense of overwhelming and frenetic activity: baking, shopping, the wrapping of presents, a rich round of Christmas parties and celebrations, card exchanges, comprehensive 2018 narratives accounting for a year of adventure and change, and holiday decorating. Many of us also celebrate mini-Christmases with various parts of our extended families. The labyrinth may be a rewarding hour of gentle and deliberate interruption of so much busyness to help us recall the simple story at the heart of the feast. It is also a journey of healing that may be a spiritual gift we give to ourselves and our families. We have invited CMU students to walk the labyrinth, too, just as they prepare for the tense exam period.

In our contemporary time, labyrinths are often located at spiritual sites and places of healing. They are exterior and interior structures constructed in stone, turf, brick, canvas, rock, concrete, and terrazzo. There are labyrinths at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Greenville (Montcalm County); Trinity United Methodist Church, Orchard Hill Church in Grand Rapids and Holy Trinity Episcopal, Wyoming (Kent County). Meijer Gardens in Grand Rapids has a labyrinth amidst a sculpture garden. Weber Retreat Center of the Catholic Adrian Dominican Sisters in Lenawee County has a labyrinth for retreatants. So too does the Cancer Center at St. Mary's Hospital, Grand Rapids; theirs is for mending body and spirit. An exterior labyrinth fashioned in aromatic lavender can be found in Mears (Oceana County), one mile from Silver Lake and Lake Michigan.

The canvas labyrinth that will cover the floor of St. John's Parish Center is on loan to us and ideally fits our floor space. Bring comfortable socks for walking. Come enjoy the experience with old and new friends. For more information, contact St. John's at 610-773-7448, Mondays through Thursdays, 9-1, or Laura Cochrane.



# December 2018 Sunday Lay Ministry

DATE	LESSONS	PRAYERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD
December 2 Advent 1	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Cochrane	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane	Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton	Adam Baker	Pamela Dingman and Peg Hicks
<b>Lectionary:</b> Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-9 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36						
December 9 Advent 2	8:00 a.m. Barbara Sheperdigian 10:00 a.m. Tom Cochrane	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Sandy Wood	Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn	Ralph Baber and Karen Varanauskas	Matthew Kinney	Pamela Dingman and Peg Hicks
<b>Lectionary:</b> Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6 Canticle 4 or 16						
December 16 Advent 3	8:00 a.m. Jim Thurston 10:00 a.m. Jennifer Dingman	8:00 a.m. Jim Thurston 10:00 a.m. Henry Fulton	Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton	Sharon Bolton and Elizabeth Brockman	Emma Dingman	Ella Jo Regan and David Shirley
<b>Lectionary:</b> Zephaniah 3:14-20 Canticle 9 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18						
December 23 Advent 4	8:00 a.m. Steve Berkshire 10:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	Need 2 Volunteers	Clancy and Pat Celong	Rex Dingman	Ella Jo Regan and David Shirley
<b>Lectionary:</b> Micah 5:2-5a Psalm 80:1-7 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)						
December 30 1 Christmas	9:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshornd	9:00 a.m./ Henry Fulton	Ulana Klymyshyn and Lynne L'Hommedieu	Bring you leftover Holiday goodies!	Jonathan Korpi	Ella Jo Regan and David Shirley
<b>Lectionary:</b> Isaiah 61:10-62:3 Psalm 147 or 147:13-2 Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7 John 1:1-18						
January 6 Epiphany 1	8:00 a.m. Martha Ririck 10:00 a.m. Joan Kadler	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	Clancy and Pat DeLong	David and Jennifer Dingman	Adam Baker	Pamela Dingman and Harriett White
<b>Lectionary:</b> Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7,10-14 Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12						



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Advent 1 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8 a Holy Eucharist 9 a Sunday School 10 a Choral Eucharist 10 a Pine River 5 p. Holy Euchars at Emmaus 5 p Yoga	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 12 Noon DOK 4 p.m. Music Meeting 5:30 a.m.EfM	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:3-p.m. Yoga 7 p.m. Compassionate Friends	6:30 p.m. Yoga	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehersal	Office Closed	
Advent 2 9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8 a Holy Eucharist 9 a Sunday School 10 a Choral Eucharist 10 a Pine River 11:30 Vestry Meeting 5 p. Holy Euchars at Emmaus 5 p Advent Lessons and Carols	4 p.m. Music Meeting 5:30:p.m. EfM	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Yoga	6:30 p.m. Yoga	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehersal	Office Closed	
Advent 3 16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8 a Holy Eucharist 9 a Sunday School 10 a Choral Eucharist Hanging of the Greens 2 p m. Caroling 5 p. Holy Euchars at Emmaus 5 p Yoga	EVANGEL Deadline 4 p.m. Music Meeting 5:30p.m. EfM	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30- p.m. Yoga	6:30 p.m. Yoga	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehersal	Office Closed	
Advent 4 23	Christmas Eve 24	Christmas Day 25	26	27	28	29
8 a Holy Eucharist 9 a Sunday School 10 a Choral Eucharist 10 a Pine River 5 p. Holy Euchars at Emmaus 5 p Yoga	ONE Service 7:00 p.m. Choral Eucharist Office Closed this Week	9:00 a.m. Holy Euicharist				
Christmas 1 30	31					
9 a.m.Holy Eucharist with Carols	Office Closed this Week					

**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 773-7446**

**Greeters**



**November**

- 4 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 11 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 18 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 25 David, Nancy, and Matthew Kinney

**December**

- 2 Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane
- 9 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 16 Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton
- 23 Need 2 volunteers!
- 30 Ulana Klymyshyn and Lynne L'Hommedieu

**January 2019**

- 6 Clancy and Pat DeLong
- 13 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 20 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 27 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen

**Coffee Hour Hosts**



**November**

- 4 Carol Lauffer and Lynne L'Hommedieu
- 11 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 18 Christi Brookes, D.J. and Misha Proctor
- 25 Harriett White and Sandy Wood

**December**

- 2 Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton
- 9 Ralph Baber and Karen Varanauskas
- 16 Sharon Bolton and Elizabeth Brockman
- 23 Clancy and Pat DeLong
- 30 Bring your leftover Holiday goodies to share!

**January 2019**

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**St. John's Episcopal Church**  
**Mount Pleasant, Michigan**  
**Vestry Meeting Minutes for Sunday, November 4, 2018**

Present: Tom Cochrane, Bernice Cole, Marcia David, Clancy DeLong, Nancy Herman-Kinney, Ulana Klymyshyn (Clerk *pro tempore*), Ella Jo Regan, David Shirley, Harriett White.

Absent: Adam Baker (Clerk), Eric Vinciguerra.

1. The meeting was called to order with the *Prayer for a Vestry Meeting*.
2. Bernice Cole moved and Nancy Herman-Kinney seconded the approval of the minutes of the October 14, 2018, meeting; the minutes were approved.
3. David Shirley reported on the 144th Diocesan Convention held Nov. 2-3 at the Radisson Hotel and St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Lansing. The keynote speaker was The Rt. Rev. Robert C. Wright, Bishop of Atlanta. Three new members were elected to the Standing Committee, including Anne Davidson (lay member), St. Mark's, Goldwater; the Rev. Jodi Baron (clergy member), St. Philip's, Beulah; and the Rev. BJ Heyboer, St. John's, Fremont, and St. Mark's, Newaygo. Resolutions were passed, including:
  - the use of a new toolkit for assessing the strengths and weaknesses of parishes;
  - a requirement for annual parish audits;
  - a requirement that all diocesan and parish leaders and elected members of church committees attend anti-racism training every three years;
  - a year-long study to determine whether our Bishop should serve also as the Bishop Provisional of the Diocese of Eastern Michigan.

The Diocesan Office will move from Kalamazoo to Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Wyoming, Mich., by Jan. 1, 2019. At the Convention Eucharist, Bishop Hougland received Jonathan Korpi from our parish into the Episcopal Church.

4. The Rev. Canon Missioner C. Anne Hallmark, Northern Region, will meet with the Vestry and Search Committee about the search process, especially the importance of discernment. Meeting time and location are yet to be determined and depend on her schedule.
5. Nancy Herman-Kinney reported that people have donated funds to cover the costs of the Parish House exterior painting; furnace filters in the church have been changed and the ones in the Parish House will be changed soon. The trim in the Lantern needs painting and the door needs fixing so that it does not stick.
6. Clancy DeLong reported that revenues are not at the level they should be by this time of the year. Letters will be sent to parishioners about keeping up with Capital Fund pledges, and perhaps adding to the amount pledged. The budget for 2019 must be finalized before the Annual Parish Meeting in January. The audit results are good. The Endowment Fund is down due to market volatility.
7. In closed session, the Vestry discussed membership of the Search Committee. Vestry will meet next Sunday, Nov. 11, to finalize the Search Committee.
8. Ella Jo Regan moved to adjourn and Marcia David seconded. Vestry adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ulana Klymyshyn, Clerk *pro tempore*



**VESTRY MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 11, 2018**

Present: Adam Baker, Marcia David, Nancy Herman-Kinney, Bernice Cole, David Shirley, Ella Jo Regan,

Tom Cochrane, Harriett White, Eric Vinciguerra, Ulana Klymyshyn.

Absent: Clancy DeLong.

Tom Cochrane opens the meeting with the *Prayer for a Vestry Meeting*.

David moves Vestry go into closed session to discuss Search Committee membership; Nancy seconds. Vestry moves to closed session.

David moves Vestry return to public session; Marcia seconds. Vestry returns to public session.

Tom moves we appoint Adam Baker, Alice Ciccu, Marcia David, Jessica Hart, Tim Hartshorne, Candy Henderson, David Kinney, Ulana Klymyshyn, Jonathan Korpi, Carol Lauffer, Marian Matyn, and Lara Raisanen to the Search Committee, and that in the event that members of the Search Committee fall below nine, then the Vestry will appoint replacements.. Eric seconds. Vestry approves the motion. We now have Search Committee appointed.

Eric moves Vestry adjourn; Tom seconds. Vestry adjourns.

Faithfully submitted,

Adam Baker, Clerk



October 2018 Financial Report

Below is a summary of operating fund activity through the end of October (83.33%).

Unrestricted operating fund receipts .....	\$ 148,428.98 (76.27% of budget)
Unrestricted operating fund expenditures .....	<u>162,303.71</u> (83.40% of budget)

**Operating fund receipts over (under) expenditures ..... \$ (13,874.73)**

The figures above show that income is 7% below budget, while expenses are tracking with budget. Shortage in projected income accounts for the loss to date. Also, the Capital Fund has less than two loan payments in reserve.

Please make sure that your pledges and Capital Fund gifts are up to date.

**Cash balances on October 31, 2018 are as follows:**

Checking Account.....	\$ 53,103.09
Savings.....	\$ 26,727.65
Certificate of Deposit.....	\$ 15,690.46
Endowment Fund Investment Account.....	\$ 66,814.82

**Capital Campaign funds balance on January 1, 2018 .....20,103.05**

**Capital Campaign funds balance on October 31, 2018 .....9,162.93**

**Capital Fund Activity For October:**

Capital Fund Receipts .....	3,045.50
Interest Income.....	0.00
Bank/Credit Card Fees.....	(2.87)
Mortgage Principle.....	(3,974.95)
Mortgage Interest .....	(693.74)

**Net Activity ..... (1,626.06)**

**BUILDING PROJECT**

Total Capitalized Expenses.....	442,345.71
Non-Capitalized Expenses (Bank Fees/Interest) ...	17,671.11

**Subtotal .....460,016.82**

Anticipated Expenses:

Mortgage Interest .....	14,959.71
Bank Fees/Credit Card.....	934.39

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



## ANGLICAN WORTHIES

337. Arnold, Matthew (1822-1888)  
Poet & Essayist

“How is a full and enjoyable life to be lived in a modern industrial society,” Carol Christ asks? Matthew Arnold’s poetry, she believes, raised the question, and his essays provided some answers. The first great critic of Victorian society was the agnostic Thomas Carlyle (1795- ); the second was Matthew Arnold. After \*Tennyson and Browning, Arnold is generally ranked third among the Victorian poets, but this may be due to his comparatively slim output. His poetry is gritty, lacking in sentimentality. Unlike Tennyson’s, Arnold’s poetry is almost free of any cloying or personal appeal; the reader stands at a distance from it, wishing he were closer. The essays seem more accessible, more congenial; as an older man, Arnold seemed to have come to terms with himself with a new voice. He may never have believed that he laid his father’s ghost, but I think we will see that he did.

If you have been faithfully reading this series of Victorian Worthies, Arnold’s name should ring a bell. Matthew was the oldest son of Thomas \*Arnold, the Broad Church priest and legendary headmaster of Rugby School, whose reputation for pity, earnestness, and spiritual energy the young lad had to grow up with. Matthew was born in 1822 in Laleham, an obscure village on the upper reaches of the Thames. As an infant he was thought to be, in David Edwards’ words, “backward and bad-tempered.” (He had to wear irons to straighten out his legs; (his father called him “the Crab). He stammered; he was thought “dreamy.” Someone said that “Matt does not know what it is to work because he so little knows what it is to think.” There was such a concern in the family that he might prove an unhealthy influence on the other children that for a while he was kept apart from them.

He was originally sent to Winchester for school but got into trouble with the other boys who bullied him because he told a teacher that he thought the schoolwork too easy! In 1828 his life was jolted when his father was named head of Rugby School, which had fallen into decline. Young Matthew was transferred to Rugby, under his father’s eye, so to speak. His father, distinguished for his spiritual energy, his vision, and his high moral earnestness, transformed Rugby while his son was witness to it, certainly making his parent a hard act to follow. It should not be thought, however, that the elder Arnold was insensitive to his unusual son. On the contrary, he loved his son, though I am sure his found Matthew something of a puzzle. Rugby was where Matthew made some of his most important friends—Arthur Hugh \*Clough, Thomas Hughes (author of *Tom Brown’s School Days* [1857], and the future Dean of Westminster, A.P. \*Stanley. Among this quartet, Clough was considered the most promising boy (and ultimately proved the most disappointing). Arnold’s letters to Clough make clear that he was not comfortable with his father’s temperament. Summers were spent in the Lake District. Here the young boy met \*Wordsworth. The Poet Laureate took a liking to him.



Matthew was admitted to Balliol, Oxford's most prestigious college. His father was amazed. Like Benjamin Disraeli, with whom he would have little in common, Matthew was a "dandy" as a college student, especially in dress. He wore his hair long and sported colorful waistcoats. Professor Christ describes him as "alternately languid or merry in manner," the bearer of irreverent jokes, shocking the other solemn undergraduates. He did not study seriously; he read stuff the others were not reading, especially French authors—and Spinoza, one of the great philosophical skeptics of the seventeenth century. Edwards tells us that, like many undergraduates, Matthew enjoyed the style of \*Newman's "Roman" sermons, which the Oxford Tractarian give every Sunday afternoon at the parish of St. Mary's and went out of his way to pay his respects to the priest, "but the alleged discovery of the living God in the living Church always struck him as revived medievalism, and as 'impossible' for free, modern minds."

And he fell in love! Matthew become obsessed with the great French actress Rachel (1821-1858) and George Sand (1804-1876), the popular novelist who wore men's clothes and smoked cigars. Mlle. Rachel was a genius in portraying passion. Professor Trilling says that she was so perfect that her intense passions could not shatter her perfection. She was especially noted for her portrayals of Racine's heroines when she was only seventeen. Arnold went to see her every time she played in London. (Clough said, "Matt is full of Parisienism.") He obtained an interview with Mlle. Sand at her country estate; Chopin was there.

Clough may have worried about Arnold the most; he tells us that his friend never rose until noon and otherwise did not take his meals in hall like the others. He skipped chapel. Clearly he was trying to be different, liberated. His years at Benjamin \*Jowett's college seemed wasted. When his friends held reading parties for exams, Matthew went fishing. His companions forced him to cram. The results were disappointing; he got only seconds. An insult to Rugby and all that his family and friends expected of him! But unlike Clough he did not walk back to Rugby disheartened. And his mentors apparently were not deceived in him, for he was offered a fellowship at Oriel the following year. He taught just one year. But his last years in college were ones of grief.

In 1842, at their summer retreat, the Reverend Thomas Arnold, died, a heart attack waiting to happen. This event came as a shock and left the family bereft. David Edwards says that the family had seemed to have lived through their famous patriarch, and "when Rugbeians at Oxford and elsewhere heard that the Doctor was dead, an important part of their world died; and for some, nothing ever took its place." In the words of Professor Christ, the elder Arnold was "a teacher who instilled into his pupils and earnest preoccupation with moral and social issues, and also an awareness of the connections between liberal studies and moral life." His son had been both attracted and repelled by it. A.P. Stanley's publication of the elder Arnold's correspondence and Hughes' novel extended Thomas Arnold's reputation decades until the impact of Frederick \*Temple. Augmenting the grief of the family, Arnold's sister Jane was jilted by a Rugby master just three weeks before the wedding. The effect on Matthew was devastating. Studying his life, one wonders whether he ever got over it. In Edwards's words, his father's death "came before [his son] had achieved an understanding with him." In other words, his relationship with his father was far from "complete." Matthew's letters thereafter contained many admissions of "his desire to vindicate himself after his father's distrust." He was most likely at work on his poetry those college years. --hlf



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### **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.

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

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

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Sr. Warden: David Shirley: 773-3463

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

Vestry Clerk: Adam Baker: 989-492-1626

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