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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

This email serves as a reminder about our current status in our COVID-19 Re-Entry Directives and some of its important requirements. At this time, no changes or shifts have been made.

Our Status and Capacity -

Statewide, Episcopal churches continue to be in Phase II of our *Plan for Re-Entry for Great Lakes Episcopalians*. In Phase II, all indoor gatherings are *required* to be limited to 25% of your indoor capacity of the space.

Additionally, the State of Michigan remains under the Governor's Executive Order limiting indoor gatherings to no more than 10 people, and outdoor gatherings to no more than 100 people. While churches are not held to this order by the State, our four dioceses are strongly recommending that our churches adhere to this further temporary guidance.

We expect the recommendation to end when the governor's Executive Order is rescinded. When that happens, you will receive a notice by email.

Reminders on Safe Gathering Requirements -

The following things continue to be required as a directive according to Phase II of the *Plan for Re-Entry for Great Lakes Episcopalians*.

- **Masks must be worn at all times** for any church-related gathering, regardless of whether it's taking place indoors or outside (page 5).
- The only provision for a mask to be removed during an in-person gathering is for preachers delivering a sermon, and only if they are able to be 20+ feet away from another person (page 7). The impetus behind this provision is to improve content comprehension when the listener does not have the text of the sermon in front of them as they would other parts of the service. This provision is very careful and does not extend to any other participant, including lectors.



- **Food preparation is not permitted inside of the church building**, unless expressly permitted by the Standing Committees (page 10).
- While Eucharist is permitted, the required procedures are very specific for both the safety and theological implications. At this time, **the distribution of wine is not permitted**, whether by common cup or individual cups.
- **Maintenance of a contact log is very strongly recommended** (page 5). We have learned over the past several months how important it is to have a log of all people entering the building or gathered for an event should someone in attendance test positive for COVID-19. This is a crucial part of how we best support one another and our wider communities with transparency.

The congregations and people of our dioceses have taken on this pandemic with great care, compassion, and hope for a church that responds to the world around her. THANK YOU for all you are doing. We have responded with care and deep concern for everyone living and worshipping with us. We know this - we are running a marathon, not a sprint. Thank you for continuing these careful precautions, even when it's tiring.

The Rev. BJ Heyboer (Newaygo), the Rev. Dan Scheid (Flint), and Canon Katie Forsyth are our liaisons to the other Bishops in Michigan around the plan for re-entry. Please route any questions on the Phase plan or COVID response through Canon Forsyth, kforsyth@eastmich.org.

Yours in Christ,

Janet Huff-Worvie, President
On behalf of the Standing
Committee of Eastern Michigan

Dave Croal, President
On behalf of the Standing
Committee of Western
Michigan



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:

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

Sandy Wood, 773-9326,
Martha Rarick, 773-7510,
the church office or email.

Thank lyou, Pamela Dingman,
paddingman@hotmail.com.



Brandon DeLong	2
Linda Susan Beard	3
Pete L'Hommwsiwu	4
Matthew Alton	6
Rod Leslie	16
Sandy Wood	21
Amy Redman	26
Aaron Hartshone	27
Anne Alton	29



Gabriel Kney & Mary Lou Nowicki	3
Frank & Diane Benn	10
Christi Brookes & D. J. Proctor	12

Visit the Farmer's Market!

Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Island Park.
The Saturday Market at the Town Center runs from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
The fresh produce is wonderful!



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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.



Minutes for Vestry Meeting
September 13, 2020, 11:30 a.m. via Zoom

Present: Adam Baker, Tom Cochrane, Ella Jo Regan, Marcia David, Ulana Klymyshyn, Eric Vinceguerra, Nancy Herman-Kinney, D.J. Proctor, Clancy DeLong, David Shirley
Guest: Alice Ciccu (technical director)

Nancy presided while David experienced technical difficulties attempting to join the Zoom meeting. Marcia moved that Vestry approve minutes from the August 9 meeting. Ella seconded. Vestry approved.

Nancy discussed Diane's Pastoral Report.

David joined the meeting and presided. Related to the Pastoral Report, he explained that the Whittemore Foundation grant proposal for \$700 is for a new laptop computer to support webcasts from the church when we reopen. Also, Sr. Diane will officiate at weekly Eucharists on Thursdays at 12 noon in the garden starting this week, weather permitting. The Central Region Pre-Convention Meeting for clergy, delegates and alternates is Thursday, September 17, at 7 p.m. via Zoom.

Ulana provided an opening prayer for the parish.

David reported that the Goodrow Fund would dissolve at the end of the year. They would like to store their records at St. John's for the foreseeable future. Vestry expressed approval.

Clancy completed his Financial Report. He stated that St. John's finances are in really good shape. Revenues are down a little bit, but he expected that we would make it back by the end of the year. He also detailed his plan to retire the mortgage. Vestry expressed support for Clancy's plan to retire the mortgage.

Vestry expressed approval for Eric to increase the choral scholars' pay from \$50 per week to \$75 per week during the time each one of them is singing only one service a month.

Adam took a few minutes to discuss his views on the Black Lives Matter sign in front of the church. Vestry thanked him for sharing his views, and Adam thanked Vestry for listening to him. David suggested Vestry reflect on the issue and discuss it further at the next meeting.

Vestry entered into executive session to discuss the Search Committee report.

Vestry ended the executive session.

As previously planned, David announced his immediate retirement as Verger after 15 years of service.

The next Vestry meeting is October 11, 2020, at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Vestry adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Faithfully submitted,

Adam Baker, Clerk

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



**Daylight Savings time begins on November 1st!
Remember to set your clocks BACK one hour
before you go to bed on Saturday, October 31st!!**



**Saint John's Episcopal Church
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
January through August 2020**

	<u>Jan - Aug 20</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
4000 · Unrestricted Operating Revenues				
4010 · Pledge Offering	106,456.51	162,613.00	-56,156.49	65.47%
4070 · Initial Offering	130.00	140.00	-10.00	92.86%
4075 · Plate Offering	160.00	1,500.00	-1,340.00	10.67%
4080 · Rummage Sale Receipts	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%
4081 · Ministerial Discretionary	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
4085 · Seasonal Offering	250.00	1,600.00	-1,350.00	15.63%
4105 · Amazon Purchase Rebates	47.68	100.00	-52.32	47.68%
4145 · ICDC Thrift Shop Income	13.00	100.00	-87.00	13.0%
4190 · Miscellaneous Income	855.75			
Total 4000 · Unrestricted Operating Revenues	<u>107,912.94</u>	<u>169,553.00</u>	<u>-61,640.06</u>	<u>63.65%</u>
5300 · Earned revenue, unrealized gain				
5310 · Interest on Checking	42.12	75.00	-32.88	56.16%
5311 · Interest on CD	105.57	140.00	-34.43	75.41%
Total 5300 · Earned revenue, unrealized gain	<u>147.69</u>	<u>215.00</u>	<u>-67.31</u>	<u>68.69%</u>
5500 · Bldg. Use Contributions				
5502 · Greek Bldg. Use Receipts	80.00	240.00	-160.00	33.33%
5503 · Other Bldg. Use Receipts	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.0%
Total 5500 · Bldg. Use Contributions	<u>80.00</u>	<u>640.00</u>	<u>-560.00</u>	<u>12.5%</u>
Total Income	<u>108,140.63</u>	<u>170,408.00</u>	<u>-62,267.37</u>	<u>63.46%</u>
Expense				
8200 · General Administrative expenses				
8201 · Audit	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
8207 · Computer Software/Hardware	120.00	2,000.00	-1,880.00	6.0%
8211 · Copier Lease	1,098.11	2,000.00	-901.89	54.91%
8222 · Bank Charges/Credit Card Fees	562.75	450.00	112.75	125.06%
8223 · Office Supplies	436.97	1,000.00	-563.03	43.7%
8225 · Outside Copying	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
8227 · Postage	165.00	220.00	-55.00	75.0%
8231 · Stewardship	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
8299 · Miscellaneous Admin. Expense	20.00	100.00	-80.00	20.0%
Total 8200 · General Administrative expenses	<u>2,402.83</u>	<u>7,670.00</u>	<u>-5,267.17</u>	<u>31.33%</u>
8300 · Buildings and Grounds				
8310 · Buildings/Grounds Maintenance	772.06	3,000.00	-2,227.94	25.74%
8312 · Custodial Services	1,290.00	5,160.00	-3,870.00	25.0%
8313 · Transfer to Capital Fund	14,472.95	21,704.95	-7,232.00	66.68%
8315 · Elevator Maintenance	200.00	2,000.00	-1,800.00	10.0%
8320 · Insurance/Comprehensive	3,531.00	5,323.00	-1,792.00	66.34%
8336 · Sanitary Supplies	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
8343 · Electric Exp--Consumers	2,597.38	4,000.00	-1,402.62	64.94%
8344 · Gas Exp--DTE Energy	1,970.15	3,500.00	-1,529.85	56.29%
8345 · Telephone/Internet Exp	1,285.20	1,850.00	-564.80	69.47%



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8346 · Trash Removal Expense	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
8348 · Water Exp--City of Mt. P	669.84	1,000.00	-330.16	66.98%
Total 8300 · Buildings and Grounds	26,788.58	48,087.95	-21,299.37	55.71%
8400 · Liturgy and Music				
8410 · Altar	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
8430 · Music	126.00	1,000.00	-874.00	12.6%
8435 · Organ Maintenance	668.00	1,000.00	-332.00	66.8%
Total 8400 · Liturgy and Music	794.00	2,500.00	-1,706.00	31.76%
8500 · Christian Education				
8505 · Child Care	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
8510 · Christian Education	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.0%
8520 · Library	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 8500 · Christian Education	0.00	750.00	-750.00	0.0%
8600 · Hospitality				
8605 · Campus Life	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
8610 · Parish Life	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
8611 · Special Events	0.00	2,000.00	-2,000.00	0.0%
Total 8600 · Hospitality	0.00	2,600.00	-2,600.00	0.0%
8700 · Outreach				
8710 · AIM	250.00	250.00	0.00	100.0%
8712 · Choral Scholar Compensation	1,280.00	5,000.00	-3,720.00	25.6%
8715 · ECW	50.00	50.00	0.00	100.0%
8717 · Diocese Apportionment (F Share)	12,715.00	19,071.00	-6,356.00	66.67%
8720 · Goodrow Fund Payments	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00	100.0%
8726 · Homeless Shelter Expenditures	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.0%
8740 · Ministerial Discretionary Exp	118.00	1,000.00	-882.00	11.8%
Total 8700 · Outreach	19,413.00	30,371.00	-10,958.00	63.92%
8800 · Ministerial Staff & Support				
8804 · Choir Director Compensation	5,600.00	7,000.00	-1,400.00	80.0%
8806 · Conference Expenditures	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
8807 · Volunteer Travel Expenses	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
8809 · Evangelism Expenditures	160.00	500.00	-340.00	32.0%
8812 · Organist Stipend	11,200.00	16,800.00	-5,600.00	66.67%
8813 · Payroll fees	604.40	1,000.00	-395.60	60.44%
8815 · Payroll Taxes Expenses	3,342.70	5,179.05	-1,836.35	64.54%
8831 · Clergy Pension	11,935.80			
8839 · Rector Travel Reimbursement	303.60	1,500.00	-1,196.40	20.24%
8841 · Secretarial Wages	6,894.10	11,900.00	-5,005.90	57.93%
8851 · Supply Priest Expense	20,000.00	32,000.00	-12,000.00	62.5%
8870 · Workers' Comp Insurance	234.00	350.00	-116.00	66.86%
8899 · Miscellaneous Ministerial	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Total 8800 · Ministerial Staff & Support	60,274.60	77,829.05	-17,554.45	77.45%
8900 · Communications				
8910 · Advertising	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%



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8920 · Webpage Fee	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
Total 8900 · Communications	0.00	600.00	-600.00	0.0%
Total Expense	109,673.01	170,408.00	-60,734.99	64.36%
Net Ordinary Income	-1,532.38	0.00	-1,532.38	100.0%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
9100 · Payroll Protection Plan Income	13,692.00			
Total Other Income	13,692.00			
Net Other Income	13,692.00			
Net Income	<u>12,159.62</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>12,159.62</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

Cash Balances

Cash in Checking Account	82,764.06
Savings	26,751.04
Certificates of Deposit	15,963.30
Endowment Fund	84,698.92
Total	<u>210,177.32</u>

Mortgage Activity

	Beginning Balance	88,437.44
8/18/2020	Mortgage Payment - CK#17647	4,330.85
		84,106.59



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Fund Balances

January through August 2020

August 31, 2020 Fund Balances:	January 1, 2020 Beginning Balance	2020 Increases	2020 Decreases	August 31, 2020 Ending Balance
Unrestricted Operating Fund	41,415.40	108,140.63	109,673.01	39,883.02
Altar Guild Fund	75.66	-	-	75.66
Arty Party/Noise Dampening Fund	14,873.34	-	14,350.00	523.34
Building and Grounds Maintenance Fund	2,507.10	180.00	-	2,687.10
Capital Fund	25,197.75	28,244.61	38,121.70	15,320.66
Center For Christian Spirituality	12,758.67	-	-	12,758.67
Choral Scholars Fund	800.00	-	-	800.00
Clean and Bright Fund	350.26	-	-	350.26
Columbarium Fund	9,056.06	500.00	-	9,556.06
Daughters of the King Fund	680.01	-	-	680.01
Deacon Discretionary Fund	89.89	-	-	89.89
Diane Stier Fund	1,639.66	100.00	10.00	1,729.66
Education For Ministry Fund	1,396.03	-	-	1,396.03
Emmaus Center Fund	250.00	-	-	250.00
Endowment Fund	82,779.37	1,919.55	-	84,698.92
Flower Fund	205.20	-	61.25	143.95
Goodrow Fund	1,000.00	50.00	1,050.00	-
Holiday Basket Fund	782.91	100.00	-	882.91
Homeless Shelter	50.00	-	-	50.00
Loose Change Fund	-	271.38	271.38	-
Memorials Fund	7,307.47	-	-	7,307.47
Mission Trip Fund	100.00	-	-	100.00
Music Fund	18.35	-	-	18.35
New Rector Fund	19,500.00	-	1,006.31	18,493.69
Organ Fund	4,028.20	848.00	-	4,876.20
Paddy's Single Mothers Fund	15.00	-	-	15.00
People Helping People Fund (Max and Emily's)	0.01	5.00	-	5.01
Total Fund Balances	226,876.34	140,359.17	164,543.65	202,691.86

Capital Fund Activity For August:

Capital Fund Receipts	2,953.00
Interest Income on Savings	-
Bank/Credit Card Fees	-
Mortgage Principle	(4,330.85)
Mortgage Interest	(337.84)
Net Activity	(1,715.69)

BUILDING PROJECT

Total Capitalized Expenses	442,345.71
Non-Capitalized Expenses (Interest/Bank Fees)	28,962.39
Subtotal	471,308.10
Anticipated Expenses:	
Mortgage Interest	4,502.82
Bank Fees/Credit Card	100.00

TOTAL PROJECT COST **475,910.92**

ANGLICAN WORTHIES

361. Dodgson, Charles Lutwidge (“Lewis Carroll,” 1832-1898) Mathematician

As I said before, the romance of Alice Liddell began with photography when in 1856 he and a friend went to the home of Dean Henry Liddell his young daughters. “The three little girls were in the garden most of the time,” Dodgson recalled, “and we became excellent friends.” The little girls ran around and would not sit still.

Dodgson continued to visit the dean. For seven years, Cohen says, “he lived the charmed life of a cherished friend and sometimes consort to the beautiful, impolite [check] child. Then in the summer of 1863 something happened—the page was torn out of his diary after his death—and the intimacy was terminated. In subsequent years only a formal relationship existed between Dodgson and the Liddell household. The books, however, were published afterwards, and Dodgson inscribed copies to his dear friend.

The frivolity of the Alice books notwithstanding, Dodgson continued to be productive; his writing, Cohen says, “was the main course by which he would do something for others, to fulfill a deep religious desire to contribute something to humanity—it was his offering to God.” The Alice books were only a fraction of what he produced. In 1876 there appeared the most successful revered poem of nonsense in English, “The Hunting of the Snark.”

But most of the books are full of puzzles and games, many mathematical in nature. He invented and designed things, including a chessboard for travelers that held the pieces to the surface, and a set of rules for lawn tennis. With the enlargement of the franchise (the popular vote), he involved himself in parliamentary elections, particularly in his *Principles of Parliamentary Representation* (1884), with ideas that lasted long beyond his time. The mathematician F. Abel wrote in 1970 that Dodgson’s theory “presents the longest chain of reasoning in Political Science,; but he never finished his work on voting theory. Had he done so, M. Dummett said in 1989, “Such was his lucidity of exposition and his mastery of the topic that it seems possible that, had he ever published it, the political history of Britain would have been significantly different.”

The more we know about Dodgson—and we know a good deal—the most difficult it is to characterize this universal genius. Maybe all we can agree on is that he was an old duck. He was six feet tall, a little above the average among Victorian males, wore his hair long, and walked stiffly upright. On college grounds he wore clerical black with a tall silk hat (which I still love), but when he took Alice and her sisters boating, Alice Hargreaves remembers that he wore white flannels, and a hard white straw boater. How cool can you get? He did not care for tea! He preferred wine.



It was popularly believed that Dodgson was reclusive, out of view in college. Completely untrue. He loved to travel and went to Russia and with Henry *Lidden to explore a possible union between Orthodox congregations and the English church. He frequented galleries in the city and theatres. Cohen says that “stomped out of the theatre when he found anything on stage irreligious or otherwise offensive,” which suggests that he may rarely watched a performance to the end! (He was so offended by the conclusion to *The Merchant of Venice* where Shylock is ordered to forsake his faith and become Christian that he wrote to Dickens’ mistress, the actress Ellen Terry, to cut those lines in performance.) He planned a Bowdlerized edition of Shakespeare for children which, thank God, he never completed. He disliked contact sports but could be coaxed into croquet. He preferred to walk and could do more than twenty miles in a day.

He continued to write, fiction and science. His novels were not successful. In the 1890s he undertook several volumes on symbolic logic, unfinished when he died. Cohen writes, “Had Dodgson never written the *Alice* books, he would have earned a nod or a paragraph in various specialized histories: mathematics and logic, photography, parliamentary voting systems, and games and puzzles.” The *Alice* books did more for him than fame or money, “They also revolutionized writing for children.” Heretofore fiction for children tended to be stiff and didactic: designed to teach the young to avoid immature vice and behave their elders. Dodgson’s whimsical adventures with Alice changed all that.

In 1892 Dodgson wrote Alice that he had sold more than 100,000 copies of his books about her. He did not die wealthy; he gave most of his money to charitable purposes. He died from pneumonia and was buried in Guilford, the family home.

Alice grew up as children do, married Reginald Hargeaves, and had issue. Her third son was named Caryl. She died in 1934, a surprising longevity, inasmuch as we have always assumed that every Victorian politely died before the queen did in 1902. --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.

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

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