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FALL SCHEDULE STARTS SEPTEMBER 13

(Plan for Re-Entry for Great Lakes Episcopalians, Phase II)

SUNDAYS

**10 a.m., Ante Communion Service with music
via Facebook & YouTube**

The Rev. Sr. Diane Stier, Officiant

11 a.m., Coffee Hour via Zoom

WEDNESDAYS

10 a.m., Church School via Zoom

Tom Cochrane, Leader

7 p.m., Weekly Connection via Zoom

Ulana Klymyshyn, Leader

Virtual discussions on timely topics.



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.

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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.



David Shirley	3
Matthew Blackburn	4
Emma Dingman	4
Clancy DeLong	5
Dawn (Dingman) Hall	17
Meg (Shirley) Bennett	19
Nel (Shirley) Boose	19
Laura Cochrane	10
Sharon Bolton	20
Elizabeth Brockman	20
Carol Lauffer	26
Frank Benn	29



Charles & Doris Sherwood	6
Randi & Lynne L'Hommedieu	11
Don & Janice Schurr	18
Tom & Mary Ellen Cochrane	28

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!





**Minutes for Vestry Meeting
August 9, 2020, 11:30 a.m. via Zoom**

Present: Adam Baker, David Shirley, Tom Cochrane, Eric Vinceguerra, Nancy Kinney, D.J. Proctor, Ella Regan, Marcia David, Ulana Klymyshyn
Guest: Rev. Sr. Diane Stier

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

Marcia moved approval of minutes from the Vestry meeting on July 12. Nancy seconded. Vestry approved.

Sr. Diane completed her Pastoral Report. The diocesan Pre-Convention meeting is September 17 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Marcia thanked Sr. Diane for all of her efforts giving pastoral care during the pandemic. Sr. Diane left the meeting after her Pastoral Report.

Tom requested Vestry change the name of "Sunday School" on Wednesday mornings to "Church School" to avoid confusion. David so moved. Nancy seconded. Vestry approved.

Adam and Ulana completed the Search Committee update. The Search Committee has scheduled services for two candidates. There will be a Vestry meet-and-greet afterward. The Vestry requested clarification on whether the meet-and-greet would be done via Zoom or in person. Many Vestry members requested that it be done in person. The Search Committee will discuss and provide clarification.

Nancy completed her Building and Grounds Report. There was work done on the doors in the Lantern and repairs were made. She also expressed concern regarding church security. She thought installing security cameras might be a good idea for Vestry to explore in September. This is in response to concerns of vandalism and homeless people trespassing because of the lack of people in the church recently.

Ulana completed her report on the Good News Garden and the Wednesday night Weekly Connection meetings.



David reported that he will ask Pat Thurston to post an online ad for the old Aeolian piano in the church hallway. He also reported that we are a little over 5% down on our pledges.

Nancy commented on how beautiful the garden service for Sally Goodrow was last Wednesday. She reported some people in attendance thought that having more garden services would be a good idea. Vestry expressed agreement.

The next Vestry meeting is Sunday, September 13, at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Nancy moved Vestry adjourn. Marcia seconded. Vestry adjourned.

Respectfully 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



July 2020 Financial Report

Below is a summary of operating fund activity through the end of July (58.33%).

Unrestricted operating fund receipts	\$ 92,714.10 (54.41% of budget)
Unrestricted operating fund expenditures	<u>100,306.21</u> (58.86% of budget)
Operating fund receipts over (under) expenditures	\$ (7,592.11)

St. John's has applied for grant under the Michigan Small Business Restart Grant Program in the amount on \$15,000. It's to assist with income loss (building rent, rummage sale, etc.) and additional expenses caused by COVID-19 (cameras, shields, sanitation expenses, etc.)

Please confirm that your pledge is up to date.

Cash balances on July 31, 2020 are as follows:

Checking Account.....	\$ 78,912.33
Savings.....	\$ 26,751.04
Certificate of Deposit.....	\$ 15,949.86
Endowment Fund Investment Account.....	\$ 82,147.20

Capital Campaign funds balance on July 1, 2020.....\$ 18,024.22

Capital Campaign funds balance on July 31, 2020.....\$ 17,808.53

Capital Fund Activity For July:

Capital Fund Receipts	\$ 4,453.00
Interest Income.....	0.00
Bank/Credit Card Fees.....	0.00
Mortgage Principle.....	(4,314.13)
Mortgage Interest	(354.56)

Net Activity \$ (215.69)

BUILDING PROJECT

Total Capitalized Expenses.....	\$ 442,345.71
Non-Capitalized Expenses (Bank Fees/Interest) ...	28,624.55

Subtotal\$ 470,970.26

Anticipated Expenses:

Mortgage Interest	\$ 4,840.66
Bank Fees/Credit Card.....	100.00

TOTAL PROJECT COST\$ 475,910.92

Outstanding mortgage balance as of July 31, 2020.....\$ 88,437.44

Clancy DeLong
Parish Treasurer



ANGLICAN WORTHIES

360. Dodgson, Charles Lutwidge ("Lewis Carroll", 1832-1898)
Mathematician

If you go chasing rabbits, and you know you're going to fall,
Tell 'em a hooka-smoking caterpillar has given you the call:
Go ask Alice, when she's ten feet tall.

These lines from the Jefferson Airplane's psychedelic album of 1965, that channel one of the most beloved children's books in English, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (1865) is a suitable introduction to one of the strangest and most versatile clergymen of the Victorian period. My account will hardly do justice to a deacon of the church who, besides immortalizing little Alice Liddell, was also an accomplished professor and mathematician, photographer, theologian, and author of his time. (He also invented new rules for lawn tennis.) However the details of Dodgson's life may strike you, you cannot deny that he was a universal genius.

This odd figure, the son of a clergyman, was born in a secluded parish in Cheshire. Before he was put to school, "He invented strange diversions for himself," Morton Cohen says, and made pets of all sorts of animals and composed a family newspaper and establishing an ambitious family theatre. He struggled with a stammer all his life. Most of all, he showed a precocious aptitude for mathematics, once asking his father to explain what logarithms were. When he turned twelve, his parents sent him to Richmond School, probably with some relief; his curiosity must have made him a pest. Then he was sent to Thomas *Arnold's Rugby, by now the most distinguished preparatory school in England. He should have flourished here, but he did not.

He matriculated to Christ Church, Oxford in 1851, where his father had distinguished himself academically. A few days after he arrived at college, his other died, to whom he was deeply attached. Cohen says, "It is thought by some to have inhibited his emotional growth." This the reader may judge for himself. Nevertheless Dodgson, not surprisingly, took a first in mathematics and a second in classic (Latin and Greek).

Before his studies were finished, Dodgson had attracted the attention of the noted Tractarian (Oxford Movement), Edward *Pusey, who nominated Dodgson for a fellowship. (Christ Church Fellows committed themselves to a life of celibacy.) Dodgson was ordained deacon, but never sought employment in holy orders; rather, he became a lecturer at the college in mathematics. There were mixed reviews of his teaching, as there usually are about all academics. Some thought him "extremely dull" (it is truly impossible to imagine Dodgson "dull"); others quite the opposite. Another said her professor "compelled me to that independence of thought I had never before tried to achieve." Moreover, "He gave me a sense of my own personal dignity. He was so. . . scrupulous not to embarrass or offend, that he made me feel that I counted." High praise!



Dodgson was an expert in analytical geometry, particularly the *Elements* of the 4th century Greek mathematician, Euclid. “Euclid dominated his profession work,” Cohen writes, “He sought to clarify difficulties and to make Euclid more accessible to modern minds.” In other ways Dodgson sought to make Euclid famous, including a four-act comedy and further publications, including “whimsical” texts characterized by Dodgson’s wit. There are still published commentaries on his work more than a century after his death. A genius in mathematics, he was obsessed with puzzles and word-plays for the mind. And he was publishing poetry.

Dodgson throughout his life wrote almost 99,000 letters, usually in purple ink. “Occasionally works of art; addressed to young friends, they were fanciful creations, self-contained microcosms of wonderlands. In them he created puzzles, puns, and pranks; he teased, feigned, fantasized.” Cohen again. Some of them were acrostics, letters written from back to front—or simply upside down. He once said, “I’m beginning to think that the proper definition of ‘Man’ is ‘an animal that writes letters.’” Two volumes of his letters were edited by Cohen in 1979. This can hardly be complete.

Dodgson is famous in English history for mathematics, photography, and children’s literature. To us in this county he is celebrated only for the latter. But in this regard his famous books are related to his other achievement. When he was elected to a fellowship at Christ Church, Henry George Liddell was elected dean of the college. Dodgson had purchased a new camera, with which he liked to photograph people, especially young girls. He was quite good at this, and many families brought their children to sit. Besides taking their pictures, Cohen says, “He doted on them, took them on outings, bought them gifts, fed them, clothed them, carried them off on railway outings,” etc. He not only took their likeness in many poses and costumes (sometimes without clothes), but hugged and kissed them—“all this,” Cohen says, “with their parents’ approval in that unsuspecting pre-Freudian heyday of Victorian innocence.” Dodgson particularly enjoyed Dean Liddell’s daughters, especially the middle child, Alice.

Dodgson often took the girls boating, and as he rowed, they would ask him to tell stories, stories he made up, probably without much difficulty, stories about white rabbits, grinning cats like capricious Buddhas sitting in trees, a hooka-smoking caterpillar, a hatter made mad by the chemicals used in cleaning hats, a walrus and a carpenter, and a cranky king and queen, who are no more than a deck of cards. Alice must have demanded that she be the little wise girl who had to experience all these preposterous circumstances, after she accidentally fell down a rabbit’s hole. This was the origin of *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* (1865), one of the most imaginative works in the world for children.

Not every child has this read at bedtime. Not me. my father read us Nathaniel Hawthorne’s tales of mythology for children and the works of A.A, Milne (Winnie-the-Pooh). I have since read *Alice’s Adventures in Wonderland* and its equally popular sequel, *Through the Looking Glass* (1872), and I find them disjointed and silly, full of poems, puzzles, conundrums, and lengthy passages of ridiculous and nonsensical conversation. I cannot see why they became so popular, but then I am no longer a child. (To be continued.) --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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Sr. Warden: David Shirley: 773-3463

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Treasurer: Clancy DeLong, 989-400-6546

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Tom Cochrane, 989-317-3561

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