



THE EVANGEL

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Dear People and Friends of St. John's,

February is upon us! It may be winter, but you can warm your hearts by joining us for the VALENTINE-MAKING PARTY on Saturday, Feb. 3 from 2-4:00 PM. Then you can also warm the hearts of others by sending those and other Valentines to folks who might need a little pick-me-up – including our home-bound parishioners. (The list with addresses is elsewhere in this and every Evangel.)

Afterward - around 4 PM - we will have the “Burning of the Palms” outside - burning last year's palms from Palm Sunday - to produce our Ashes for Ash Wednesday - with help from our young folks.

Then get ready to enjoy another community celebration at the Mardi Gras Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday February 13 (the day before Ash Wednesday) from 5:30 – 7:30. Come for pancakes and sausage and a special cake – wear fun hats and beads and be a little silly!

Our Ash Wednesday liturgies on February 14 will be at noon and 6 PM. I will also be offering Ashes to Go – on our corner at Washington and Maple – from 3-4PM.

As we move into Lent in the middle of the month, I urge you not to think of what you might give up – but instead what practice you might take up during this season. Begin or continue praying Morning and Evening Prayer (<https://dailyoffice.app/> or <https://www.missionstclare.com/english/>). Send a card to a fellow parishioner or someone you have been out of touch with. Instead of “giving up” cookies, make some cookies to give away! Fast from that which separates you from others, pray for those you find hard to love, give of your time and your heart.

Blessings to you.

Sr. Diane+

If you are in need of assistance with tax filings,
please consider taking advantage of this
opportunity for free tax preparation

Free In-Person Tax Preparation Service

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide offers free tax preparation to anyone of any age – especially if you are 50 or older or can't afford paid tax preparation.



In Your Area

MT PLEASANT AREA SITES

COMMISSION ON AGING - Most Weds & Thurs from Feb 8-April 11.
Appointments available from 9:30am-3:00pm.

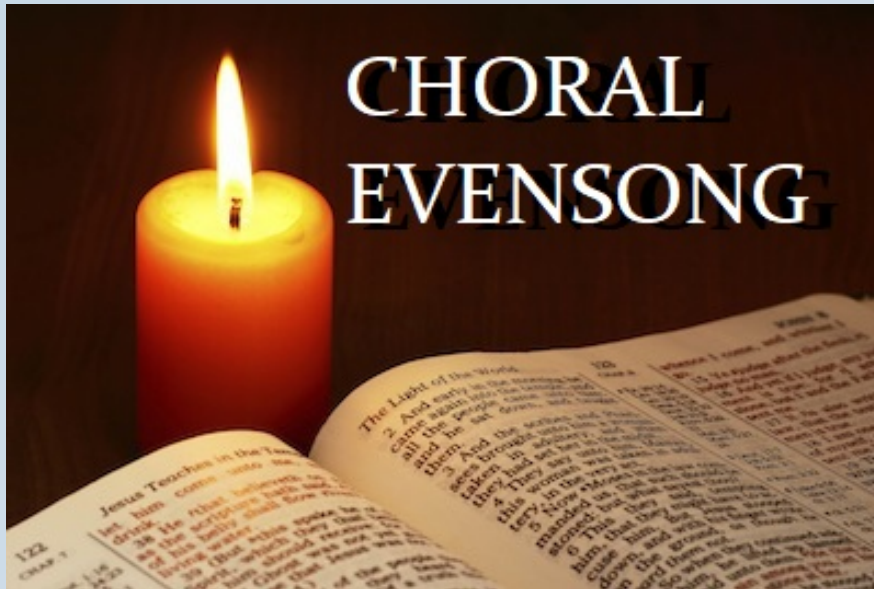
SHEPHERD - Feb. 6 & March 17

CALL **989-772-0748** - COA - FOR ABOVE APPOINTMENTS

Tax service is also available to residents of Winchester Towers and Riverview Apartments.
Contact your building office for times, dates, and appointments.

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One Sunday a month, St. John's offers a second service. This is a way to offer additional worship opportunities, provide flexibility for those who may not be able to attend the usual service time, and offers a stronger sense of inclusivity.

The second service in February will be Choral Evensong
February 25th at 5 PM followed by a reception.

Valentine's Day

Valentine Making Party with Blessing of the Valentines

St John's is having a Valentine Making Party in the Parish House on Saturday, February 3, from 2 – 4 pm. Deb Clark, an Art Reach instructor, will be with us to guide us. All materials, supplies and a snack will be provided. Extra Cards will be made for our home bound friends. The Valentine cards will be blessed afterward. The cost is \$10/person or \$15/family. Please see Pat Thurston to add your name to the sign-up sheet. Call Pat Thurston if you have questions 517-303-1046.





The 2024 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!

St. John's Annual Meeting Minutes, January 21st, 2024. Recorded by Adam Baker.

Vestry conducted opening prayer.

Kevin Davidson nominated, Nancy Herman-Kinney seconded. Adam was elected Clerk for the meeting.

Dan Eichinger moved that we accept the minutes from the 2023 meeting, Nancy seconded. Congregation approved.

Olivia Ohler moved we accept the agenda for the meeting, Nancy Herman-Kinney seconded. Congregation accepted.

Diane moved on to election of Vestry. Olivia and Nancy's terms are ending and they were not seeking re-election.

Nancy reported that Liz Brockman was open to serving on Vestry. Liz and Clancy DeLong were nominated to election to Vestry as well as Gerald May, who is up for re-election. Ford Dingman moved we elect all those nominated, Harriett White seconded. We elected all candidates.

Diane moved on to delegates to Diocesan convention. Diane and Sam Raisanen nominated Nancy Herman-Kinney and Alice Ciccu to be delegates to Diocesan Convention. Ford Dingman moved candidates be elected, Liz seconded. Christi Brookes and Clancy DeLong were nominated as alternates to the diocesan convention. Olivia Ohler moved that Christi and Clancy be elected as alternates, Pat Thurston seconded. We elected them.

Diane discussed the statistical report that David Shirley submitted. She reported that Sunday attendance is slowly on its way back up. Diane expressed thanks to David for compiling that report.

Nancy Herman-Kinney delivered her Senior Warden remarks. Diane expressed her gratitude to Nancy for her service as Senior Warden.

Diane delivered the Clean and Bright report on behalf of Jim Thurston who is not here today.

Diane completed her Rector's report. She covered all of the various ministries St. John's conducts.

Diane reported on Jess Hart, who is a postulant for priesthood and Christi Brooks, who is a postulant for the diaconate. Diane also reported that we need a person to help with Social Media outreach.

Diane thanked the congregation for the privilege of being our Rector.

Clancy completed his Treasurer's report. Pledges are up this year. Clancy reported that we received over 20% of our budget in the month of December. The congregation expressed gratitude to Clancy for all he does and his work in preparing the report. Liz Brockman remarked that the Choral Scholar program is part of our outreach. Alice Ciccu moved that the budget be amended to show the full expense of the organist and choral scholars. Liz seconded the motion. Congregation approved the motion. Dan Eichinger moved an amendment for the income side of the budget to include a line item for special appeal to resolve any deficit arising from fully funding the previous motion. Jillian seconded. Motion carried. Congregation expressed thanks for Clancy's work in preparing the budget.

Diane reported that the call to the next meeting was for January 19th, 2025.



Remember Our
Homebound Members
Drop a card to our parish
members who are homebound.

Sandy Wood
2812 Weatherwood St.
Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

Nancy Fulton
1945 Churchill Blvd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Elliott Parker
Crestwood
2378 S. Lincoln
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Joan Kadler
Crestwood
2378 S. Lincoln
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
989-772-2803

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, the church
office, or email Pamela Dingman:
pamela.dingman@gmail.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.



February Birthdays

Dan Eichinger	02/01
Beth Boman	02/10
Rex Dingman	02/16
Eric Vinciguerra	02/18
Jasmine Eichinger	02/20
Jonathan Korpi	02/22
Marian Matyn	02/22
David Dingman	02/25



February Anniversaries

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday 10AM: Holy Communion: In Person or [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:

February 4	Ford & Pamela Dingman
February 11	David & Jennifer Dingman
February 18	David & Nancy Kinney
February 25	Laura Cochrane & Lynne L'Hommedieu

Lay Ministers:

	Lectors	Prayers
February 4	Carol Lauffer	Jeanne Maxon
February 11	Sr. Linda-Susan Beard	Jennifer Dingman
February 18	Patricia Thurston	Jennifer Dingman
February 25	Kevin Davidson	Mary Stewart Kiesgen

Greeters Schedule:

February 4	Laura Cochrane & Sharon Bolton
February 11	Dan & Jasmine Eichinger
February 18	Clancy & Patricia DeLong
February 25	Kevin & Jillian Davidson

February Calendar

Sundays: 02/04, 02/11, 02/18, 02/25 10am Holy Communion
(In person, Facebook, & YouTube)

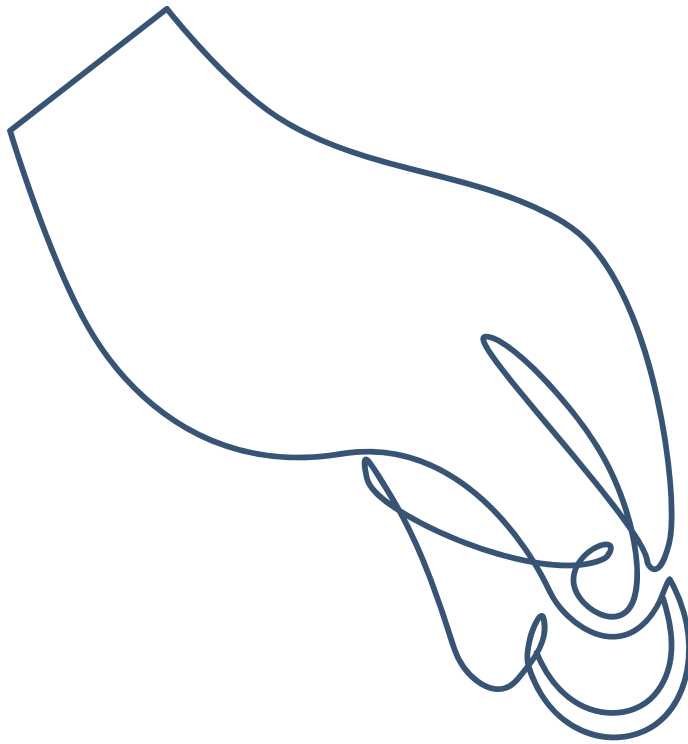
Mondays: 02/05, 02/12, 02/19, 02/26
6:30PM GA

Tuesdays: 02/06, 02/13, 02/20, 02/27
11am Tai Chi with Judy

Wednesdays: 02/07, 02/14, 02/21, 02/28
10am Church School
via Zoom
6pm Choir Practice
7pm Weekly Connection via Zoom

Thursdays: 02/01, 02/08, 02/15, 02/21, 02/28
11am Tai Chi with Judy
8pm Compline via Zoom

Fridays: 02/02, 02/09, 02/16, 02/22, 02/29
Nothing on these days
Office Closed



Different ways to give...

We now have four different ways to give back to the church. You can now drop off at the church, mail your offer to the church, or give through “Giving Tools.” Here are the details on how to give:

1. You can come to the Church office and drop it through the mail slot.
2. You can mail your offering to the Church, 206 W Maple, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
3. You can give online by visiting the Giving Tools link on our website, or by scanning the QR code below.



Saint John's Episcopal Church
206 West Maple Street Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Phone: 989-773-7448

Fax: 989-772-3480

E-mail: saintjohnsmp@gmail.com

Website: www.stjohnsmtpleasantmi.com

Facebook: [St. John's Mount Pleasant](#)

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

Organist:

Ethan Kindle

Choirmaster:

Eric Vinciguerra

2024 Vestry Officers

Sr. Warden: Dan Eichinger

Jr. Warden: Jerry May

Treasurer: Clancy DeLong

Co-Treasurer: Lynne L'Hommedieu,

Vestry Clerk: Jennifer Dingman

2024 Vestry Members

David Proctor

Mary Stewart Kiesgen

Olivia Ohler

Pat Thurston

Kevin Davidson

Lara Raisanen