



# *The St. John's Evangel*

**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**Saint. John's**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**will be held on Sunday,**  
**January 28, 2018**  
**after ONE service**  
**at 9:00 a.m.**  
**Your presence is**  
**VERY important!**



**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

**Forrest Robinson**

"Green Acres, 1807 W. Remus Rd.  
Room #205. The Facility 772-3456



**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.

**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.



Truman Ford Hall	1
Nancy Hartshorne	1
Christi Brookes	4
Barbara Sheperdigian	10
Brandon Gilmore	14
Martha Rarick	15
Linda Robinson	15
Robert Ohler	20
Kip Cosan	21
Matthew Kinney	22
Ron Sherwood	23



Wayne & Harry Nicholson	5
Renee Babcock & Leah Wolf	16
Ford & Pamela Dingman	23

**The NEW 2018 Altar Flower Calendar**

is posted near the elevator of the Church. 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 worshipping! Thank you!





## Outside the Tent

We feed birds through the winter: two feeders filled with “wild bird” seed—one outside our kitchen window, one in the back yard near the alley fence—as well as two suet feeders, which attract as many squirrels as they do woodpeckers. I love watching the birds who arrive for food. They bring warmth in our cold January, and none more so than the juncos, tiny birds clothed in dark grey and white.

Four years ago, my first winter of retirement, I pledged to write a haiku for each day of winter. I did well for two months, then the first whispers of spring drew me away from my project. But as the new year approaches once again I've been thinking about the poetry I wrote in that fiercely cold winter of 2014, and about the juncos who kept me sane. And so, as we approach the new year, I share with you three haiku called “Junco,” with the hope that these poems, and these tiny birds—their only mission to find warmth and food—might bring you serenity as the new year dawns.

“Junco”

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

She stands unruffled,  
alone on the feeder's ledge,  
expecting fresh seed.

She waits silently,  
round softness on bar branches,  
basking in first light.

Peace in the dawn of the new year,  
Nancy

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### **Mark Your Calendar! The Fourteenth Annual Goodrow Fundraiser**

Please join us for the 14th Annual John H. Goodrow Fundraiser to be held

**Friday, February 16 at Buck's Run.**

The social hour will begin at 5:30 with dinner at 6:30.

Tickets are \$50 each or \$400 for a table of eight. A red table for eight for \$500 will include two bottles of wine; a black table for eight will include two bottles of champagne. There will be a silent auction, raffle, live auction and 50/50 drawing. Please see Sharon Bolton, Carol Lauffer, Wayne Nicholson, or Harriet White for tickets.

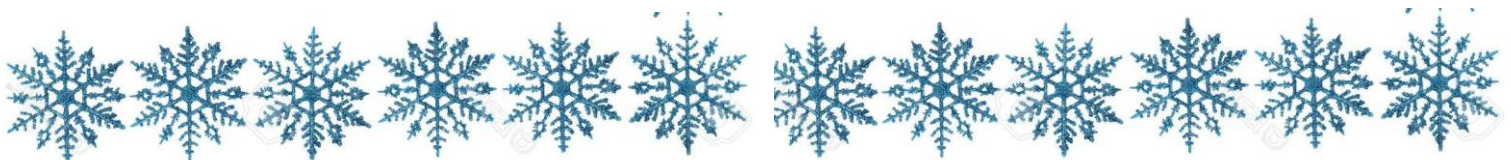




*Happy New Year*

# January 2018 Sunday Lay Ministry

DATE	LESSONS	PRAYERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD
January 7 <b>1 Epiphany</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Barbara Sheperdigian <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Ralph Baber	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Martha Rarick <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Mary Kiesgen	David and Jennifer Dingman	David, Nancy and Matthew Kinney	Rex Dingman	Pamela Dingman and Harriett White
<b>Lectionary:</b> Genesis 1:1-5 Psalm 29 Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11						
January 14 <b>2 Epiphany</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Steven Berkshire <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Mary Ellen Cochrane	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Peg Hicks <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Henry Fulton	Ford and Pamela Dingman	Carol Lauffer and Lynne L'Hommedieu	Adam Baker	Pamela Dingman and Harriett White
<b>Lectionary:</b> 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 John 1:43-51						
January 21 <b>3 Epiphany</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Peg Hicks <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Tom Cochrane	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Martha Rarick <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Nancy Hartshorne	Candy Henderson and Lynne L'Hommedieu	Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn	Matthew Kinney	S. Goodrow L. L'Hommedieu M. Rarick
<b>Lectionary:</b> Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:6-14 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20						
January 28 <b>Annual Meeting</b> <b>4 Epiphany</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Henry Fulton	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Joan Kadler	Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen	Christi Brookes, D.J. and Misha Proctor	Emma Dingman	S. Goodrow L. L'Hommedieu M. Rarick
<b>Lectionary:</b> Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28						
February 4 <b>5 Epiphany</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Martha Rarick <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Nancy Hartshorne	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> Peg Hicks <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Mary Kiesgen	David, Nancy, and Matthew Kinney	Harriett White and Sandy Wood	Rex Dingman	Pamela Dingman and Peg Hicks
<b>Lectionary:</b> Isaiah 40:21-31 Psalm 147:1-12, 21c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39						



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>December 31, Christmas I</p> <p>10:00 am Christmas Lessons and Carols</p> <p>5pm Pot Luck and Holy Eucharist for Peace at Emmaus</p>	<p>January 1</p> <p><i>The Office is Closed</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>10am T'ai Chi</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Noon Eucharist</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10am T'ai Chi</p> <p>5:30pm Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>6</p> <p>Epiphany</p>
<p>7 The First Sunday After Epiphany</p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9am Sunday School</p> <p>10am Choral Eucharist</p> <p>5pm Holy Eucharist at Emmaus</p>	<p>8</p> <p>4pm Music Meeting</p> <p>5:30pm EfM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10am T'ai Chi</p> <p>5:30 pm Yoga</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Noon Eucharist</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10am T'ai Chi</p> <p>5:30pm Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p><i>10 am Examining our Prejudices</i></p>
<p>14 Epiphany II</p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9am Sunday School</p> <p>10am Choral Eucharist</p> <p><i>Vestry after Coffee Hour</i></p> <p>5pm Holy Eucharist at Emmaus</p>	<p>15</p> <p>4pm Music Meeting</p> <p>5:30pm EfM</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10am T'ai Chi</p> <p>5:30pm Yoga</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Noon Eucharist</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Confession of St. Peter</p> <p>9:30am Staff Meeting</p> <p>10am T'ai Chi</p> <p>5:30pm Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p> <p>Congregational Development Commission Meeting Here (Old Rectory)</p>	<p>20</p>
<p>21 Epiphany III</p> <p>8 am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>9am Sunday School</p> <p>10am Choral Eucharist</p> <p>5pm Holy Eucharist at Emmaus</p>	<p>22</p> <p><i>Evangel Deadline</i></p> <p>4pm Music Meeting</p> <p>5:30pm EfM</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10am T'ai Chi</p> <p>5:30pm Yoga</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Noon Eucharist</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Conversion of St. Paul</p> <p>10am T'ai Chi</p> <p>5:30pm Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>27</p>
<p>28 Epiphany IV</p> <p><i>One Morning Service</i></p> <p>10am Choral Eucharist followed by the Annual Parish Meeting</p> <p>5pm Potluck and Holy Eucharist at Emmaus</p>	<p>29</p> <p>4pm Music Meeting</p> <p>5:30pm EfM</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10am T'ai Chi</p> <p>5:30pm Yoga</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Noon Eucharist</p>	<p>February 1</p> <p>10am T'ai Chi</p> <p>5:30pm Choir</p> <p>7pm Candlemas</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Presentation of Jesus in the Temple</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>3</p>



**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 773-7448.**

**Greeters**



**Coffee Hour Hosts**



**January 2018**

- 7 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 14 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 21 Candy Henderson and Lynne L'Hommedieu
- 28 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen

**January 2018**

- 7 David, Nancy and Matthew Kinney
- 14 Carol Lauffer and Lynne L'Hommedieu
- 21 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 28 Christine Brookes, D.J. and Misha Proctor

**February**

- 4 David, Nancy, and Matthew Kinney
- 11 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 18 Ulana Klymyshyn and Sandy Wood
- 25 Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton

**February**

- 4 Harriett White and Sandy Wood
- 11 Sharon Bolton and Laura Cochrane
- 18 Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton
- 25 Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane

**March**

- 4 Sharon Bolton and Laura Cochrane
- 11 Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane
- 18 Marcia David and Candy Henderson
- 25 Clancy and Pat DeLong

**March**

- 4 Ralph Baber and Karen Varanauskas
- 11 Bernice Cole and Candy Henderson
- 18 Clancy and Pat DeLong
- 25 David and Jennifer Dingman



**St. John's Episcopal Church, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858**  
**Vestry Minutes, December 10, 2017**

Present: Eric Vinciguerra, Clancy DeLong, Sharon Bolton, Bernice Cole, Tom Cochrane, Ulana Klymyshyn, Wayne Nicholson, Nancy Herman-Kinney. Guest: David Shirley.

Rev. Wayne convened the meeting with a prayer at 11:30 A.M.

**November Minutes**

It was moved by Ulana and seconded by Nancy to accept the November minutes. Motion passed.

**Finances**

Clancy reviewed the finances. Pledges are down over \$23,000.00, leaving our operating fund over \$10, 400.00 in the red. Wayne, with Eric present, will make personal calls regarding this situation. A letter will also be sent regarding our financial situation.

The vestry examined the proposed (deficit) budget for 2018. It was moved by Bernice and seconded by Eric to approve the budget for 2018 with a change to the pledge offering from \$133, 572.00 to \$172,000.00. Motion passed.

Clancy should be reminded (by Sharon) in January regarding contributions to the Goodrow Fund. If the check is made to United Way, with the Goodrow Fund designated, United Way will double the amount.

**Pastoral Concerns**

Marcia David will be unable to be the Junior Warden next year. Yvette Crandall is in the Mt. Pleasant Medical Care facility following surgery, Martha Rarick's last sibling passed away, and John Lauffer will need to discontinue chemotherapy (hospice has been called and will come every week).

**Rector's Time**

Rev. Wayne discussed issues of security at the church. Greeters should have phones on them.

Tom suggested that we install a monitoring system. There will be further discussion of locking the doors. New vestry members should be considered. Next year, each vestry member will be on a committee.

**Adjourn**

A motion was made by Nancy and seconded by Tom to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:28 P.M.

The next vestry meeting will be Sunday, January 14, 2017 (after coffee hour in the Old Rectory).

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Bolton



**December 2017 Financial Report**

Below is a summary of operating fund activity through the end of November (91.67%).

Unrestricted operating fund receipts \$ 166,236.85 (86.28% of budget)

Unrestricted operating fund expenditures 176,656.73 (91.67% of budget)

**Operating fund receipts over (under) expenditures      \$ (10,419.88)**

Our operating deficit exceeds \$10,000.00 with one remaining month in the year. Please make sure your pledge is up to date. If you are able, please open up your heart and contribute additional amounts to the operating budget to cover those less fortunate to meet their pledge. Thank you.

**Cash balances on November 30, 2017 are as follows:**

Checking Account    \$ 13,584.30

Savings    \$ 36,709.92

Certificate of Deposit \$ 15,594.54

Endowment Fund Investment Account    \$ 65,885.72

**Capital Campaign funds balance on November 1, 2017 10,822.45**

**Capital Campaign funds balance on November 30, 2017      12,539.54**

**Capital Fund Activity during November:**

Capital Fund Receipts 4,913.00

Building Renovations Receipts    1,508.10

Credit Card Fees (35.32)

Mortgage Principle    (3,873.44)

Mortgage Interest (795.25)

**Net Activity      1,717.09**

**Total Building Expenses Through November:**

Loan Proceeds/Contractor Draw 240,267.40

Non-Loan Expenses    200,647.87

Sub-Total    440,915.27

Anticipated Expenses:

Mortgage Balance Due Contractor    9,732.60

Mortgage Interest (future estimate)    24,527.05

Bank Fees/Credit Card    4,764.68

**TOTAL PROJECT COST      479,939.60**

Clancy DeLong, Treasurer, St. John's Episcopal Church





## Anglican Worthies

325. Jowett, Benjamin (1817-1893)  
Master of Balliol (pt. ii)

*Essays and Reviews* received little notice until a layman, Frederic Harrison, ridiculed it in the *Westminster Review*. Then Bishop Wilberforce savaged it in the *Quarterly* (a review that sold out four printings of the issue), objecting to the attack on supernatural phenomena and the idea of “progressive revelation.” (Wilberforce was notorious for his attack on Darwin’s ideas in a crowded popular forum and being publicly ridiculed by Thomas Huxley.) *Essays and Reviews* was subject to several years of meetings and attacks, more than one has time to cite. The archbishops and bishops approved a circular in 1861 to be issued; the Archbishop of Canterbury issued a pastoral letter to all clergy (which Wilberforce wrote). Convocation considered a paper citing the book’s most outrageous quotations to be published—with rebuttals—but nothing came of that except that two of the authors, Henry Bristoe Wilson and Rowland Williams, were deprived of their livings for a year. (And this was reversed by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London.) Nevertheless, 10,000 clergy of the Church signed a document professing “their belief in the inspiration of the Scriptures and the eternity of punishment.” Synod condemned *Essays and Reviews* in 1864.

In the midst of the controversy Jowett approached his former mentor, Archibald Tait, expecting support, but was disappointed when the archbishop wavered, then endorsed an episcopal letter expressing disapproval of the volume. Jowett never forgave him.

Perry Butler has recently commented that Jowett’s piece on the interpretation of scripture “reflected the greatest concern for its wholehearted acceptance of [German] biblical criticism and its rejection of tradition views of the authority and inspiration of Scripture. . . . Although the controversy died down, it showed that liberal theology was firmly rooted in the Church of England.” As a result, Anglicanism has become a rational faith, says Paul Avis, which allows, more than any other denomination, criticism and debate, in other words, plenty of room for the likes of Borg and Spong.

As for Jowett, he had already distinguished himself as a teacher and gained a notorious reputation as a theological controversialist. He never returned to that field of work again but got involved in other matters. His salary as Regius Professor of Greek was raised from £40 to £500. In 1862 he was named Vice-Chancellor of the university. He began to write a commentary on Plato’s *Republic*. But not satisfied with his conclusions, he decided to translate all the dialogues, complete with introductory comment and analysis. This edition appeared in 1871 in four volumes; a revised edition in five volumes came out a few years later. A third edition appeared in 1892. This is how I got to hear of Benjamin Jowett as an undergraduate. There have been more recent translations of *The Republic*, but Jowett’s remains to this day, more than a hundred years later, a favorite of readers for its easy, natural style. It was the



edition I read in 1953 when all students in my college had to read *The Republic* the first semester of their freshman year. (What would Central Michigan University be like if all of their freshman class had to read Plato's *Republic* and discuss the "real" world of the Ideas of the Good, the mind's struggle in the darkened world of Reality, and the role of the Philosopher-Kings? It scarcely bears thinking of.)

Jowett did not confine himself to Plato but came out with a translation of Thucydides in 1881 and Aristotle's *Politics* in 1886. (These are less regarded.) In 1870 he was elected Master of the college. Hinchcliff says that

Jowett was now where he had always wanted to be, and merely because it was his personal ambitious but also because it enabled him to achieve what he had long believed to be desirable, an educational institution which was genuinely religious but in a sense very different from what he regarded as Oxford's formal and empty ecclesiasticism. He was not a secular person and did not regard the mastership as a secular office, but no concept of religion was one in which the enquiring spirit must be free to reach whatever conclusions seemed to correspond with reality and experience.

Jowett may have been religious, but his point of view was clearly philosophical, i.e., strongly believing in *à posteriori* reasoning.

Hinchcliffe believes that Jowett may have reached this principle through his association with Thomas \*Arnold and A.P. Stanley, a conviction that religion should best allow to work "undogmatically," But an equally significant achievement was his reform of the curriculum for undergraduates at Balliol. He inaugurated the teaching of early modern literature. He inaugurated the teaching of early modern literature; he encouraged applicants from the middle class (he believed that students from the middle class had to overcome three problems: shyness, religious formation, and ignorance of the world. Still true), as well as students from Britain's colonial possessions. He enlarged the class size from twenty-five to sixty, and re-arranged the college finances to provide fellowships to married and lay persons.

Jowett never married, though he proposed to Florence Nightingale—and was refused. They became close friends toward the end of her life, as Miss Nightingale's travels were curtailed by problems of health; they maintained a frank and open correspondence. He found her a "congenial" soul "because she possessed an independent, enquiring mind." Jowett had many other female friends, convinced that women should be educated (though not at Oxford!).

Exhausted with educational reform, Jowett died in 1893.

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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.

#### Rector:

Rev. Nancy Casey Fulton, 773-7193

The Rev. Wayne Nicholson, 772-1203  
The Rev. Sr. Diane Stier, ec 989-807-0215

#### 2017 Vestry Officers

Senior Warden: Eric Vinciguerra, 989-317-0238  
Junior Warden: Marcia David, 989-775-8086  
Vestry Clerk: Sharon Bolton, 989-828-5475  
Treasurer: Clarence DeLong 773-9829  
Co Treasurer: Lynne L'Hommedieu, 773-8340

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Adam Baker, 989-492-1626  
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#### Organists:

Dr. Moonyeen Albrecht, 828-5286  
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