



THE EVANGEL

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Dear People and Friends of St. John's,

June was FULL of all sorts of happenings!

The Rummage Sale was a huge success – thanks to all who contributed their unwanted or unneeded items as well as those who gave of themselves during the sale!



And the Work Week was another great experience! Jerry had made a detailed list of what needed to get done, and folks showed up to “make it so!” (I think we missed taking pictures this year.)

Some folks gave the gift of their presence at two Pride events – one locally and one in Bay City.



The booth shared by St. John's, Mt. Pleasant; St. Alban's, Bay City; Trinity, Bay City; and St. John's, Saginaw.



Ulana and Jim behind the scenes at the shared Episcopal Church booth.

Meanwhile – our trip to the Loons game was enjoyable, even though the game itself was rained out.



This month, take a rest. Enjoy the middle of summer. Then get ready for an Icon Retreat and a Parish Picnic in September!

Mostly, remember that you are loved – and then pass it on.

Sr. Diane+

RUMMAGE

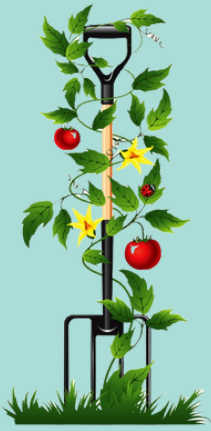
The word "SALE" is written in large, bold, white letters on four colorful tags (red, yellow, green, blue) hanging from the bottom of the word "RUMMAGE".

On June 24th we finished up what was one of the best rummage sales St. John's has had! We made \$6,101. We were blessed with a lot of great items to sell, which definitely helped the amount we made. Thanks to all who contributed items as this helped tremendously with our success. Also thanks to our early shoppers, we made \$1,100 before we even opened the doors to the public.

We tried a couple of new things this year with mixed results. First, we removed all pricing and let people make their own offers. Sometimes this worked well, and sometimes it did not. Next year we'll modify this by pricing the high-value items and standard items (books and clothes), while leaving other items un-priced. We also put a few of the higher value electronics on eBay at the same time. We made over \$100 on three items and have two more items still yet to sell. The remaining two items should bring in more than \$100 to add to this total.

We had great help as well with over a dozen people helping to clean, sort, set-up, support, and sell. Thanks to Allegra, Barbara, Dave, Harriett, Jeanne, Jim, Joyce, Kip, Lara, Nancy, Olivia, Sam, Sharon, and Val!

Alice Ciccu and Pat Thurston
Rummage Sale Co-Chairs



Good News Garden



The Good News Garden is in full swing! Throughout the summer, we will be working every Friday at 9:00 a.m., and we would love anyone who is interested to stop by during that time. No experience necessary, just gardening gloves, a bottle of water, a hat, and yourself. Volunteering anytime would be great, though, whether you want to join in just once or regularly.

Please contact Laura (cochr11l@cmich.edu) or Ulana (klymy1au@cmich.edu) for more information.



Led by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Michigan and coordinated with Clothing, INC, we are asking people to donate during the month of July new and very gently used shoes for school children. Tennis shoes and casual shoes are needed, any size. **Please place them in the box located in the Parish Office by July 31.**



School Shoe Drive



- July 1-31
- Donate new & gently used sneakers and casual shoes for children for the new school year.
- Any & all sizes!



Place shoes in the box which will be picked up after July 31 and delivered to Clothing, INC.



The 2023 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!

Below is a summary of operating fund activity through the end of May (41.67%).

Unrestricted operating fund receipts.....	\$ 97,381.96 (49.32% of budget)
Unrestricted operating fund expenditures.....	<u>92,006.86</u> (42.12% of budget)
Operating fund receipts over (under) expenditures.....	\$ 5,375.10

The budget is in good shape through the first five months. However, utility costs will most likely exceed the budgeted 25% increase by the end of the year. Please verify that your estimated giving amount is up to date.

Special projects:

External Sign Upgrade: Grants and funds collected account for \$13,918.71 being raised to date. The project has commenced with signed contacts with Mega Signs and JRock Masonry.

Columbarium Expansion: The columbarium units have arrived. We have accepted a quote from JRock Masonry to install the foundation. If you are interested in a niche, please contact Pamela Dingman for more information.

Cash Balances

Cash in Checking Account	56,585.37
Certificates of Deposit	43,297.31
Endowment Fund	91,273.78
Total	<u><u>191,156.46</u></u>



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

Alma Dickerson
Isabella Medical Care Facility
1222 North Drive
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
989-289-0799

Sandy Wood
2812 Weatherwood St.
Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

Fran Weaver
Comfort Care
1945 Churchill Blvd.
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

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

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

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

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: padingman@hotmail.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.



July Birthdays

George Clapp	07/03
Hazel Hart	07/04
Ann Marie Orren	07/08
Olivia Ohler	07/11
Karen Varanauskas	07/15
Jillian Davidson	07/16
Joyce Baugh	07/19
Claudette Shaffer	07/21
Bernice Cole	07/22
Sam Raisanen	07/24
Ford Dingman	07/25
Robert Cosan	07/28



George & Diana Clapp	07/03
David & Jennifer Dingman	07/11
Ralph Baber & Karen Varanauskas	07/15
Eric & Jessica Vinciguerra	07/15
Sam & Lara Raisanen	07/20
Clancy & Patricia DeLong	07/25

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:

July 2	Lynne L'Hommedieu
July 9	Patricia Thurston & Elizabeth Brockman
July 16	
July 23	DJ Proctor & Christi Brookes
July 30	Ford & Pamela Dingman

Lay Ministers:

	Lectors	Prayers
July 2	Nancy Hartshorne	Nancy Hartshorne
July 9	Derek Rivard	Mary Stewart Kiesgen
July 16	Carol Lauffer	Jeanne Maxon
July 23	David Kinney	Barbara Sheperdigian
July 30	Ulana Klymyshyn	Sharon Bolton

Greeters Schedule:

July 2	Ulana Klymyshyn & Lynne L'Hommedieu
July 9	Tom & Mary Ellen Cochrane
July 16	Ford & Pamela Dingman
July 23	
July 30	Sharon Bolton & Lynne L'Hommedieu

July Calendar

**Sundays: 07/02, 07/09, 07/16,
07/23, 07/30**

10am Holy Communion
(In person, Facebook, &
YouTube)

**Mondays: 07/03, 07/10, 07/17,
07/24, 07/31**

6:30 pm G.A.

**Tuesdays: 07/04, 07/11,
07/18, 07/25**

11am Tai Chi with Judy

**Wednesdays: 07/05, 07/12, 07/19,
07/26**

10am Church School
via Zoom

6pm Yoga with Judy

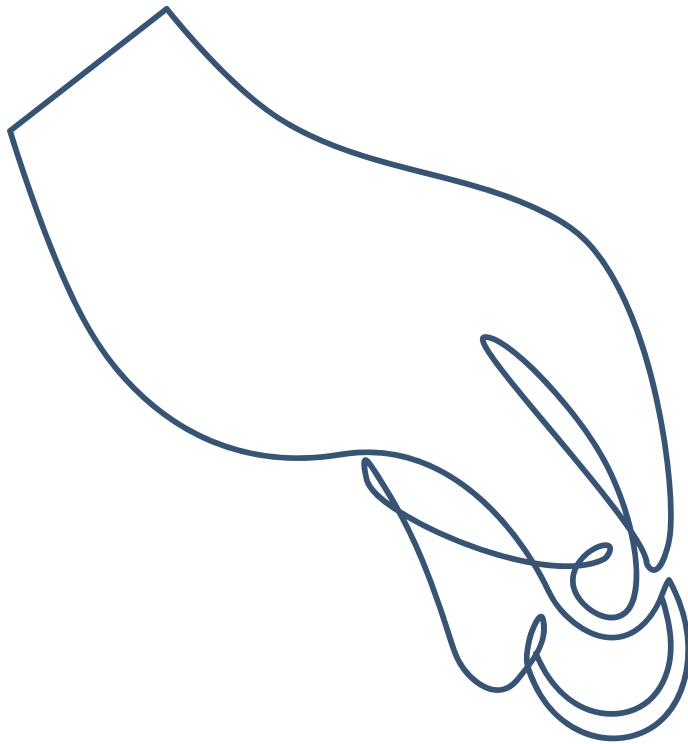
7pm Weekly Connection via Zoom

**Thursdays: 07/06, 07/13, 07/20,
07/27**

11am Tai Chi with Judy
8pm Compline via Zoom

**Fridays: 07/07, 07/14,
07/21, 07/28**

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:

Dennis Flynn

Choirmaster:

Eric Vinciguerra

2023 Vestry Officers

Sr. Warden: Dr. Nancy Herman-Kinney

Jr. Warden: Jerry May

Treasurer: Clancy DeLong

Co-Treasurer: Lynne L'Hommedieu,

Vestry Clerk: Jennifer Dingman

2023 Vestry Members

David Proctor

Mary Kiesgen

Olivia Ohler

Pat Thurston

Kevin Davidson

Lara Raisanen

Dan Eichinger