



The St. John's Evangel



CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY

St. John's Episcopal Church

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We are a Resurrection people

Dear Members of St. John's Community,

A decade after its initial founding in Fall 2008, The Center for Christian Spirituality has been revived to carry forward many of the programmatic commitments of its first Director, Henry Fulton. Henry hoped to serve the interests of a broad religious community through "seasonal programs of study and reflection" that would help participants "apply the best qualities of spiritual traditions and practices" to the deepening of each one's relationship to God. The contemporary Center shares this commitment to neighbors in our surrounding counties who come from various wisdom and religious traditions and practices. Using the contemplative traditions of the human experience as our grounding, we also hope to provide programming that touches participants intellectually, affectively, and spiritually in their journeys to the center of their being where God longs for union with us.

Several persons have graciously and generously agreed to serve on the current Center Board. They are: **Steve Berkshire, Laura Cochrane, Tom Cochrane, Matt Kinney, Dave Karmon, Ulana Klymyshyn, Ted Kondek, Marian Matyn, Ella Jo Regan, Pat Thurston, and Karen Varanauskas.** This is a wonderfully inter-generational Board. Marian and Karen were Founding Members of the initial Center. They are our essential, historical threads of continuity. Dave and Ted are Roman Catholic members of Faith Weavers and we want to build bridges with that community. They have much to teach those we serve about restorative spiritual healing. Along with Tom and Ulana, they will help us make our commitment to ecumenism real. There are several visual and textile artists in the group, several teacher-scholars, and representatives from several prayer traditions and styles. We add Ignatian spirituality to our Benedictine and Carmelite traditions. There are excellent links to both the Sunday School group and EfM since both directors of those ministries/programs are part of this Board. At least one member is a snowbird with ties to Native American culture, experience, and spirituality. One is an Africa-focused Islamicist; another is a sensate engineer. There are folks with partners and those without. Some members of the vestry are here which assures excellent communication between both the Center and the vestry. One has significant caregiving responsibility for senior siblings. At least one of the group is a Vietnam Vet. There is also present a wealth of understanding of the Episcopal tradition, the history of Christianity, and various models of commitment to the social Gospel. Quite a few have significant contemplative experience and a depth of Scriptural knowledge. The mid-teenager on the Board will help us see with fresh eyes; Matt is a symbol of our future. I trust that the advice and consultation from such deep and rich resources will also lead the Center to wherever the Spirit beckons.

Thanks to a grant from the Roanridge Trust, administered by The Episcopal Church, the Center looks forward to being able to offer programs to the St. John's community and those beyond its walls. The Board and I look forward to you joining us in a survey naming many of those prayerful explorations.

In Peace,

Sr. Linda-Susan Beard, Director



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, 1805 E. Remus Rd.
Room 205Mt. P. The Facility, 772-3456

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.



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.



Zachary Dearing	2
Jacob Tarrant	2
Noah Tarrant	2
Anna Koeppen/Babcock	6
Logan Seger	7
Jessica Hart	14
Leah Babcock/Wolf	17
Lynne L'Hommedieu	19
Steven Berkshire	25
Melissa Jackson	29



Colin & Anne Alton	2
David & Carrie Blackburn	10
Tim & Nancy Hartshorne	13
Kendall & Lois Klumpp	16
Allen & Joah Salmonsens	18
Elliott & Emelia Parker	19
Ian & Christine Dyer	21
Forrest & Linda Robinson	26

The 2018 Altar Flower Calendar

is posted near the back door of the hurch. Please consider a Sunday that is a good date for you to honor or remember a loved one and sign up to provide flowers. Thank you!





Outside the Tent

Contemplating the homily of our Presiding Bishop at the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle, I began to think of a poem I wrote fifteen years ago for *Racism and Prayer*, published by Morehouse, an arm of the Episcopal Church. In the intervening years we have elected twice a man of both black and white heritage to be our president, and I was hopeful to a time. But we have also become more racist than I could have imagined, shooting young black men just because they are black, and wrenching illegal immigrants from their families, sometimes without even a moment for them to say goodbye. I have learned, doing my genealogy, that I have Native Canadian ancestry, a discovery that has made me both thoughtful and militant about our treatment of those who are not like us. And so I share this poem with you, probably not for the first time.

Peace, Nancy

Journey: Confession and Supplication

In the beginning, Sister Marie Joretta taught us gently
that we are all your children.

But I confess to you, my Maker, that in the north woods of 1954—
where Lutherans and Methodists were heathens in my world;
where Finns filled in for Poles in heartless jokes;
where Indians were not the noble people
whose arrowheads my father found in childhood fields,
but penniless men who staggered into the hospital's emergency room
on Saturday night;
where Jews were the misguided race who killed my Savior,
the arrogant East Coast city boys who filled my father's harangues
about life in the army barracks—
I lived in a daydream, never thinking
that her gentle teaching of your love
extended far beyond the hallways of my school,
beyond the streets of my small white town.

In fifth grade, our teacher nudged us beyond ourselves
to become pen pals to children
in the tobacco country of North Carolina.

But I confess to you, my Maker, that in my northwoods town—
where African Americans never walked the streets,
but carried my bags and served my sandwiches
on the Streamliner to Chicago—



I reeled when my pen pal sent me a picture of her class,
smiling black children all.

Where is that photograph now,
where the smudged fifth-grade handwriting of her letter?
Where is she, now a woman in middle age,
who shook me briefly from my monochromatic view
of the world.

And now, many miles from my northwoods beginnings,
settled in land peopled by farmers of hardy German and Irish lineage—
with a Native American casino gnawing at the edges
or our fragile intolerance;
with a world no longer white crashing into my consciousness
every night on the evening news—
I marvel at the beauty of the people you have made,

And yet I confess to you, my Maker,
that I am only at the middle of my journey,
that pockets of resistance deep inside surprise me
when I think I've sprung loose from the provincial heart
inherited from my home, from my nation, from my church.

Be with me, Creator of all these beautiful people,
as I move from the middle of my journey into its endings.
Stretch my narrow heart and mind,
prod my lagging step,
and comfort me with your forgiveness
when I slip back toward habits
I don't always want to leave behind.

(Published in *Race and Prayer: Collected Voices, Many Dreams*,
Morehouse Publishing, 2003)



REMEMBER!

St. John's will meet for ONE Sunday morning
worship service at 9:00 a.m. for the months of
June July and August.



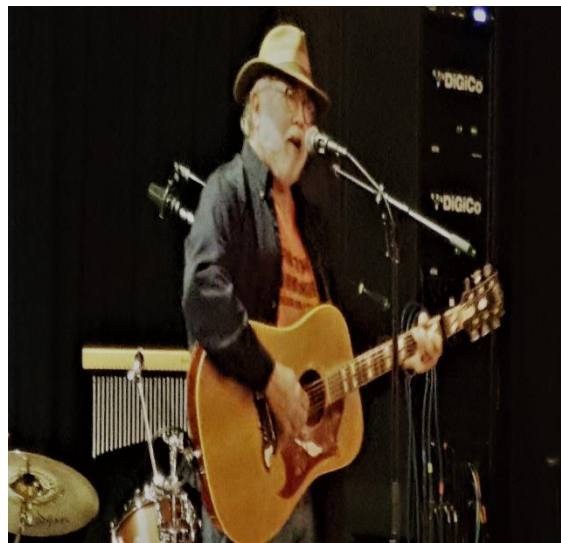
MUSIC & STORIES FROM PINE RIDGE

***Remembering, Restoring Hope, Saving Lives
on the Oglala-Lakota Reservation, S. Dakota***

Jim Thurston & Ken Morgan



Steve Barber



***Join us for an entertaining and inspiring program to
benefit the families living on Pine Ridge Reservation.***

Date & Time: Saturday, June 2nd at 4pm

***Location: St. John's Episcopal Church
206 E. Maple St., Mt. Pleasant, MI***

FREE ADMISSION – Public Very Welcome!

Donations to serve those at Pine Ridge will be gratefully accepted



June 2018 Sunday Lay Ministry

DATE	LESSONS	PRAYERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD
June 3 2 Pentecost	9:00 a.m. Jessica Vinciguerra	9:00 a.m. Jim Thurston	Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane	Sharon Bolton and Laura Cochrane	Adam Baker	Pamela Dingman and Peg Hicks
Lectionary: Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Psalm 81:1-10 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23-3:6						
June 10 3 Pentecost	9:00 a.m. Sandy Wood	9:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	Marcia David and Lynne L'Hommedieu	Bernice Cole And Carol Lauffer	Matthew Kinney	Pamela Dingman and Peg Hicks
Lectionary: Genesis 3:8-15 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35						
June 17 4 Pentecost	9:00 a.m. Barbara Sheperdigian	9:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	David and Jennifer Dingman	Clancy and Pat DeLong	Emma Dingman	Ella Jo Regan and David Shirley
Lectionary: Ezekiel 17:22-24 Psalm 92:1-4,11-14 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,[11-13],14-17 Mark 4:26-34						
June 24 5 Pentecost	9:00 a.m. Anne	9:00 a.m. Martha Rarick	Ford and Pamela Dingman	David and Jennifer Dingman	Rex Dingman	Ella Jo Regan and David Shirley
Lectionary: Job 38:1-11 Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41						
July 1 6 Pentecost	9:00 a.m. Ralph Baber	9:00 a.m. Joan Kadler	Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen	Ford and Pamela Dingman	Adam Baker	Pamela Dingman and Harriett White
Lectionary: Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24 Psalm 30 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Mark 5:21-43						





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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MAY 27, TRINITY 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Sunday School 10am Choral Eucharist <i>The Rev. Nancy Casey Fulton Preaching</i> 5pm Holy Eucharist, Pot Luck at Emmaus 5-7pm Yoga <i>Rummage Sale Items Accepted in the Parish House</i>	28 Memorial Day, Office Closed 4pm Music Meeting <i>Fr. Wayne Away to May 31</i>	29 10am T'ai Chi 5:30pm Yoga	30	31 <i>Fr. Wayne Back in Office</i> 10am T'ai Chi	JUNE 1 <i>Office Closed</i>	2 4 PM RE-MEMBER Fundraiser: Music and Story-telling
3 PENTECOST II 9am Holy Eucharist Graduation of EfM 10am Sunday School 5pm Holy Eucharist at Emmaus 5-7pm Yoga	4 Noon Daughters of the King 4pm Music Meeting	5 10am T'ai Chi 5:30pm Yoga 7pm Compassionate Friends	6 Noon Eucharist	7 <i>FARMERS MARKET OPENS!!</i> 10am T'ai Chi	8 <i>Office Closed</i>	9
10 PENTECOST III 9am Holy Eucharist 10am Sunday School 5pm Holy Eucharist at Emmaus <i>Deacon Away to June 23</i>	11 ST BARNABAS 4pm Music Meeting 7pm Vestry	12 10am T'ai Chi 5:30pm Yoga	13 Noon Eucharist	14 9:30am Staff Meeting 10am T'ai Chi	15 <i>Office Closed</i>	16
17 PENTECOST IV <i>Fathers Day</i> 9am Holy Eucharist 10am Sunday School 5pm Holy Eucharist at Emmaus 5-7pm Yoga	18 <i>Evangel Deadline</i> 4pm Music Meeting	19 10am T'ai Chi 5:30pm Yoga	20 Noon Eucharist	21 10am T'ai Chi	22 <i>Office Closed</i>	23

St. John's Rummage Sale!! June 7-10



<p>24 PENTECOST V</p> <p>9am Festal Eucharist with our Bishop Vestry with +Hougland after Coffee Hour</p> <p>5pm Pot Luck and Holy Eucharist at Emmaus 5-7pm Yoga</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10am T'ai Chi</p> <p>5:30pm Yoga</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Noon Eucharist</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10am T'ai Chi</p> <p>5:30pm Choir</p>	<p>29</p> <p>ST PETER AND ST PAUL</p> <p><i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>30</p>
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The deadline for the July 2018 Evangel Newsletter is Monday, June 19th

Education for Ministry (EfM)

Thinking about your faith development, want to delve into cultural and historical aspects of the Old and New Testament, discover the history of Christianity and develop a better understanding of your own faith and theology? Then Education for Ministry (EfM) may be the program for you. No we are not preparing people to be clergy, rather finding ways to enhance our own personal and community ministry. While EfM is a program within the Episcopal Church it is not just for Episcopalians. EfM has 40+ years of experience and is a program developed by the School of Theology at the University of the South (Sewanee.) While it is a four-year program you only make a commitment year-to-year. What you discover is that the years go by quickly. Saint John's now has eight graduates including our two newest graduates, Mary Kiesgen and Candace Henderson. The next group will begin in September, but now is not too early to sign up. Give Steve Berkshire a call at (989) 774-1648 days and (989) 317-0240 evenings or email him at daeberk@yahoo.com.





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 773-74

Greeters



Coffee Hour Hosts



June

- 3 Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane
- 10 Marcia David and Ulana Klymyshyn
- 17 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 24 Ford and Pamela Dingman

June

- 3 Sharon Bolton and Laura Cochrane
- 10 Bernice Cole and Carol Lauffer
- 17 Clancy and Pat DeLong
- 24 David and Jennifer Dingman

July

- 1 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 8 David, Nancy and Matthew Kinney
- 15 Ulana Klymyshyn and Lynee L'Hommedieu
- 22 Kendall and Lois Klumpp
- 29 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn

July

- 1 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 8 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 15 David, Nancy and Matthew Kinney
- 22 Carol Lauffer and Lynne L'Hommedieu
- 29 The Vestry

August

- 5 Sandy Wood and Sharon Bolton
- 12 Colin, Anne and Matthew Alton
- 19 Laura Cochrane and Marcia David
- 26 Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane

August

- 5 Kendall and Lois Klumpp
- 12 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 19 Christi Brookes and D.J. and Misha Proctor
- 26 Harriett White and Sandy Wood



**St. John's Episcopal Church
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Vestry Minutes for May 6, 2018**

Present are Adam Baker, Wayne Nicholson, David Shirley, Ella Jo Regan, Bernice Cole, Eric Vinciguerra, Clancy DeLong, Marsha David, Nancy Herman Kinney, Tom Cochrane.

Ella moves to approve April minutes; David seconds. Vestry approves April minutes.

Wayne presents the proposed draft letters of agreement between the church and Diane (Priest) and Nancy (Deacon) to outline their potential responsibilities when Wayne retires but before an interim is found. David asks the Vestry will read the drafts and email him with our comments and thoughts within the next week. Wayne recommends the letters be amended to last for three months rather than two.

Wayne recommends that more Vestry members be assigned areas of responsibility so tasks don't fall through the cracks.

The Bishop is coming on June 24 and would like to meet with the Vestry. Sunday June 24th after coffee hour or Saturday June 23rd in the evening are potential meeting times. Wayne does not expect meeting to last very long, mainly to take temperature of parish approaching Wayne's departure. Vestry decides to meet with him the 24th after coffee hour.

Nancy is in contact with someone from the Lutheran church about doing roof repairs. She plans on meeting with him sometime this week for further info.

Wayne and Clancy sign contract for our upcoming financial audit (beginning May 14).

Clancy reads Rod's letter from the Finance Committee. We plan on starting 2019 financial campaign August 1st.

Wayne leaves meeting at 12:30. June 10th is decided for next month's meeting. Clancy will clarify how many more mortgage/project payments we have left.

David expresses wish to hold picnic at Potter park for Wayne's last service. We will fill out form requesting the use of the park. Marcia and Nancy will help organize.

David distributes job description for the three new Canon Missioner positions in the Northern Central and Southern Regions of the Diocese. The Rev. Canon Valerie Ambrose, former President of the Standing Committee, will serve the Central Region and provide access to the data and processes we need to carry out our search and transition efforts.

Ella moves to adjourn. Tom seconds. Vestry adjourns.

Respectfully submitted,
Adam Baker, Vestry Clerk



May 2018 Financial Report

Below is a summary of operating fund activity through the end of April (33.33%).

Unrestricted operating fund receipts	\$ 66,813.09 (34.33% of budget)
Unrestricted operating fund expenditures	<u>76,593.95</u> (39.36% of budget)

Operating fund receipts over (under) expenditures \$ (9,780.86)

Through April, income is approximately \$1,000 above expenses. A deficit shows due to rector expenses being top heavy due to retirement in July and accelerated payments to the Goodrow Fund. I encourage parishioners to continue keeping their operating pledges and Capital Campaign contributions up to date.

Cash balances on April 30, 2018 are as follows:

Checking Account.....	\$ 36,496.68
Savings.....	\$ 36,719.07
Certificate of Deposit.....	\$ 15,635.74
Endowment Fund Investment Account.....	\$ 64,732.35

Capital Campaign funds balance on January 1, 201820,103.05

Capital Campaign funds balance on April 30, 201819,237.42

Capital Fund Activity For April:

Capital Fund Receipts	2,898.00
Bank/Credit Card Fees	(3.05)
Mortgage Principle.....	(3,911.23)
Mortgage Interest	(757.46)

Net Activity (1,773.74)

BUILDING PROJECT

Total Capitalized Expenses	442,345.51
Non-Capitalized Expenses (Bank Fees/Interest) ...	13,687.46

Subtotal456,033.17

Anticipated Expenses:

Mortgage Interest	21,581.65
Bank Fees/Credit Card.....	950.46

TOTAL PROJECT COST478,565.28

Clancy DeLong, Treasurer



ANGLICAN WORTHIES

329. Breck, James Lloyd (1818-1876) Missionary

Breck belongs to the small crew of Episcopal missionaries like Philander *Smith, who followed the settlers into Ohio after the Revolutionary War; Breck and his cohorts went farther into the Northwest Territory and settled in Wisconsin. He was born in Philadelphia and attended the Flushing Institute, a school founded by the German pastor William Augustus Muhlenberg. Every pastor who emigrated to this country in the eighteenth century was a missionary of sorts, and it was Muhlenberg who first interested Breck in mission. Breck continued his education at Penn in Philadelphia and did seminary preparation at General in New York (Fr. Wayne's school). General at that time had fallen under the influence of the *Oxford Movement, even while it was still flourishing in England, and Breck and his fellow students succumbed to its spell of ritualism and Anglo-Catholic ideals.

After graduation in 1841, Breck was ordained transitional deacon, urged also by the famous missionary bishop Jackson Kemper (1789-1870). Kemper had been ordained priest in 1835 by William *White; he was also High Church. He had traveled by horseback throughout the Northwest Territory and knew what areas were in need of the sacraments. James Griffis says that Kemper's work "derived from his belief that such a church offered a sacramental way that was essential to the Christian life," that is, a Eucharistic liturgy rather than a purely Sunday lecture.

Ordained priest in 1842, Breck, William Adams, and John Henry Hobart (1817-1889) took off for Wisconsin as missionaries to both the settlers and the native Americans. Their initial placement was Prairie Village, near Waukesha, where they built St. John's Church in the Wilderness. The next year they moved to Nashotah Lake, twenty-five miles west of Milwaukee, where they founded Nashotah House on five hundred acres of land purchased for them. Nashotah was an ambitious venture, offering theological education, evangelism, mission work, and spiritual formation. It was originally projected as a monastic order; its members wore robes and followed Benedictine rule. By 1844 it boasted forty-four students. Breck himself explored the surrounding wilderness, carrying the evangelistic message.

The monastic ideal ultimately failed, though the institution, as a High Church seminary, has continued to this day. In 1850 Breck moved on to Minnesota to serve the Ojibwas. After establishing a mission at St Paul's, he moved to La Crosse, on the Mississippi, the edge of our nation's territories at that time, and celebrated the Eucharist there. William Manross states that Breck "had trouble with the propensity of his colleagues for marriage [but] eventually. . . succumbed to that temptation himself," choosing Jane Maria Mills, a teacher at the St. Columba



Mission. At Leach Lake he opened another mission. Eight years later, with the help of Henry Whipple (1822-1901), first bishop of Minnesota, he founded another seminary, Seabury Divinity School, at Faribault. (Seabury has since merged with Bexley Hall, where Fr. Goodrow went, and Western in Chicago.) It was here that Breck earned the sobriquet, “The Apostle of the Wilderness.”

Breck finished his fifty-seven years of ministry on the west coast. In 1867 he moved to Berenice, California, accompanied by five clergy, seven candidates, and five women, where he established more educational institutions—St. Augustine’s College, a grammar school, and a divinity school. His schools did not survive, but his parishes did. He died at the age of fifty-five. He was buried there; then his remains were moved back to Nashotah House. He is observed in *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* for April 2. --hlf

Isabella Citizens for Health CEO Jennifer White and Board Chair Steven Berkshire present a plaque to **Rev Wayne Nicholson** for 6 years on the Board serving the Health needs of the residents of Isabella County.





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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:

The Rev. Wayne Nicholson, 772-1203

The Rev. Dn. Nancy Casey Fulton, 773-7193

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

2018 Vestry Officers

Sr. Warden: David Shirley: 773-3463

Jr. Warden: Nancy Herman Kinney: 989-546-5424

Treasurer: Clancy DeLong, 989-400-6546

Co-Treasurer: Lynne L'Hommedieu, 772-8340

Vestry Clerk: Adam Baker: 989-492-1626

2018 Vestry Members

Elizabeth Brockman, 989-560-8432

Tom Cochrane, 989-317-3561

Bernice Cole, 989-317-8066

Marcia David, 775-8086

Ella Jo Regan: 772-3587

Ulana Klymyshyn: 772-5 616

Eric Vinciguerra, 517-657-9196

Organists:

Dr. Moonyeen Albrecht, 828-5286

Dr. Mary Lou Nowicki, 644-2558

Choirmaster:

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