



The Evangel

**Loose Change Offering for “People Helping People” Initiative
to Benefit Soup Kitchen and Restoration House Guests
in Memory of Tim Brockman
Sunday, March 17, 2019
8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Services**

Ash Wednesday marks the second anniversary of the unexpected death of Tim Brockman, a faithful and long-time St. John's parishioner. In his memory and in keeping with Gospel teachings, you're invited to participate in a loose change offering to support the “People Helping People” initiative to benefit Isabella Community Soup Kitchen and Restoration House guests. The “People Helping People” initiative is one of Tim's legacies.

In 2015, Tim learned the Isabella Community Soup Kitchen was closed on Sundays. He responded by creating “People Helping People” (PHP), a special initiative that identifies Soup Kitchen and Restoration House guests who need a hot meal on Sunday afternoon when other social service agencies can't provide them. On any given Sunday, Tim and his staff served between 80-100 meals, which transformed Max & Emily's from an ordinary deli into a clean, well-lighted place where people were welcomed and served respectfully. PHP has served more than 8,000 meals since 2015.

Tim chose the name, “People Helping People,” in honor of the late Richard Parr. When Rich and his family spent time volunteering in the service of others, Rich would modestly say, “We're just people helping people.” That phrase deeply resonated with Tim, and it continues to resonate with Tim's family, friends, and community.

At its regular meeting on February 10, the Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church authorized a quarterly loose change offering to support the PHP initiative in 2015. The offering will be collected on the third Sunday of the month.

Thank you for your generous donation!

Faithfully yours,
Elizabeth Brockman



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

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



Jeanne Maxon	6
Richard Mower	6
David Kinney	9
Nancy Herman Kinney	20
Rayla Surfass	20
Chelsea Bloem	23
Lonnie McDuff	27
Stanley Beard	29
Diana Clapp	29
Ella Jo Regan	30
Moonyeen Albrecht	31

Daylight Savings Time!



Set your clocks **FORWARD**

one hour before bed on
Saturday, March 9th

to be on time for Sunday
morning's worship services!

The NEW 2019

Altar Flower Calendar

is posted near the back door 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 worship!



Outside the Tent

This winter is the harshest I can remember, even counting the winters of my youth in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The long weeks of seclusion—snow too deep or ice too thick to venture outside—have sent my spirits into a tailspin. And I'm not alone. Everywhere I go friends and strangers comment on the weather that holds us in thrall. I'm especially aware of the danger of this weather when Henry and I volunteer every Monday at the intake for the homeless shelter. The men, women, and children we meet are experts on the dangerous conditions that send them for a hot meal and warm bed at the church-of-the-week. Some of them have infants and toddlers in tow; some of the women are pregnant, or have recently delivered. Many of the guests are under the weather, both literally and figuratively.

I ask myself why our creator allows these harsh conditions, why this earth is both idyllic and terrifying. I have no answers, nor does science, which can explain why certain weather systems occur, but has no control over when they begin, or when they end. And so we do what we can. We welcome those who seek our help. We listen to their stories. We offer a hot drink or snack. We walk around the open space, soothing a baby's exhausted whimpering.

The first year of my retirement the winter was almost as bitter as the one we're experiencing. Every day, in January and February, I wrote haiku to celebrate the birds who came to shelter in our bushes and at our feeders. By the end of February we moved quickly into a temperate March. The birds did not visit as often, and I began to hope that nature would fulfill its promise of new growth. I offer two of them to you this cold morning in February. May they bring you solace and hope.

Cabin Fever:

The birds nourish me
through storm, cold, icy walkways:
do they long for spring?

Hope:

Birdsong this morning,
snow and ice still hold us fast:
dark earth stirs below.

Peace, Nancy



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We are a Resurrection people.

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Along with the national Episcopal Church, the Diocese of Western Michigan is asking its members to examine more closely issues related to intergroup-relations, especially racism. Many of us rarely have the opportunity to engage in conversations about this form of discrimination and how it affects our lives and the lives of our neighbors. Lent seems like a good time to step back and give some thought to these issues, as we look forward to the Resurrection and perhaps to new beginnings in our own lives.

With that in mind, the Center for Christian Spirituality at St. John's Episcopal in Mount Pleasant is sponsoring a Lenten film series called "Getting to know our neighbor". The aim is to feature films about several minority groups, starting with "Joy Luck Club". This 1993 film is based on the novel of the same name by Amy Tan about four Chinese American women and their immigrant Chinese mothers as they try to understand both their heritage and their current lives.

Come join us at 4 pm on Sunday, March 10, to watch the movie and then discuss it over a light supper of bread and a bowl of soup. The other movies in the series will follow on the Sundays of Lent through Palm Sunday on April 14. Included in the series are "Selma", "Smoke Signals", "Crash", "Nor Any Drop to Drink", and "My Family/Mi Familia". More information about each movie will be provided as we get closer to its screening date.

Because we are serving soup, we ask that you RSVP by leaving a message at 989-772-5616 by 5pm on the Thursday before the film series gathering. Please include any food restrictions.

CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

We are all seekers. The Center's mission is to provide pathways and support for all who seek to deepen their spiritual practice and understanding. Together with our many neighbors, we explore a variety of activities and experiences that stretch our understanding of the spiritual, intellectual, and communal world of religious and social gospel.



March 2019

Sunday Lay Ministry

DATE	LESSONS	PRAYERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD
March 3 Last Epiphany	8:00 a.m. Barbara Sheperdigian 10:00 a.m. Henry Fulton	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	Sharon Bolton and Laura Cochrane	Laura Cochrane and Bernice Cole	Jonathan Korpi	Pamela Dingman and Harriett White
Lectionary: Exodus 34:29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]						
March 10 1 Lent	8:00 a.m. Steven Berkshire 10:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	8:00 a.m. Carol Lauffer 10:00 a.m. Henry Fulton	Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane	Clancy and Pat DeLong	Emma Dingman	Pamela Dingman and Harriett White
Lectionary: Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Romans 10:8b-13 Luke 4:1-13 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16						
March 17 2 Lent	8:00 a.m. Candy henderson 10:00 a.m. Joan Kadler	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	David and Jennifer Dingman	David and Jennifer Dingman	Matthew Kinney	Lynne L'Hommedieu and Martha Rarick
Lectionary: Genesis 15:1-12,17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35 Psalm 27						
March 24 3 Lent	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	8:00 a.m. Carol Lauffer 10:00 a.m. Joan Kadler	Marcia David and Ulana Klymyshyn	Ford and Pamela Dingman	Adam Baker	Lynne L'Hommedieu and Martha Rarick
Lectionary: Exodus 3:1-15 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Luke 13:1- Psalm 63:1-8						
March 31 4 Lent	8:00 a.m. Carol Lauffer 10:00 a.m. Karen Varanauskas	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	Ford and Pamela Dingman	Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen	Jonathan Korpi	Lynne L'Hommedieu and Martha Rarick
Lectionary: Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Psalm 32						
April 7 5 Lent	8:00 a.m. Steven Berkshire 10:00 a.m. Jessica Vinciguerra	8:00 a.m. Carol Lauffer 10:00 a.m. Sandy Wood	Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen	David, Nancy and Matthew Kinney	Rex Dingman	Pamela Dingman and Peg Hicks
Lectionary: Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:4b-14 John 12:1-8 Psalm 126						



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Last Epiphany March 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8 a Holy Eucharist 9 a Sunday School 10 a Choral Eucharist 10 a Pine River 5 p. Holy Eucharist Emmaus 5 pm Yoga	12 Noon DOK 4 p.m. Music Meeting 5:30 a.m. EfM	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Yoga 7 p.m. Compassionate Friends	 6:30 p.m. Yoga	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Office Closed	
1 Lent 10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8 a Holy Eucharist 9 a Sunday School 10 a Choral Eucharist 10 a Pine River 11:30 Vestry Meeting 5 p Evensong 5 p. Holy Eucharist Emmaus 5 p.m. Yoga	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 4 p.m. Music Meeting 5:30 p.m. EfM	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Yoga	 6:30 p.m. Yoga	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Office Closed 5	10 am St. Demetrious Greek Orthodox Church
2 Lent 17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8 a Holy Eucharist 9 a Sunday School 10 a Choral Eucharist 5 p. Holy Eucharist Emmaus 5 p Yoga	March Evangel Deadline 4 p.m. Music Meeting 5:30 p.m. EfM	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Yoga	 6:30 p.m. Yoga	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal y Group	Office Closed	
3 Lent 24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8 a Holy Eucharist 9 a Sunday School 10 a Choral Eucharist 5 p. Holy Eucharist Emmaus 5 p Yoga	4 p.m. Music Meeting 5:30 p.m. EfM	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Yoga	 6:30 p.m. Yoga	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Office Closed	
4 Lent 31						
8 a Holy Eucharist 9 a Sunday School 10 a Choral Eucharist 5 p. Holy Eucharist Emmaus 5 p Yoga						





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



March

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

April

- 7 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 14 David, Nancy and Matthew Kinney
- 21 Ulana Klymyshyn and Lynne L'Hommedeu
- 28 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn

May

- 5 Colin, Anne and Matthew Alton
- 12 Sharon Bolton and Marcia David
- 19 Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane
- 26 David and Jennifer Dingman

Coffee Hour Hosts



March

- 3 Laura Cochrane and Bernice Cole
- 10 Clancy and Pat DeLong
- 17 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 24 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 31 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen

April

- 7 David, Nancy and Matthew Kinney
- 14 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 21 Christi Brookes, D.J. and Misha Proctor
- 28 Harriett White and Sandy Wood

May

- 5 Ralph Baber and Karen Varanauskas
- 12 Sharon Bolton and Elizabeth Brockman
- 19 Colin, Anne and Matthew Alton
- 26 Bernice Cole and Laura Cochrane

Minutes for St. John's Annual Meeting January 27th, 2019

David opens by welcoming congregation, and Diane opens with a prayers. David proposes Adam be appointed as Recording Secretary for this meeting. Congregation expresses assent, Adam is appointed.

We begin by thanking Nancy and Diane for their sacramental services in this time of transition, as well as David for his administrative leadership.

David gives updates on what the Search Committee has been doing since Wayne's retirement, mainly their organizing and commissioning and how they are preparing the first step in the search process: the Parish Self-Study.

David moves us on to election of Vestry and Delegates to Diocesan Convention. David reports that the terms of Bernice Cole, Adam Baker and Eric Vinceguerra are ending as of today. Bernice is not seeking re-election as she would like to retire. DJ Proctor has offered to stand for election to take her place. Adam and Eric are both seeking re-election. Tim Hartshorne moves that Eric, Adam and DJ be elected to Vestry, Eric seconds. Congregation expresses assent without anyone opposing.

David and Lara Raisanen are nominated as Diocesan Convention delegates, Nancy Herman-Kinney and Jen Dingman are nominated to be alternates. Tim moves that the nominees be accepted by acclimation, Eric seconds. Congregation approves.

David directs us to the meeting minutes for the 2018 annual meeting and asks if there are any changes anyone wants to change. Lara moves we approve 2018 minutes, Eric seconds. Congregation approves. David turns to Clancy for the financial report. Clancy presents the financial report and 2019 budget. There is a budget surplus from the lack of a rector which could be used to replace the roof. Chase asks if we will be using any funds to update the software on the parish computer. Lara wonders if which software we have might affect transitioning to a new rector, because a new rector may have a different preference for software. David reminds us that a new rector would need to work with the vestry for any changes. Eric moves we treasurer's report, Tim seconds. Congregation approves.

David reports that our by-laws state that the annual meeting must be held within the first 3 weeks of January. David calls for the next meeting be held January 19th, 2020.

Diane closes with a prayer and blessing.

Minutes for Vestry Meeting January 27, 2019.

Present are Adam Baker (clerk), Clancy DeLong, Nancy Herman-Kinney, Marcia David, Tom Cochrane, Ulana Klymyshyn, DJ Proctor, Harriett White, David Shirley.

Tom moves that David be re-elected as Senior Warden, Nancy be re-elected as Junior Warden, and Adam be re-elected as Clerk. Ella seconds, Vestry approves. Vestry adjourns.

Faithfully submitted,
Adam Baker, Vestry Clerk

VestVestry minutes for February 10, 2019.

Present were Adam Baker (clerk), DJ Proctor, David Shirley, Ulana Klymyshyn, Ella Jo Regan, Tom Cochrane, Eric Vinceguerra, Clancy DeLong, Marcia David.

Ulana opened with a prayer. David and Vestry welcomed DJ. Vestry approved minutes from January meeting.

Adam reported that Search Committee has created subcommittees to begin the self-study for parish and community. All activities are in the early stages, with more updates to come.

Ella Jo moved Vestry accepts extending Diane and Nancy's letters of agreement, now dated up to April 30th (last day of April). Marcia seconded, Vestry approved.

David asked Vestry members if they had taken either of the "safeguarding God's people" or "safeguarding God's children" training.

David reported that Liz Brockman proposed that local churches do a "loose change Sunday" to raise money to help Max and Emily's to continue serving dinner on Sundays. David tentatively suggested the second or third week of March. Ulana moved that St. John's holds a "loose change Sunday" the third Sunday in March to support Max and Emily's to continue serving dinner on Sundays, and that we repeat it quarterly. Eric seconded. Vestry approved.

David suggested postponing the software update discussion until next meeting, Clancy did not object.

David reported that Saturday March 2nd is the Bishop's regional Workshop in Grand Rapids. It runs from 10-3 that day and lunch is provided. If you are interested, please tell David soon so he can register people.



Clancy completed the financial report. We should be at 8.3% of our budget, we are at 7.9% which is not a big deal. Clancy indicated that the finance committee is looking for suggestions and direction from the Vestry into retiring the mortgage debt. No suggestions or action was taken. The final tally for the Arty Party was \$4,223.34. Tom suggested that the money from the Arty Party go in it's own line item in the budget to remind us what it was intended for.

David reported that next Vestry meeting will be Sunday March 10th at 11:45. Adam moved Vestry adjourn, Ella Jo seconded. Vestry adjourned.

Faithfully submitted,
Adam Baker

Parish House Silverware

It has come to our attention that the church's silverware has become very limited. Originally there were four boxes each filled with extra spoons, knives, dinner forks and salad forks. There are still some extra knives in one of the boxes but the other boxes are empty. If anyone has any idea where these may have been stored or if they were borrowed please let the church office know or Nancy Kinney, Marcia David or Pamela Dingman.

January 2019 Financial Report

Below is a summary of operating fund activity through the end of January (8.33%).

Unrestricted operating fund receipts \$ 14,586.61 (7.95% of budget)
 Unrestricted operating fund expenditures 14,712.99 (8.02% of budget)

Operating fund receipts over (under) expenditures\$ (126.38)

Income and expenses are as anticipated through January. The finance committee will be meeting in February to initiate plans to reduce the mortgage. If you have suggestions, please share them with a vestry member.

As always, please make sure that your pledges and Capital Fund gifts are up to date.

Cash balances on January 31, 2019 are as follows:

Checking Account\$ 86,258.32
 Savings\$ 26,731.02
 Certificate of Deposit\$ 15,718.04
 Endowment Fund Investment Account.....\$ 64,400.14

Capital Campaign funds balance on January 1, 2019 . 16,235.68

Capital Campaign funds balance on January 31, 2019 14,178.99

Capital Fund Activity For January:

Capital Fund Receipts2,616.25
 Interest Income0.00
 Bank/Credit Card Fees (4.25)
 Mortgage Principle (4,024.96)
 Mortgage Interest (643.73)

Net Activity (2,056.69)

BUILDING PROJECT

Total Capitalized Expenses442,345.71
 Non-Capitalized Expenses (Bank Fees/Interest)19,670.46

Subtotal.....462,016.17

Anticipated Expenses:

Mortgage Interest13,000.85
 Bank Fees/Credit Card893.90

TOTAL PROJECT COST475,910.92

Clancy DeLong, Treasurer

**ANGLICAN WORTHIES**

340. Arnold, Matthew (1822-1888)
Poet & essayist (pt. iv)

February 2019

Arnold's last volume of poetry, *New Poems*, came out in 1867. It is a splendid collection, somewhat plain in style, more like the ancient Greek poetry he lectured on at Oxford. The tone has not changed, however; the pieces contain a melancholy grandeur. "Early Death and Fame" praise early death because that avoids disenchantment. "Growing Old" tells us that

It is to spend long days
And not once feel that we were even young;
It is to add, immured
In the hot prison of the present, month
To month with weary pain.

Arnold is the author of one of three of the great elegies in honor of a deceased poet, the others being Milton's "Lycidus," in memory of Edward King and Shelley's "Adonais," in memory of Keats. Arnold's "Thyrsis," cast in the neo-classical convention of a deceased shepherd, was in memory of his great friend of Oxford years, Arthur Hugh Clough (1819-1861). Like "The Scholar Gypsy" it is a dirge that remembers when men spent at Oxford, where Arnold continued to feel "grounded" (not Rugby), the place that Clough had vacated, so to speak, and made other life-choices that did not seem to work out. The poem tried to bring Clough back while admitting that the landscape they loved to walk through is no longer there, except the Fyfield elm. "Then thou art gone, and me thou leavest here." It is a long poem, in the demanding Spenserian stanza.

Yes, thou art gone! And round me too the night
In ever-nearing circle weaves her shade.
I see her veil draw soft across the day,
I feel her slowly chilling breath invade
The cheek grown thin, the brown hair sprent with grey;
I feel her finger light
Laid peacefully upon life's headlong train;
The foot less prompt to meet the morning dew,
The heart less bounding at emotion new,
And hope, once crushed, less quick to spring again.

"Rugby Chapel is a lengthy poem in memory of his father. Arnold refers to his father as the famous headmaster of Rugby, not as priest or historian.

Yes! I believe that there lived
Others like thee in the past
Not like the men of the crowd
Who all round me today
Bluster or cringe, and make life
Hideous, and arid, and vile;
But souls tempered with fire,
Fervent, heroic, and good,
Helpers and friends of mankind.



Arnold's "Dover Beach" is in my view the outstanding poem of the Victorian period, greater than Tennyson's "Ulysses." But Arnold had come to realize that as long as he was working for the Education Department, he could not continue to write poetry. The writing of poetry, he said, "demands not merely an effort and a labor, but an actual tearing oneself to pieces." His life had become prophecy; like Carlyle, who died in 1881, Arnold's life became the prose of prophecy. And in this regard he ceased to write about himself and connected more with what he saw in the lives of others.

"Dover Beach"

The sea is calm tonight.
The tide is full, the moon lies fair
Upon the straights;--on the French coast the light
Gleams and is gone; the cliffs of England stand,
Glimmering and vast, out in the tranquil; bay
Come to the window, sweet is the night air!

Only, from the long line of spray
Where the sea meets the moon-blanch'd land,
Listen! You hear the grating road
Of the pebbles when the waves draw back, and fling
At their return, up the high strand,
Begin, and cease, and then again begin,
With tremulous cadence slow, and bring
The eternal note of sadness in.

Sophocles long ago
Hear it on the AEGæan, and it brought
Into his mind the turbid ebb and flow
Of human misery; we
Find also in the sound a thought,
Hearing it by this distant northern sea.

The Sea of Faith
Was once, too, at the full, and round earth's shore
Lay like the folds of a bright girdle furled.
But now I only hear
Its melancholy, long, withdrawing roar,
Retreating, to the breath
Of the night-wind, down the vast edges drear
And naked shingles of the world.

Ah, love, let us be true
To one another! For the world, which seems
To lie before us like a land of dreams,
So various, so beautiful, so new,
Hath really neither joy, nor love, nor light,
Nor certitude, nor peace, nor help for pain,
And we are here as on a darkling plain
Swept with confused alarms of struggle and flight,
Where ignorant armies clash by night. (c. 1851)

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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.

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

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

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