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LENTEN CONVERSATIONS SPONSORED BY THE CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY

Let's come together over a bowl of hearty soup to continue the conversation we started last year about our visions for St. John's future.

We will meet on the Sundays of Lent between 6:00 and 7:30 pm in the Parish House beside a warm fire. Soup and bread will be provided, and Ella Regan is bringing homemade cookies.

Our **first meeting is on March 1st** and will give us a chance to get to know one another better by sharing something others might not know about ourselves, what brought us to St. John's, and what keeps us coming to St. John's.

After our first meeting, we might decide on a different set of topics; but for now, possible topics include:

March 8: increasing our membership; what might a diverse congregation look like?

March 15: we agree that spiritual leadership and pastoral care are the two main expectations of a rector; what do those mean to you?

March 22: what has been your spiritual journey and how has it been supported at St. John's, especially by the liturgy and the music?

March 29: what makes a sermon political rather than providing a scriptural context for understanding what goes on outside the red doors of our church? PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL MEET AT EMMAUS.

April 5: Palm Sunday: St. John's role in the community? What would you change about St. John's to make it even better?

Please SIGN-UP on the sign-up sheets in the narthex or let Ulana Klymyshyn know at klymylau@cmich.edu or 989-772-5616 (just leave a message). You can of course just come on any Sunday, but we would like to know how much soup to order. Also please indicate whether you need transportation.



Remember Our Homebound Members

Stop by to visit or drop a card to our parish members who are homebound.

Alma Dickerson

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772-2516.



Jeanne Maxon	6
David Kinney	9
Nancy Herman Kinney	20
Chelsea Bloem	23
Diana Clapp	29
Ella Jo Regan	30
Moonyeen Albrecht	31

Parish House Kitchen Linens

If you took the kitchen towels and dish cloths home to wash after Coffee Hour, we do appreciate that!

However...you need to remember to return them to the kitchen as soon as you



can! We want to be sure that our next Hosts have fresh, clean linens when they are needed! Thank you!

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.



The 2020 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! Thank you!



Outside the Tent

When my son Charlie was in fifth grade (I think!), I accompanied his class to see the AIDS Quilt at Finch Fieldhouse on the CMU campus. It was a deeply moving experience. Two years later I was invited to speak at the opening of a portion of the AIDS Quilt on campus, and I was inspired to write the poem that follows. I submitted it for possible inclusion in *Lifting Women's Voices: Prayers To Change the World*, a book of prayers and poems reflecting on the Millennial Development Goals. My poem was chosen for that book, which was published in 2009, and debuted at the General Convention that summer. It brings back many memories, many emotions. And so I share it with you.

Nancy

On Viewing the AIDS Quilt with My Son's Fifth-Grade Class

They jostle down the sidewalk,
kicking dried leaves and one another's ankles,
reveling in their brief escape
into the pungent autumn afternoon.
At the door to the fieldhouse they form a jagged line,
then push onto the old wooden floor,
now spread from end to end with fabric squares,
fragile tributes to bodies and minds wasted away,
as by a plague.

They snake their way through the display,
their steps slowing to study each square—

a lace-edged baptismal gown
and a pair of tiny booties
framing a baby's smiling face

a mother's appliquéd tribute to her son,
who walked alone on withered legs
one hot summer day



the two blocks to the funeral home
to arrange his final rites

a rainbow at the center of a collage,
snapshots and mementos of a lifetime of hopes
crowded into thirty-seven years—

all underscored, as on a tombstone,
by the years of birth and death.

The line grows quiet,
the students drawn into a sadness
too deep to express.
For a breathless hour they weave along,
sometimes bending to touch an image,
noting with solemn eyes the symbols,
the names, the dates,
until they emerge again into the autumn sunlight,
walking quickly, feet scuffing the dry leaves,
down the street leading back to the dull safety
of their young lives.

DCDI – Diocesan Church Development Institute – is a leadership program of The Episcopal Church sponsored by the Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan which aims to *develop leaders, strengthen congregations, and transform the world.*

Its purpose is to help participants develop the skills and tools to become leaders who can help their parishes adapt and grow for service to their communities in an ever-changing world. Members of St. John's (Ulana Klymyshyn, Nancy Herman Kinney, Sandy Wood, and Sr. Diane Stier) have been participating since last May's *Invite, Welcome, Connect* gathering. All the gatherings are held at St. John's, Midland – nearly at our back door! Beginning on February 29, Ella Jo Regan has graciously agreed to take Sandy Wood's place on the St. John's team. "Thank you!" to Sandy for her service – and to all for their willingness to be a part of this program that will continue through all of next year as well.



Watch for Easter Basket Items Sign Up Lists!

In the next couple of weeks, the items needed for Easter Baskets will be posted in the Narthex of the Church! Each year St. John's provides Easter Baskets for six needy families and twelve candy baskets for children. Please find the items you would like to contribute on the list and sign up to provide those items. Monetary donations should be clearly marked "Easter Baskets" and may be placed in the collection plate. **Please have ALL donations in by MONDAY, APRIL 6th!**

Easter Flowers

For those who would like to contribute money to provide flowers and/or special music for Easter Sunday, please use this form to designate your contribution. The donations may be made in memory of loved ones, in thanksgiving, or to honor a special blessing. Contributions will be acknowledged in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Contributions may be placed in the Sunday offering plate and must be in the church office on or before **MONDAY, APRIL 6!**



I would like to contribute Easter flowers.

I do so in honor _____ in thanksgiving _____ in in memory: _____ of:
PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

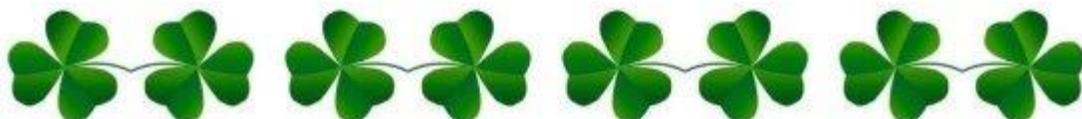
Contribution given by:



March 2020

Sunday Lay Ministry

Date	Readers	Chalice and Prayers	Greeters	Coffee Hour Hosts	Acolyte	Altar Guild
March 1 1 Lent	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Joan Kadler	8:00 a.m. Carol Lauffer 10:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	David, Nancy and Matthew Kinney	Ford and Pamela Dingman	Emma Dingman	Pamela Dingman and Harriett White
Lectionary	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11					
March 8 2 Lent	8:00 a.m. Judy Wagley 10:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Joan Kadler	Ulana Klymyshyn and Lynne L'Hommedieu	Mary Kiesgen and Lynne L'Hommedieu	Rex Dingman	Pamela Dingman and Harriett White
Lectionary	Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 121 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 John 3:1-17					
March 15 3 Lent	8:00 a.m. Barbara S. 10:00 a.m. Karen V.	8:00 a.m. Candy H. 10:00 a.m. Sandy Wood	Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn	D.J. Proctor and Xhristi Brookes	Matthew Kinney	Pamela Dingman and Harriett White
Lectionary	Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Romans 5:1-11 John 4:5-42					
March 22 4 Lent	8:00 a.m. Candy H. 10:00 a.m. Jessica Vinciguerra	8:00 a.m. Carol Lauffer 10:00 a.m. Henry Fulton	Mary Kiesgen and Sandy Wood	Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn	Adam Baker	Lynne L'Hommedieu and Martha Rarick
Lectionary	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Psalm 23 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41					
March 29 5 Lent	8:00 a.m. Carol Lauffer 10:00 a.m. Sandy Wood	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	Colin, Anne and Matthew Alton	Harriett White and Sandy Wood	Emma Dingman	Lynne L'Hommedieu and Martha Rarick
Lectionary	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 130 Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45					
April 5 Palm Sunday	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Anne Alton	8:00 a.m. Candy H. 10:00 a.m. Joan Kadler	Sharon Bolton and Marcia David	Colin, Anne and Matthew Alton	Rex Dingman	Pamela Dingman
Lectionary	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 Philippians 2:5-11 Matthew 26:14- 27:66					





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 LENT 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Holy Eucharist, said 9 Sunday School 10 Choral Eucharist 10 Pine River Friends 5 pm Jack O'Brien Recital 6 p.m Lenten Series	12 Noon Daughter of the King 6 p..m. EfM	Secretary gone to March 16 7 p.m. Compassionate Froemds	6:30 p.m. Yoga	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. ChoirRehearsal	Office Closed	10 a.m. St. Demitros Greek Orthodox Church
2 LENT 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8 Holy Eucharist, sa 9 Sunday School 10 Choral Eucharist 10 Pine River Friends Vestry Meeting 6 p.m Lenten Series	9:30 am Staff Meeting 6 p..m. EfM	Michigan Presidential Primary VOTE	6:30 p.m. Yoga	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. ChoirRehearsal	Office Closed	
3 LENT 15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8 Holy Eucharist, sa 9 Sunday School 10 Choral Eucharist 10 Pine River Friends 11:30 Search Committee 6 p.m Lenten Series	6 p.m. EfM	St. Patrick's Day 10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Yoga	6:30 p.m. Yoga	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. ChoirRehearsal	Office Closed	
4LENT 22	23	24	25	26	27	
8 Holy Eucharist, said 9 Sunday School 10 Choral Eucharist 10 Pine River Friends 6 p.m Lenten Series	April Evangel Deadline 6 p.m. EfM	10 a.m. Tai Chi	6:30 p.m. Yoga	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. ChoirRehearsal	Office Closed	
5 LENT 29	30	31				
8 Holy Eucharist, said 9 Sunday School 10 Choral Eucharist 10 Pine River Friends 5 Potluck and Eucharist at Emmas 6 p.m Lenten Series	6 p.m. EfM	10 a.m. Tai Chi				



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



March

- 1 David, Nancy and Matthew Kinney
- 8 Ulana Klymysyn and Lynne L'Hommedieu
- 15 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 22 Mary Kiesgen and Sandy Wood
- 29 Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton

April

- 5 Sharon Bolton and Marcia David
- 12 Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane
- 19 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 26 Ford and Pamela Dingman

May

- 3 Mary Kiesgen and Ulana Klymyshyn
- 10 David, Nancy and Matthew Kinney
- 17 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 24 Lynne L'Hommedieu and Sandy Wood
- 31 Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton

Coffee Hour Hosts



March

- 1 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 8 Mary Kiesgen and Lynne L'Hommedieu
- 15 D J Proctor and Christi Brookes
- 22 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 29 Harriett White and Sandy Wood

April

- 5 Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton
- 12 Sharon Bolton and Elizabeth Brockman
- 19 Clancy and Pat DeLong
- 26 David and Jennifer Dingman

May

- 3 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 10 Mary Kiesgen and Lynne L'Hommedieu
- 17 D.J. Proctor and Christi Brookes
- 24 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 31 Harriett White and Sandy Wood



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St. John's Vestry Minutes February 9, 2020

Present: Adam Baker(clerk), D.J. Proctor, Marcia David, Nancy Herman-Kinney, Ulana Klymyshyn, Ella Jo Regan, David Shirley, Diane Stier (guest), Tom Cochrane, Harriett White, Eric Vinciguerra

Diane opened with a prayer. David thanked the Vestry for their cooperation and guidance during the Annual Meeting.

Eric moved that Vestry approve both sets of minutes, Harriet seconded. Vestry approved. David explained the Office of Transition Ministry (OTM) form sent from the Bishop's Office.

Ella moved that Vestry approve the amended Rector Profile, Parish Profile, and Community Profile. Tom seconded. Vestry approved.

David reported on the acoustic work in the Parish House and the need to revoice the piano.

Ulana reported on her work on planning a Lenten series of "cottage meetings" of 10-12 people each to discuss our vision for the future of St. John's.

Nancy completed her Buildings and Grounds report. She has contacted a company to replace the aluminum pole on the state historical marker for a cost of \$390. Tom moved that Vestry replace the aluminum pole on the historical marker. Ulana seconded. Vestry approved. Nancy also reported that she is looking for a mason to fix the piece of concrete missing from the front steps, and she had a few names in mind. No real work can be started on it until spring.

Marcia mentioned that she had been approached by 8 o'clock parishioners about the sounds of choir warming up disrupting the service. Diane observed that she was not giving the sermon by the time the choir started warming up. Vestry suggested parishioners as well as choir be reminded that 8:45 a.m. is the start time for warm-up.

Ella reported that she would have names for the Easter baskets soon.

David reported some highlights from Clancy's Financial Report. We are at 8.33% of the budget so far for this year.

Diane reported that there will be a diocesan Leadership Day regional meeting in Lansing this year, and that it is a good chance to see what is going on outside of our parish.

David reported that he would like St. John's to host a 'Protecting God's Children' and 'Protecting God's People' training session in late spring. He will contact the Bishop's office.

Eric moved Vestry adjourn, Nancy seconded. Vestry adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Adam Baker, Clerk



January 2020 Financial Report

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

Unrestricted operating fund receipts	\$ 12,361.44 (7.25% of budget)
Unrestricted operating fund expenditures	10,911.34 (6.4%% of budget)
Operating fund receipts over (under) expenditures	\$ 1,450.10

Please verify that your 2020 Operating Fund and Capital Fund pledges are up to date. Contact Pamela Dingman if you would like to make a pledge to our 2020 Operating Fund.

Cash balances on January 31, 2020 are as follows:

Checking Account.....	\$ 73,351.78
Savings.....	\$ 26,744.38
Certificate of Deposit.....	\$ 15,871.13
Endowment Fund Investment Account.....	\$ 82,136.78

Capital Campaign funds balance on January 1, 2020	25,197.75
Capital Campaign funds balance on January 31, 2020	23,826.01

Capital Fund Activity For January:

Capital Fund Receipts	3,296.95
Interest Income.....	0.00
Bank/Credit Card Fees.....	0.00
Mortgage Principle.....	(4,217.45)
Mortgage Interest.....	(451.24)
Net Activity	(1,371.74)

BUILDING PROJECT

Total Capitalized Expenses	442,345.71
Non-Capitalized Expenses (Bank Fees/Interest) ...	25,981.62

Subtotal468,327.33

Anticipated Expenses:	
Mortgage Interest	6,689.69
Bank Fees/Credit Card	893.90

TOTAL PROJECT COST475,910.92

Outstanding mortgage balance as of January 31, 2020.....114,127.82

Clancy DeLong, Treasurer
St. John's Episcopal Church



ANGLICAN WORTHIES

354. Patteson, John Coleridge (1827-1871)

Bishop of Melasia

Unlike many Worthies, Patteson was not born into an ecclesiastical family but was the son of a judge in Devonshire. He was raised by his mother's family before matriculating to Eton. His biographer, W.H. Fremantle, says that Patteson "was an undistinguished scholar, but he was captain of the cricket eleven and showed much strength of character." Then Balliol, by that time the most intellectually prominent college at Oxford. Again, he was unremarkable in his studies, but made the acquaintance of Benjamin *Jowett, the controversial academic who edited *Essays and Reviews* (1855) and translated Plato, as well as other Fellows who became lifelong friends.

After his degree in 1849 Patteson traveled in Switzerland and Italy. He picked up German in Dresden and began to study Hebrew and Arabic, the traditional "oriental" languages; he seemed adept at languages. He returned to England in 1852 and became a Fellow (an unmarried scholar, entitled to live in college), not at Balliol, but at Merton; the following year he was ordained curate at Alfington, near where he grew up.

Patteson's career changed dramatically when George Augustus Selwyn (1809-1878), Bishop of New Zealand, visited the parish. He was looking for mission help; Patteson had become well known. Patteson was immediately drawn to this remote opportunity, becoming Selwyn's missionary chaplain. This reminds one of that missionary hymn, "I, the Lord of sea and sky," in the refrain of which, the Lord asks, "Whom shall I send?" and the response is, "Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord? I will go, Lord, if you lead me."

Patteson was to work in the island cluster of Melanesia, lying east of Australia, where in 1849 Selwyn had begun a scheme to take young boys, with their parents' consent, to a mission school in the New Zealand for a year. These islands were what in World War II we called the Solomons. The natives could be found in New Caledonia and eastern New Guinea. In her book, *Sea People* (2019), Christina Thompson explains that the islands of Melanesia are not Polynesians, such as are found in Tonga, and such distant places as the Maori of New Zealand, Hawaii, and even Easter Island. The Polynesians are sailors, the Melanesians not.

Patteson, working from New Zealand, assisted in Selwyn's venture. For a while he lived on some of the islands. At the school he taught "the rudiments of Western Knowledge and the Christian religion," which, it was hoped, they would share with their families back home. Fremantle says, "Patteson refused to regard the Melanesians as an inferior race. His pupils appreciated his attitude, and his remarkable linguistic powers greatly aided him." There were many languages among the islands. Patteson chose one to master, and it was used in the school.



In 1861 Patteson was consecrated Bishop of Melanesian Islands. At first the mission school flourished, and in two years he was assisted by others. As newly ordained clergy are apt to do, Fremantle says, Patteson “worked incessantly from dawn until night, teaching, organizing, and conducting divine worship.” He decided God’s work was too urgent and demanding to marry. Good with languages, he learned a bit of twenty of the island languages, translating parts of scripture into the Mota tongue. Of Melanesian languages generally, he wrote:

[It is] very poor in respect of words belonging to civilized and literary and religious life, but exceedingly rich in all that pertains to the needs and habits of men circumstanced as they are. . . . [Therefore] don’t devise modes of expression unknown to the language at present in use. They can’t understand, and therefore don’t use words to express definitions.

It should be noted that throughout his brief ministry he made few converts to Christianity, but he believed his educational efforts could improve their way of living—and by this it seems to me that he meant the moral and ethical. In other words, he did not believe the role of mission was to “denominalize” the natives but change their island heritage as little as possible. In 1868 he ordained his first Melanesian clergyman.

But the fate of the island mission was threatened by European traders who needed labor in the sugar plantations of Fiji and the Australian mainland. Melanesian natives were willing to go to these locations a few years for the pay. This absenteeism threatened to undermine the educational component of Patteson’s ministry. Fremantle says that Patteson wisely refrained from criticizing this trade, but he felt it needed regulation by the Crown.

On occasion Patteson’s life was in danger, as some of the natives were not entirely sympathetic with his work. On September of 1871 he visited the island of Nukayu in the Santa Cruz group. He was familiar with the area, having been there several times, so he believed he was safe. However he and his mission colleagues ashore were stunned by “a flight of arrows” and mortally wounded. Signs on their bodies indicated that they had been attacked by natives in retaliation for the abduction of five natives by European planters for a sugar plantation, a plot they had nothing to do with. The bishop was buried at sea.

Members of the mission urged that there be no retaliation, but later in the year a British naval officer came to Nukapu to investigate the incident and was received with hostility. He ordered a bombardment of the island. Back home the government rushed through Parliament the Pacific Islanders Protection Act to regulate the use of island labor. Patteson was memorialized by his college, and a memorial cross was erected at Nukapu in 1884.

In 1872 the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel requested a day to memorialize Patteson’s martyrdom, and *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* designates September 22 as Patteson’s day of honor and remembrance.

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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.

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

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