



The St. John's Evangel

May, 2018

My brother and sisters,

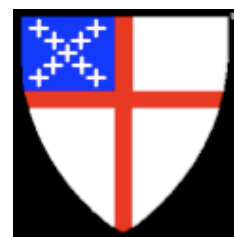
Yes. I truly (as of April 26, 2018) believe Spring has arrived! And while there is certainly still the possibility of a nighttime frost (I am mindful of the admonition to avoid planting anything until after Mothers' Day) the arrival of warmer, sunnier weather has a profound affect on my mood – possibly on yours, as well.

The arrival of Spring after a dreadful (but not the worst) and, it seemed, prolonged winter (there are still piles of dirty snow in grocery store parking lots...), reminds me that our Creator blesses us with the yearly seasons. And, coming right after Easter, I am reminded that we are, with Creation, a Resurrection People. Flowers appear, trees bud, the grass takes on its lovely greens, and we, as a community of faith, renew our optimism that even in the context of a very broken world there is hope.

At least that's how it works for me.

I love this parish!

In Christ,
Wayne+





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.



David Blackburn	5
Dick Wood	7
Jacob Hartshorne	10
Kathryn Wills	14
Patricia Claussen	16
Candy Henderson	17
Don Schurr	18
Katie (Brockman) Hodgkins	19
Yvette Crandall	20
Ulana Klymyshyn	28
Emily Scott Shaffer	29
Joan Kadler	31



Rod Leslie & Marian Matyn	23
Robert & Olivia Ohler	28

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!

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

*For those who suffer for your sake,
and for those who do harm in your name.*

We hear these words every Sunday in the Prayers of the People, and yet I wonder how often we stop to think about their meaning. When I first began writing prayers for worship, I hesitated to name those who injure others in God's name, even though I believe they need our prayers as much as those who suffer for their faith. The first Sunday that I broadened that petition I was sure I would have to answer questions about my "outrageous" act. No such thing happened, and so I have cruised on these many years, assuming that the congregation shares my belief that God loves all of creation, and that we, as a result, must pray for both friend and foe.

In the early days of the Church, when Christians were under siege from the Roman authorities, Paul warned his readers not to "repay anyone with evil for evil," but to remember God's admonition that "vengeance is mine, I will repay. . . ." (Romans 12: 17, 19). Through the centuries Christians have often forgotten this wisdom, destroying those they considered mortal enemies to "the faith."

- The Crusades (1058-1291) attempted to convert Islamic peoples, an effort that we live with yet today. (To my shame, my Catholic high school's nickname was "Crusaders." How could the adults who chose that name not realize its terrible baggage?)
- Joan of Arc was burned at the stake in 1431 for being a "witch," because she had visions of various saints who urged her to go to battle dressed in the garb of a boy. In the early days of the English colonies in America, women who were thought to be "witches" were martyred. This also happened under severe Presbyterian rule in Scotland around the same time. Julian of Norwich (c. 1342-1416), who also had visions, escaped such a fate, probably because she was cloistered in the modest robes appropriate to a woman of her generation.
- The Spanish Inquisition (1478-1834) attempted to convert—or destroy—Jews and Muslims in the Iberian Peninsula. Eventually they expanded their target to Protestants.
- The wars that erupted in Europe during the Protestant Reformation (1517-1648) shattered families and countries as each side claimed the "correct" interpretation of the teaching of Jesus. One of my Bohemian ancestors, James Kadlec, who settled in Wisconsin in the nineteenth century, would not allow a minister—especially not a Catholic priest—in the "Kadlec Cemetery," which the family built for its own use. The family believed that James was deeply affected by the stories of the death of Jan Hus, the Bohemian reformer who was burned at the stake in 1415.



So, here we are, many years down the road that Jesus inspired us to follow. It has been a rough road, and the miles ahead don't always look much better. Despite the liberalization of many denominations, we still see churches who shun or excommunicate members for their beliefs, or churches like the Westboro Baptist Church, which proclaims that "God hates fags," and so harasses mourners at military funerals because of the government's openness to a diverse group of men and women. And the Islamic world, stinging, after all these years, from the atrocities of the Inquisition and the Crusades, sends suicide bombers to destroy Christian infidels.

Most every day we read of another horror perpetrated on innocent people in the name of God. We can scarcely protect ourselves from such irrational behavior. But I do believe we can—and must—pray for those who inflict pain from their mistaken understanding of God's word. Our faith tells us that God loves them, just as much as God loves us. Vengeance belongs to God—and not to us—and so our duty must be to pray for those who use their belief in God to justify their violence. This is not easy, but it is essential to the spiritual health of all who profess to believe in God's love.

Peace, Nancy

Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday, June 24 10:00 a.m.

The Visitation of Bishop Wayne Hougland followed by a St. John's Picnic!!



Please Take Note!

Beginning Sunday, June 3

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



May 2018

Sunday Lay Ministry

DATE	LESSONS	PRAYERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD
May 6 6 Easter	8:00 a.m. Steven Berkshire 10:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	Lynne L'Hommedieu and Marcia Davidd	Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn	Adam Baker	Pamela Dingman and Harriett White
Lectionary: Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17						
May 13 6 Easter	8:00 a.m. Jim Thurston 10:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Joan Kadler	Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn	Christi Brookes, D.J. and Misha Proctor	Matthew Kinney	Pamela Dingman and Harriett White
Lectionary: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19						
May 20 Pentecost Sunday	8:00 a.m. Barbara Sheperdigian 10:00 a.m. Carol Lauffer	8:00 a.m. Jim Thurston 10:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton	Ralph Baber and Karen Varanauskas	Emma Dingman	Lynne L'Hommedieu and Martha Rarick
Lectionary: Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:25-35, 37 Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15						
May 27 Trinity Sunday	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Karen Varanauskas	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Sandy Wood	Sharon Bolton and Laura Cochrane	Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton	Rex Dingman	Lynne L'Hommedieu and Martha Rarick
Lectionary: Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17						
June 3 Pentecost 2	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						





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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL 29, 2018 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Sunday School 10am Choral Eucharist 5pm Evensong Celebrating Spring 5pm Holy Eucharist, Pot Luck at Emmaus	30 4pm Music Meeting 5:30pm EfM	MAY 1 ST PHILIP AND ST JAMES, APOSTLES <i>Fr. Wayne at Deanery</i> 10am T'ai Chi 5:30pm Yoga 7pm Compassionate Friends	2 Noon Eucharist	3 10am T'ai Chi 5:30pm Choir	4 <i>Office Closed</i>	5
6 EASTER VI 8am Holy Eucharist 9am Sunday School 10am Choral Eucharist 11:30am Vestry 5pm Holy Eucharist at Emmaus	7 Noon Daughters of the King 4pm Music Meeting 5:30pm EfM	8 10am T'ai Chi 5:30pm Yoga	9 <i>Fr. Wayne with The Bishop this afternoon</i>	10 9:30am Staff Meeting 10am T'ai Chi 5:30pm Choir	11 <i>Office Closed</i>	12
13 MOTHERS' DAY 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Sunday School 10am Choral Eucharist 5pm Holy Eucharist at Emmaus	14 4pm Music Meeting 5:30pm EfM	15 10am T'ai Chi 5:30pm Yoga	16	17 10am T'ai Chi 5:30pm Choir <i>Fr. Wayne Away to May 30</i>	18 <i>Office Closed</i>	19 <i>10am-2pm Isabella Fiber Guild in Parish House</i>
20 PENTECOST 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Sunday School 10am Choral Eucharist 5pm Holy Eucharist at Emmaus <i>Fr. Wayne Away</i>	21 <i>Evangel Deadline</i> 4pm Music Meeting 5:30pm EfM	22 10am T'ai Chi 5:30pm Yoga	23	24 10am T'ai Chi 5:30pm Choir	25 <i>Office Closed</i>	26



<p>27 TRINITY 8 am Holy Eucharist 9am Sunday School 10am Choral Eucharist <i>Fr. Wayne Away</i> 5pm Pot Luck and Holy Eucharist at Emmaus</p>	<p>28 <i>Memorial Day Office Closed</i> 5:30pm EfM</p>	<p>29 10am T'ai Chi 5:30pm Yoga</p>	<p>30 Noon Eucharist</p>	<p>31 10am T'ai Chi 5:30pm Choir</p>	<p>JUNE 1 <i>Office Closed</i></p>	<p>2 REMEMBER Fundraiser Flute Recital</p>
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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



May

- 6 Lynne L'Hommedieu and Marcia David
- 13 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 20 Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton
- 27 Sharon Bolton and Laura Cochrane

May

- 6 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 13 D. J. and Misha Proctor and Christi Brookes
- 20 Ralph Baber and Karen Varanauskas
- 27 Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton

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 Lynne 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 Barbara Sheperdigian and Alice Ciccu



**St. John's Episcopal Church
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Vestry minutes for April 8, 2018**

Present are Adam Baker, Clancy DeLong, Marcia David, Nancy Kinney, Liz Brockman, Wayne Nicholson, Ulana Klymyshym, Bernice Cole, Tom Cochrane.

Marcia moves to approve March minutes, Nancy seconds. Vestry approves March minutes.

Clancy begins financial report. Overall, church finances are good and relatively stable going into summer. After next months' payment, our balance on mortgage will be below \$200,000. It was \$1500 to retrofit panic bars on doors, which is the final expense for building project. Total projected building cost is about \$480,000. Clancy reports that Dorothy Howard will get in touch with him toward end of April to complete our audit. Clancy estimates audit with Dorothy will cost around \$5,000. He suspects beginning of May will be about when audit will probably start. Wayne reports cleaning service is requesting an increase to \$100 a week from our current rate of \$70 a week. Clancy asks if the scope of their job has increased, Wayne replies that there is more floor space after building project. Marcia and Wayne report that they are satisfied and happy with their performance so far.

Marcia moves that when Clancy meets with his financial committee, he will discuss if it is financially feasible for church to give cleaning service their requested raise. Marcia expresses support for giving them raise. Liz seconds, Vestry approves.

Vestry expresses gratitude to Clancy for completing financial report during his busiest season.

Wayne reports Sister Linda-Susan's receipt of grant from Roan Ridge Trust for the Center for Christian Spirituality and requests Clancy add a line item for Center in budget.

Wayne asks if Vestry has read draft of Letter of Understanding he sent out. He expresses interest in selling his office computer to church for very nominal fee upon his retirement. Tom moves vestry accepts and approves Wayne's Letter of Understanding, Bernice seconds. Vestry approves.

Ulana reports that we will be hosting homeless guests from 15-23 of April. We will be partnering with Unitarian Universalist church for dinners, so we are set for dinners. We have 4 breakfast volunteers committed, we still need another 4 breakfasts.

Vestry tables discussion of whether we can afford to expand WiFi until Clancy gets a chance to go over numbers again. Tom reports there is a roof problem on the connector that might run around \$1500. Tom also suggests we consider if there are competing expenses to consider



when deciding it we should pay for expanded WiFi. Wayne suggests we delay deciding on WiFi until next finance committee meeting.

Wayne reports that security and parish safety is a continuing concern with parishioners. Bernice and Marcia feel that it is not possible nor in our interest to barricade. Ulana expresses concern that many of our ministries will be incompatible with having our doors locked, including day centers and being a potential sanctuary church. Ulana also raises concerns that suspicions increase our stereotypes and prejudices which may also interfere with our mission. Clancy reports that if we decide to install security cameras we need to be committed to prosecute offenders that are observed. Liz reports that the previous practice of an unlocked church as a welcoming spiritual place was important to her. Nancy and Adam both reiterate that their concern with their letter was to get make sure the congregation has a plan and acts decisively to prevent chaos in the event of an emergency.

Liz leaves for personal business. Wayne reiterates that security needs to be an ongoing concern for the vestry and balanced with our parish mission. Vestry reiterates it's commitment to keep discussing security issue. Ulana, Clancy and Tom agree we need a plan.

Vestry tentatively agrees to meet next month on May 6.

Clancy reports that if he has to leave the central Michigan area for work, he will not resign as treasurer until he fully trains a replacement.

Marcia motions to adjourn, Tom seconds. Vestry adjourns.

Respectfully submitted,
Adam Baker, Vestry Clerk



April 2018 Financial Report

Below is a summary of operating fund activity through the end of March (25.00%).

Unrestricted operating fund receipts	\$ 49,425.07 (25.40% of budget)
Unrestricted operating fund expenditures	<u>57,858.49</u> (29.73% of budget)

Operating fund receipts over (under) expenditures \$ (8,433.42)

Through March, income and expenses are tracking with the budget. Once again, a deficit shows due to rector expenses being top heavy due to retirement in July and accelerated payments to the Goodrow Fund.

Cash balances on March 31, 2018 are as follows:

Checking Account.....	\$ 39,628.33
Savings	\$ 36,719.07
Certificate of Deposit.....	\$ 15,626.49
Endowment Fund Investment Account.....	\$ 64,713.38

Capital Campaign funds balance on January 1, 201820,103.05

Capital Campaign funds balance on March 31, 2018.....21,011.16

Capital Fund Activity For March:

Capital Fund Receipts	4,664.00
Interest on Savings	4.52
Bank/Credit Card Fees	(3.09)
Mortgage Principle.....	(3,882.35)
Mortgage Interest	(786.34)
Building Renovations.....	(1,508.10)

Net Activity (1,511.36)

BUILDING PROJECT

Total Capitalized Expenses.....	442,345.51
Non-Capitalized Expenses (Bank Fees/Interest) ...	12,926.95

Subtotal455,272.46

Anticipated Expenses:

Mortgage Interest	22,339.11
Bank Fees/Credit Card.....	953.51

TOTAL PROJECT COST.....478,565.08

Clancy DeLong, Treasurer



ANGLICAN WORTHIES

328. Nightingale, Florence (1820-1910) Nurse (pt. ii)

When the war in Crimea ended in 1856, Florence Nightingale came home, broken in health, subject to heart irregularities, shattered nerves, and fainting-spells. She had also contracted brucellosis, an infection from unpasteurized milk, and almost died. She was so weak, she could hardly respond to the celebrity surrounding her that was due to the telegraphed reports of her work published in *The Times*. The queen desired to see and honor her. Florence was destined to a long life of invalidism during her continued zeal to reform the standards of sanitation because she, who had worked tirelessly in Turkey for two years to take care of ill and wounded soldiers refused to take proper care of herself. She never had another nursing assignment. Nevertheless, the most lasting contributions of her vocation lay before her. She would live another fifty years. "What she accomplished in those years of unknown labour," Lytton Strachey said, "could. . . hardly have been more glorious than her Crimean triumphs; but it was certainly ,ore important."

Florence spent many of her days back in London on a couch, from which she received a steady stream of visitors, who awaited her orders. Chief among these was Herbert Sidney, who called on her virtually every day. (He died in 1861, doubtless exhausted, but she could not have achieved all she did without his assistance.) There were others of less importance, perhaps, notably the young poet Arthur Hugh Clough (1819-1861), Matthew Arnold's close friend. Clough was much enamored of this busy and possessed woman; he too died young. Her disciples tended to be male. Feminist historians have recently called attention to her accomplishments and her sense of commitment to a course that clearly needed remedy. Her feelings earlier in her life, before Crimea, were strongly critical of the roles Victorian society had imposed about her sex. In a document entitled "Cassandra" (which was not published until after her death, she wrote:

Why have woman passion, intellect, moral activity—these three—and a place in society here none of these three can be exercised? Men say that God punishes for complacency. No, but men are angry with misery. They are irritated with women for not being happy. They take it as a personal offense. To God alone may women complain with insulting Man. . . . Women are never supposed to have any occupation of sufficient importance not to be interrupted, except 'suckling those fools'; and woman themselves have accepted this; have written books to support it, and have trained themselves so as to consider whatever they do ask not of such value to the world or to others.

But Florence later came to believe that women were essentially needy; they "craved sympathy." "I have never found one woman who altered her life by one iota for me and my opinions!" (She often referred to herself as "a man of action" or "a man of business.")

Despite her infirmity, Florence was indefatigable. (She often felt that those working with her did not have their hearts in the business as she did because they did not work as hard as she did! She was definitely a difficult woman!) Her initial task upon her return was to report on conditions



in Crimea. This was *Notes on Matters affecting the Health, Efficiency and Hospital Administration of the British Army* (1858). When the Sepoy Rebellion broke out in India in 1857, reports of the condition of the fighting men prompted her to demand a Sanitary Commission to intervene and institute changes to improve the health of all people living in India. In 1859 she published what became the first textbook on the profession of nursing and its training, *Notes on Nursing*. "Every day sanitary knowledge," she wrote, "or the knowledge of nursing. . . of how to put the constitution [of the patient] in such a state as that it will have no disease, or that it can recover from diseases, takes a higher place. It is recognized as the knowledge which every one ought to have—distinct from medical knowledge, which only a professional can have."

Medically she was not entirely on the forefront, explicitly as regards the most current theories of contagion ("germ theory") put forth by the German microbiologist Robert Koch (1813-1910), who discovered the agents for tuberculosis and cholera, and Louis Pasteur. Florence believed that germs were passed only by touch. Later in her life she cautioned, "Always have chlorinated soda for nurses to wash their hands, especially after dressing or handling a suspicious case. It may destroy germs at the expense of the cuticle, but if takes off the cuticle, it must be bad for the germs."

The triumph of Florence's busy life was the foundation in 1860 of the Training School for nursing, attached to St. Thomas's Hospital in London. This was the first secular nursing school, established with a donation of £50,000, which had been raised by *The Times* while she was still in the Crimea. This eventually stimulated similar programs throughout the kingdom. . She saw that nurses were attached to the workhouse system; she advocated the abolition of laws against prostitution. In the 1870s she mentored Linda Robards, who returned to this country to establish our own schools.

I should add that Florence Nightingale was something of a genius with statistics and developed special graphs to illustrate the social problems pertinent to her cause.

Religiously she was Church of England though rather liberal, in that she was a universalist, and when it came to getting something done, was denominationally indifferent. A priest brought her communion nearly every week. She often had "spiritual conversations with many prominent church leaders."

In later years, as her health began to worsen. She moved from place to place in the south, looking for a more salubrious environment. It is amazing that she lived so long. In 1907 she received the Order of Merit. She died three years later.

May 12 is "Nurses Day." *Lesser feats and Fasts* observes her on August 12. She appeared on the £10 English banknote between 1975 and 1994.

Perhaps Sam Potaro should have the last word. "Florence was an administrative genius. . . It was not nursing that the sanitarium lacked, it was efficient order to allow what nursing there was to be most efficiently and effectively deployed and delivered. . . . She calls us to reconsider what it means to minister in that holy calling which is administration." hlf



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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

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