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Isabella County Restoration House (Rotating Homeless Shelter)

We have many opportunities to be fully part of the Mt. Pleasant community – and one of them is hosting the homeless shelter November 10-24. If you have never spent time at St. John's when the shelter is going, this is your invitation to talk with one of us about ways you might be a part of it.

Last year, the number of guests at the shelter was around 30 people per night. Our overnight guests include men, women, and children. Most of the guests need short-term stays because of family or personal emergencies, or unexpected layoffs. Many former guests have found permanent jobs and housing in the area, and are valued members of the community.

Hosting the shelter is made possible with dozens of people from St. John's, with partner groups the Unitarian Universalists, and with community members and student volunteers. Shelter guests regularly participate in this work alongside volunteers, helping with dishes, cleanup, raking, and snow shoveling whenever needed. Former guests are regular volunteers at the shelter.

We have an online sign up for the following ways to be involved:

Evenings: This includes spending time with guests, playing cards with guests, entertaining kids, and generally being supportive. It's the best way to get to know the people who are our guests for the two weeks.

Staying overnight: You don't have to stay up all night! We ask for two women and two men volunteers per night so that you can switch off sleeping, yet be present just in case the other volunteer needs you for anything. It's a great quiet time to work on all sorts of things: knitting, crafts, grading papers, and reading. If you are an introvert but want to help, this is the perfect opportunity (everyone is asleep!).

Mornings: Alice is there to organize the morning shift, yet she needs help with setting out breakfast (we have someone there who organizes it), and doing the morning clean up.

Here's the sign-up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044ba8a92fa1f58-stjohns2>

If you would like to prepare and serve a meal, including a dinner or a breakfast casserole, please contact Ulana Klymyshyn: klymy1au@cmich.edu

We appreciate every single thing you can do! For those who sign up, we will send out more information a few days before our weeks start. If you have any questions in the meantime, please let one of us know.

Laura Cochrane, Ulana Klymyshyn, Alice Ciccu, and DJ Proctor
St. John's Shelter Coordinators



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

Longtime member of St. John's, has moved to Brighton to be near his son.

His new address is:

Brookdale Brighton
833 E. Grand River Ave., Apt. 122
Brighton, MI 48116.

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



Rebecca DeLong	4
Colin Alton	8
Carrie Blackburn	13
Randi L'Hommedieu	14
Tim Hartshorne	15
Lara Raisanen	15
Janice Schurr	15
Nancy Fulton	19
Alma Dickerson	20
Gabriel Kney	21
Bill Henderson	23
Diane Stier	24
Jonathan Scoot Shaffer	29



Brent & Jeanne Maxon	4
Bill & Candy Henderson	21
Roger Hatch & Joyce Baugh	23
Bob & Kip Cosan	28

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!

Outside the Tent

On November 2—All Souls' Day—we will gather for Compline to remember family and friends who have passed into eternal life. Every year on this day I think of my parents, but especially of my sister Mary Beth, who lived only three days. In 2005, on her 58th birthday, she felt especially close to me, and so I wrote this poem in her honor. I offer it as a small reflection for us all on All Souls' Day.

Peace, Nancy

Remembering Mary Beth

Today is her birthday, my parents' first-born,
a black-haired girl
who clutched at life three breathless days
before opening her hands to touch
the outstretched hand of God.
My mother huddled in a hospital bed,
empty arms cradling her dreams of marriage and children,
solace of wartime days and nights,
while my father bore the tiny coffin
to his parents' car
for the silent drive to the family plot.
He never spoke of her, folding away his grief
as carefully as he tucked her obituary
in every wallet he owned
for forty years.

No photograph recorded her face,
no birth certificate in the kitchen drawer
marked her fragile hours.
For years I believed myself the oldest child,
until my mother,
holding me close to soften her betrayal,
told me with many tears of Mary Beth,
my sister,
who departed life almost as soon as she arrived.

I wept for her then,
I weep for her today, on her birthday.
I imagine her at fifty-eight, hair streaked with gray,

bathed and clothed and settled in her wheelchair
by gentle hands,
looking with our mother's eyes—my eyes—
at a world she dimly comprehends,
and I whisper thanks
that she is forever three days old,
resting in the hands of time.

(ncf 2005)

Thanksgiving Baskets

Time to plan for our Thanksgiving Baskets that we donate to the Women's Shelter. There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex of the Church so that we do not have overlapping items donated. Please include your name and the quantity you will purchase next to the item. If you have questions, please see Marcia David, Nancy Kinney, or Harriett White.

Please have all donations in by Sunday, November 17!

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| 6 Turkeys (provided by Max and Emily's) | |
| 6 bags/boxes of stuffing | 6 jars of juice |
| 6 jars/cans of gravy | 6 boxes of cereal |
| 6cans of cranberry sauce | 6 cans of applesauce |
| 6 cans of vegetables | 6 [aclages pf cpploes |
| 6 cans of fruit | 6 boxes of muffin mix |
| 6 jars of peanut butter | 6 rolls of paper towels |
| 6 jars of jam | 6 Laundry baskets (sample size in Narthex) |

We will purchase the fresh items – eggs, milk, butter, bread, Pies and potatoes.





November 2019

Sunday Lay Mitry

DATE	LESSONS	PRAYERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD
November 3	8:00 a.m. Carol Lauffer	8:00 a.m. Candy Henderson	Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton	Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen	Emma Dingman	Pamela Dingman and Harriett White
21 Pentecost All Saints	10:00 a.m. Mary Ellen Cochrane	10:00 a.m. Sandy Wood				
Lectionary Daniel 7:1-3,15-18 Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11-23 Luke 6:20-31						
November 10	8:00 a.m. Jim Thurston	8:00 a.m. Jim Thurston	Sharon Bolton and Sandy Wood	Ulana Klymyshyn and Lynne L'Hommedieu	an Rex Dingman	Pamela Dingman and Harriett White
22 Pentecost	10:00 a.m. Tom Cochrane	10:00 a.m. Henry Fulton				
Lectionary Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17:1-9 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20:27-38						
November 17	8:00 a.m. Barbara Sheperdigian	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick	Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane	Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn	Matthew Kinney	Lynne L'Hommedieu and Martha Rarick
23 Pentecost	10:00 a.m. Sandy Wood	10:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne				
Lectionary Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19						
November 24	8:00 a.m. Judy Wagley	8:00 a.m. Candy Henderson	David and Jennifer Dingman	D.J. Proctor and Christi Brookes	Adam Baker	Lynne L'Hommedieu and Martha Rarick
Last Pentecost	10:00 a.m. Henry Fulton	10:00 a.m. Joan Kadler				
Lectionary Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46 Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43						
December 1	8:00 a.m. Candy Henderson	8:00 a.m. Carol Lauffer	Ford and Pamela Dingman	Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton	Emma Dingman	Pamela Dingman
1 Advwent	10:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	10:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen				
Lectionary Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44 Psalm 122						

In Everything, Give Thanks



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
<h1>November</h1>					1	2		
					Office Closed		8 p.m. Compline for All Souls'	
					Set Your Clocks BACK 1 hour			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
All Saints' Sunday 8 Holy Eucharist, said 9 Sunday School 10 Choral Eucharist Focus Group after Coffee Hour 5 Eucharist at Emmas 5 Yoga	12 p.m. DOK 4 p.m. Music Meeting 6 p.m. EfM	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 pm Yogaa 7 pm Compassionate Friends Meeting	6:30 p.m. Yoga	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	Office Closed			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
Pentecost 8 Holy Eucharist, said 9 Sunday School 10 Choral Eucharist 10 Pine River Vestry Meeting 5 Eucharist at Emmas 5 Yoga	Office Closed for Veteran's Day 6 p.m. EfM	9:30 am Staff Meeting 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	Apple Pie Class 9 am to 12 Noon		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23		
Pentecost 8 Holy Eucharist, said 9 Sunday School 10 Choral Eucharist Search Committee after Coffee Hour 5 Eucharist at Emmas 5 Yoga	4 p.m. Music Meeting 6 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	10 am St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
Last Pentecost 8 Holy Eucharist, said 9 Sunday School 10 Choral Eucharist 10 Pine River 5 Potluck & Eucharist at Emmas 5 Yoga	4 p.m. Music Meeting 6 p.m. EfM	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Yoga	6:30 p.m. Yoga	Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	Office Closed			



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



November

- 3 Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton
- 10 Sharon Bolton and Sandy Wood
- 17 Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane
- 24 David and Jennifer Dingman

December

- 1 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 8 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 15 David, Nancy and Matthew Kinney
- 22 Ulana Klymyshyn and Lynne L'Hommedieu
- 29 Volunteers needed – Call Office 773-7448

January

- 5 Rof Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 12 Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton
- 19 Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane
- 26 Marcia David and Sharon Bolton

Coffee Hour Hosts



November

- 3 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 10 Ulana Klymyshyn and Lynne L'Hommedieu
- 17 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 24 D.J. and Misha Proctor and Christi Brookes

December

- 1 Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton
- 8 Sharon Bolton and Elizabeth Brockman
- 15 Clancy and Pat DeLong
- 22 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 29 Bring your leftover holiday goodies to share!

January

- 5 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 12 Mary Kiesgen and Lynne L'Hommedieu
- 19 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 26 Christi Brookes and D.J. Proctor



**St. John's Episcopal Church
Vestry Minutes, October 13, 2019**

Present: Adam Baker(clerk), Harriett White, Ulana Klymyshyn, David Shirley, Eric Vinceguerra, Tom Cochrane, Marcia David, Clancy DeLong, Nancy Herman-Kinney.

Eric opened with a prayer.

Marcia moved Vestry approve September minutes, Tom seconded. Vestry approved.

David reported that Lara Raisanen has withdrawn from the Search Committee and will not be replaced.

Ulana reported when the Search Committee's focus groups are scheduled.

Nancy Herman-Kinney arrived.

Nancy reported on the progress of the roof project. There was almost no guano found, and everything is progressing well. Marcia thanked Nancy for her work, especially on the new position of the cross.

Eric left.

David reported on the information from Simony Systems about the Parish House acoustical problem. After measuring the acoustical properties of the Parish House electronically, Mark Simoni thought applying sound-absorbing materials to some portions of the ceiling will help the reverberation problem. He will submit a detailed proposal shortly.

Clancy completed the financial report.

Marcia reported that the thermostat and furnace in the Old Rectory had been acting strange lately. Nancy will be calling Doerr Heating soon.

Marcia reported that she was not satisfied with the work that was done last winter for snow removal. Tom moved Vestry authorize Marcia and Nancy to find a different person to hire for snow removal this winter. Vestry approved.

David reported that he and Dennis Flynn signed the letter of agreement.

David reported that the church Facebook page and web site have not been maintained since June.

David, Diane and Nancy Kinney will attend the Diocesan Convention November 1-2 in Grand Rapids.

David also reported that he is supposed to form a nominating committee to nominate people for the Vestry election in January. Five members are eligible for re-election and wish to seek another term, so no nominating committee is necessary. Vestry expressed relief and gratitude for this fact.

David moved Vestry adjourn, Tom seconded. Vestry adjourned.

Next meeting is November 10, 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Adam Baker, Clerk.



September 2019 Financial Report

Below is a summary of operating fund activity through the end of September (75.00%).

Unrestricted operating fund receipts	\$ 144,405.76 (78.74% of bud)
Unrestricted operating fund expenditures	<u>131,060.97</u> (71.47% of bud)
Operating fund receipts over (under) expenditures	\$ 18,190.79

The Capital Fund reserve for which to draw mortgage payments is no longer positive and funds are being drawn from the operating fund to make payments. Please verify that your Capital Fund pledge amounts are up to date.

The campaign to retire the mortgage will commence once a committee is formed. Annual pledge requests for the 2020 budget will commence in late October.

Cash balances on September 30, 2019 are as follows:

Checking Account.....	\$ 86,695.62
Savings	\$ 26,741.01
Certificate of Deposit.....	\$ 15,818.46
Endowment Fund Investment Account.....	\$ 78,516.75

Capital Campaign funds balance on September 1, 2019.....827.29

Capital Campaign funds balance on September 30, 2019..... (2,043.04)

Capital Fund Activity For September:

Capital Fund Receipts	1,795.00
Interest Income.....	3.36
Bank/Credit Card Fees.....	0.00
Mortgage Principle.....	(4,167.84)
Mortgage Interest	(500.85)

Net Activity (2,870.33)

BUILDING PROJECT

Total Capitalized Expenses.....	442,345.71
Non-Capitalized Expenses (Bank Fees/Interest) ...	24,136.16

Subtotal466,481.87

Anticipated Expenses:

Mortgage Interest	8,535.15
Bank Fees/Credit Card	893.90

TOTAL PROJECT COST475,910.92

Clancy DeLong
Paridh Treasurer



ANGLICAN WORTHIES

350. How, William Walshan (1823-1897)
Bishop of Wakefield

October 2019

How is not well known among the nineteenth century panoply of Victorian worthies I have been writing about for more than four years. He was not involved in any of the controversies that continued to trouble the Church from 1850 on—the debates and lawsuits over vestments, the use of candles on the altar, the position of the celebrant at the Eucharistic table, the use and theology of the Athanasian Creed, the authority of Parliament in spiritual concerns—but he exemplified for me what an ideal clergyman should be like. A native of Shrewsbury, he matriculated at Wadham College, Oxford in 1841 and graduated with only a “third” in 1845. Surely not an auspicious beginning! For his theological studies he transferred to Durham where he was well trained; he was ordained deacon the following year and served as curate at St. Georges, Kidderminster. Ordained priest in 1847, he married Frances Ann Douglas, daughter of Henry Douglas, canon at Durham.

How was named rector of Whittington in Shropshire, on the Welsh border, in 1851; here he served until 1879. In addition to his parochial responsibilities, he was diocesan inspector of the parish schools. During his tenure he took up fishing as a pastime. More than that, How began to write. Most of his work was devotional; particularly his series of *Daily Family Devotions for Churchmen* (1852), which remained in print for thirty years. A further production was *Plain Words*, four series of short homilies, which first appeared in 1859. The entire series was reprinted fifty times! His commentary on the Gospels, which he wrote for the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge (SPCK, 1868), sold 300,000 copies! He also produced several pastoral works and a manual for the Eucharist that sold 700,000 copies. I cannot think of any Victorian clergyman who sold more copies of his work than William How!

Needless to say, his writing made him popular. His biographer, J.H. Overton, says that How received a number of offers of colonial bishoprics—Natal (where the controversial Joseph *Colenso served), New Zealand, Montreal, Capetown, and Jamaica—dead-ends he had the good sense to turn down. He was offered several rectorships, which he also rejected. But one that interested him was the position of suffragan (assistant bishop) to the Bishop of London, John Jackson, in 1879. He was really more than an assistant: he was given Episcopal authority for the East End of the city, the neighborhoods of the poor. He became known as “the poor man’s bishop.” (While other bishops traveled through their dioceses in carriages, How used a horse-drawn bus.) Most bishops are photographed in their chasuble or at least with an alb with ruffles at the wrist. How’s photograph in the *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* depicts him wearing a black button-down shirt.) Along with this increased responsibility he was created a Doctor of Divinity by Archbishop Tait and was similarly honored by his university.

His assistance to the impoverished of his diocese was basically pastoral and financial, which he fueled with contributions from wealthy patrons he met in “rich watering holes like Brighton.” In 1884 he was named to a Royal Commission to discuss the housing of the city’s poor. “Recognized as a spiritual force,” Overton writes, “How attracted the spiritually minded people round him, and especially the clergy of his own diocese.” He worked closely with his own clergy, developing



personal relationships with them and their families: he especially loved working with children. His wife, mother of his five children, formed a society for women and a home to rehabilitate young prostitutes.

How believed in “the sainthood of all those who worked for God.” This calls to mind the words of “For all the Saints,” which he wrote in 1864, a hymn this parish sings each year on the Sunday after All Saints Day (Nov. 1). How composed lyrics to hymns anyone should be able to sing. “A good hymn should be like a good prayer—simple, real, earnest, and reverent.”

His ministry changed dramatically in 1855 when Frederick *Temple was appointed Bishop of London. One senses a power struggle. Overton suggests that Temple wanted to overrule How; at this time How's wife died. After several years, How moved north to West Riding in Yorkshire, as Bishop of Wakefield, where William *Stubbs had come from. This did not work out well. The north tended to be “low” and Evangelical, while How, while not a ritualist, tended to select “high” clergy, which he believed more beneficial to liturgical work. His critics wanted him to live in one of those episcopal “palaces,” whereas How chose a modest dwelling. Gladstone's government offered him the see of Durham; he stayed at Wakefield, where he believed there was more work to do, nor did he want to vacate the bishopric “in an atmosphere of acrimony.” (And he may have preferred the fishing there.) He failed in his attempt to mediate in the coal strike of 1893. He championed temperance, and he strongly opposed “indecent and irreligious literature,” declaring in a letter to the *Yorkshire Post* that had thrown his copy of Thomas Hardy's *Jude the Obscure* (1895) into the fire. (I never liked it either.)

How died in County Mayo, Ireland, on holiday, 1897, and was buried back in Whittington, his first charge. Wakefield Cathedral created a monument to him.

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
 who thee by faith before the world confessed,
 thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might:
 thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
 thou, in the darkness drear, the one true Light.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
 Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
 Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
 Alleluia, alleluia!

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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.

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

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

2019 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

2019 Vestry Members

Tom Cochrane, 989-317-3561

Marcia David, 775-8086

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David Proctor, 772-7715

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