



# THE EVANGEL

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# Mark your Calendars...

*(All are held in church- except Nov. 2nd - and available on Facebook and YouTube.)*

TUESDAY, November 2, 7 p.m. - ALL SOULS DAY – PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE (on [Zoom](#))

If you would like the names of your deceased loved ones read during the All Souls Day service, please send them to Sr. Diane (diane.stier@gmail.com) or to the office, or drop them off by the end of the day on Monday, Nov. 1.

SATURDAY, November 6, 1 p.m. – REQUIEM EUCHARIST – Henry Fulton

SUNDAY, November 7, 10 a.m. – FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

SATURDAY, November 13, 1 p.m. – CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, November 24, 7 p.m. -THANKSGIVING EVE EUCHARIST

SUNDAY, November 28, 10 a.m. – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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## The Diocesan Convention

This event is this weekend October 29-30 in Lansing. Some parts will be a joint convention with the Diocese of Eastern Michigan, and parts of the Convention will be available to watch online.

Check the Diocesan website for more information:

<https://edwm.org/convention/>

# Dear People and Friends of St. John's,

We all need to feel “needed” – and you are! We, as the community of St. John's, have been through some rough waters over the past few months – but we have come through together by supporting one another. In this issue, you will see several opportunities for you to share yourself, your gifts, your time, your treasure with others – all in the name of living out the Gospel message: Love God with your whole heart, mind, and soul – and love your neighbor as yourself.

You are also deeply appreciated. You are indeed the Body of Christ – for one another, and for our larger community. I am so grateful to be sharing life with you.

Sr. Diane

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## **CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY – What is it?**

“The Celebration of New Ministry is the time when the community as a whole celebrates the covenant they make with their Rector to live into their various ministries with the support of one another. It is also the opportunity to install their new Rector.

In this service not only will Canon Hallmark welcome the new Rector, she will also give a charge to the parish, reminding them of the gifts and responsibilities given them in Baptism. Hence the service emphasizes the mutual ministry of clergy and people as they embark on a new ministry together.”

# What can I do to help?

## Here are some things we have...

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### HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

#### **St. John's is hosting the shelter November 14-21.**

There are a number of changes this year, including keeping the pandemic protocols in place that prevented anyone at the shelter getting COVID-19 during last year's season. You may have heard about the delay in the season: a staff member became sick (from an external source), and the staff decided to quarantine as a precaution and delay the opening by a week. Fortunately, no guests were involved, as the day shelter was not open and the season had not started. This precautionary delay did not change our week of hosting.

You can check out the volunteer opportunities here for mornings, evenings, and overnights:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044ba8a92fa1f58-icrh15>

Please contact Laura ([cochr1ll@cmich.edu](mailto:cochr1ll@cmich.edu)) with any questions.

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### THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Ella is organizing our Thanksgiving baskets for four families this year.

See the sign-up for information:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E49A9AD22A4FE3-thanksgiving>

She would like the donations dropped off in the old rectory by November 19.

Thank you!



## Remember Our Homebound Members

Drop a card to our parish members who are homebound.

### Alma Dickerson

461 E. Wing Rd.,  
Mt. Pleasant MI 48858  
989- 772-2516.

### Joan Kadler

Crestwood  
2378 S. Lincoln Apt.7  
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858  
989-772-2803

### Sandy Wood

5785 E. Broadway Rd.,  
Mt. Pleasant MI 48858

### Elliot Parker

1267 Masonic Ct.  
Alma , MI 48801

## St. John's Prayer Group

If you wish to add or remove names from the Prayer List, please call Sr. Diane Stier, 989- 807-0215, Martha Rarick, 773- 7510, the church office, or email Pamela Dingman: padingman@hotmail.com. Thank you.



## Pastoral Care

Just a reminder: you should let the parish office know if you are ill and wish to receive a call from the Rector.



### November Birthdays

Harry Nicholson	11/2
Rebecca DeLong	11/4
Colin Alton	11/8
Eileen Swinehart	11/8
Carrie Blackburn	11/13
Randi L'Hommedieu	11/14
Tim Hartshorne	11/15
Lara Raisanen	11/15
Janice Schurr	11/15
Nancy Fulton	11/19
Alma Dickerson	11/20
Gabriel Kney	11/21
Bill Henderson	11/23
Diane Stier	11/24
Jonathan Scott Shaffer	11/29

Harry's new Address: 821 Poplar St. Erie, PA 16502



### November Anniversaries

Brent and Jeanne Maxon	11/4/2003
Margaret and Harry Kuhn	11/10/1961
Bill and Candy Henderson	11/21/1992
Roger Hatch and Joyce Baugh	11/23/1989
Bob and Kip Cosan	11/28/1987

## Minutes for Vestry Meeting October, 18th, 2021

Present are Adam Baker(clerk), Ella Jo Regan, Olivia Ohler, Tom Cochrane, Diane Stier, Nancy Herman-Kinney, Jerry May, Ulana Klymyshyn, Clancy DeLong, Alice Ciccu, DJ Proctor.

-Diane opened with a prayer, giving special acknowledgement to Marcia's absence.

-Ella moved that Vestry approve September minutes; Nancy seconded. Vestry approved the minutes.

-Nancy reported that she has received complaints that the foundation looks like it may have deteriorated since we last discussed the issue. Nancy suggested that we contact Ken Klumpp and or Jessica Vinciguerra for names of people who can help with foundations and offered to contact Ken.

-Clancy completed his Financial Report. We are at about 75% of income for the year and the endowment fund surpassed \$100,000, although stocks tumbled in September. Ella moved that Vestry accept Clancy's financial report, Olivia seconded. Vestry approved.

-Diane discussed the first Episcopal 101 class, held on October 17th after coffee hour. She reported that she is considering continuing them on the second Sunday of each month, after coffee hour.

-Diane expressed thanks for everyone who helped with the Good News Garden, both parishioners and non-parishioners.

-Ella reported that the Christmas Outreach Baskets are underway.

-Ulana reported on the Restoration House. St. John's will host for a week starting on November 14th. There are a number of changes happening, including more staff being hired which will mean we need fewer overnight volunteers. St. John's will be doing seven hot breakfasts and two hot dinners during our period.

-Diane reported that the Soup Kitchen's kitchen is being remodeled, so Emmanuel Lutheran Church was allowing them to use their kitchen to prepare lunches for delivery. Emmanuel would be available until the end of October, after which they have asked us if they could use our kitchen. Vestry expressed support for the idea (later, Vestry expressed approval for Diane to give them the go-ahead). Alice suggested we use this as a chance to replace the sanitizer with a dishwasher, and suggested we contact Liz Brockman because she should have the contacts with people who can supply us. Alice also offered to contact the Health Department to see what we are approved for regarding serving food, but wanted to hand off responsibility to someone else (potentially Liz) for seeing what our approval would be with the new machine.

-Diane reported that Marsha and Charlie appear to have fixed the toilet in Church. She also reported that Marcia David told her that the carpet is too old to be stretched and needs to be replaced. Clancy suggested we contact Carpet 1 for new carpet. Nancy mentioned that Liz Brockman told her she could get us a deal on new carpet, so we should contact her when we wish to proceed. Alice suggested we contact Fussman Masonry in Beal City or Jason the Mason for our foundation. Nancy agreed to contact people for the foundation, Adam will contact people to arrange for the carpet.

-Diane asked Vestry whether we should use plates or paper plates for Henry's funeral. Vestry expressed a desire for plates. Ella will check and count how many we have in the kitchen.

-Ulana reported on the Celebration of New Ministry service on November 13th. Plans are going smoothly, and she may call on people for help if need be.

-Alice and Clancy updated Vestry on the audio system quote from Roth Electric Sound. Tom moved that Vestry accept the quote as submitted, Ella seconded. Vestry approved the motion.

-Ulana reported that she will submit several land use acknowledgement statements for Vestry to read and discuss.

-Tom mentioned that Vestry recognized that Diane has been overworked and over-extended recently and wishes that she would block out some time off for rest. Vestry expressed approval and encouraged her to do so.

-Tom moved Vestry adjourn, Nancy seconded. Vestry adjourned.

## September 2021 Financial Report

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

Unrestricted operating fund receipts.....	\$ 133,177.87	(73.06% of budget)
Unrestricted operating fund expenditures.....	140,721.54	(69.17% of budget)
Operating fund receipts over (under) expenditures.....	\$ (7,543.67)	

This year’s Stewardship drive commences on Sunday, October 31st. Financially, it has been a challenging year. The vestry continues to explore new ways of generating revenue, reducing the burden on our loyal donors. Kindly open your hearts to assure that St. John’s is financially sound as we fully emerge from the pandemic.

### Cash Balances

Cash in Checking Account	64,741.04	
Savings	26,767.77	
Certificates of Deposit	16,062.03	
Endowment Fund	97,701.17	

<b>Total</b>	<b>205,272.01</b>	
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### Cash Sources This Month

Traditional Giving	11,340.20	79.61%
Online Giving	2,903.89	20.39%

<b>Total</b>	<b>14,244.09</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
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**Weekly Schedule:**

Sunday 10AM: Holy Communion in church and live on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#)

Wednesday 10AM: [Church School by Zoom](#)

Wednesday 7PM: [Connections Conversations by Zoom](#)

Thursday 8PM: [Compline \(Night Prayer\) by Zoom](#)

**Coffee Hour Schedule:**

<b>Nov. 7th</b>	<b>Renee Babcock</b>	<b>Kathy Conlon</b>
<b>Nov. 14th</b>	<b>David Dingman</b>	<b>Jennifer Dingman</b>
<b>Nov. 21st</b>	<b>Bernice Cole</b>	<b>Harriett White</b>
<b>Nov. 28th</b>	<b>Liz Brockman</b>	<b>Bernice Cole</b>

**Lay Ministers:**

	Lectors	Prayers
<b>Nov. 7th</b>	<b>Barbara Sheperdigian</b>	<b>Ulana Klymyshyn</b>
<b>Nov. 14th</b>	<b>Renee Babcock</b>	<b>Adam Baker</b>
<b>Nov. 21st</b>	<b>Mary Ellen Cochrane</b>	<b>Tom Cochrane</b>
<b>Nov. 28th</b>	<b>Carol Lauffer</b>	<b>Barbara Sherperdigian</b>

**Greeters Schedule:**

<b>Nov. 7th</b>	<b>Lynne L'Hommedieu</b>	<b>Mary Ellen Cochrane</b>
<b>Nov. 14th</b>	<b>Mary Kiesgen</b>	<b>Ulana Klymyshyn</b>
<b>Nov. 21st</b>	<b>Pam Dingman</b>	<b>Ford Dingman</b>
<b>Nov. 28th</b>	<b>David Dingman</b>	<b>Jennifer Dingman</b>

# November Calendar

**Sundays: 11/7, 11/14,  
11/21, 11/28**

10am Holy Communion  
11am Virtual Coffee Hour

**Mondays: 11/1, 11/8,  
11/15, 11/22, 11/29**

Nothing on these days

**Tuesdays: 11/2, 11/9,  
11/16, 11/23, 11/30**

11am Yoga  
with Judy

**Wednesdays: 11/3, 11/10,  
11/17, 11/24**

10am Church School  
via Zoom

7pm Weekly Connection  
via Zoom

6pm Yoga with Judy

**Thursdays: 11/4, 11/11,  
11/18, 11/25**

8pm Compline  
via Zoom

11am Yoga  
with Judy

**Fridays: 11/5,  
11/12, 11/19, 11/26**

Office Closed



# Different ways to give...

**We now have four different ways to give back to the church. You can now drop off at the church, mail your offer to the church, give through “Giving Tools”, and shop on Amazon. Here are the details on how to give:**

- 1.You can come to the Church office and drop it through the mail slot.**
- 2.You can mail your offering to the Church, 206 W Maple, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858**
- 3.You can go to Giving tools and give one time or set up recurring donations from a credit card or bank account.**
- 4.You can sign up through Amazon Smile to make a donation when you spend money on Amazon, no extra spending involved!**

# 2021 ALTAR FLOWERS



**The NEW 2021 Altar Flower Calendar is posted in the Lantern across from the elevator. 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! You may use flowers from your garden or a store and arrange them yourself, or arrange with Elliot's or Norm's Florist to do arrangements and they will deliver to the church. Thank you.**

# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



As we get back to being in the church, there are many things that we will need to start doing again! One of these is preparing the church for worship, the task of the Altar Guild. At this time there are only three members serving on the Altar Guild and it would be great to have another three or more to spread out the duties.

We are also in need of members who will be willing to serve as coffee hour hosts, Acolytes, and Lay Eucharistic Ministers. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact, Pamela Dingman at 989-772-4814 or at [padingman@hotmail.com](mailto:padingman@hotmail.com). You may also contact the church office at 989-773-7448 or at [saintjohnsmp@gmail.com](mailto:saintjohnsmp@gmail.com).

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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.

**Rector:**

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

**Deacon Emeritus:**

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

**2021 Vestry Officers**

Sr. Warden: Nancy Herman Kinney:

989-546-5424

Jr. Warden: Adam Baker: 989-492-1626

Treasurer: Clancy DeLong, 989-400-6546

Co-Treasurer: Lynne L'Hommedieu,

989-772-8340

Vestry Clerk: Adam Baker: 989-492-1626

**2021 Vestry Members**

Tom Cochrane, 989-317-3561

Ulana Klymyshyn, 989-772-5616

Gerald May, 989-506-0373

Olivia Ohler, 989-386-0755

David Proctor, 989-772-7715

Ella Jo Regan, 989-772-3587

Eric Vinciguerra, 989-289-6301

**Organist:**

Dennis Flynn, 231-359-2776

**Choirmaster pro tempore:**

Eric Vinciguerra, 989-289-6301