



# THE EVANGEL

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# Dear people and friends of St. John's,

Dear People of St. John's and Friends,

In these days of summer – when we now can more safely gather with family and friends, enjoy the outdoors and the splendor of nature – my heart feels like it can s-t-r-e-t-c-h, expand, feel more space and reach out to more of everything!

I find myself trying to focus, not on going “back to normal” – but on reaching, stretching out to include what we have found as gift in these months of enforced change. My experience is that God rarely calls us “back” to some thing or some place, except back into a deeper relationship with that Divine Spirit. Rather, God calls us forward, beyond where we have been. “Behold, I am making all things new!” (Revelation 21:5) “I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?” (Isaiah 43:19) So in these days of re-learning how to be in groups, how to be in church – let us also ask how we might BE church – in old and new ways. The prayer we used last month for Juneteenth still holds, so let us continue to pray it together – “so that our lives will be changed for the good of all.”

Remember that we are loved by God – and so are those we find hard to love!

Sr. Diane+

## **Prayer for Juneteenth – and July... and ever after**

**We pray, O Lord, for change.**

**Jesus you revealed God through your wise words and loving deeds,**

**and we encounter you still today in the faces of those whom society has pushed to the margins.**

**Guide us, through the love you revealed,**

**to establish the justice you proclaimed,**

**that all peoples might dwell in harmony and peace,**

**united by that one love that binds us to each other, and to you.**

**And most of all, Lord, change our routine worship and work into genuine encounter with you and our**

**better selves so that our lives will be changed for the good of all.**

**Amen**

**Prayer adapted from Racial Healing and Liturgical Resources**



# GOOD NEWS GARDEN

The Good News Garden is going well! There are about 15 people who are either working in the garden or doing needed behind-the-scenes work. We now have a timer on the irrigation system that waters the garden for 2 hours every evening. The vegetables are all planted and are growing well with all of this rain and sunshine! The barriers to keep out animals who are looking for a salad are working well, and we are becoming experts in proper tomato staking and pruning. All are welcome to volunteer in the garden! Contact Diane or Laura for more information.

# 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).

# St. John's Spotlight:

MUSIC EDITION



Ultimately my goal in making music is to move people and lift them up from their everyday lives. Church music is unlike anything else in that it is something that we crave and need; it takes us out of ourselves and gives us hope. Music is also in many ways a form of prayer: as St. Augustine said, "He who sings, prays twice." Being able to play and create music is perhaps my small contribution to society.

- Dennis Flynn

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**Eric Vinciguerra has been the Choirmaster, pro-tempore since July 2020. He holds a Bachelor of Music Education and a Masters of Music: Music Education from Central Michigan University. He previously held the title of Choirmaster at St. John's from 2013 to 2015, and currently teaches band & music at Harrison Community Schools.**

**He intends to continue the choir's extended and rich history of excellence enriching the liturgy.**



## Now is the Time to Give

For all giving – pledges, building fund, flowers, organ, People Helping People, etc. – use the [Giving Tools link](#) to give securely online. A one-time donation can be made, or you can set up recurring donations from a credit card or bank account. The link is available on our website and Facebook page.

If you prefer, your financial support gifts may be sent in the following ways:

1. Mail to the church office: 206 W. Maple Street; Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858.
2. Drop off through the mail slot at the church office door.



## Remember Our Homebound Members

**Drop a card to our parish  
members who are  
homebound.**

**Alma Dickerson**

461 E. Wing Rd., Mt. Pleasant MI  
48858

772-2516.

**Sandy Wood**

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

## 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.



## July Birthdays

George Clapp	3	Claudette Shaffer	21
Hazel Hart	4	Bernice Cole	22
Ann Marie(Brockman) Orren	8	Sam Raisanen	24
Olivia Ohler	11	Ford Dingman	25
Karen Varanauskas	15	Kendall Klumpp	26
Sally Goodrow	16	Robert Cosan	28
Joyce Baugh	19		



## July Anniversaries

**George and Diana Clapp**

**7/3/1954**

**David and Jennifer Dingman**

**7/11/1998**

**Henry and Nancy Fulton**

**7/13/1974**

**Ralph Baber and Karen Varanauskas**

**7/15/1996**

**Eric and Jessica Vinciguerra**

**7/15/2006**

**Sam and Lara Raisanen**

**7/20/2012**

**Clancy and Patricia DeLong**

**7/25/1987**

Can't find your parish directory? It's on the parish website:

<https://www.stjohnsmtpleasantmi.com/> under About Us – then Members Only. sjec206

# Minutes for Vestry Meeting

## June 13th, 2021

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

Diane opened with a prayer. Marcia moved that Vestry approve minutes from the May meeting, Tom seconded. Vestry approved minutes.

Nancy deferred her comments for the Senior Warden's report until the financial report is discussed.

Diane discussed the Financial Report. Vestry requested a breakdown of all of our lawn and grounds maintenance expenses because the donations we had been receiving were not figured into our budget previously. Going forward, we need to make sure any donations for expenses are recorded as in-kind donations so we have a good idea of our budget needs.

Nancy reported that she was unnerved by the ~5% budget shortfall in Clancy's report and asked for Vestry to discuss solutions. Vestry suggested the following actions: ask Clancy for context if this is typical for this time of year or if this is more severe, and reach out to people who have not sent in their pledges. Ulana recommended we consider asking parishioners for a 13th month donation if we still have a significant deficit in the fall. Diane and Nancy will work on a letter to send out to people reporting that pledges are down and asking that parishioners contact the Rector if they have needs or concerns.

Tom moved that Vestry approve Financial Report as submitted, Olivia seconded. Vestry approved.

Tom and Ulana completed their Christian Education report. Tom will discuss with the attendees how to move forward with phase 3 re-entry. Ulana reported that there will be no Wednesday night connection this week because of a Juneteenth event this week on voter suppression. The announcement regarding this event was sent out this week.

Ella did not have anything to add for her Outreach report.

Diane reported that starting 1st of July, we will enter phase 3 of re-entry (no masks, no social distancing and no capacity limits for fully vaccinated people) and will revert back to giving out gluten-free bread for communion as we were doing before the pandemic. We will continue to serve communion in the pews. We will continue to have 1 service at 10 a.m. until we know whether we should have 2 services.

Diane completed her pastoral report. She reported that there were several people who saw our services online and were interested in attending in-person, and she expressed the wish that we could give new members a welcome basket or bag to make them feel welcomed into our parish.

Diane reminded us the Vestry retreat is scheduled for Saturday, July 10th at 10 a.m. Vestry will try meeting Monday, July 12th at 6:30 or 7 p.m. for our next meeting.

Diane closed with a prayer. Marcia moved Vestry adjourn, Nancy seconded. Vestry adjourned at 12:56.

#### Coffee Hour Schedule:

<b>June 6th</b>	<b>Pam Dingman</b>	<b>Ford Dingman</b>
<b>June 13th</b>	<b>Elizabeth Brockman</b>	<b>*****</b>
<b>June 20th</b>	<b>Christi Brooks</b>	<b>*****</b>
<b>June 27th</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>*****</b>
<b>July 4th</b>	<b>Barbara Shepherdigian</b>	<b>Lynne L'Hommedieu</b>
<b>July 11th</b>	<b>*****</b>	<b>*****</b>
<b>July 18th</b>	<b>Ken Klumpp</b>	<b>Lois Klumpp</b>
<b>July 25th</b>	<b>Sharon Bolton</b>	<b>Lynne L'Hommedieu</b>

#### 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](#)**

## June 2021 Financial Report

Below is a summary of operating fund activity through the end of May (41.67%).

Unrestricted operating fund receipts..... \$ 67,786.16 (37.19% of budget)

Unrestricted operating fund expenditures..... 76,536.47 (37.62% of budget)

Operating fund receipts over (under) expenditures..... \$ (8,750.31)

Through May, pledges are down in excess of \$9,000.00. Please verify that your pledge is up-to-date.

### Cash Balances

<b>Cash in Checking Account</b>	52,200.98
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<b>Savings</b>	26,761.06
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<b>Certificates of Deposit</b>	16,051.21
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<b>Endowment Fund</b>	97,255.19
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<b>Total</b>	<b><u>192,268.44</u></b>
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### Cash Sources This Month

<b>Traditional Giving</b>	10,993.00	79.55%
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<b>Online Giving</b>	2,825.24	20.45%
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<b>Total</b>	<b><u>13,818.24</u></b>	100.00%
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# Anglican Worthies

372. Dix, William Chatterton (1837-1989)

Hymnodist



While the Victorian Church was afflicted with the non-belief of some of its strongest minds (George Eliot, Matthew Arnold, Thomas Babington Macaulay, Charles Darwin), it was flooded with the composition of hymns. Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), a spinster, produced hymn-lyrics by the hundreds, volume after volume, only two of which, "To Thee, O Comforter Divine" (514), and "Take my life and let it be" (707), suffered from their quantity. Not many acquired the reputation of John Mason Neale (1818-1860) or Robert Bridges (1844-1930).

There is not much to say about William Chatterton Dix except that what we do know is memorable, albeit he was fortunate in his composers. He was born in Bristol of a father who wrote a biography of the hapless English poet Thomas Chatterton (1752-1770), hence his son's middle name. Young Dix was educated at the local grammar school, where he obviously learned Greek, but instead of college, was prepared for a career in trade in a city distinguished for it. He eventually became manager of a maritime insurance company in Glasgow, another great hub for overseas trade; this was his life.

Yet in the words of James Moffatt, whose handbook to the hymns of the Church, published in 1997, "Few modern writers had shown so signal a gift as his for the difficult art of hymn-writing." Dix composed both hymns and carols. At the age of twenty-nine he became severely ill and recuperated for several months; yet Moffatt states that this was when he did much of his best work. Besides his compositions for the Church he wrote singable metrical versions of Greek for the liturgy of Orthodox services; he also made singable texts for ancient Abyssinian hymns.

Our American Episcopal hymnal includes three well-known texts: "What Child is this, who, laid to rest?", which we sing every Christmas to "Greensleeves," (115), "As with gladness men of old" (119), and "Alleluia, sing to Jesus" (460), set to the tune Hyfrydol, by Dix's contemporary, the Welsh composer Roland Hugh Prichard. We sing this wonderful hymn about twice a year at St. John's.

Dix died in 1898 and was buried in the parish in Somerset, near Bristol.

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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

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Tom Cochrane, 989-317-3561

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Gerald May, 989-506-0373

Olivia Ohler, 989-386-0755

David Proctor, 772-7715

Ella Jo Regan, 772-3587

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