
The St. John's Evangel

Dear people and friends of St. John's,

Our summer work projects continue! In early August, the new ramp to the rear entrance to the Old Rectory was stained and sealed for winter protection. Thanks, again, to Jr. Warden Nancy Kinney for overseeing this project. Next on the agenda is landscaping and painting on the north side of the Parish House.

In other news, Harriett White, a former Senior Warden, will join the Vestry this month, replacing Liz Brockman who resigned earlier this summer to enjoy more time with her family. Harriett will serve until January 2020.

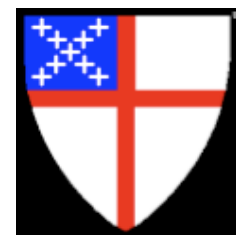
With the advice and consent of the Vestry, I have notified Bishop Hougland and the Rev. Canon Missioner Val Ambrose of Fr. Wayne's retirement. This is the first step in the search process for a new Rector.

On September 2, we return to two Sunday services at 8 and 10 a.m. with Sunday School between services at 9 a.m. That day, Deacon Nancy will lead us in Morning Prayer. Coffee Hour follows the 10 a.m. service.

Love to all in Christ,

David

Senior Warden & Verger





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 205 Mt. 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 Shirley	3
Matthew Blackburn	4
Lydia Bloem	4
Emma Dingman	4
Clancy DeLong	5
Meg (Shirley) ennett	7
Nel (Shirley) Boose	7
Laura Cochran	10
Christine Dyer	15
Joan Salmons	16
Dawn (Dingman) Hall	17
Sharon Bolton	20
Elizabeth Brockman	20
Carol Lauffer	26
Frank Benn	29



Charles & Doris Sherwood	6
Dean & Lonnie McDuff	9
Randi & Lynne L'Hommedieu	11
Gordon Bloem & Nancy Parshall	13
Don & Jan Schurr	18
Tom & Mary Ellen Cochran	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

We've been home almost a month from our trip to Scotland and England, a final hurrah of visiting friends we've made, and cities we've come to know, during the past 45 years. It was a wonderful—and arduous—trip. Our friends, of course, are aging at the same rate as we are, and the cities we used to know well have changed at lightning speed. Back in the 70s and 80s few businesses took credit cards. Now, eleven years after our last visit, most everyone, with the exception of a few crusty taxi drivers, takes plastic or a tap on your I-phone. Uber vehicles abound, as do Airbnb flats. The Royal Bank of Scotland, once the epitome of conservative finances, now has numerous branches throughout the UK, and transactions are digital. I booked our hotel rooms online back in the spring, and once we arrived in the UK we suffered the agony of booking train trips digitally. I missed the chatty human being behind the window at the train station!

It is good to be home, back in our comfort zone. Back to a slower rhythm, our luggage stashed away, our clothing and books where they belong. And good to be back at St. John's, with friends whom we have come to know and love. And yet, despite my pleasure at being home, I am conscious that as a parish we are out of our comfort zone. We are uncertain about the weeks and months ahead as we begin our search for a new pastor for this flock. I believe that this congregation has all the gifts needed to venture into this strange new world. And we have other helpers: our canon missionary, our bishop, the national church office. We have members of the congregation, who have walked this road in past years, who can assure us that there is a light at the end of the journey. And we have our Creator, who sent Jesus into the world to lead us in the "paths of righteousness."

God speed to all who will lead us on this journey, and to all of us who hold them in prayer.

Peace, Nancy



Mark Your Calendar!

Brunch Benefitting the John H. Goodrow Fund
Sunday, October 7, 2018, - 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - \$15.00
Shepherd Bar and Restaurant



September 2018

Sunday Lay Ministry

DATE	LESSONS	PRAYERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD
September 2 15 Pentecost	8:00 a.m. Barbara Sheperdigian 10:00 a.m. Sandy Wood	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen	Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton	Matthew Kinney	Pamela Dingman and Harriett White
Lectionary: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 Psalm 15 James 1:17-27 Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23						
September 9 16 Pentecost	8:00 a.m. Jim Thurston 10:00 a.m. Anne Hiebert Alton	8:00 a.m. Jim Thurston 10:00 a.m. Henry Fulton	David and Jennifer Dingman	Ralph Baber and Karen Varanauskas	Emma Dingman	Pamela Dingman and Harriett White
Lectionary: Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146 James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17 Mark 7:24-37						
September 16 17 Pentecost	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Ralph Baber	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Joan Kadler	Ford and Pamela Dingman	Sharon Bolton and Elizabeth Brockman	Rex Dingman	Lynne L'Hommedieu and Martha Rarick
Lectionary: Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 116:1-8 James 3:1-12 Mark 8:27-38						
September 23 18 Pentecost	8:00 a.m. Steve Berkshire 10:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	David, Nancy, and Matthew Kinney	Laura Cochrane and Marcia David	Adam Baker	Lynne L'Hommedieu and Martha Rarick
Lectionary: Jeremiah 11:18-20 Psalm 54 James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a Mark 9:30-37						
September 30 19 Pentecost	8:00 a.m. Barbara Sheperdigian 10:00 a.m. Tom Cochrane	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Sandy Wood	Ulana Klymyshyn and Lynne L'Hommedieu	Clancy and Pat DeLong	Matthew Kinney	Lynne L'Hommedieu and Martha Rarick
Lectionary: Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29 Psalm 19:7-14 James 5:13-20 Mark 9:38-50						
October 7 20 Pentecost	8:00 a.m. Jim Thurston 10:00 a.m. Henry Fulton	8:00 a.m. Jim Thurston 10:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn	David and Jennifer Dingman	Emma Dingman	Pamela Dingman and Peg Hicks
Lectionary: Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8 Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12 Mark 10:2-16						



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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 Pentecost 2	3	4	5	6	7	8
8 a Morning Prayer 10 a Morning Prayer 9 a Sunday School 10 a Pine River 5 p. Holy Euchars at Emmaus 5 p Yoga	Labor Day Office Closed	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:3-p.m. Yoga 7 p.m. Compassionate Friends	Rev. Nancy away Wednesday-Friday Sept. 5-7	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5 p Choir Rehersal 7-9 p League of Women Votes (Parish House)	Office Closed	
16 Pentecost 9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8 a Holy Euchrist 10 a Choral Eucharist 9 a Sunday School 10 a Pine River 11:30 a Vestry Meets 5 p. Holy Euchars at Emmaus 5 p Yoga	12 Noon DOK 9:30 a Staff Meeting 4 p.m. Music Meeting 5:p EfM	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:30 p.m. Yoga		10 a.m. Tai Chi 5 p Choir Rehersal	Office Closed	10 a.m. St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church worships
17 Pentecost 16	17	18	19	20	21	22
8 a Holy Euchrist 10 a Choral Eucharist 9 a Sunday School 10 a Pine River 5 p. Holy Euchars at Emmaus 5 p Yoga	4 p.m. Music Meeting 5:p EfM	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:3- p.m. Yoga		10 a.m. Tai Chi 5 p Choir Rehersal	Office Closed	
18 Pentecost 23	24	25	26	27	28	29
8 a Holy Euchrist 10 a Choral Eucharist 9 a Sunday School 10 a Pine River 5 p. Holy Euchars at Emmaus 5 p Yoga	<i>Evangel/Deadline</i> 4 p.m. Music Meeting 5 :p EfM	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:3- p.m. Yoga		10 a.m. Tai Chi 5 p Choir Rehersal	Office Closed	
19 Pentecost 30	Sept. 1	2	3	4	5	
8 a Holy Euchrist 10 a Choral Eucharist 9 a Sunday School 10 a Pine River 5 p. Potluck & Holy Euchars at Emmaus 5 p Yoga	4 p.m. Music Meeting 5:p EfM	10 a.m. Tai Chi 5:3- p.m. Yoga		10 a.m. Tai Chi 5 p Choir Rehersal	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 773-74

Greeters



Coffee Hour Hosts



September

- 2 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 9 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 16 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 23 David, Nancy and Matthew Kinney
- 30 Ulana Klymyshyn and Lynne L'Hommedieu

September

- 2 Colin, Anne and Matthew Alton
- 9 Ralph Baber and Karen Varanauskas
- 16 Sharon Bolton and Elizabeth Brockman
- 23 Laura Cochrane and Marcia David
- 30 Kendall and Lois Klumpp

October

- 7 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 14 Sandy Wood and Sharon Bolton
- 21 Colin, Anne and Matthew Alton
- 28 Laura Cochrane and Marcia David

October

- 7 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 14 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 21 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 28 David, Nancy and Matthew Kinney

November

- 4 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 11 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 18 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 25 David, Nancy, and Matthew Kinney

November

- 4 Carol Lauffer and Lynne L'Hommedieu
- 11 Rod Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 18 Christi Brookes, D.J. and Misha Proctor
- 25 Harriett White and Sandy Wood

**St. John's Episcopal Church
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Vestry Minutes, August 13, 2018**

Present are Adam Baker (clerk), Ella Jo Regan, Ulana Klymyshyn, Tom Cochrane, Marcia David, Bernice Cole, Nancy Herman-Kinney, David Shirley. Guests are Diane Stier, Linda-Susan Beard, and Joan and Al Salmonsens.

Ella Jo moves to approve July minutes, Marcia seconds. Vestry approves July minutes. David announces that the first Sunday we revert to two services will both be Morning Prayer led by Nancy Fulton.

David mentions that Harriett White has agreed to serve the remainder of Liz Brockman's term. She will serve through 2020 and will start attending meetings in September. Sr Linda-Susan mentions that the Center for Christian Spirituality has decided on "We are all seekers" as the opening words of their mission statement. She also talks about the Roanridge Grant and the stipulations for the grant money and how it is used. She explains that the grant was for congregations in rural or outlying areas that are in significant transition or dwindling in numbers. The grant was for six congregations and the development of lay leadership, especially in contemplative prayer or contemplative spirituality. The requirement for using grant funds is specifically for use for activities of contemplative prayer. Linda-Susan leaves upon completing her discussion.

David mentions that sending a letter to the Bishop acknowledging Wayne's retirement will officially start the search process. Bernice moves Vestry approve David sending the letter, Ulana seconds. David is not sure how soon afterward Val Ambrose will get in touch with us, and he does not think we should be too active in the process until we go back to two services. David tells Vestry to read the Charge to the previous Search Committee as a starting point. He thinks we should have a charge ready by October 1st. The search committee will have 2 members of Vestry and 6 from the general congregation. David and Diane stress that it is very important to select a diverse range of committee members so the congregation, and not any faction or clique, is represented. David states that after the Charge to the committee is created the Committee itself is assembled and selected. They form a meeting schedule. They form a self-study of the entire congregation about what they want in a new rector. The results are shared with Vestry. They then create a Parish Profile, a Rector Profile and a Community Profile. Those documents go to the Bishop and the Diocese Standing Committee for approval. On approval they are sent to the Office of Transition Ministries at the National Church. The office publicizes the job opening. Candidates meet with Search Committee and Vestry only and the Trial Mass is held only for the Vestry and Search Committee.

Clancy is not here so we do not have a financial report.

Nancy reports that the ramp at the back of the Rectory was stained last week and is apparently looking good.

David states that the Deacon's discretionary fund is running quite low and that Nancy asked that we moves what was left in Wayne's discretionary fund be moved into the Deacon's. There is about \$130 left in Wayne's fund. Clancy will discuss this the next time he is in a meeting.

David announces that he has bought Wayne and Harry's baby grand piano and he is donating it to be put in the Parish Hall. It is in very good condition. David also mentions that he wants to get a bid from ABD Design and Engineering, a Grand Rapids company that remodels interior spaces to make them acoustically better, to work on the parish hall. David also reports that Pat Thurston reported that the proceeds from the Art Auction on October 26 will go toward the acoustic remodel.

David reports that the next Vestry meeting will be Sunday, September 9th at 11:30 am. Staff meetings will be held Monday morning so Sr Diane can attend. Ulana reports November 4-18 will be when St. Johns hosts the homeless shelter.

Tom moves to adjourn, Nancy seconds. Vestry adjourns.

Faithfully submitted,
Adam Baker



July 2018 Financial Report

Below is a summary of operating fund activity through the end of July (58.33%).

Unrestricted operating fund receipts	\$ 110,156.29 (56.60% of budget)
Unrestricted operating fund expenditures	<u>125,404.61</u> (64.44% of budget)

Operating fund receipts over (under) expenditures \$ (15,248.32)

Through July, income is approximately \$5,000 below expenses, when annualizing rector salary and benefits. Please verify that your pledge is up to date. The roof repair (\$5,000) has been paid. Finally, I am pleased to announce that our parish raised \$5,250.00 for Wayne's retirement gift.

Cash balances on July 31, 2018 are as follows:

Checking Account.....	\$ 45,986.62
Savings.....	\$ 36,723.65
Certificate of Deposit.....	\$ 15,662.93
Endowment Fund Investment Account.....	\$ 66,402.92

Capital Campaign funds balance on January 1, 201820,103.05

Capital Campaign funds balance on July 31, 201815,581.51

Capital Fund Activity For July:

Capital Fund Receipts	2,810.00
Interest Income.....	0.00
Bank/Credit Card Fees.....	(3.05)
Mortgage Principle.....	(3,931.90)
Mortgage Interest.....	(736.79)
Net Activity	(1,861.74)

BUILDING PROJECT

Total Capitalized Expenses.....	442,345.71
Non-Capitalized Expenses (Bank Fees/Interest) ...	16,247.93
Subtotal	458,593.64

Anticipated Expenses:

Mortgage Interest	16,376.97
Bank Fees/Credit Card.....	940.31

TOTAL PROJECT COST475,910.92

Clancy DeLong
Treasurer

ANGLICAN WORTHIES

334. Clough, Arthur Hugh (1819-1861) Poet (pt. ii)

Very much at loose ends, Clough applied for a professorship in classics in Australia (!). He needed a source of revenue because he had fallen love with Blanche Mary Shore Smith (1828-1904), a cousin of Florence *Nightingale, to whom he became engaged in 1852. He was apparently willing to accept employment anywhere, because the following year he sailed with Thackeray to this country, looking for work. In Boston he met the usual literati besides Emerson—people like Longfellow and Charles Eliot Norton (president of Harvard). He supported himself with tutoring, but that is all that turned up. In the event, however, he was saved from destitution by his friends back home who found him employment as an “examiner” in the relatively new education office, where Mathew Arnold, Thomas *Arnold’s son, also worked, and he was able to marry Miss Smith. Of this successful union were four known children, including a daughter who followed her father into educational administration.

At the same time, however, Clough became involved in Florence Nightingale’s campaign to clean up military hospitals. The reader will remember what a taskmaster Florence could be! Clough’s health suffered so severely, between his work and her demands, that he was granted sick leave in 1861, and traveled to the warmest climes of southern Europe to regain his health. Here he began “his last long poetical venture,” *Mari Magna*, a set of seven poetic narratives as told by travelers entertaining one another aboard ship, a sort of nautical *Canterbury Tales*. When he returned, he went to the Pyrenees with Tennyson and his wife. His health suffered further and he died in Florence that fall and was buried there.

Nowadays we accord Clough the sobriquet of “promise,” which I do not see. Promise, perhaps, but unable to discover or accommodate himself to the forms in English verse that would make him more inviting to the Victorian reader who was still interested in reading poetry. Moreover, Clough strikes me as a fairly unhappy figure. He had a good marriage, but until his appointment in the growing educational bureaucracy, was unable to settle into steady employment. It did not help that he had lost much of his faith, but this happened in that age as it does now.

I think that many people consider the Victorian Age as a culturally solidified period, unyielding to external influences, unified under the rule of one woman throughout seventy years of monarchy. But if my survey of Anglican figures has any influence upon the mind of the reader, it should show that it was anything but that. Industrialization in the Midlands changed the demography of the kingdom and the distribution of wealth, as did the spread of empire into Africa and India, but the more obvious example, as these pages have shown, has been the

various understandings of the nation's Christian faith, especially as it was impacted by the new German biblical criticism and the published papers of Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace. The Victorian period, for all its pruderies, its Bowdlerisms, and its heavy, cultural clothing to cover the intimate and controversial, was an age of struggle. And the experiences of Clough show him to be another victim of it.

There are more "eminent" Victorians to follow: Matthew Arnold, The Reverend William Spooner (of "Spoonerisms"), Francis Palgrave, Charles Dodgson (*Alice in Wonderland*), Dante and Christina Rossetti, and Thomas Crapper (inventor of the flush toilet). --hlf

**St John's and Friends first annual
Arty Party
Friday, October 26th**

Bring a friend and join the Parish for an evening of food, fun, and frivolity as we auction art and experiences to raise money for sound dampening in the Parish Hall. For donating art items, please contact Harriette White.
More information will come each week!



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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.

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

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

2018 Vestry Officers

Sr. Warden: David Shirley: 773-3463

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Treasurer: Clancy DeLong, 989-400-6546

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