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Dear people and friends of St. John's,

This issue of the Evangel will be the first in many years in which the "Anglican Worthy" column does not appear. Every month we could look forward to learning - from our resident English historian - of one of our Anglican forbears. Henry Fulton provided those faithfully each month. He looked forward to writing them, I think, and I looked forward to reading them.

This past month, we bade farewell to two of our own "Worthies" - Margaret "Peg" Hicks and Henry Levan Fulton. Their lives were examples of fidelity, faithfulness, and integrity - mixed with mirth and wit. Their passing reminds us of part of the blessing Fr. Wayne used often, from Henri Frédéric Amiel (1821-1881) a Swiss moral philosopher, poet, and critic:

"Life is short. We don't have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind."

Let us do both. Let us love and be kind. And may the Divine Mystery - who is beyond our ability to understand, but who made us, who loves us, and who sustains us, be with us - and all our fragile world - this day and always. Amen.

Sr. Diane+

Welcome to our new Admin Assistant

Meet Kaitlin LeVesseur...

Hello all,

I am a student at Central Michigan University. I am originally from about 15 minutes south of Detroit. I am here in Mt. Pleasant studying Communication Sciences and Disorders at CMU in hope of going to Graduate School for Audiology. I'm really excited to be here and hopefully I'll be here for a while. I can't wait to meet all you soon!

**Here are the new Office Hours-
come in and say "Hi":**

Monday: 9:00am- 1:00pm

Tuesday: 11:00am- 3:00pm

Wednesday: 9:00am- 1:00pm

Thursday: 11:00am- 3:00pm

Friday: Closed



GOOD NEWS GARDEN

The garden harvesting has continued! We have had between 2 and 10 volunteers at a time in the garden, and have enjoyed seeing the diversity of tomatoes and peppers grow, along with the eggplant, cucumbers, zucchini, and butternut squash. We have developed strong opinions about the best tomatoes to harvest, and have created effective homemade fungicides to protect the tomatoes. The soup kitchen has been an excellent partner this summer! As they renovate their kitchen, we have found other partnering food pantries. We look forward to finishing the harvest season in October, cleaning up for the winter, and planning for next year.

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. You may also contact the church office at 989-773-7448 or at saintjohnsmp@gmail.com.



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.

Do you shop on Amazon?



One easy way to help with the church outreach and activities is to enlist the help of Amazon. If you already shop at Amazon, you can use their charity reward program to funnel some of their profits to us!

Just access Amazon through this link [Smile](#), log into your account as usual, and then designate St. John's Episcopal Church as the charity you want to support.

They will donate 5 cents for every dollar you spend. It's not a lot, but with many people doing it, it adds up and it won't cost you any more.



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
Pat Clausen
4515 Blue Cedar Drive
Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858

Joan Kadler
Crestwood
2378 S. Lincoln Apt.7
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:
paddingman@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.



September Birthdays

David Shirley	3
Matthew Blackburn	4
Emma Dingman	4
Clancy DeLong	5
Laura Cochrane	10
Sharon Bolton	20
Elizabeth Brockman	20
Carol Lauffer	26
Frank Benn	29



September Anniversaries

Charles and Doris Sherwood	9/6/62
Randi and Lynne L'Hommedieu	9/11/82
Donald and Janice Schurr	9/18/82
Tom and Mary Ellen Cochrane	09/28

Can't find your parish directory?

It's on the parish website:

<https://www.stjohnsmtplesantmi.com/> under About Us -then

Members Only. sjec206

Minutes for Vestry Meeting

August 9th, 2021

Present are Adam Baker (clerk), Diane Stier, Ella Jo Regan, Clancy DeLong, Olivia Ohler, DJ Proctor, Marcia David, Nancy Herman-Kinney, Tom Cochrane, Ulana Klymyshyn, Eric Vinciguerra, Jerry May (by Zoom)

Adam opened with a prayer.

Marcia moved that Vestry approve minutes from the July meeting, Ella seconded. Vestry approved the July minutes.

Nancy asked to complete her Senior Warden report later in the meeting.

Clancy completed his Financial Report. Several pledges have some in and we are about 6K under instead of 10K like we were at this time last month. Clancy also reported that he would like to create an Audit Committee consisting of 3 people. DJ nominated Christi because of her experience working with budget work. Tom also expressed interest. Clancy mentioned Sam Raisanen as another potential person to ask because of his background in economics. Clancy presented a document of our previous audits, which will be added to these minutes as an addendum.

Tom moved that Vestry approve Clancy's financial report as submitted, Nancy seconded. Vestry approved the financial report.

Ulana reported that we will be hosting Restoration House guests for one week in November and one week in April.

Eric completed his Music report. He and Diane discussed how and when to resume choir activities with the Delta variant an ongoing concern. Diane mentioned that there are masks for singers, and she estimated that it would cost us \$400-\$500 to provision the choir with the masks. Eric also reported that in the coming year or so, many of our Choral Scholars will be graduating and we will need to recruit replacements. Diane also expressed her wish to recognize our graduating Choral Scholars with a special Coffee Hour.

Nancy reported that she requested approval for St. John's to set up a stall for Main Stage, an event at CMU on August 29th. She is awaiting approval. Alexis suggested that for Main Stage, we hand our wrist bands with our name or pins to give out to publicize ourselves. Nancy mentioned that she could ask her husband to find out how much a banner would cost to have printed. Vestry expressed interest.

Diane asked that we consider what committees we need to form regarding our plans moving forward.

Alice showed Vestry a quote for audio/visual equipment to help with streaming, including amps and a mixing board. It totalled \$1,700. Vestry did not feel ready to make a decision at this point. Alice and Clancy will look into what other churches in the area are doing and come up with a plan.

Alice was approved to spend \$400 on give-aways, and Ulana reminded us that that money will not make or break our budget, especially considering how long outreach to CMU students has been a goal for St. John's.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 13th at 7 p.m. Clancy closed with a prayer.

Ella moved that Vestry adjourn, Olivia seconded. Vestry adjourned.

August 2021 Financial Report

Below is a summary of operating fund activity through the end of August (66.67%).

Unrestricted operating fund receipts..... \$ 120,848.31 (66.30% of budget)

Unrestricted operating fund expenditures..... 123,657.53 (60.78% of budget)

Operating fund receipts over (under) expenditures..... \$ (2,809.22)

Our deficit for the year is dwindling. Thank you for your keeping your pledge up-to-date.

This is Stewardship month. Kindly open your hearts to assure that St. John's is financially sound as we fully emerge from the pandemic shut downs.

Cash Balances

Cash in Checking Account	64,679.97
Savings	26,764.39
Certificates of Deposit	16,059.31
Endowment Fund	100,636.68
 Total	208,140.35

Cash Sources This Month

Traditional Giving	16,676.50	84.01%
Online Giving	3,173.01	15.99%
 Total	19,849.51	100.00%

Weekly Schedule:

Sunday 10AM: Holy Communication 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:

Sept. 12th

DJ Proctor

Sept. 19th

Nancy Fulton

Jenny Fulton

Sept. 26th

Barbara Sheperdigian

Christi Brookes

Barbara Sheperdigian

Lynne L'Hommedieu

Lay Ministers:**Lectors**

Sept. 5th

Jessica Vinciguerra

Sept. 12th

Carol Lauffer

Sept. 19th

Mary Ellen Cochrane

Sept 26th

Anne Alton

Prayers

Ulana Klymyshyn

Adam Baker

Tim Cochrane

Barbara Sheperdigian

Greeters Schedule:

Sept. 5th

Lynne L'Hommedieu

Sept. 12th

Mary Kiesgen

Sept. 19th

Pam Dingman

Sept. 26th

Lois Klumpp

Marcia David

Ulana Klymyshyn

Ford Dingman

Ken Klumpp

September Calendar

Sundays: 9/19 , 9/26
10am Holy Communion
11am Virtual Coffee Hour

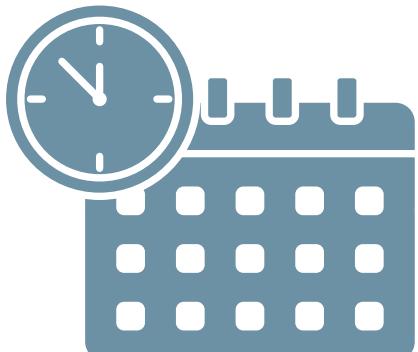
Mondays: 9/20, 9/27
Nothing on these days

Tuesdays: 9/21, 9/28
11am Yoga
with Judy

Wednesdays: 9/22, 9/29
10am Church School
via Zoom
7pm Weekly Connection
via Zoom
6pm Yoga with Judy

Thursdays: 9/23, 9/30
8pm Compline
via Zoom
11am Yoga
with Judy

Fridays: 9/24, 10/1
Office Closed



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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, 772-8340

Vestry Clerk: Adam Baker: 989-492-1626

2021 Vestry Members

Tom Cochrane, 989-317-3561

Marcia David, 775-8086

Ulana Klymyshyn, 772-5616

Gerald May, 989-506-0373

Olivia Ohler, 989-386-0755

David Proctor, 772-7715

Ella Jo Regan, 772-3587

Eric Vinciguerra, 989-289-6301

Organist:

Dennis Flynn, 231-359-2776

Choirmaster pro tempore:

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