



The Evangel
June 2011

Only Our Best!

Friday, June 3rd

6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

In the Parish Hall

**For the Parish and Invited Guests -
That's *YOU!* And bring a Friend!**

Champagne and Hors d'oeuvres

Live Music

Silent Auction



Remember our Homebound Members

Stop by to visit or drop a card to our parish members who are homebound.

Verna Schurr

Applewood, 5775 West Isabella Road

Connie Smith,

1526 C Canterbury Trail, 772-4577

Maribeth and George Injasoulian

Prestige Place, 5785 E. Broadway
Mt. Pleasant



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.

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 contacting Sandy Wood, 773-9326, Martha Rarick, 773-7510, or the church office.



Meijer Community Rewards Program
St. Johns' Account Number 972219



Jacob Tarrant	2
Noah Tarrant	2
Erica Schurr	3
Anna Koeppen/Babcock	6
Logan Seger	7
Doug Mower	13
Elaine Smith	17
Connie Morrison	18
Lynne L'Hommedieu	19
Henry Rojas	19
Steven Berkshire	25
Melissa Jackson	29



Colin and Anne Alton	2
David and Carrie Blackburn	10
Tim and Nancy Hartshorne	13
Kendall and Lois Klumpp	16
Eim and Elizabeth Brockman	18
Rev. Dick and Marlene Shinn	25
Forrest and Linda Robinson	26
Michael and Heather Otterbine	26
John and Lee Wirth (their 65 th !)	29

A New Address...

Jean Holland Wood has moved and would like to keep in touch with friends from the Parish. Her new address is: Country Pleasures Assisted Living, 746 W. Sleights Rd., Traverse City, MI 49686.
Her new phone # is 231-922-6849.

Outside the Tent

*Thou visitest the earth,
and blessest it, and blessest it;
and crownest the earth,
the earth with thy goodness. . . .*

Maurice Greene

I've spent so much time on my hands and knees in our garden these last two weeks that all else has dropped from my mind. This always happens to me in May—and in April, when the weather is more salubrious than it was this year—a kind of madness after the long, cold winter, when all the world seems to be to be dead. I glory in the exuberance of our perennials, and I am even thankful for the luxuriant weeds, all signs that life has returned to our garden. This year Henry and I put in four holly bushes, as well another rhododendron, a second dwarf burning bush, and a japonica bush. We especially look forward to cutting from the holly bushes in December, when we decorate our house with greens for Christmas. They will be a reminder to me that beneath the frost and the snow the world is very much alive, gathering its energy for another spring and summer. That resurrection always comes.

When Judy Sweeney died last year, Henry and I stopped at her apartment to check in with her brother and sister-in-law, who were cleaning out her possessions. Her brother was determined that I take something with me, and he pressed on me a philodendron that Judy had once lovingly tended, but that was now reduced to three wilted, colorless leaves after her long tenure in the nursing home. I reluctantly accepted the plant, thinking that I would dump it in the compost when we got home. But I couldn't do that, because it was all that was left to remind me of Judy, a woman who fought addiction and the after-effects of a brain tumor to live a life rich in blessings. So I put the plant outside, on our gardening table, and within three or four weeks it was burgeoning with new leaves. It is now a beautiful plant, a reminder of Judy. A reminder of resurrection, of new life.

We pass so quickly from the feast of the resurrection to common time, the long summer months when the altar and the clergy are decked out in green. We wander in and out of church, vacation and golfing and mowing the lawn taking us away from our Sunday routine. Not much seems to happen liturgically as we work through the stories from the life of Jesus. It is a time we all long for in the frozen months of January and February, a time to let ourselves drift, to recover from the intensity of winter and the passion of Lent and Easter. A time to bake our bones, to store up energy for the hard months to come.

I never want summer to end. When the fourth of July arrives, I begin to mourn the quick passage of these days that seem like heaven to me. But by late August, I am ready for the crispness of autumn. As John Updike says in a children's poem: "The trees are tired of being green" And so am I. I'm ready for new energy: for Advent, for Christmas, for Lent. But I'm getting ahead of myself! Spring is in full flower. Jesus is risen, and so is the world. Let us rejoice and be glad!

A blessed summer,
Nancy

ONLY OUR BEST!

Putting the "FUN" in *fundraising*!

The Parish Hall will be open to parishioners and guests for a terrific silent auction of "our best" treasures, a fun and (we hope) profitable prelude to the Rummage Sale itself (June 10-11).



Champagne, savories, music, and a chance to find someone else's treasure which will be *just right* among your own. So come, and bid -- it's your chance to help balance our budget! Contributions of your own treasures will be accepted through the morning of June 3

Volunteers needed! Phone Karen Varanauskas, 506-3750.

Friday, June 3rd, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Bidding ends at 7:30 p.m.)

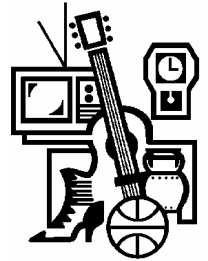
Saturday, June 4th, 8:00 a.m.

Open to the Public (That is, *if* there's anything left!)

AND THEN...

St. John's Annual Rummage Sale is June 10th & 11th!

Please bring in your no-longer-needed items for the rummage sale beginning **Sunday afternoon, June 5th!** We will need volunteers to price and arrange items from June 5th through the 10th! We will also participate the following weekend, for the City Wide Sales. We will need volunteers to assist on sale days to help with purchases and for "customer service". In the meantime, we are accepting clothing year round. Please leave clothing donations in the Parish Hall kitchen. See Karen Varanauskas for more information or call her at 506-3750!



Association for Interfaith Ministries (AIM) will be sponsoring > a fall retreat for its Friends once again this year. The cost to each camper is \$100. If you would like to sponsor (or partially sponsor) a > camper, you may send a check made out to AIM at 4884 E. Broomfield Rd., Mt. Pleasant. If you have questions, ask Nancy Fulton.



Altar Flowers for 2011

There are still many dates available for providing Altar Flowers. Please find the Alter Flower Calendar posted outside the door of the Sacristy and sign up!

Summer Services At St. John's

We will meet for our summer worship schedule of **ONE** service at **9:00 a.m.** beginning **Sunday, July 3rd!**



June 2011

Sunday Lay Ministry

DATE	LESSONS	PRAYERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD
June 5 Easter 7	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Harry Kelley	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Jo Redman	Ford and Pamela Dingman	David and Paula Shirley	Zach Dearing and Ken Klumpp	Alice Louisell Cindy Seger and Harriett White
Lectionary: Acts 1:6-14 Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 John 17:1-11						
June 12 Pentecost Sunday	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	Colin, Anne and Matthew Alton	David and Carrie Blackburn	Zach Dearing and John Rousseau	Alice Louisell Cindy Seger and Harriett White
Lectionary: Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104:25-35, 37 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 John 20:19-23						
June 19 Trinity Sunday	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Karen Varanauskas	8:00 a.m. Eileen Swinehart 10:00 a.m. Joan Kadler	Renee Babcock and Ziggy Zygmuntowicz	Gordon Bloem and Nancy Parshall	Zach Dearing and Sandy Wood	Sally Goodrow, Lynne L'Hommedieu, Martha Rarick
Lectionary: Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 Matthew 28:16-20						
June 26 2 Pentecost	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Ralph Baber	8:00 a.m. Eileen Swinehart 10:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	David and Carrie Blackburn	Harold and Mary Cook	Zach Dearing and Seth Hartshorne	Sally Goodrow, Lynne L'Hommedieu, Martha Rarick
Lectionary: Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42						
July 3 '3 Pentecost	9:00 a.m. Marvin Lett	9:00 a.m. Jo Redman	Steven Berkshire and Eileen Swinehart	Tim and Elizabeth Brockman	Zach Dearing and John Rousseau	Pamela Dingman and Paula Shirley
One Service at 9:00 a.m. Until Fall						
Lectionary: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45: 11-18 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30						



June 2011 at St. John's

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
May 29 <i>Easter 6</i> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist	30 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Office Closed Today</i>	31	June 1 <i>Justin, Martyr</i> Noon Eucharist	2 <i>Ascension Day</i> 5:30 p.m. Choir	3 <i>Martyrs of Uganda</i> <i>Office Closed</i> Only Our Best! 6-8:30 p.m. Only Our Best	4 8am-Noon Only Our Best
5 <i>Easter 7</i> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist	6 Noon Daughters of the King	7 7:00 p.m. The Compassionate Friends	8 Noon Eucharist	9 <i>Columba, Abbot</i> 5:30 p.m. Choir	10 Rummage Sale! <i>Office Closed</i>	11 5:00 p.m. Memorial Eucharist in Honor of David Hal Evett
12 <i>Pentecost</i> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist <i>The Rev. Nancy Fulton, Homilist</i> Coffee Hour Mission Moment: The Rev. Beth Drew, for The Dominican Republic	13 <i>First Book of Common Prayer</i>	14 <i>Basil the Great</i> 5:30 p.m. VESTRY	15 <i>Evelyn Underhill</i> Noon Eucharist	16 <i>Joseph Butler, Bishop</i> 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting	17 <i>Office Closed</i>	18 <i>Bernard Mizeki, Martyr</i>
19 <i>Trinity</i> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist	20	21	22 <i>Alban, Martyr</i> Noon Eucharist	23	24 <i>Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i> <i>Office Closed</i>	25 1:00 p.m. The Interment of Robert Louisell and Consecration of our Columbarium
26 <i>Pentecost 2</i> 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist	27	28 <i>Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons</i>	29 <i>Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles</i> Noon Eucharist	30	July 1 <i>Office Closed</i>	2 <i>Summer Worship Begins Tomorrow ONE Service at 9 a.m.</i>

Morning Prayer is held Monday-Thursday, at 9:00 a.m. For Updates: Visit the Parish Website and Click on "Calendar"

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

Greeter Rotation

June

- 5 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 12 Colin, Anne and Matthew Alton
- 19 Renee Babcock and Ziggy Zygmontowicz
- 26 David and Carrie Blackburn

July

- 3 Steven Berkshire and Eileen Swinehart
- 10 Gordon Bloem and Nancy Parshall
- 17 Tim and Elizabeth Brockman
- 24 George and Diana Clapp
- 31 Harold and Mary Cook

August

- 7 Sally Goodrow and Lynn L'Hommedieu
- 14 Kendall and Lois Klumpp
- 21 Alice Louisell and Martha Rarick
- 28 Rod and Zach Leslie and Marian Matyn

Coffee Hour Rotation

June

- 5 David and Paula Shirley
- 12 David and Carrie Blackburn
- 19 Gordon Bloem and Nancy Parshall
- 26 Harold and Mary Cook

July

- 3 Tim and Elizabeth Brockman
- 10 George and Diana Clapp
- 17 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 24 Pamela Dingman
- 31 Henry and Nancy Fulton

August

- 7 Jane Gilmore and Cindy Seger
- 14 Forrest and Linda Robinson
- 21 Kendall and Lois Klumpp
- 28 Alice Louisell and Martha Rarick

St. John's Episcopal Church - Vestry Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 10, 2011

Next Regular Meeting: June 14th, 5:30pm

Present: Gordon Bloem, Laura Cochrane, Harold Cook, David Dingman, Pam Dingman, Rod Leslie, Rev. Wayne Nicholson, Betsy Richard, John Rousseau, Eileen Swinehart, and Karen Varanauskas.

Rev. Wayne Nicholson called the meeting to order at 5:36pm with an opening prayer for the Parish.

Announcements:

***Mission:** Renee sent a report that the Easter baskets were a big success: 6 very full laundry baskets for the family and 12 candy baskets. Red Cross was very happy with bags of hygiene products and leftovers from Easter. Rene has asked that we do another peanut butter Sunday, as it is a great protein-rich item that can be a complete meal.

1) Building and grounds:

a) Ongoing needs:

***Painting** is happening and should be completed by Thursday.

b) The Columbarium has been unpacked and will be installed soon. The Vestry went over the policies and procedures that have been drawn up. Karen moved to accept the policies and procedures; it was seconded by Eileen and passed. Once a date for completion has been set we will arrange for it to be blessed.

c) Building and Capital Campaign:

***Capital Campaign** has no current updates.

***Building and Grounds:** David is working on revitalizing the building and grounds committee.

***Sunday School** for children has interest; Rob will continue to work out details.

***The Safe has arrived!** Pam Dingman reported that she ordered it from A-Z, an on line company, for \$309. Discussion of installation followed.

2) Liturgy and Music:

***Rearrangements of the Church** for Easter and reactions of the congregation were discussed.

***Summer Services** will be from July 3rd to September 4th with one service at 9am.

***Music and Liturgy Committee** has received three inquiries, but all from people who wanted full time work. Discussion followed.

3) Finances:

***Discussion of the Cottage Meetings and ongoing stewardship**

-Big picture of stewardship needs some planning and thought

- Karen will be attending “Stewardship University” on May 21st
- We will have a parish retreat in September where we can discuss stewardship among other things

***A current financial report** was presented by Harold. We continue to run at a deficit despite some extra funds coming in. Discussion followed.

***The National Church** is shifting payroll services and Harold will present options for this change when he has more information.

***A Special Rummage Sale** evening will be held on Friday, June 3rd for members of the parish only. There will be refreshments and a silent auction. The “regular” rummage sale will be held on the weekend and the following weekend.

Gordon moved to approve last month’s minutes, Eileen seconded and the motion was passed by acclamation.

Eileen moved to adjourn at 6:45 pm; the motion was seconded by John and the motion was passed by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth (Betsy) Richard, Vestry Clerk

DIOCESE OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC **Sunday, 12 June 2011**

The Rev. Beth Drew, Deacon at St. Mark's, Coldwater, will make a presentation at St. John's on the companion relationship between the three Michigan dioceses and the Diocese of the Dominican Republic, which formally began last year. While the Diocese of Western Michigan participates in several mission ventures, this is our major one.

The three dioceses of Michigan will work with the Diocese of the Dominican Republic in several ways, but principally with teams of medical assistance and small groups to assist in the construction of schools and churches, working alongside Episcopalians on the island.

Our assigned project is to build a school in Porto Plato on the north coast of the island. We will need a team of 12 to 16 skilled and unskilled persons men and women, to go to the island to work for ten days early next year. A planning meeting of interested persons from all three dioceses is scheduled for Saturday 25 September at All Saints, East Lansing.

Beth Drew will explain our relationship and describe this mission trip Sunday, 12 June, after the second service. Please plan to hear her explain our work there! --hlf

Anglican Worthies

247. Heber, Reginald ((1783-1826)
Bishop of Calcutta

Born in Cheshire, Heber followed his father into holy orders after distinguishing himself at Brasenose College, Oxford. He was considered a promising poet. In 1804 he was elected a Fellow of All Souls, after which he enjoyed a tour of Europe while his country was still at war with France. In 1807 he was ordained priest and was given the parish at Hodnet in Shropshire. Two years later he married and commenced a gradual career of service and ecclesiastical preferments. These were little more than ordinary distinctions, often granted to men of lesser abilities than Heber's.

Heber was strongly influenced by the Evangelical Movement that was making an impact on the parochial culture of the Church. He was dissatisfied with the common appointment of psalms to be sung or chanted in Sunday worship where they clashed theologically with the lectionary. The national church itself could not agree on whether the music of the morning service should be the traditional psalms or those hymns the non-Anglican denominations, such as the Methodists, were using. There was a suspicion among traditionalists that writers of hymns might compose verses of unsound theology. (The tunes already in use were already familiar.)

Strange as this might sound to us now, eventually hymns found acceptance in Anglican use. Heber favored their inclusion and as rector of Hodnet he began to bring together some of the best hymns and compose lyrics of his own, some of which are in use even now. One of the better known is "Holy, Holy, Holy," which Heber composed for Trinity Sunday. (Tennyson called it "the world's greatest hymn.") Heber also composed the words to "Brightest and best, the sons of the morning" for Epiphany (1811), as well as "From Greenland's icy mountains," which my father's household called "the geography hymn." Heber composed more than fifty sets of hymn lyrics, which were published posthumously after his death as Hymns Written and Adapted to the Weekly Church Services of the Year (1827). This in a sense constitutes the first hymnal of the Anglican Church. (W.H. Frere, of a later generation, called Heber the "creator of the modern Church hymn-book.") Included in the publication were, besides his own compositions, all the tunes in current use he thought suitable for preservation, whatever their provenance; he also included ancient chant. It was a very eclectic publication.

In 1823 he was named Bishop of Calcutta, the coordinator of mission work in a nation in its early imperial development. This promotion might not be everyone's cup of tea, but it was to Heber. Warre Cornish maintains that India long "had a romantic

charm in [Heber's] mind"; Heber had admitted that he had "sometimes been tempted to wish himself Bishop of Calcutta!" (He had probably dropped a hint in the right place!) Needless to say this was a challenging preferment, and it is not uncharitable to state that had Heber lived longer, he would have seen his efforts crowned with frustration and disappointment.

The British government wanted this collection of principalities converted to Christianity. In the recent words of Niall Ferguson, "To many of the missionaries, the subcontinent was a battleground in which they, as soldiers of Christ, were struggling against the forces of darkness." But the British wanted more than that; they wanted the entire nation Anglicized, converted not only to Christianity but to English culture as well.

[J.S.] Mill saw the cultural transformation of the non-European world as inextricably linked to its economic transformation. These twin currents of the Evangelical desire to convert India to Christianity and the Liberal desire to concert it to capitalism flowed into one another, and over the British Empire.

The British only partly got their wish; they certainly failed in the first instance. The mission venture did not sufficiently appreciate that India resisted the earnestness of Christian missionaries because it was an ancient civilization with its indigenous religions--Islam and Hinduism. This is how it often is with zealous missionaries. (It has been argued that the great Mutiny of the Indian army in 1857 was due to the fact that the sepoys were asked to bite off the end of newly issued cartridges that had been greased with animal fat, wherebv they risked defilement.)

The colonial government and the Christian missionaries sought to abolish several repugnant religious practices associated with Hindu law, viz. infanticide (especially of excessive female births), thuggae (the assassination of travelers, especially in the northwestern provinces, hence "thugs"), and sati, the ritual immolation of a widow on her husband's funeral pyre, regarded by some as "not just an act of marital fidelity but of females piety." Extreme examples, of course, but evidence of religious traditions of solid standing long before British trade and eventual British imperialism.

Against these Heber made no headway in his brief three years. He died of a sudden illness. We remember him now for his hymns. --hlf

April 30, 2011 Financial Report

The following is a financial report for the first four months of 2011, or 33.3 per cent of the year.

Unrestricted operating fund receipts.....	\$52,422	(about 31.4% of year's budget)
Unrestricted operating fund expenditures.....	<u>64,945</u>	(about 35.6% of year's budget)
Excess of operating expenditures over receipts.....	\$ 12,523	(23.9% above the receipts)
Operating cash balance on January 1, 2011.	<u>28,075</u>	
April 30, 2011 operating fund balance	\$15,552	

Receipts are below the amount expected, and expenditures are higher than expected. Expenditures are always high in the first month of each quarter because of the payment of the Goodrow Fund pledge, property insurance, and the Rector's pension contribution. These payments in April inflate the deficit by about \$3,000 above what one would expect during four average months.

Everyone is encouraged to remain current with his/her pledge so that Vestry will be able to accurately access the financial situation. The treasurer has no way of telling if everyone's pledge payment is current, so he cannot say how serious the deficit of \$15,552 is. It is obvious that the church does not have sufficient cash to support a deficit of the level for each four month period this year.

Another way of looking at our finances is to compare the average weekly year-to-date receipts with the expected average weekly expenditures for the year. These two numbers are as follows:

Year-to-date weekly average receipts.....	\$3,084
Budgeted weekly average expenses.....	<u>3,387</u>
Weekly year-to-date deficit.....	\$ 303

Questions about details of the church's finances may be directed to Pam Dingman or Harold Cook.

*** Please remember to keep your Pledge Contributions up-to-date during the summer months! ***

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Our 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

Rector:

The Rev. Wayne Nicholson, 772-1203

Deacon:

The Rev. Nancy Casey Fulton, 773-7193

2011 St. John's Vestry Officers:

Senior Warden: Karen Varanauskas, 506-3750

Junior Warden: David Dingman, 633-8413

Vestry Clerk: Betsy Richard, 772-2369

Treasurer: Harold Cook, 773-9781

Vestry Members:

Gordon Bloem, 773-5480

Laura Cochrane, 493-5885

Jane Gilmore, 317-0343

Rod Leslie, 386-8131

John Rousseau, 630-6798

Eileen Swinehart, 773-9961