

The Evangel

November 2011



My Brothers and Sisters,

I have had the good fortune to meet with a whole bunch of clergy colleagues lately – collectively in groups large and small, and individually over a meal. Our conversations have often become deeply centered around the issue of discernment: What is God calling me to do now? What is God calling me to do next?

Many would agree that “vocation” and “discernment” are not limited to clergy or those who seek Holy Orders. The theologian Frederick Buechner has said (variously translated), “Vocation is where our greatest passion meets the world’s greatest need.” In other words, *vocation is the meeting point of our deepest desire and the needs of the world*. No, it does not mean that I have a vocation to eliminate poverty; but yes, it does mean that I am called to feed hungry people. Perhaps your vocation is to be a good parent, or a helpful child. Perhaps your vocation is to serve the poor one day at the soup kitchen, or to volunteer for the Goodrow Fund, or to make someone happy, or to be an effective steward of God’s creation. Sometimes (probably most often) our vocation is not a “full time job” – sometimes we have to do grunt work in order to support our vocation. Some of us are graced with a calling that is indeed full time, but most of us are not. And for those whose vocation is not “full time,” I suggest that even in the most mundane we can find grace.

God is constantly yearning for us to bring the kingdom to earth “as it is in heaven.” We do that in countless acts of compassion and generosity. I see them daily. Our church is blessed by so many of you who give of your selves so that the kingdom is a bit closer, somewhere in that luminous space between heaven and earth.

God’s yearning is a constantly unfolding story. In saving the people of Israel from slavery, in the promise of a land where they might be free, God’s yearning for justice and mercy was made incarnate. In the person of Christ Jesus, God’s yearning was given flesh; through his teaching, healing, feeding Jesus taught us *how* to love God and our neighbor. He told us stories – and those stories were “teaching moments,” fractions of time when God’s yearning was made more clear even through metaphor.

Think of your own vocation. Think also of the supposedly trivial things you do throughout the day – and try to look upon them in a new light, the light of God’s need and the indwelling of God’s grace.

In Christ,
Wayne+



Remember our Homebound Members

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

Jean Briggs (Alice Louisell's sister)
Tendercare, 1524 Portabella, Mt. P

Maribeth and George Injasoulian
Prestige Centre, 5785 E. Broadway, Mt. P
773-9421

Shirley Robinson (c/o her son, Richard)
1002 S. Brown St., Mt. P - 773-9743

Verna Schurr
Applewood Assisted Living
55775 W. Isabella Rd. (M20) Mt. P
772-1866

Connie Smith,
1526 C Canterbury Trail, Mt. P - 772-4577



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. The Prayer Group meets for 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Coffee on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.



Harry Kelley	2
Mary Cook	4
Rebecca DeLong	4
Colin Alton	8
Eileen Swinehart	8
Carrie Blackburn	13
Peg Goodrich	14
Tim Hartshorne	15
Jan Schurr	15
Ara Sheperdigian	15
Katelyn Kelly	16
Paula Shirley	16
Marlene Shinn	18
Nancy Fulton	19
Eva Rojas	20
Gabriel Kney	21
Fr. Dick Shinn	22
Jonathan Scott Shaffer	29
Michael Otterbine	30



Brent & Jeanne Maxon	4
Roger Hatch & Joyce Baugh	23
Lance & Lisa Ferden	25
Bob & Kip Cosan	28

Ongoing Rummage Sale Info:

The St. John's Rummage Sale Committee is accepting good used clothing all year long! Please leave all contributions in the Parish Hall kitchen.



Thank you!

Meijer Community Rewards Program
St. Johns' Account Number 972219

Outside the Tent



All Soul's Day, 2010

My mother died early in the morning of November 2, 2010. A good Catholic to the end, she died on All Souls' Day, *Día de los Muertos*, the Day of the Dead. In her dying, she brought healing to her fractious children, and a year later I think of that with gratitude. A year later I also have learned that grieving and healing take a long time. I know that—cognitively—but it's taking my heart and my body a long time to learn. I am realizing how many of her wounds I carry with me. I'm worried about the genetic makeup she passed on to me at the moment of my conception: will my old age also be lost in dementia? I am also thankful for her life, and for her willingness to give me life, especially following the death of her first infant.

Late in the afternoon of the day of her death, my son Charlie and I were driving to join my siblings and assorted spouses, nieces, and nephews for dinner at an Italian place downtown in Escanaba. 'We agreed that the best route to take was our traditional drive along the shore of Little Bay de Noc. As we turned down the hill into Ludington Park, we encountered the view pictured above. We looked at one another with wonder. Charlie asked whether I had my camera: "Of course, I always carry my camera." Later in that week, I framed him a copy, which he has hanging in his house as a remembrance of that day.

For Louise, All Souls' Day 2011

Farewell the old town
on the wings of November:
golden light hold you.

Peace to all we remember,
and to all of us who live on without them.

Nancy

Thank you to everyone who helped out Woodland Hospice this fall. First, thank you to those who voted these past few months. We learned on October 24 that we had won the \$25,000 grant. Second, thank you to all who sponsored me in the Rock-a-Thon early in October. The parish contribution was \$750, and so far our tally for that event is over \$23,000. What a difference your generosity and your loyalty in voting have made. —Nancy

Thank You All!

Jo Redman extends her sincere appreciation to the Choir, who donated two beautiful bushes for St. John's garden, in memory of her son, Marc Redman. Jo is also grateful for David Shirley, who ordered the bushes and lovingly planted them.

Thanksgiving Baskets

St. John's will again provide Thanksgiving dinner and food supplies for six families. We will need cash contributions and canned and boxed food. Look for the food box in the narthex of the church or drop your contribution marked "Baskets" into the offering plate.

Please have food and contributions in by **Sunday, November 20th**.

Please contact Renee Babcock, 773-6936, with any questions.

Thanksgiving – 6 Families

Turkey
Oleo
2 cans Soup
Bread
Crackers
Cake Mix
Paper towel

Dressing mix
2 Cans Vegetables
Milk
Peanut Butter
Pasta

5# Potatoes
2 Cans Fruit
Cereal
Jelly/Jam
Pasta sauce
Cake Frosting
Paper Napkins



Red Tent Women's Group

The Red Tent Women's Group will gather again on Saturday morning, November 5, at 9:30 in the parish hall. Our meeting this time will involve some sacred images of the divine feminine, some mandala art (individual and group), and as always, sharing and laughter, followed by lunch. We will be finished by 1:00. A mandala is simply a circle, and it has been used in many cultures to portray spiritual images. We plan to meet next time in the latter part of January, followed by gatherings in March and May. Some possible ideas for future gatherings: creating a sacred space, learning more about other religious traditions, archetypal goddesses, creating art, exploring the music of Hildegard von Bingen, and any other suggestions from the group. "Nurture", "friendship", "spiritual growth", and "fun" – all of those words have been used to describe our meetings. We hope you will join us.

Christmas Outreach

Christmas Outreach is expecting a large increase in clients this year. They are in great need if new or gently used linens; towels, sheets, blankets, pillows, etc.

Other items needed include:

Infant's and children's winter clothing, including any baby items

Adult winter clothing (coats, sweats etc)

Boots (especially adult sizes)

Mittens, Gloves, Hats (all sizes)

Jeans (all sizes)

Books for all ages

Non-perishable food items

Toys, (new and gently used)

Personal hygiene items

Cleaning products

Of course, monetary donations are always appreciated! Send checks payable to Christmas Outreach to Immanuel Lutheran Church, 320 S. Bradley, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858 or deposit at any local branch of Isabella Bank.

ALSO...

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

Mon., Dec. 12th, and Tues., Dec. 13th, between 8 a.m.m.-6 p.m.
at Finch Field house (on the campus of CMU) on the corner of Preston and Franklin. Call 989-773-4204 if you can volunteer for a few hours!

Christmas Outreach works because of YOU!



November 2011


Sunday Lay Ministry

DATE	LESSONS	PRAYERS	GREETERS	COFFEE HOUR HOSTS	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD
November 6 All Saints' Sunday	8:00 a.m. Barbara Sheperdigian 10:00 a.m. Sandy Wood	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen	Colin, Anne and Matthew Alton	Zach Dearing and John Rousseau	Pamela Dingman and Paula Shirley
Lectionary: Revelation 7:9-17 Psalm 34:1-10, 22 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12						
November 13 Pentecost 22 Evensong 5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Karen Varanauskas 5:00 p.m. Ralph Baber	8:00 a.m. Eileen Swinehart 10:00 a.m. Jo Redman	Lynne L'Hommedieu and WAITING FOR REPLA	Renee Babcock and Ziggy Zygmontowicz	Zach Dearing and Seth Hartshorne	Pamela Dingman and Paula Shirley
Lectionary: Judges 4:1-7 Psalm 123 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30						
November 20 Christ the King Sunday	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Gordon Bloem	8:00 a.m. Martha Rarick 10:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	Rod and Zach Leslie and Marian Matyn	Ralph Baber and Karen Varanauskas	Zach Dearing and Sandy Wood	Peg Hicks and Karen Varanauskas
Lectionary: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 Psalm 100 Ephesians 1:15-23 Matthew 25:31-46						
November 27 Advent 1	8:00 a.m. Steven Berkshire 10:00 a.m. Nancy Hartshorne	8:00 a.m. Eileen Swinehart 10:00 a.m. Joan Kadler	Betsy Richard and Jim Eikrem	David and Carrie Blackburn	Zach Dearing and John Rousseau	Peg Hicks and Karen Varanauskas
Lectionary: Isaiah 64:1-9 Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:24-37						
December 4 Advent 2	8:00 a.m. Barbara Sheperdigian 10:00 a.m. Joan Kadler	8:00 a.m. Peg Hicks 10:00 a.m. Mary Kiesgen	Colin, Anne and Matthew Alton	Gordon Bloem and Nancy Parshall	Zach Dearing and Seth Hartshorne	Alice Louisell Cindy Seger and Harriett White
Lectionary: Isaiah 40:1-11 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 2 Peter 3:8-15a Mark 1:1-8						



Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour on Saturday night November 5th before bed, to make sure you will be at church on time for Sunday morning services.

November 2011 at St. John's Episcopal Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="text-align: center;">November 6</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday of the Feast of All Saints</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>LOOSE CHANGE SUNDAY BENEFITTING THE GOODROW FUND</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Willibrord, Bishop of Utrecht</i></p> <p>12 Noon Daughters of the King</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Prayer Group Morning Prayer</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Rodney Green: Sex Trafficking in India</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noon Eucharist</p> <p>5:30 p.m. EFM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">10</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome</i></p> <p>5:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Martin, Bishop of Tours</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Veterans' Day</i></p> <div style="text-align: center;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">Office Closed 11:00 a.m. Wedding</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Charles Simeon, Priest</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Red Tent Gathering</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Set your clocks back tonight!</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">13 Pentecost 22</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Evensong in Honor of Veterans and Those who Serve</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Consecration of Samuel Seabury, First American Bishop, 1784</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Prayer Group Morning Prayer</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Vestry</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noon Eucharist</p> <p>5:30 p.m. EFM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln</i></p> <p>9:00 a.m. Staff Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Hilda, Abbess of Whitby</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">19</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Elizabeth, Princess of Hungary</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Demetrios Worships at St. John's</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">20, Pentecost 23</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist</p> <p>5:00 p.m. Evensong at St. John's, Saginaw</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">21</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:30 p.m. EFM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">22</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Clive Staples Lewis, Apologist</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">23</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Clement, Bishop of Rome</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Noon Eucharist</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">24</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist in Thanksgiving</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Thanksgiving Day</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">25</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office Closed</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">26</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Private Function in Parish Hall</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">27 The First Sunday of Advent</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>LOOSE CHANGE SUNDAY BENEFITTING THE GOODROW FUND</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">28</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Kamehameha and Emma, King and Queen of Hawai'i</i></p> <p>5:30 p.m. EFM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">29</p> <p style="text-align: center;">30</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fr. Wayne Away</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">December 1</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Nicholas Farrar, Deacon</i></p> <p>5:30 p.m. Choir</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Channing Moore Williams, Missionary</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Office Closed 7:00 p.m. CCS: Buddhist Spiritual Practice</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Buddhist Spiritual Practice</p>

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



November

- 6 Joan Kadler and Mary Kiesgen
- 13 Lynne L'Hommedieu & Sandy Wood
- 20 Rod & Zach Leslie and Marian Matyn
- 27 Betsey Richard and Jim Eikrem

December

- 4 Colin, Anne, and Matthew Alton
- 11 Renee Babcock and Ziggy Zygmuntowicz
- 18 David and Carrie Blackburn
- 24 **Please call office if you can serve at 5 or 11 p.m.**

January 2012

- 1 **Please call office if you can serve at 9:00 a.m.**
- 8 Gordon Bloem and Nancy Parshall
- 15 Christi Brookes and Laura Cochrane
- 22 Tim Brockman and Harold Cook
- 29 David and Jennifer Dingman

Coffee Hour Rotation



November

- 6 Colin, Anne and Matthew Alton
- 13 Renee Babcock and Ziggy Zygmuntowicz
- 20 Ralph Baber and Karen Varanauskas
- 27 David and Carrie Blackburn

December

- 4 Gordon Bloem and Nancy Parshall
- 11 Christi Brookes and Laura Cochrane
- 18 Tim and Elizabeth Brockman
- 25 **Christmas Day (No Coffee Hour)**

January 2012

- 1 **New Years Day (No Coffee Hour)**
- 8 Harold and Mary Cook
- 15 David and Jennifer Dingman
- 22 Ford and Pamela Dingman
- 29 Henry and Nancy Fulton

St. John's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes—11 October 2011

1. In attendance were Laura Cochrane, Gordon Bloem, John Rousseau, Father Wayne, David Dingman, Karen Varanauskas, Jane Gilmore, Rod Leslie, Eileen Swinehart and Harold Cook. Also in attendance was Harry Kelly.
2. Karen moved the minutes of the August meeting be accepted as presented; John seconded the motion. The motion was carried. Father Wayne thanked Laura for taking them in Betsy's absences
3. Mission and Outreach: Goodrow Fund. Interviews for Executive Director position will be conducted with two candidates on Thursday, 13 October 2011. Board has recommended that the rector of St. John's be a permanent member of the board as a regular voting member. Two members of the current board have resigned but will continue to serve until replacements can be named.
4. Building and Grounds. The doors have been ordered and will hopefully arrive in the next week or two
5. Evangelism: Harry presented a report on the meeting held on 11 October. The committee will undertake the following this year:
 - a. Create an Evangelism Strategic Plan
 - b. Full parish polling
 - c. Building on our three statements
6. Stewardship
 - a. 8 personal reflections have been given in the last two months at the 10 AM service
 - b. 6 cottage meetings were held with 40 people in attendance
 - c. Pledge results
 1. 34 pledges so far
 2. 18 pledges have increased
 3. 3 are new pledges
 4. 3 have been reduced
 5. 16 previous pledges have not yet come in
7. Finances – No major issues yet. About where we budgeted to be at the beginning of the year but still running with a deficit.
8. Upcoming
 - a. 15 October 1:30 PM – Funeral for Jean Holland Wood
 - b. 22-23 October, Fr. Wayne away; Deacon Nancy Fulton officiating at Morning Prayer on Sunday 23 October (8 AM and 10AM)
 - c. 1 November 9:00 PM: Compline for the Vigil of the Feast of All Souls
 - d. 5 November 9:30 AM: Red Tent Gathering
 - e. 8 November (Election Day) 7:00 PM Rodney Green presentation on sex trafficking in India
9. Adjournment – Eileen moved and Laura seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried. Next meeting 15 November.

Respectfully Submitted,

Eileen M. Swinehart

Substitute Clerk of the Vestry

Anglican Worthies

252. Bloomfield, Charles James (1786-1857)
Bishop of London

Blomfield is relatively unknown now but prominent in his day; he had his hand in nearly every church-related and social development. "As Bishop of London," a recent biographer states, "Blomfield was at the heart of the nexus of church and state and was perhaps the most important and controversial ecclesiastical statesman of his generation."

During the period of the Great Reform Bill (1832), the Church looked outward at the injustice of the educational system as well as the deterioration of urban life caused by the industrialization in the midlands. Cities had become increasingly congested, and the more evangelical denominations, like the Methodists, had moved in. The Church governed itself much as it did in the mid-eighteenth century. At the same time it began to look inward and to consider what as a denomination its clergy believed in and what its mission was. The majority were comfortably orthodox and not really engaged in questions of faith or social justice. There was a High Church party, who held fast to its traditions of doctrine and practice. Then there was the Broad Church group, eager to reconcile new developments in science with traditional doctrines and not too concerned about the challenges contemporary German biblical criticism had leveled against the integrity of scripture. And in the mid-1830's there arose the disturbing Oxford Movement over the deterioration of liturgical practice and the divine provenance of the Church. If that were not enough, Parliament had authorized the formation of an Ecclesiastical Commission to reform inequities in clergy stipends and the time-old privilege of plural benefices. It was a contentious period for the Church.

Blomfield could be found in almost every controversy, moderating the discussion, sometimes clearly High Church, sometimes partial to the despised but successful Evangelicals, always defending the Church but advocating measures to move it out of complacency toward social justice and fairness. In all things he was pragmatic rather than ideological. The Oxford Movement, therefore, was distrustful of him.

He was of slight build and not an especially healthy lad, but even as a youth, ambitious for the Church. "I mean to be a bishop," he declared. Ordained in 1810, he was appointed curate at Chesterford, Essex; the following year he was appointed rector of Dunton in Buckinghamshire, a light load, giving him plenty of time to prosecute his studies in the classics and produce edited texts for schools. His career was assisted by the patronage of Lord Bristol, Earl Spencer, and eventually by Lord Liverpool. (In the Church, it was always whom you knew.)

Blomfield's greatest break came in 1819 when, already chaplain to William Howley, Bishop of London, he was appointed rector of St. Botolphs-without-Bishopgate, a wealthy and popular London suburb. This put him close to political developments in the capital and provided him with a handsome income (£1600). One of his productions at this time was his *Manual of Family Prayers*, the kind of publication usually associated with other

denominations. Arthur Burns believes that Blomfield's "pastoral experience softened his attitude toward evangelicalism." Further advancements came his way: Archdeacon at Colchester and Bishop of Chester (with the intimation that he would replace Howley if Canterbury fell vacant). A bishop sat in Lords. This would prove to be Blomfield's most productive field. Although High Church, Blomfield was a reformer in an age of Reform.

In 1828 he was named Bishop of London; this is where church history knows him. He opposed the Catholic Emancipation Bill, which would have granted access to university and civil positions, but in other measures he proved more progressive. He supported relief to the distressed weavers in Chester and Spittelfields and pushed for the adoption of the Poor Law Amendment in 1834. Burns states, "Blomfield came to acknowledge that improvement of the physical environment of the poor was probably a precondition of their evangelicalization." He was certainly sensitive to the general criticism that the way the Church administered itself was unfair, dated, and out of touch with the conditions of the time. When Parliament dissolved certain Irish dioceses, protest against which brought resulted in the Oxford Movement, Blomfield was also opposed, but he also recognized an opportunity to redistribute its resources in more useful ways.

When the Ecclesiastical Commission was formed in 1835 to deal with the inequalities among dioceses where there were pluralities of holdings, chronic non-residence, unequal stipends, or unequal endowments, Blomfield became the "driving force." In the words of a colleague, "Till Blomfield comes, we all sit and mend our pens, and talk about the weather." In 1838 he supported a bill that would reduce the staffs of cathedrals in order to redistribute the revenues. Perhaps his most challenging position concerned the traditional belief in the sacrosanctity of parish property which, unlike doctrine, was a matter that should be managed with secular justice and practicality.

In every other way Blomfield supported the orthodoxy of the Anglican communion. When educational reform came up, he insisted that no system were acceptable "which should not be in conformity with the Principles of the Church of England, and worked by its instrumentality." When a Fellow of Cambridge had publicly questioned the efficacy of baptism, Blomfield declared that the man "had gone too far." When many years later, R.W. Church, an apologist for the Oxford Movement, wrote that "Blomfield was not at his best as a divine, and, for a man of his unquestionable power, was singularly unsure of his own mind," he was clearly biased and uninformed. Blomfield's faith was solid, but he was keenly aware of the need for the contemporary church to clear itself of the "old corruptions" and implement Christ's gospel message among all peoples of his country. His Church badly needed reform, and it took a restless, energetic, and occasionally offensive leader like Blomfield to do it.

More could be said of Blomfield's accomplishments. But he had his critics. The essayist Sidney *Smith attacked him, Disraeli took him off in his novel; *Tancred* (1847), and he is acknowledged as the model for Archdeacon Grantly's son in Trollope's *The Warden* (1855). An accident in 1847 left Blomfield partly paralyzed, in 1855 his eyesight failed, and after several seizures he succumbed in 1857.

September 30, 2011 Financial Report

The following is a financial report for the first nine months of 2011, or 75 per cent of the year.

Unrestricted operating fund receipts.....	\$123,043	(about 73.5% of year's budget)
Unrestricted operating fund expenditures.....	<u>132,180</u>	(about 74.8% of year's budget)
Excess of operating expenditures over receipts.....	\$ 9,137	(7.4% above the receipts)
Operating cash balance on January 1, 2011.....	<u>28,075</u>	
September 30, 2011 operating fund balance	\$18,938	

The year-to-date total receipts and expenditures are a little less than the budgeted amounts. The year-to-date deficit remains high at \$9,137. The weekly analysis shown below indicates that the actual weekly receipts are about \$246 less than the actual weekly expenses. While we have had the cash to cover these differences, they obviously cannot be sustained.

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

Actual average year-to-date weekly receipts (includes rummage sale).....	\$3,232
Actual average weekly expenses.....	<u>3,478</u>
Actual weekly deficit.....	\$ 246

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



Please remember to keep your Pledge Contributions up-to-date! Thank you!

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Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
his steadfast love endures forever. --Psalm 136:1

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