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ST. JOHN'S JOURNEY

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Dear Friends,

OK, so where did July go? I remember the first weekend which was Beckett's ordination, and I remember the weekend when Beckett stepped in to lead our service at the last minute and did a BEAUTIFUL job including a great sermon. Then there was the big storm that damaged so many cars and homes in Davison, including St. Dunstan's and Roxanne's car, but mercifully spared our little church. I remember Connie's cataract surgery and Neil's surgery – both recovering, thank you, Lord. And now Ina and I are attending the College for Congregational Development. The rest of the month is a bit blurry. But now that I look at it, maybe it was a pretty full month after all.

Local kids go back to school on August 22nd so it's time to buy school supplies to donate. This year we're including the local elementary school as well as the high school. AND we're going to invite our neighbors to join us in the effort. See more about that in this newsletter.

We should have our bell back in place very soon. We started this project in May of 2021. We all contributed to it, the Vestry found ways to add "extra" funds to the account and Jack Dodd kept things under

control. I recall Tom Manney, John Malinich and Myron Petrie lending a hand when it came to practical things like wiring. We are so thankful for everyone's part in this project. It will be SO good to have that bell back. I've really missed it, haven't you? Seems like we just don't know how to start the worship service without it. Not sure which Sunday will be the big reveal – so you'd better come every Sunday, just in case...



No news on the transition front. Ina and I are attending a week long training session that we hope will spark some ideas to grow St. John's which can only help us prepare for new clergy. It's only Tuesday as I write this note so we haven't really gotten too far along. We haven't even learned about the college colors and fight song. Maybe it's Onward Christian Soldiers? We'll be sure to share our new ideas with you when we return.

Have a lovely August. Enjoy fresh corn and homegrown tomatoes. And remember to thank the Lord for all the blessings we receive this time of year.

Blessings, *Becky*

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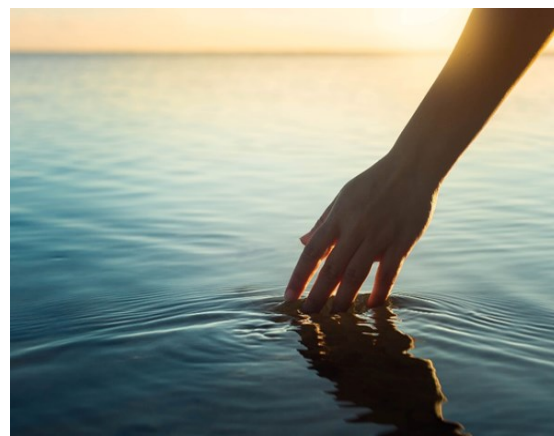
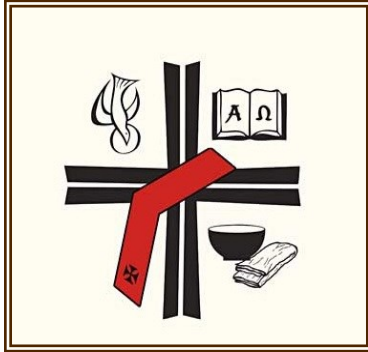


Happy Birthday!

Sherry Boyden
Randy McNary

Happy Anniversary!

Wes & Kathy Wagester
Tom & Terri Manney
Randy & Susan McNary



You're invited to the "Pause" Prayer Service on:

August 16th -7PM

At St. John's Dryden

A mid-week time of music, prayer, scripture, reflection and peace. July's session went until about 8 o'clock because we had so much to share with each other. This service may be shorter but, then again, maybe not. This is a low stress time to just breathe. Please join us.

Remember St. John's in your will:

Please consider helping the mission and ministry of St. John's by remembering the church in your will. You can do so by using the following wording:

"I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to St. John's Episcopal Church, a non-profit church, with the current address of 4074 S. Mill St., Dryden, MI 48428, and its successor, the greater of \$_____, or _____percentage of my gross estate, to be used in such manner as determined by its vestry."



It's that time of year again! We are collecting supplies for all Dryden students in need. Put your donations in the box labeled Outreach Teen Relief box located at the Dryden Fire Hall and Township Hall or bring them to the church on Sunday between 12 pm and 3 pm. Thank you for supporting our teachers and students!

1st Grade Supplies

- 12 - # 2 Pencils
- 24 - Crayons
- 2 - Glue Sticks
- 1 - Box of Tissues
- 1 - Pink Eraser
- 8 - Broad Tip Markers (washable)
- 1 - Pair of Fiskar round tip Scissors
- 1 - Pencil Case
- 1 - Wide-Ruled Spiral Bound Notebook
- 3 - Pocket Folders
- 12 -Pencil Crayons

Grades 2 through 6 use much the same items with these additions...

- Package of Washable Markers (8/pack)
- Package of wide-ruled loose leaf paper
- Pocket Folders
- Blue Pens/Red Pens
- 12 inch ruler
- Playdoh.
- Wide-ruled **spiral notebooks.**
- Glue sticks**
- Tissues**
- Clorox wipes**

Here are some ideas for back-to-school supplies for Outreach Teen Relief

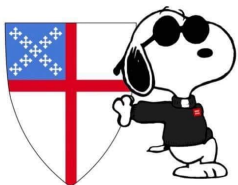
High School Supplies

- #2 Pencils
- Colored Pencils
- Pencil Sharpener
- Pens: Red, Blue, Black
- Highlighters
- Markers
- 12 inch Ruler
- Pocket Folders
- Single-Subject Spiral Notebooks
- Sticky Notes
- Sticky Flags
- College Ruled Loose Leaf 3 Hole Paper
- Computer Paper
- Tabbed Dividers
- 3-Ring Binder
- USB Flash Drives

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Where We Really Do Welcome You.
And You. And You. And You. And...



"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."

Galatians 3:28

@purchal



June is the most recent month to be reviewed by the Vestry. The basic figures (full numbers only, rounded up) are below:

June 2023	Monthly Budget	Monthly Actual	Better or Worse than Budget	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	Better or Worse than Budget
Income	\$4,933	\$5,027	\$94	\$29,500	\$37,543	\$7,943
Expenses	\$5,008	\$5,379	-\$372	\$29,704	\$28,739	\$965
Net Profit	-\$74	-\$352	-\$278	-\$104	\$8,804	\$8,908

Pledge donations for June were just slightly (\$9) below budgeted amounts for the month. Loose offerings were higher than normal due to generous donations from folks who attended Rachelle's Winberg's guest solo. YTD looks VERY good. It's such a gift from and to all of us to keep St. John's going so strong.

At this time of year, looking at YTD Expenses is more helpful than the monthly report. There are a few accounts that are over budget for the year but these are moving in the right direction and should smooth out in coming months. We splurged a little in June on the Supply Priest accounts since we had Rev. Barb here for a few weeks. This will probably keep this account over budget for the rest of the year, but it was worth it. Impact on year-end results should be minimal.

The YTD Net Profit number looks very healthy but don't get too excited. This is a cushion for some bigger expenses that will come late in the year – stuff like insurance and utilities. Some we can predict, some will depend on the weather. Thanks to everyone for putting us in such a good position for the second half of the year.

Request a motion and a Vote:

The Restricted Funds – Relatively quiet this month. The work on the Sanctuary Doors was completed and looks FABULOUS. There is some money left after paying the bill, which we decided to use to paint the Narthex ceiling after the bell install is completed.

We had voted to add the proceeds from the Garage Sale to the Building Improvement Fund but it's not needed there. And the Bell Project looks to be in good shape too. So where to put these funds? A suggestion surfaced in our Vestry meeting that there was another church struggling to refurbish and update their bell and that someone important to St. John's was a member of that church. Roxanne's church, Immanuel United Congregational in Oxford. We decided to help them out by donating the Garage Sale proceeds for that project. That's a St. John's kind of thing to do, don't you think?

Vanguard Investment Account – as of June 30, 2023

- Vanguard Total Stock ETF – Current value \$64,125. This is an increase of roughly \$4,000 over last month and puts us very close to the amount of our original investment. Let's hope the trend continues
- CD - \$21,000. This will remain stable until next year when interest is added to the amount.

Surprise visit – Ron Yoder brought his daughter and grandson along one Sunday. Let’s hope they make a repeat visit. Thanks to Ida Lynn for capturing this moment.



So, who in this picture is NOT part of a flamenco show? Here’s a hint, she’s dressed in blue. I had no idea they were so tall or that I was so short.

This and That... From Here and There



Our Annual Back-to-School Drive with a Twist – Community Collection at St. John’s on August 13

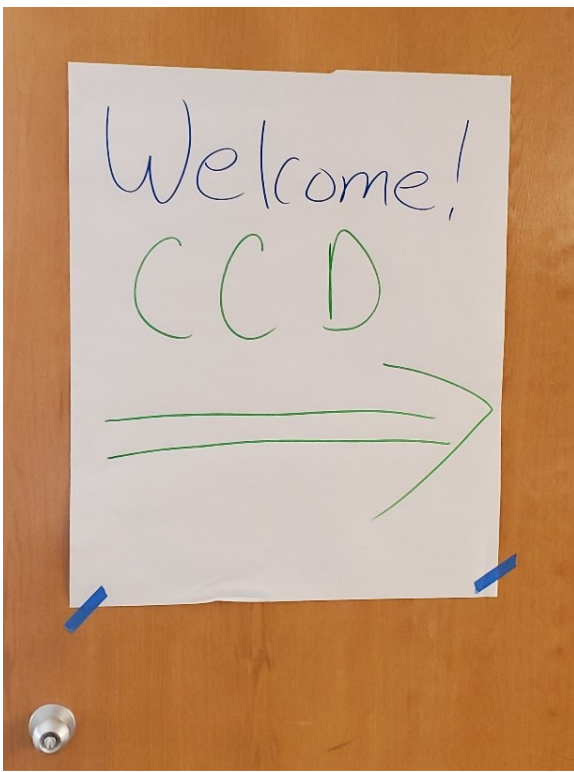
We WILL have boxes in the parish hall for donations just like in the last several years. BUT this year, we want to include folks from our local community as well. We plan to spread the news through local papers and FB. We’ll post and distribute fliers too. And we’re considering hanging some mini-fliers on door knobs in our neighborhood to invite people to drop off supplies in front of our church the afternoon of August 13th from noon to 3PM. They can also donate at existing Outreach Teen Relief boxes at the Fire Station or the Township Hall. Not only might this gather more supplies for our local students, but it might also make St. John’s more visible too. You’ll hear more about this during announcements the first weeks of August. We’re looking for some volunteers to take donations in front of the church on the 13th (weather permitting). It will be a fun afternoon and there’s shade under that tree!



Ministry Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>	<u>Crucifer</u>	<u>Worship Leader</u>	<u>Video</u>	<u>Counting Member 1</u>	<u>Counting Member 2</u>
August 6	Beckett	Jack	John	Rev. Schuetz	Ida Lynn	Ina	Wes
August 13				Neil	Ina	Jack	Connie
August 20	Wes	Neil	Jack	Rev. Schuetz	Ida Lynn	Ina	Wes
August 27				Kitty	Sherry Wagner	Connie	Ina
September 3	Jack	Tammy	Neil	Rev. Schuetz	Wes	Wes	Russ

Becky and Ina Go Back to School



The College for Congregational Development (CCD)



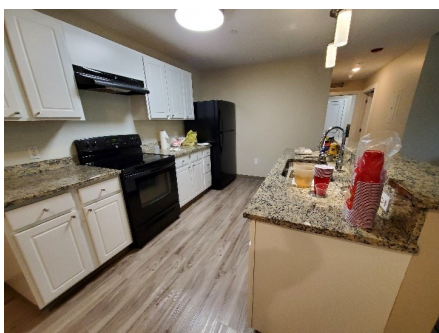
Lots of pages on the wall mean lots of information to share. There are 13 – 14 congregations here. We also have small group sessions where we practice facilitation skills while the group applies info from the lectures. And we've picked up some ideas just from chatting with folks from other congregations. I just wish the chairs were more comfortable.



Another feature of the courtyard. There are fish in this pond - but not big enough for dinner.



Enjoying a short break in the lovely floral courtyard at St. John's Midland. They were a wonderful host for 4 and a half VERY full days.



Dorm rooms and facilities have improved since my day – private bedroom, a pretty impressive kitchen setup. We did share a bathroom but there were double sinks so the morning routine was pretty smooth. Ina is a super roommate. Home is way better but this is not so bad. Gotta run – the day starts at 7:30 and we can't be late for that first cup of coffee.

Shrimp Pasta

OK, so fresh produce is coming in and cherry tomatoes seem to be especially abundant this year. If you are looking for an easy summer supper that doesn't require grilling, this is it!

Submitted by Connie Ogg

Ingredients

6 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil, divided
1 lb large shrimp, peeled and deveined
2 tsp. Kosher salt divided
6 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
2 lb. red & yellow cherry tomatoes
1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper
1 lb uncooked spaghetti
2 oz Parmesan cheese, grated (about 1/2 cup) plus more for serving
Fresh Basil for garnish

Directions

Heat 2 tablespoons of the oil in a large deep skillet over medium-high. Pat shrimp dry with paper towels. Season shrimp with 1/2 tsp of the salt, and add to skillet. Cook, stirring often, until shrimp are cooked through, about 3 minutes. Transfer to a plate; set aside.

Heat remaining 4 tablespoons oil in same skillet over medium-high. Add garlic and cook, stirring often, until aromatic, about 1 minutes. Add tomatoes, crushed red pepper and remaining 1 1/2 teaspoons of salt. Cover and cook,, stirring occasionally, until tomatoes are tender and release their juices, about 14 minutes.

Meanwhile, bring a large pot of salted water to a boil over high. Cook spaghetti until al dente. Drain Spaghetti, reserving 1 cup of pasta water.

Add shrimp and any accumulated juices to tomatoes and cook over medium. Add cooked spaghetti, Parmesan, and 1/2 reserved pasta water, tossing to coat. Cook, stirring occasionally, until sauce slings to pasta. Remove from heat. Garnish with fresh basil, if desired. Serve with additional Parmesan, if desired.



He does not know that it is a statue, he does not know how much it weighs, but only saw that he needs help..! Look at the world with the heart of a child, and life will become more beautiful..



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