

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WEEKEND ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

ADULT FORUM

- **Sunday May 12** – Can a Garden exist outside of Time? Peaceful, practical and sanctified, St. Michael's Memorial Garden has quietly flourished since the year 2000. Parishioners who have chosen cremation are invited to rest in this Garden. Stone walls form benches for contemplation and conversation with our Saints. Come to the Forum to learn about the charter, the people, the history and how we as a parish tend this sacred spot. If you have questions, or stories to share, join us at 9 am on May 12th. Led by the Memorial Garden Committee.

THE AIDS PROJECT OF SOUTHERN VT is holding its major fundraising event, the Walk for Life, on **Saturday, May 18th**. Paul Moberly and Sarah Benton are organizing a St. Michael's Episcopal Church team to participate and raise money for the organization that continues to provide important HIV prevention services as well as needed support for people living with HIV. We're hoping that St. Michael's will have a strong presence at the walk - and raise more money than any other team! You can help by becoming a team member and walking with us, or by at least donating through one of those who are walking. Please join our team and become a fundraiser! Go to <http://www.firstgiving.com/AIDSProject> and click on the JOIN NOW tab. You can then set up an account, join our team, and be able to easily solicit on-line donations by email or through social media - you don't have to go knocking on doors! If you just want to donate, you can do that securely online by going to <http://www.firstgiving.com/process/teamarea/default.asp?did=7389&teamid=228069> to see who is walking with our team, and donate through one of them. Your donation will be credited to the St. Michael's team - and show that our group cares about this issue that is so important to our community. This Sunday there will be more information at the coffee hour, pledge sheets, and if you would like to make a donation, we will be there to accept. Thank you! *Sarah Benton and Paul Moberly*

FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT: We will give thanks for the life of **Dorothy Hutchins**, beloved member of St. Michael's, on **Saturday, May 18th** at 1:00 pm with a reception to follow in the Undercroft.

COME AND CELEBRATE PENTECOST AND THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM ON MAY

19! On **Sunday, May 19th**, we will celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit with the Feast of Pentecost. This is a major celebration in the liturgical year and a very joyous day. In keeping, we hope you will **WEAR RED** to church (symbolic of the fire of the Holy Spirit). We will also be welcoming Jayne, Caleb and Clara Fritz into the Body of Christ with the sacrament of baptism. The children will be singing and processing with streamers. There will be balloons and a reception after the 10:15 am service. Don't miss this great celebration!

MEMORIAL SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT - There will be a memorial service for **Kamil Burrows**, grandson of Andy and Elise Burrows, on **Saturday, May 25th** at 10 am at St. Michael's. All are welcome to attend.

SERVING AT CATHEDRAL IN THE NIGHT -- Cathedral in the Night is an outdoor Christian community in Northampton, Massachusetts that seeks to create a safe place for all people: the homeless, the housed, the church-less, the church-ed, the student and the resident to explore, question and live out their spiritual beliefs; to gather for a meal and to empower one another to engage in issues of social justice by working to fight the causes of inequality and homelessness. The worship space is accessible to all – a setting reminiscent of the way Jesus moved and taught among the people. Check out their website at <http://cathedralinthenight.com>

Trinity Lutheran Church in Brattleboro is providing dinner for the Cathedral community on **Sunday, May 26th** and has invited those who are interested from St. Michael's to join them!

We'll leave St. Michael's parking lot around at 3:45 and will be back by 7:30 p.m. Please contact Mary Lindquist if you would like to attend mary@stmichaels-vt.org or 254-6048, x102).

NEW-ATTENDERS LUNCH – Are you new to St. Michael's in the last year? Please join us for a picnic lunch in the Rectory Backyard following church on **Sunday, June 2nd**. If possible, please RSVP to Mary Lindquist at mary@stmichaels-vt.org or 254-6048, x102.

SPIRITUALLY-CENTERED PARENT GROUP: *Connecting parents to a greater purpose through reading, discussion and play.* This is a new group for parents and babies/ young children of all faiths and/or spiritual traditions. Beginning on **Tuesday, June 4th**, the group will meet Tuesday mornings from 11am -12pm in the Meeting Room at St. Michael's Episcopal Church. If you know parents of young children, please let them know about this opportunity!

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ALLELUIA FUND – You have probably noticed that you have received weekly inserts during the Season of Easter about the mission and ministry of the Diocese of Vermont. The Alleluia Fund is a new effort by the Diocese of Vermont to raise funds that will go directly to ministry around our state. The campaign ends next Sunday. Please consider giving a donation to support the ministry of our Diocese!

THE LANDSCAPE PLAN, the last stage in the renovation, is displayed in the Undercroft; you can sign up there to be a Garden Steward. If you want to contribute to the fund to purchase plants, please see Jeanie in the office or send a check to St. Michael's Episcopal Church with "landscape plants" in the memo line.

TAG SALE REPORT -- Thank you to all who helped with the Spring Tag Sale on May 3-4. It was a great success! We took in approximately \$7,000. Half of this money will be going to support local outreach organizations in our community and half of the money will go towards supporting St. Michael's ministries. We are so grateful for everyone who comes together to support this important event.

SEND US A PICTURE OF YOURSELF AND/OR YOUR FAMILY! In an effort to decorate our Common Room and get to know one another's names better, we are asking you email or send us pictures of yourself and/or your family for the bulletin board. Please email pictures to info@stmichaels-vt.org

FURNISHING UPDATE: We're almost there! Thanks to all of your generosity, we have almost completed funding for our new furnishing needs. All we now need is two Windsor Chairs and seven bookcases. Prices for these are listed on the furnishing display in the

Undercroft. Please take a look and see if you might be interested in giving one of these last items. They're going fast!

DROP-IN CENTER DONATIONS! Many thanks for the wonderful things that are arriving each Sunday morning. Just a reminder that we need to supply diapers, toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste and toothbrushes in addition to the food goodies. Thanks!