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FROM THE RECTORY

Today we blessed a new communion set for our new chapel, the Chapel of Mary Magdalene, the First Apostle. The communion set was given to St. Michael's by Joan Pinilla and her family in memory of Joan's late husband, Bernie. The chalice (cup), paten (plate), cruets (jars for water and wine), and candle holders, which were all made especially for the chapel by local potter Walter Slowinski, are beautiful, simple, and seem just right for this new space.

Worshipping in the chapel for the Wednesday Eucharist feels so different to me from worshipping in the church, where we used to hold this service. The chapel feels more intimate and less formal. While I stood to preach in the church on Wednesdays, I now find myself drawn to sitting in the chapel and not preaching so much as having a conversation with those who are in attendance about the scripture of the day and or the saint of the day. I find I need to project my voice in the church, but I can speak with a normal volume in the chapel and be heard just fine. It is amazing how new spaces change the way we feel drawn to worship and relate to one another.

Although the chapel is the only "new construction" in our building project, the spaces where we worship, meet, talk, serve, and celebrate have changed dramatically. I can't help but think that these new spaces will lead us to new ways of being at St. Michael's and doing ministry.

There are times in the life of a congregation when we are called to gather together to take stock, give thanks, and discern who God is calling us to be. The people of St. Michael's went through this process before beginning the Building for the Future Project and then did it again before calling a new rector. Now that the construction project is completed and the furnishing almost completed, it is time again to wonder, dream, and discern where God is calling us.

What this means in a practical sense is that we want to hear from you. We want to hear where you think the Holy Spirit is leading us. What will be our priorities as we move forward? How will we best use the gift of a newly renovated building for the glory of God in our midst? In September and October, we hope to draw all the people of St. Michael's together in one of several meetings where we will engage in a process called "World Café." You will hear more about this process soon, but for the time being, know that the leadership of St. Michael's wants your input as to how we can best follow Jesus in our lives together as the Body of Christ.

*Yours in Christ,
Mary*



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SUMMER WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH, GUILFORD

We will gather for worship several times this summer at Christ Church in Guilford. This will include both some Sunday morning services and Evening Prayer every Sunday during August. Please keep the list below handy!

	8:00 Eucharist	10:15 Eucharist	5:30 Evening Prayer
August 4	Christ Church	St. Michael's	Christ Church
August 11	St. Michael's	St. Michael's	Christ Church
August 18	St. Michael's	St. Michael's	Christ Church
August 25	St. Michael's	St. Michael's	Christ Church

CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AUGUST 4!

On Sunday, August 4 at the 10:15 a.m. service at St. Michael's, we will celebrate the baptisms of Julia and Annelise Fedoruk (ages 7 and 9), followed by a special reception. We hope you will come and join us for this special day!



SECOND SUMMER PICNIC FOR KIDS, FAMILIES, AND EDUCATORS AUGUST 11

Beginning at 12:00 pm Annamarie Pluhar (Godly Play leader extraordinaire) invites St. Michael's kids and families to her yard and pond for another afternoon of fun on Sunday, August 11. Here are the details: BYO Picnic with pond and stream, beginning at 12:00 pm. We will provide drinks and dessert. Setting: downhill steps to area with pond and Salmon Brook. Pond has smallish shallow area, stream is rocky and flowing. One picnic table. What to bring: lunch, towels, bathing suits, blanket or chairs for sitting on, water toys.

DIRECTIONS to Annamarie's home at 621 East-West Road, Dummerston:

From Route 5, up East-West Road (opposite KOA campground). At stop sign (just after crossing Salmon Brook), turn left to continue on East-West Road. Pass Miller Road (on right) and ALL houses at that intersection. Go another 0.1 miles and I'm first house

on left BELOW the road. Garage next to road. Brown clapboard house. Walk around house to left (east) to find path to pond. Parking will be tight. Squeeze in. If more parking is needed—continue on East-West Road. Just before the next house (white farm house) on the right, there is a field. Park there.



PARISH PICNIC AUGUST 18 AT THE AMES FARM

We hope you will all come to the Ames Farm for a second church picnic on Sunday, August 18, 4:00-7:00 p.m. There will be swimming in the pool, hanging out, a water slide for the kids, and plenty of burgers (meat or veggie) and hot dogs. Please bring a chair or blanket to sit on. We will provide a few tables, a big tent, and patio tables with umbrellas. We hope that those who are coming with last names A-L will bring a dessert, and those with names M-Z will bring a main dish. We will provide drinks (iced tea, lemonade, club soda, etc.), burgers, hotdogs, buns, and condiments.

See you all there. Don't forget: bring a chair!

Nancy and Bill Ames

DIRECTIONS: From Brattleboro, take I-91 South to the first MA exit "Bernardston/Northfield." Turn left at exit onto Route 10 North. Travel over the Connecticut River to the blinking red light and then turn right on Route 63 South. Go about 2 miles to a



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little white Bible Church on left and sign for South Mountain Road. We are the 5th driveway on the left, less than 2/10ths of a mile, on South Mountain Road. There is a red barn on the left. Leave the barn to your right as you turn left into the driveway. If you pass it on the left, you have overshot the driveway. Park on the grass on either side of the driveway leading to the yellow house. We are about 25-30 minutes from St. Michael's church. Our street address is 50 S. Mountain Road, Northfield, MA. Our phone is 413-498-5088.



GRADUATE CELEBRATION AUGUST 18

Please join us on Sunday, August 18, at the 10:15 a.m. service to recognize the graduations of Grainne Buchanan, Colin McKenney, and Mandy White. We will say a prayer of blessing for them before they leave for college.

Grainne Buchanan graduated from the Northfield Mount Hermon School in June and will be attending Smith College in Northampton to study music and math. (Unfortunately, Grainne will not be able to join us on August 18, but we hope to say a blessing for her the next Sunday, August 25.)

Colin McKenney graduated from Brattleboro Union High School and will be attending Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston to study Biomedical Engineering.

Mandy White graduated from the Compass School and will be attending Leslie University to study social work and art therapy.



SUNDAY SCHOOL GATHERING AUGUST 20

Teachers, parents, and kids are invited to a Sunday School potluck and meeting on Tuesday, August 20, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will gather and share dinner, then have an activity for the kids while the adults reflect on our Christian formation programs for children and youth (Godly Play, Workshop Rotation,

Youth Forum). This is a time both for reflection on our existing programs and a time of organization for the fall. If you have a child or children involved in Sunday School, or if you are interested in helping out with our ministry with children and youth, please come! Just speak to Mary Lindquist to RSVP or write her at mary@stmichaelsvermont.org.



USHER TRAINING SEPTEMBER 7

Calling all ushers! We are doing things a little differently since we moved back into our sanctuary and we want to make sure we're clear about how we perform this ministry of hospitality. Please mark your calendars for an usher training session on Saturday, September 7 at 10:00 a.m. in the church.



NEW USHERS WELCOME!

Would you like to help welcome people and make them feel at home at St. Michael's? Then the ministry of ushering may be for you! The ministry involves coming to church early (9:50 a.m. for the 10:15 a.m. service), welcoming people as they come through the door, helping to direct people to Holy Communion, taking the offering, etc. This is a real ministry of hospitality and vital for our church. If you are interested in signing up, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Common Room, or you may simply call the church office (254-6048). We welcome single people, families and couples—basically everyone—to sign up!



NOTES FROM THE VESTRY

Our July meeting was held on Thursday, July 18. Some highlights from the meeting of interest to parishioners:

- Susan Dedell has a very interesting idea for programming that would appeal to and open the doors of St Michael's to others in the community.

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The Vestry encouraged her to move forward with this idea and keep us posted.

- The Rectory roof is seriously leaking and in need of repair in order to avoid structural damage to the building. We most likely can only afford at this time to repair the north side of the roof which is where the worst leakage is occurring. We will move forward with getting estimates for this work. Hopefully the North side will be within our abilities and we will proceed as soon as a contractor can begin.
- “Open Meeting with the Vestry” held last month was felt by all to be successful in that concerns and ideas from parishioners were clearly expressed. We would like to continue to hold similar sessions, most likely on a quarterly basis. It is very clear that the issue/question of kneelers and rails is far from being resolved. We continue to discuss this and explore options and truly pray for ideas and input from parishioners. Please express your ideas and wishes to any one of the Vestry members or to Mary.

We (the Vestry) will keep you all informed as best we can.

Linda Rice



DID YOU KNOW?

That you can see this issue of the *Guardian* in beautiful color on our new website? That you can find the Rota? That you can check for the latest on events and services? Go to www.stmichaelsvermont.org and see for yourself!



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OUR MISSION & WORK . . . AND HOW YOU CAN HELP

CHRIST CHURCH UPDATE

Christ Church is open for the season! Our “mother church” is looking its best: serene, spacious, and with views of Vermont’s summer greenery out of every big window. We hope everyone who reads this will be able to attend one of the services there this summer.

Christ Church’s financial challenge for the year will be the cost of taking down three large dead trees. We had hoped they would fall within the right-of-way responsibility of either the town or state but, by three feet, they did not. So two fundraisers are planned to defray these and any other unexpected costs. The Welcome Center offered us September 5 as the day when we could provide drinks and snacks to the

traveling public, with proceeds going to Christ Church. Then we will be selling tickets to the parish and the public for another “prize a day” October raffle. Last year the prizes were mostly won by St. Michael’s folks.

Could you help with these events? Do you have talents that could turn into prizes? Would you be willing to bake or donate to the Welcome Center day? If you would be willing to help or have any questions about either of these fundraisers, please contact George or Laura Lewis at 254-4839 or MJ Woodburn or Vince Johnson at 257-1235. Thank you.

EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

MUSIC THAT MAKES COMMUNITY AUGUST 20–23

On August 20-23, St. Michael’s is pleased to be hosting “Music that Makes Community,” a three-day event with workshops in song leadership and participatory liturgy. A diverse group of skilled musicians and liturgists will lead an exploration of leading music without paper. Paul Moberly and Paul and Susan Dedell attended similar conferences last year and all consider it to have been one of the most

valuable experiences they have had in thinking about how music can more fully connect us to spirit. To learn more, visit the All Saints Company website, at www.allsaintscompany.org, or talk to Paul(s) or Susan. There is also more literature in the church office. Financial assistance is available for those in need; please contact Mary Lindquist. We hope you’ll consider attending!

ABOUT THE NEW EfM CURRICULUM

The new EfM texts are here! Karen Meredith, Executive Director of EfM, and many others have moved the Education for Ministry program contents into the 21st century. However, the foundations of EfM, a comprehensive and widely respected program in theological education to support the ministry of all laity, remain the same. In 37 years this program has expanded from the halls of Sewanee throughout the United States and Canada and is now in many other countries beyond this continent.

In addition to the texts that will be used, each year has a Reading and Reflection Guide, which will provide common work for the year in theological reflections.

Everyone who enrolls this fall will begin with Volume A of the Reading and Reflection Guide.

The old “big old books,” red in color, are a thing of the past. In addition to the books listed below for each year—Hebrew Scriptures, New Testament, Church History, and 21st Century History there are two Interlude periods in which everyone in the group will read Christopher Bryan’s *And God Spoke* and William Countryman’s *Living on the Border of the Holy*.

Graduates of EfM may enroll for any of the years. For example, a graduate may be interested in the 4th year’s

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text and so could enroll for that year alone. Tuition will remain the same at \$350 and includes all the materials and books.

EfM is a unique experiential theological education program for laity under the auspices of the Program Center of the School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. There have been over 75,000 people involved in the program over the past 37 years and EfM groups are sponsored by 90 out of 110 Dioceses in the Episcopal Church, including the Diocese of Vermont.

There will be three demonstration classes in August, one each in the morning, afternoon and evening. Be on the lookout for those dates and times, which will be posted in the Sunday bulletin and on the webpage.

This is a list of the books for each year in the four-year program. Remember, you enroll one year at a time! If you have questions, contact Joel Hill at jhill@jhsph.edu or see me in church!

YEAR ONE

A Short Introduction to the Hebrew Bible (Fortress Press, 2007) John J. Collins, Holmes Professor of Old Testament, Yale University <http://divinity.yale.edu/collins-1>

YEAR TWO

Introducing the New Testament (Baker Academic, 2009) Mark Allen Powell, Robert and Phyllis Leatherman Professor of New Testament, Trinity Lutheran Seminary <http://www.tlsohio.edu/faculty/20-faculty/faculty-profiles/41-powell>

YEAR THREE

Christianity: The First Three Thousand Years (Penguin Books, 2009) Diarmaid MacCulloch, Professor of the History of the Church, University of Oxford

<http://www.theology.ox.ac.uk/people/staff-list/prof-diarmaid-macculloch.html>

YEAR FOUR

Theology for a Troubled Believer: An Introduction to the Christian Faith (Westminster John Knox, 2010) Diogenes Allen, Stuart Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, Princeton Theological Seminary http://www.ptsem.edu/publications/inspire2/7.1/feature_2/allen.htm

The Christian Moral Life: Practices of Piety (Seabury Books, 2008) Timothy Sedgwick, Clinton S. Quin Professor of Christian Ethics, Virginia Theological Seminary

<http://www.vts.edu/podium/default.aspx?t=119384>

My Neighbor's Faith: Stories of Interreligious Encounter, Growth, and Transformation (Orbis Books, 2012) Jennifer Howe Peace, Assistant Professor of Interfaith Studies and Co-director of CIRCLE, Andover Newton Theological School

<http://www.ants.edu/faculty/bio/peace-jennifer/>

Or N. Rose, Director of the Center for Global Judaism and Co-director of CIRCLE, Hebrew College

<http://www.parliamentofreligions.org/news/index.php/2010/09/an-interview-with-rabbi-or-rose/>

Gregory Mobley, Professor of Christian Bible, Andover Newton Theological School

<http://www.ants.edu/faculty/bio/mobley-gregory/>



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AUGUST LECTIONARY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4:

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23;
Psalm 49:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11:

Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:12-22;
Luke 12:32-40

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18:

Jeremiah 23:23-29; Psalm 82;
Luke 12:49-56

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25:

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8;
Luke 13:10-17

CELEBRATIONS

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- August 2 Caleb Fritz
- August 4 Emily Cristofolini
- August 8 Elena Latchis Earnes
- August 9 Pat Laubach
- August 11 Christine Triebert
- August 13 Paul Moberly
- August 16 Joe Grannis, Erin LeBlanc
- August 17 Gregory Lesch
- August 18 Avery Buchanan, Mary Carnahan
- August 19 Samuel David Mattocks
- August 20 Emmanuel Keppel
- August 21 Judith McBean
- August 22 Janet Brocklehurst, Joseph Meima
- August 23 Samantha Cistulli
- August 25 Meghan Mattocks, Noah Doty
- August 26 Grainne Buchanan, Susan Dedell, Betty Elwell
- August 28 Fred Bump
- August 30 Chilton Williamson
- August 31 Rhonda Burgess



At the June Sunday School Picnic

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- August 5 Bill & Nancy Ames
- August 19 Jodi Clark & Jenny Karstad
- August 20 John & Mary Carnahan, Lawrin & Pam Crispe
- August 22 Alan & Judith McBean
- August 24 Susan & Paul Dyer
- August 25 Christine Hart & Bill Morlock
- August 27 Martin & Deborah Leggott
- August 30 Vince Johnson & MJ Woodburn
- August 31 Ed & Jane Sbardella, Robert & Susan Kochinskas



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Our Worship Together

SUNDAYS—Holy Eucharist at 8:00 a.m. (Rite II) &
10:15 a.m. (Rite II with music) Evening Prayer at
5:30 p.m. Christ Church, Guilford

WEDNESDAYS—Holy Eucharist at noon (Rite II)

THURSDAYS—Contemplative Prayer at 5:30 p.m.

This Month At St. Michael's Episcopal

AUGUST 11 — Second Summer Picnic
for Kids, Families and Educators

AUGUST 18 — Second Parish Picnic

AUGUST 20 — Sunday School Gathering

AUGUST 20–23 — Music that Makes Community