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FROM THE RECTORY

*But the transcendent joy is the light now, the great autumn light at last.
There is nothing like this light anywhere else in the world so far as I
know—the great glory of New England.*

May Sarton

A couple weeks ago at a staff retreat, Jeanie, Susan, Jane, Phillip, Jean, and I began speaking about the autumn. Many of us loved autumn for its quality of light and its beauty, but we recognized too that for some of us, autumn had a melancholy quality to it. One definition for melancholy is “a sober thoughtfulness, a pensiveness.” At that gathering we were feeling especially sober and pensive because we were missing the presence of Joel Hill, our deacon, who was living through her last autumn.

About a week later, we received the news that Joel had died. I knew of course that this was coming and to some extent I felt thankful that Joel did not experience a long and painful death. Up until the last week of her life, she was able to walk and do much for herself. I was thankful too that her illness did not occur in the winter, when it would have been difficult for us to get to her in the steep hills of Westminster West, living off the grid.

It just so happened that I had a stewardship meeting later that afternoon and I couldn't help but reflect on the fact that Joel was an excellent steward of her life. What I mean by this is that her faith and her life were completely aligned. She gave herself tirelessly to her ministry (for no remuneration) simply because she believed in it so passionately and it gave her joy.

It was for this reason, no doubt, that she and her husband, Stephen, lived off the grid, choosing to do the needed extra work that this entails in order to live lightly on the land.

A few days after Joel died, I walked into her office at St. Michael's. It made me really sad to see all her books and papers and think about the fact that she was not done with her work. She had much left to do that she really wanted to do.

Perhaps we are supposed to pick up where Joel left off? Joel left us many ministries about which to be passionate, but one theme uniting all of them was the fact that she was a tremendous steward of her life. May we too align our lives with our faith and do the work that God has given us to do with great joy.

*Yours in Christ,
Mary*



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STEWARDSHIP SEASON: WHAT DOES ST. MICHAEL'S MEAN TO YOU?

During October, we will welcome four people from the congregation to speak about what St. Michael's means to them. It is always interesting and moving to hear from our own parishioners, but we encourage you to think about this question, too. What does St. Michael's mean to you? How would your life be different if St. Michael's did not exist? In what ways do you feel called to offer yourself and your resources to support our ministry and mission?

In addition to our speakers during October, you will have the opportunity to see all the ways St. Michael's folks participate in ministry at the Ministry Expo on October 19. Then on Stewardship Ingathering Sunday, October 26, we ask you to return your pledge card with your commitment to both financial and ministry support during 2015.

We thank you for your generosity to our common ministry. May we continue to deepen our love for God and for one another through participating in the ministry that God has given us!



RITE I SERVICES RESUME THURSDAY MORNINGS

Thursday morning Rite I services are starting up again. Every Thursday at 9:00 a.m., you are invited to a brief service of Morning Prayer using the traditional language of the Rite I liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer. On the second Thursday of the month, we celebrate a Rite I Eucharist. All services take place in the Chapel.



ST. FRANCIS DAY BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS OCTOBER 5

All people, creatures, and critters are invited to a special celebration in thanksgiving of our pets and animals! Come Sunday, October 5, at 4:00 p.m. to the Brattleboro Common (if raining, come to St. Michael's).



AN INVITATION TO VISIT CHURCH OF THE WOODS OCTOBER 12

The Diocese of Vermont is sponsoring a field trip to visit a new ministry that has begun in Canterbury, New Hampshire, called "Church of the Woods," www.kairosearth.org, Sunday, October 12. There will be worship at 3:00 p.m., conversation at 5:00 p.m., and dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Here is a description of this ministry from the rector, Steven Blackmar: "Our work at Kairos Earth will be rooted at Church of the Woods, a new kind of 'church' that we are developing on 106 acres of wild woods and wetlands in Canterbury, New Hampshire. In calling our woods a 'church,' we are deliberately trying to crack open what it means to be 'church.' We welcome people of all faiths and traditions and actively seek to provide a place for spiritual practice, for people who aren't comfortable in a 'regular' church, those who may be seeking alternatives, or those who long for a place and community for communing with both God and nature."

Please register for this event at www.diovermont.org so they can have a count for supper (there is no cost). Mary Lindquist will be attending this event. Anyone who would like to carpool, please sign up in the Common Room or contact Mary at mary@stmichaelsvermont.org.



DID YOU KNOW?

That you can see this issue of the *Guardian* in beautiful color on our website? That you can find the Rota? That you can check for the latest on events and services?

WWW.STMICHAELSVERMONT.ORG



THE JOEL HILL EfM REFERENCE LIBRARY

Bill and Nancy Ames are starting the Joel Hill EfM Reference Library, to be located in the St. Michael's Library. Bill was the first EfM graduate of St. Michael's and has a huge respect for Joel and the effort she put into getting our EfM program off to a great start in our parish. If you wish to add a book to the reference collection, please get a book plate from Jeanie in the church office and inscribe your name as the donor. Please remember that not any old book on any old religious subject is an appropriate gift! Donations should be reference books (as opposed to novels, for example), and they should bear some relation to the EfM curriculum covering Old Testament, New Testament, and Anglican church history and belief.

*Thanks to all who might participate,
Bill and Nancy Ames*



REPORT FROM MARK GENZLER'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

Zachary and I were delighted and privileged to represent St. Michael's at the ordination of Mark Genszler to the Sacred Order of Priests in Christ's Church. Here is how the local newspaper reported the event:

Some 85 congregants from both the former Christ the King Episcopal Church in East Meadow and St. Mark the Evangelist Episcopal Church in North Bellmore celebrated the ordination of a new full-time priest Wednesday evening, September 3, in the old parish hall of the former St. Mark the Evangelist Episcopal Church on Bellmore Avenue. The church is now called St. Francis Episcopal Church. It marks the first full-time priest either former church has had in more than 10 years. Mark Genszler was ordained in front of several local clergy, seminarians and the new church's



Clark Anderson, Mark Genszler and Zachary Roesemann

wardens as Bishop Lawrence Provenzano of the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island and Bishop Thomas Ely of the Episcopal Diocese of Vermont presided over minister Genszler's anointment as priest of the new St. Francis Episcopal.

What we can tell you is that it was a Spirit-filled event! Family and friends from many places participated in the service. Music was provided by a marvelous acoustic guitarist and singer. Following the service, the space was quickly transformed into a deluxe buffet supper (my favorite was the fresh peaches with shortbread and whipped cream).

We want all of you to know that Bishop Provenzano specifically thanked St. Michael's and Bishop Ely for giving his diocese the wonderful gift of Mark, whom he described as "a gem."

It was very moving to see the genuine affection the congregation has for Mark, and how easily and lovingly Mark has stepped into his new role as their priest and friend. We were especially touched to see so many of his new flock ask for his blessing following the service. All of us who know and love Mark can rejoice that his calling has been fulfilled!

Clark Anderson



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CHRIST CHURCH NEWS

St. Michael's had its last summer service at Christ Church on September 7, a beautiful day and a full house. We can now look forward to our next service there on Thanksgiving Day.

Normally at this time the Christ Church board is busily selling tickets to the October raffle—a prize or two a day for one whole month. This year, however, we thought we would try something different for our second big fundraiser.

One Sunday this summer while I was cleaning up after the morning service, I saw a young couple taking photographs of the church outside. I invited them inside. They said that photographing old New England churches was their hobby, but in all the years they had been doing it, this was the first time anyone had invited them in. I gave them an incomplete version of the class George gives the Guilford School second-graders, and they took more pictures inside. I asked if I could see the pictures and she sent them on email. I thought they were gorgeous and asked if the church could use them in any way for public relations or note cards. She wrote back that she would be honored.

I asked the board what they thought about selling cards this year, giving the raffle a vacation for a year. The board is lucky to have a professional photographer, Michelle Fresee, as a member, and when she said she would take charge of the project, the board agreed to the fundraiser.

I think the pictures chosen are beautiful and the card quality is sturdy. So we will be selling a package of five cards for \$10. A display at St. Michael's includes each of the five cards. If you would like cards, please contact Laura Lewis at 254-4839 or MJ Woodburn at 257-1235. You may also purchase them in the church office. We hope you will like them and support Christ Church's fundraiser.

Laura Lewis



SAY HELLO TO . . .

Ron and Michael Doty-Tolaro, two native Vermonters who have been part of the St. Michael's family for about two years. You may have seen this friendly pair ushering, working on the Welcome Committee, or bringing food for coffee hour.

A former executive chef with 25 years of experience in the culinary industry, Ron grew up in Proctor but spent a few years in Key West, where he shared a home with his rescue dog, Sophie. Seven years ago, he moved back to Vermont to be near family. Although he still likes to cook, he is interested in becoming a drug and alcohol rehabilitation counselor. He also applies his creative skills to watercolor painting, home improvement, and tile mosaic art.

Michael, a second-generation banker, manages the Hartland branch of Mascoma Savings Bank when he's not pursuing his interests in music, theater, and cooking. He has a daughter, Jennifer, who is married and works as a clinical social worker in the Springfield school system.

Ron and Michael met online, not realizing they lived a block from each other! So of course they bonded over sundaes at a local restaurant. They now have a home in Bellows Falls with their two cats, Charlie and Clara Mae.

They were drawn to St. Michael's by the warm greeting they received and the way children were welcomed. They remember Bibi (Mary and Kurt's daughter) skipping happily around the congregation. Ron says, "We knew we had found what was to



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become not only a church to belong to but a family.” Since then, he says, “We have met so many wonderful people with a similar passion for Christ.” If you see Michael and Ron around, please say “Hi.”



POETRY WRITING GROUP ON FIRST MONDAYS

The Poetry Writing Group has resumed and will meet the first Monday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. downstairs in the small meeting room behind the kitchen. It is safe to say that most poets usually work alone, but in our group we do practice generating new work together with structured and unstructured writing experiments. And we have fun. Bring a notebook and pencil/pen. There is no cost for the group. Questions? Contact me at mbuchanan@hotmail.com or 802-258-9052.

Megan Buchanan



NURSE’S NOTE

Kids are back to school and, with that, germs have converged from family summer trips and camps. We are entering flu and cold season. How can we all stay healthy and reduce the transmission of germs?

- Wash hands, wash hands, wash hands! This is our best and most important preventative measure. We must keep our hands away from our mouth and eyes.
- If you are sick, stay home. (Temperature over 100 degrees, or vomiting and diarrhea over the last 24 hours.)
- If you have a common cold, during worship you ought to refrain from shaking hands during the Peace and from using the common cup during the Eucharist (receive bread only).
- Hand sanitizers may be used and are located throughout the church.
- Flu shots are recommended.

Let’s think about our elderly, the very young, and those who are immuno-compromised.

Wishing a glorious and healthy fall to all!

Jane Sbardella RN



PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE: OPERATING INCOME/EXPENSES FOR JANUARY-AUGUST

Pledges were running \$16,668 behind where they should be as of the end of August. Please keep your pledges up to date!

Total Pledges Received: \$129,976 vs. Budget of \$146,664 (90.6% of Budget)

of which: Total Pledges Received for August: \$14,263 vs. Budget of \$18,334 (77.8%)

Total Operating Income: \$202,467 vs. Budget of \$216,138 (93.7% of Budget)

Total Operating Expenses: \$214,584 vs. Budget of \$219,575 (97.7%)

OCTOBER LECTIONARY

Sunday, October 5:

Exodus 20:1–4, 7, 9, 12–20; Psalm 19;
Philippians 3:4b–14; Matthew 21:33–46

Sunday, October 12:

Isaiah 25:1–9; Psalm 23;
Philippians 4:1–9; Matthew 22:1–14

Sunday, October 19:

Exodus 33:12–23; Psalm 99;
1 Thessalonians 1:1–10; Matthew 22:15–22

Sunday, October 26:

Deuteronomy 34:1–12; Psalm 90:1–6, 13–17;
1 Thessalonians 2:1–8;
Matthew 22:34–46



MINISTRY FAIRS AND EXPOS!

In October you have the opportunity to attend not one but two “ministry fairs.” The first is sponsored by the Diocese of Vermont and will take place in White River Junction on October 18. The second, which we are calling a “ministry expo,” will take place here at St. Michael’s on October 19 and focuses on the variety of ministries in our own parish.

Please take a moment to read below about these events and consider prayerfully how you might be called to participate!

DISCOVERING GOD IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD: DIOCESAN MINISTRY FAIR OCTOBER 18

This is the theme of this fall’s Diocesan Ministry Fair at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in White River Junction, on October 18 from 9:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

The Master selected seventy and sent them ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he intended to go...He gave them this charge...tell them, “God’s kingdom is right on your doorstep.”

Luke 10:1–9

Where do you see God at work in the world? Familiar places, of course: soup kitchens, food shelves, homeless shelters. But what about the less obvious situations? Kids hanging out in the parking lot? A local farmers’ market? Town meeting? The nearby coffee shop?

Is God at work in that world, too? Assuming God is already present and at work in the midst of us, this year’s ministry fair theme is to go “on the hunt” to discover the Divine Surprises where God’s mission is at work around us—places, experiences, and opportunities that surround us all the time but do not look, feel, sound, or smell like what we expect when we think of “mission.” God’s fingerprints might well be hidden in plain sight!

Our day will begin and end with worship, very much in the spirit and manner of a “Dinner Church” model. From our gathering together we will be sent out, just like the disciples, into the neighborhoods surrounding St. Paul’s, not to preach, not to convert, just to discover with our eyes and ears exactly how God is at work in these neighborhoods in ways we may never have imagined. A companion experience will be available for any with limited mobility right at St. Paul’s. Over our own brown bag lunches and in the context of the Eucharist, we will share our experiences. Our day will end by 2:30 p.m.

All you need is a sense of adventure and a willingness to try something new; good walking shoes and back up gear in case of rain; and a bag lunch. A welcome of coffee, tea, water, and snacks will be provided by the good folks of St. Paul’s.

What’s this all about? It all started with a book our Bishop, Tom Ely, came upon, by Alan Roxburgh, a Canadian Anglican author and teacher. The book, *Missional: Joining God in the Neighborhood*, says that all too often we look for God, as well as expect and limit our experiences of God, to the context of “church,” when God is right there outside our church doors in our streets, places of work, and neighborhoods, loving, bringing people together, reconciling, forgiving, listening to and touching lives. It’s not the church that’s the source of mission or ministry; it’s our experiencing God at work in the world that informs and forms our ministries, that is the source of “church” and who we are as church, the Body of Christ.

Join us, come on down! We’d love to have you join us at this ministry fair. What a great time to mix with others and learn from their experiences from outside St. Michael’s. It’s also both the theme of this fall’s Diocesan Convention and the topic that each and every parish throughout Vermont will be studying over this next year. If your faith and beliefs don’t always fit our traditional ways, this could be a perfect place to explore with others. It’s open to anyone, from vestry people to EfM folks to just us regular Joes and Janes in the pews. Besides, carpooling to White River and back is just another way to get to know one another better.

I look forward to your joining me there. And there’s no fee whatsoever! To register, please call Jeanie in our office, 254-6048, or me at 254-7060.



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

And remember this from Wendell Berry: “It may be when we no longer know what to do, we have come

to our real work, and that when we no longer know which way to go, we have begun our real journey.”

Craig Hammond

AN EXPLORATION AND INVITATION: ST. MICHAEL’S MINISTRY EXPO OCTOBER 19

You may have noticed that the word “ministry” is popping up quite often recently. That’s because St. Michael’s is about to launch its annual celebration of ministry. St. Michael’s has—for a small parish church situated in a small town in a small rural state—an exceptionally active ministry life, as you will see when you come to the St. Michael’s Ministry Expo on October 19. And we do hope you will come and take part in our recognition of this vital part of our parish life.

But wait a minute. What is it, exactly, that we are about to celebrate? Is it our Mary’s service as our Rector? Or the laity of our parish, the ones who serve on the Vestry, the various parish committees, and those who assist at the altar? Is it our revered choir, with their dedicated rehearsing and performing? Or the “invisible helpers” who keep everything shipshape and functioning properly? Or the equally invisible Altar Guild who reverently look after and arrange the sacred things we use in our worship?

Yes, most definitely, all of those referred to above—the ones who have a particular authority, a designated role, a defined position in the church—are ministers. And it is they whom we are inclined to think of when we encounter that word, “minister.” But in actuality, they comprise but a small portion of the totality of Christian ministers who call St. Michael’s their spiritual home.

So, let’s begin our exploration of ministry by first of all being clear about what ministry is *not*. It is not limited to persons who are ordained. It is not limited to church officers or other leaders. It is not limited to parishioners who occupy a specific job or role. It is not limited to people with specialized responsibilities like missionaries or evangelists.

Well, then, who *is* a minister? The answer is simple: every Christian. At least, every Christian can be, is

called to be, and should be, a minister! According to Scripture and the teachings of the Church, a minister can be anyone who loves and follows Jesus; who discerns peoples’ needs with “the mind of Christ;” or who acts with a “servant’s heart.” What those “churchy” phrases mean is that the Christian who ministers is intentional about doing Christ’s work in the world, is aware of needs and opportunities to serve Him, and follows through, as best they can, with Christ-centric, compassionate action. It’s not hard: help is needed, Christ calls, you serve. Theologians like to illustrate this with the story about the miracle in Cana, where Jesus turned water into wine. They ask, who, in this story, is the minister? Is it Jesus? His mother? The host, maybe? No, none of these. The ministers are the servants who filled the casks as Jesus asked. They did what Jesus asked, and they did it in their workplace, not their house of worship. That’s what ministry is: just doing what Jesus asks, wherever you are. Simple.

What do ministers do? Almost anything imaginable. One woman said that changing her baby’s diaper is part of her ministry. Where do they do it? Almost anywhere. In a church, Christians minister to God by worshiping, learning, praying, and practicing. As a member of the Body of Christ, we minister to each other by fellowshiping, listening, helping, sharing, and supporting. In the workplace, we minister by remembering God, being aware of opportunities, and helping where help is needed. In the community at large, we minister by taking God along, by listening and learning, by caring about the things God cares about like justice, charity, and wellness, and by committing on God’s behalf our time, talent, and/or treasure where needed. In the home, we minister by honoring God and by listening to our spouse/partner or children/dependents. As Paul admonishes in Galatians 6:2, “Bear you one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”



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

Are you, dear reader, doing ministry? Yes, probably. If you're old enough, you may recall that, in the midst of the protest era of the 1960s and 70s, when folkies everywhere were constantly lamenting hard times, somebody wrote a little song that started out; "If I can help somebody." That's the way of the Christian; we tend to focus more on helping than we do on the problem. And with good reason, because we always remember what Jesus told us: "Whatever you do for them, you do for me."

So, please mark the day: Sunday, October 19. Come to church, and come to the St. Michael's Ministry

Expo. It's a fair bet that you'll be astounded at the amount and kinds of ministry taking place in our little part of the Body of Christ.

Better yet, make a poster so you can share and celebrate your ministry, too.

Questions? Contact any member of the Outreach Ministry Team: Hollis Carlisle, Janet Cramer, Jim Crosson, Susanna Grannis, Shirley Hodgdon, Laura Lewis, Brian Morgan, Joyce Vining Morgan, Lori Palmer, Jean Smith, Wayne Wagenbach, Susan Wilson.

Jim Crosson

MAKING THE CASE FOR SACRED PLACES

On Saturday, September 6, Chris Hart and I attended the first of four modules of the Strategic Investment in Sacred Places program, titled, "Making the Case for Sacred Places." We joined with eight other congregations throughout the state that are part of the "new dollars/new partners" program. The first questions we were asked were what would happen if our churches didn't exist and how that would impact our communities. We then moved into telling our individual congregational heritages. Most of us could speak of the current histories but not so much the beginning histories. What we learned is that there are many pieces to our histories, including what was going on locally, nationally, and at church. Even our church buildings tell a story architecturally, how they have served the worshipping community, and how they served and interacted with our community neighbors. The history of St. Michael's will play a vital role as we begin our self-analysis of where we have been, where we are now, and where we are going.

Each congregation was given a tool kit to develop the case for new community support by researching who we are (heritage in a community context); what we have (building resources); and what we do (public value). We learned how to use the Partners' Public Value Tool to calculate the dollar value of the programs and ministries we provide both inside our walls at St. Michael's and outside our walls in the

community. The ministry we chose to use for our learning purposes was the Tag Sale, which represents value both inside and outside our walls. Data we had to provide included total member volunteer hours, staff hours, how many non-members served, square footage of church space used, and even the use of utilities like water and electric. We both agreed that this tool will be useful in our self-analysis, stewardship, and ministries. As we continue to discern where God is leading St. Michael's, it will be important for each of us as individuals and as ministries to be able to tell our church story and how we can adapt that story/message to different audiences both inside and outside our walls.

The self-analysis will begin in the next few weeks, so be ready to be involved in this process! The Strategic Investment in Sacred Places (SISP) team of Sarah Benton, Chris Hart, Bruce Landenberger, and Mary Lindquist will be in touch with the different ministries to gather information and learn of the wonderful volunteer work you all do to carry out the mission of St. Michael's. The team will meet with an SISP advisor again at the church within the next few months, who will provide support and answer any questions the team may have as we move forward. In the meantime if you have any questions, please contact us.

Sarah Benton



REPORT ON THE SUMMER FAMILY FOOD BAG PROGRAM AT PUTNEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

This summer the Putney Foodshelf launched a weekend food program to the same families receiving weekend food during the school year. Each Friday in teams of two from St. Michael's, we picked up milk, bread, and other items at the Putney General Store and headed to Putney Central School, where we packed items for breakfasts, lunches, and dinners. Harlow's Farm provided fresh vegetables we could add to the box, a real bounty of freshness. The teams included Lori Palmer and Hollis Carlisle, Jane Sbardella and Margit Lilly, Doug and Mimi Lilly, and Susan and Phillip Wilson. The success of this program depends on the great efforts of Susan Kochinskas.

Susan Wilson



REPORT ON THE SHEEP PROJECT

Our thanks to those who have participated in the sheep project this year. Eleven participants from St.

Michael's each purchased a lamb with a contribution made directly to Brattleboro Loaves & Fishes of \$125. Those lambs are now at Bill and Nancy Ames' farm in Northfield. Many of you saw the animals at the annual picnic, and they are doing well on an abundance of green grass. Participants are (in no particular order) Trudy Crites, Bob and Laurie Chiperfield, Paul Love and Hollie Bowen, Nancy Barber, Phillip and Susan Wilson, Anne and Wayne Cook, Dan Drish and Ron Lenker, Don Berg, Claudia Jacobs and Ralph Palmer, Liz Vick and Craig Hammond, Betsy Swift, and Michael from Centre Congregational Church. We are all grateful for your willingness to support the meals program of Brattleboro Loaves & Fishes. Nancy and I are delighted to be involved. On December 10 we will deliver the animals to Adams Farm for processing and then deliver the frozen quarters of meat to volunteers (arranged by Ruth) for continued freezing until the meat becomes meals. It is expected that these animals will provide a protein foundation for 1,000 or more meals served at the facility. Thanks again to all, and to Ruth Tilghman for her help in gathering the participants.

Bill and Nancy Ames

EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

ADULT FORUM SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

October 5, "Radical Hospitality 1"—How do we cultivate new practices of invitation, welcome, and connection that are rooted and grounded in Jesus' own ministry? Join us as we view and discuss an address (by video) by Mary Parmer, the founder of the Newcomer Ministry Project in the Diocese of Texas. Parmer's passion and insight will transform your understanding of this very important ministry. Led by Mary Lindquist.

October 12, "Radical Hospitality 2"—Join us for the second half of this exciting discussion. We will

view the last part of the video (described above) and think about ways that St. Michael's can continue to deepen our hospitality and welcome.

October 19, St. Michael's Ministry Expo—In the Undercroft.

October 26, "Expectant Living"—Led by Jean Smith.



ROTA FOR OCTOBER

LITURGICAL ROTA FOR OCTOBER 2014 · 8:00 AM AND 10:15 AM SUNDAY SERVICES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Position	October 5	October 12	October 19	October 26
8:00 A.M. SERVICE				
Lay Assistant	Anita Crosson	Wayne Cook	Kate McGinn	Wayne Cook
Intercessor	Doug Lilly	Anne Brown	Joanne Patalano	Kiersten McKenney
Sacramental Healing	Trudy Crites	Janet Cramer	MJ Woodburn	Jean Smith
Usher	Judy McGee	Anne Cook	Bill Ames	Anne Cook
10:15 A.M. SERVICE				
Crucifer	Ricky Davidson	Peter Johnson	Mikael Mattson	Annie Landenberger
Torch Bearers	Kiersten Landin Andachew Mousin	Brian White Liz Vick	Caleb Fritz Clara Fritz	Whitney Nichols Fred Bump
Element Bearers	Michael & Ron Doty-Tolaro	Nancy Barber Chris Hart	Andy & Elise Burrows	Betsy Bates Sue Dyer
Lay Assistant	Nancy Barber	Greg Lesch	Sarah Benton	Brian Morgan
Lector	Mary Barber	Sarah Rich	Julia Fedoruk	Joyce Vining Morgan
Intercessor	Mary Carnahan	Craig Hammond	Valerie Abrahamsen	Jen Karstad
Ushers	Sissi Loftin & Janet Brocklehurst	Linda Rice Corky Elwell	The Fritz Family	John Daly Leigh Marthe
Sacramental Healing	Betsy Bates Sarah Benton	Robin White-Diamondstone MJ Woodburn	Margit Lilly Trudy Crites	Robin White-Diamondstone Betsy Bates
Altar Guild	Mary Carnahan Betty Elwell Rebecca Olmstead Zadie Olmstead	Mary Carnahan Betty Elwell Rebecca Olmstead Zadie Olmstead	Madelyn Howard Carol Hesselbach Lynn Billington	Madelyn Howard Carol Hesselbach Lynn Billington
Coffee Hour	Christine Gauthier Fred Bump The Taggerts	The Fritz Family	Ministry Fair	Linda Rice Whitney Nichols Stewardship Group
Counters	Judy McGee Anne Cook	Vince Johnson Wayne Cook	Ricky Davidson Jared Rediske	Sherry Stimmel Judith Hildreth

If you cannot make it, please find your own replacement; then call Jeanie in the Office at 802-254-6048, ext. 104. Thank you.





CELEBRATIONS

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- October 4 Nancy Ames, Denis Glennon
- October 5 Valerie Abrahamsen
- October 6 Nathaniel Johnson
- October 9 Keira Caponcelli
- October 10 Janet Cramer
- October 11 Brendan McElhinney
- October 13 Kole Wagenbach
- October 14 Ronny Jonson, Elizabeth Harrison
- October 15 Joanna Brown
- October 16 Judith Hildreth
- October 17 Dana McGinn, Jack Lilly
- October 18 Mark Reinhardt, Emily Nohl
- October 21 Mary Lindquist, Gayle Potter,
Ed Sbardella, Bill Boggess
- October 25 Karren Meyer
- October 28 Clark Anderson
- October 29 Patrick Keppel
- October 30 Melanie Boese



Fun at the Parish Picnic

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

- October 1 Christine & Richard Gauthier
- October 4 Rebecca & Nathan Olmstead
- October 8 Thad Bennett & George Connell
- October 9 Heddy & Zsolt Pomazi
- October 13 Monica & David Mattocks
- October 16 Anne & Wayne Cook
- October 22 Anita & Jim Crosson
- October 27 Melanie Boese & John Judge

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SUNDAYS—8:00 a.m., Quiet service of prayer and Holy Communion
10:15 a.m., Prayer, music, and Holy Communion, with Sunday School and childcare
WEEKDAY MORNINGS—6:00 a.m., Silent hour in chapel
WEDNESDAYS—Noon, Brief service of prayer and Holy Communion
THURSDAYS—9:00 a.m., Rite I service; 5:30 p.m., Contemplative service of chanting, silence, and prayer
SATURDAYS—8:00 a.m., Centering prayer

This Month At St. Michael's Episcopal

OCTOBER 5—Blessing of the Animals
OCTOBER 11—Memorial Service for Joel Hill
OCTOBER 18—Diocesan Ministry Fair
OCTOBER 19—St. Michael's Ministry Expo
OCTOBER 26—Stewardship Ingathering