



# St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Faith, Community and Hope ~ 50 Years and Growing

## NEWSLETTER

JUNE/JULY 2014

### *From the Interim Rector*

Pentecost, 2014

Dear good people of St. Michael's,

The power of the Spirit can draw all of us and our broken world together. I think this untitled poem from "The Dinner Party" by Judy Chicago embodies the unity and vision of God's Holy Spirit.

And then all that has divided us will merge.

And then compassion will be wedded to power.

And then softness will come to a world  
that is harsh and unkind.

And then both men and women will be gentle.

And then both women and men will be strong.

And then no person will be subject to another's will.

And then all will be rich and free and varied.

And then the greed of some will give way  
to the needs of many.

And then all will share equally in the Earth's abundance.

And then all will care for the sick and the weak and the old.

And then all will nourish the young.

And then all will cherish life's creatures.

And then all will live in harmony with  
each other and the Earth.

And then everywhere will be called Eden once again.

Blessings,

*Pat Stelz*



### **Sunday, June 22**

Eucharist at 8 & 10 AM

Newcomer Brunch at 11:15 AM

### **Sunday, June 29**

Eucharist at 8 & 10 AM

Pastoral Care Meeting  
at 11:15 AM

### **Sunday, July 6**

Summer Schedule Begins

Eucharist at 9 AM

### **Sunday, July 13**

Eucharist at 9 AM

### **Sunday, July 20**

Eucharist at 9 AM

### **Wednesday, July 23**

### **Thursday, July 24**

B-SAFE Summer Program at  
Epiphany School, Dorchester

### **Friday, July 25**

B-SAFE Outing at  
Hopkinton State Park

### **Sunday, July 27**

Eucharist at 9 AM

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Dear Friends,

Our beloved choir director and organist, Matthew Jenkins Jaroszewicz, has informed us that he will be leaving St. Michael's to pursue his graduate studies at Mannes College in Manhattan. His last Sunday with us will be July 27. Matthew has contributed greatly to our music program and our worship, and the choir and entire parish will greatly miss his presence and positive energy! We wish him well, and know he will go on to do wonderful things with his musical gifts. We are in the process of hiring an interim organist/choir director until a permanent replacement is found. Look for more details to follow. There will be a special coffee hour on July 27 to bid farewell to Matthew and to thank him for his ministry at St. Michaels.

Faithfully,

*Pat Stelz*

Interim Rector

*Barbara Gardner*

Senior Warden

*Carl Twomey*

Junior Warden

## RECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

The Rector Search Committee has, to date, received 5 applicants for the position of Rector. Of those, the three local candidates (Waltham, Arlington, Shrewsbury) were or have been invited for initial interviews. One interview has been conducted, and another scheduled. The third interview was cancelled as the candidate notified us that she had accepted another (full time) position. A fourth candidate, from California, does not meet our criteria. The material from the final candidate, from New Jersey, is being reviewed.

The Search Committee has decided to extend the deadline for receipt of names and referrals, originally May 15, until a new Rector is called. The diocese has been so notified, and our profile is being edited accordingly.

We have also contacted several Episcopal seminaries – in Cambridge, New York, and Virginia – in our search for suitable candidates.

We also encourage anyone in the parish who may be familiar with a potential candidate, or wishes to nominate a candidate for consideration, to speak with any member of the Search Committee regarding submission materials and process.

And as always, if you have any questions regarding our search process feel free to speak with any member of the Search Committee: Margaret Cardello, Co-Chair, Bob Malone, Co-Chair, Joan Clark, Helen Daly, Cathy Harper, Tom Koshy, Craig Miller, Ken Rice, Ralph Stover, Stacey Thorner.

## PASTORAL CARE OPPORTUNITIES

Any interested parishioners are invited join the Pastoral Care Committee. The next meeting will be Sunday, June 29 at 11:15 AM. Please contact Nan Malone ([maximilla@verizon.net](mailto:maximilla@verizon.net)), Jane McIntyre ([mcintyre1@verizon.net](mailto:mcintyre1@verizon.net)), or Pat Weston ([pweston317@yahoo.com](mailto:pweston317@yahoo.com)) if you'd like to help.

## YOUTH MISSION TRIP

We are making our final preparations for our upcoming mission trip to Louisa Kentucky. One of our tasks was to make two benches so we could learn how to work with tools. One of our benches was a live auction item and the other we are raffling off. Tickets are 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5 and 15 for \$10 and will be available at coffee hour for the next two Sundays. Raffle winner will be drawn on Sunday, June 22. The bench will be displayed this Sunday and can be stained to your liking! For more information, please contact Cathy Harper ([cathy@hahpah.com](mailto:cathy@hahpah.com)).

## B-SAFE IS COMING JULY 23, 24 and 25!

What is B-SAFE? It is a summer program, supported by the Episcopal Diocese, which serves youth and teens from Boston. Their goal is for children to feel safe, feel big and feel connected. St. Michael's partner's with B-SAFE by providing 2 lunches and an outing/cook-out at Hopkinton State Park. We are looking for volunteers to help out in the B-SAFE Program.

Here are the volunteer opportunities:

**B-SAFE Ministry Epiphany School Leader:** To organize the planning, preparing and serving of lunches (July 23 and 24) at the Epiphany School site in Dorchester.

**B-SAFE Ministry Hopkinton State Park Leader:** To organize and run the cook-out at Hopkinton State Park.

**St. Michael's Kitchen Volunteers:** To prepare and package lunches the evening before the program day.

**Baking/shopping Volunteers:** sign up to purchase juice boxes snacks and paper product, to bake desserts and bring them to St. Michaels by a specific date.

**Epiphany School Volunteers:** Travel to Dorchester to serve lunch, clean-up and read to the children.

**Hopkinton State Park Volunteers:** Grill food, serve lunch, clean up and provide activities for the children.

Sign-up sheets will be in Eva's Room. In addition, feel free to email Frankie Gartner, [fgartner5583@comcast.net](mailto:fgartner5583@comcast.net), with your choice of volunteer position and she will make

**PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS**

Beginning the week of June 15, and for the months of July and August, the office hours of our Parish Secretary, Amy Plante, are Wednesdays 9:00-11:00 AM and Thursdays 9:00 AM – 12 Noon.

**SUMMER SCHEDULE**

The usual Sunday schedule, with Holy Eucharist celebrated at 8 and 10 AM, will continue through June 29. On July 6, the summer schedule will begin and Holy Eucharist will be celebrated only once at 9 AM. This schedule will continue through Labor Day weekend. During the summer, the liturgy will alternate weekly between Rite I and Rite II.

**NURSERY CARE RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER**

There is no nursery caregiver during the summer months of July and August. Parents and infants are always welcome in church and the quiet room at the rear is available for those who would like to use it.

**OUTREACH – HOW THE APPALACHIA PROJECT CAME TO ST. MICHAEL'S**

In 1956 Frits, our two little boys and I immigrated to this country. We were sponsored by St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in White Plains, NY. This is a long story condensed in two sentences, a story I could talk about for hours. To this day we are amazed and deeply grateful for the help this wonderful church gave to enable us to make this enormous step. From the moment we came out of the plane many of the parishioners were available to assist us in many ways. The committee in charge consisted of about ten people. Some of them became good friends and we stayed in touch for years even after we moved away.

When we lived in the Netherlands we attended church as well, but not on a regular basis. The building was open on Sunday mornings and then closed its doors during the following week. As far as we knew there were no activities although there must have been meetings and choir rehearsals. The parish life we experienced in this country was a wonderful and unexpected surprise and from the beginning we were especially attracted to being part of Outreach. We wanted so much to give back or pass on what others had done for us.

Many years went by and when we eventually moved to Holliston in 1967 we immediately looked for an Episcopal church and joined St. Michael's. We were welcomed warmly and felt right away attracted to becoming active in the life of the church. Active in many ways and with great satisfaction.

In 1997 we met a woman in a nearby town who collected children's books and stuffed animals and shipped them to very needy schools in South East Kentucky. After working with her for several years we took over from her and our Appalachia Project has been a very worthwhile way to reach out to very poor children in eleven schools (pre-school through 12<sup>th</sup> grade). Ever since we have been shipping three or four boxes with books on a weekly basis providing the children with material they normally would not have. We maintain good contact with many of the teachers and librarians and they have informed us that the reading level of many of the children has gone up since they now can have books of their own – until then, an unknown luxury. Last year we decided to give up sending stuffed animals since the cost of shipping became too high and books were our highest priority.

How have we been able to keep this project going? Where did we get the books and the money for our mailing from? From people like you! St. Michael's reached out in a generous way, the Lions' Club helped us and so did the Holliston Library (thank you, book angels!), quite a few individuals, who read about our Project in the newspapers, and some of our family members.

Our church has helped us for a number of years with a grant from the Outreach Fund (thanks to the Auction!). Without this support we could not have done this very important work.

Thank you all for reaching out and sharing of your bounty with those who have so little.

*Frits and Anke Geurtsen  
Appalachia Project*



## A GUIDE TO PASTORAL CARE AT ST. MICHAEL'S

*Nan Malone, Jane McIntyre, Pat Weston*



### **Keeping Connected**

Pastoral care is an important way for us to help stay connected with one another at St. Michael's. It also enables the vestry and parishioners to strengthen the bonds of care that should be a characteristic of any Christian community.

At certain times in our lives, whether occasions of joy or sorrow, we may have particular needs for pastoral care. The following guidelines have been written to help you know how the priest and people of St. Michael's will seek to assist you at such times.

### **Illness**

If you or someone in your household is ill, please make sure that the priest or parish secretary, Amy Plante, know. We would like to be able to offer the prayers of the parish and to provide whatever other support would be helpful.

### **Compassionate Cooks**

A group of parishioners will provide some meals to parish households at times of special need, for example, during an illness or following the birth of a child. Please contact Amy Plante in the Parish Office if you would like help with meals.

### **Angels on Wheels**

Several parishioners have offered to provide rides to medical appointments for parishioners. Please contact Amy Plante in the Parish Office and she will contact pastoral care team members to arrange a ride if a driver is available.

### **Parish Prayers**

If you would like to pray for someone, please get in touch with Amy Plante in the Parish Office and let her know the name and other relevant information.

### **Hospitals and Emergencies**

Please tell the priest if you expect to be hospitalized. If there is an emergency, please do not hesitate to call the interim priest at home, day or night.

### **Death**

In the event of a death, please call the interim priest right away. The priest would like to be able to come and say prayers with you or the deceased.

The Episcopal Church strongly urges that all burial services be held in the church, rather than in a funeral home. The priest will talk with you about plans for the service.

It is helpful if parishioners make a note of their preferences for the funeral service, including thoughts about readings and music, so that their family will not have to worry about such decisions during a time of grief.

### **Pastoral Counseling**

The interim priest is available by appointment to provide short-term pastoral care and support. If it appears that more intensive or longer-term counseling would be helpful, the priest will help you find a qualified therapist with training appropriate to your needs. The priest will remain available to you for pastoral support once you begin such therapy.

### **Spiritual Guidance**

The priest is also available to talk about spiritual or theological questions and provide guidance about topics such as prayer. Sometimes such a conversation can be helpful to a person's journey in faith. The priest is also available by appointment for private confession.

### **Baptisms**

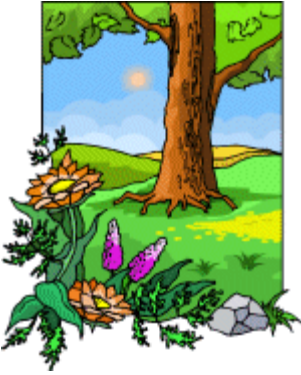
Please tell the interim priest as soon as possible following the birth of a child. The priest will be glad to visit the mother and baby and to offer the brief Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Child (Book of Common Prayer, page 439) either at the home or at the hospital close to the time of the birth.

Baptisms are usually held at the Ten O'Clock Service on five special baptismal Sundays during the year (Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (January), Easter (March or April), Pentecost (May or June), All Saints (November), and the day of the Bishop's Visitation (variable)). Baptisms are occasionally held on other Sundays for pastoral reasons. Baptismal preparation sessions for parents and godparents are held during the week before the baptism.

### **Marriages**

A marriage may be celebrated at St. Michael's, subject to the agreement of the interim priest and the availability of the church building, at any time except during Lent (the seven weeks before Easter). Before making plans for a wedding date, please call the interim priest to discuss the wedding at least three months before the proposed date. Marriage preparation is required and usually takes four sessions. A short booklet, *Getting Married at St. Michael's*, is available in the tract rack in the narthex or by calling the Parish Office. This booklet provides important information to be read before getting in touch with the interim priest.

If one or both of the couple wishing to be married has been divorced, the Bishop's permission must be obtained before the marriage may be celebrated. Six months is often required to complete the necessary counseling, prepare the paperwork, and await the Bishop's decision.



## WHAT HAPPENS DURING THE SUMMER?

*Joan Clark, Assistant Treasurer*

In New England people have several approaches to summer. Some retreat to a favorite place, be it the beach or the mountains, every weekend. Others stay in town except for a special trip, perhaps to visit family far away. And some of us stay in town all summer for a variety of reasons, including work/family responsibilities or finances.

Whatever your summer plans, please remember that St. Michael's is here. Opportunities for worship and outreach are available all summer.

One of our biggest financial challenges is that contributions usually decline significantly during the summer. But just as your household bills like rent/mortgage/utilities need to be paid when you are on vacation, St. Michael's needs to continue paying its bills throughout the summer and we rely on pledge payments and donations to do that.

Please consider switching to electronic/automatic giving so that your usual weekly/monthly support continues even while you are away on vacation. It also ensures that St. Michael's will receive regular contributions throughout the year, regardless of long holiday weekends, bad weather, or other events that hinder your attending church.

Since some parishioners have told me that they are reluctant to change to electronic giving because they want to put something in the offertory plate, there are special offertory cards available in the narthex so that you have something to put in the plate.

If you already use electronic banking for other purposes, please consider it for your pledge payments or donations to St. Michael's as well.

How to set up electronic giving to St. Michael's:

1. Login to your online banking service (enroll with your bank if you haven't done so already).

2. Go to "Add Payee" or similar function and enter:

**Payee Name:** St. Michael's Episcopal Church  
**Payee Address:** 1162 Highland Street, Holliston, MA 01746  
**Phone:** 508-429-4248  
**Account:** None (not entering a number means the bank will mail a check)

3. Go to "Set-up Recurring Bill Payment" or similar function and enter/select:

**Choose Payee:** St. Michael's Episcopal Church  
**Amount:** \$--  
**Payment Date:** MM/DD/YYYY (payment will occur same day each month)  
**Frequency:** Monthly (preferred)  
**No. of Payments:** 12 (or select "open ended" option if available)  
**Memo (optional):** Pledge

Thank you to each of you for your faithful stewardship of St. Michael's!

# JULY AT ST. MICHAEL'S

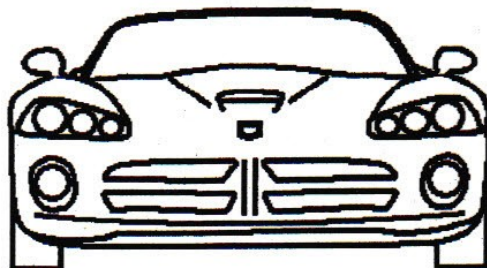
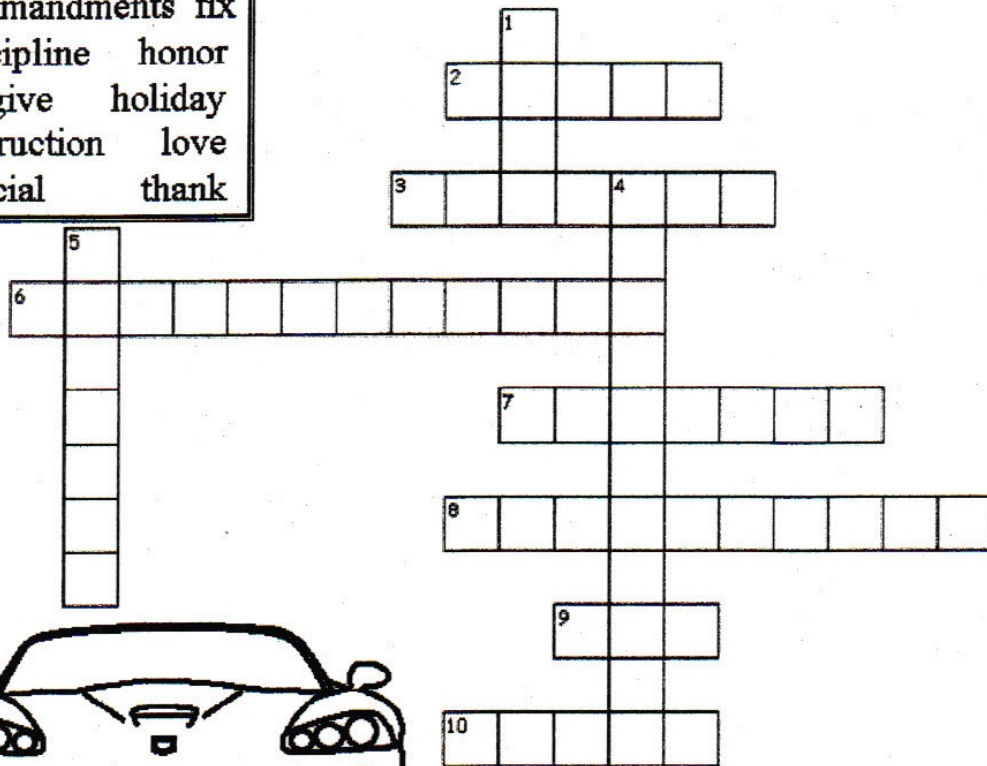
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6 Eucharist at 9 <b>J2A Mission Trip Begins</b>	7 Search Committee at 7PM	8	9	10	11	12
13 Eucharist at 9 AM Quilters at 5 PM	14 Search Committee at 7PM	15	16	17	18	19
20 Eucharist at 9 AM	21 Search Committee at 7PM	22	23 B-SAFE	24 B-SAFE	25 B-SAFE	26
27 Eucharist at 9 Quilters at 5 PM	28 Search Committee at 7PM	29	30	31		

# St. Michael's Kids Page

## Father's Day Crossword

### Word List:

commandments fix  
discipline honor  
forgive holiday  
instruction love  
special thank



### Across

2. We are doing this when we listen, obey, appreciate and forgive your dad.
3. God talks about our father in the Bible because he thinks they are this too.
6. Honor your father and mother is one of the ten \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Dad's make mistakes too so remember to \_\_\_\_\_ and forget their mistakes.
8. Dad's do this when we do something wrong so we learn from our mistakes.
9. When your dad can't \_\_\_\_\_ a problem remember you have a heavenly Father that wants to help.
10. Remember to \_\_\_\_\_ your dad for all he does for you and your family.

### Down

1. Make sure to show your dad lots of this by hugging and telling him this.
4. Listen to your father's \_\_\_\_\_ and you will learn to have discipline and understanding.
5. Father's day is a special \_\_\_\_\_ to appreciate your dad.

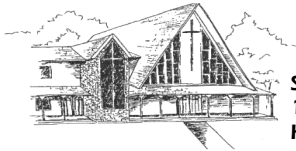
## **ST. MICHAEL'S SPONSORS B-SAFE**

(our Bishops' Summer Academic,  
Fun and Enrichment program  
for children in inner-city Boston)



**July 23, 24, 25**

**SIGN UP TO PREPARE FOOD,  
AT EPIPHANY SCHOOL, DORCHESTER  
OR HELP WITH ACTIVITIES  
ON PICNIC DAY  
AT HOPKINTON STATE PARK**



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