



The Guardian

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FROM THE RECTORY

SING TO THE LORD A NEW SONG - Psalm 96:1

Happy Summer! I hope the summer bring all of us more spaciousness in our schedules and with it time for rest, reflection and enjoying the beauty of creation. Speaking of creation, there is something new being created at St. Michael's. In July, we will welcome our new half-time Minister of Discipleship and Discernment, Duncan Hilton.

If you haven't been at St. Michael's for the last few months, this news may come as a surprise. This newly created position is a three-year experiment! It comes out of our desire to intentionally discern and create new ways of being the church (The Body of Christ) in the world.

Duncan brings to this position a deep devotion to Christ and a broad background in innovative, missional ministry. He spent 2011-16 as the executive director of a ministry innovation called the Leadership Development Initiative in Boston. Some of the gifts he brings include: expertise in faith-based community organizing and training, skills of public narrative, relationship-building, creating effective teams, strategy, and action, as well as a passion for working at the intersection of contemplative prayer, hospitality, social justice, and leadership development. You can learn more about Duncan by reading his letter to St. Michael's included in this issue of the Guardian.

Duncan will begin his ministry at St. Michael's on July 2 and will be formally welcomed on July 9 with a reception from 9-10 am between the two worship services. He will also preach at both services that day. Everything about this position – how it developed and what it is – has felt new and surprising. It was not something we planned to do this year, but came out of a prayerful, Spirit-led urgency experienced by many of us to make a commitment to those outside the walls of our church - - to listen and discern what the Spirit is doing in our community and to act in faith by creating new ways of following Jesus.

Many of you have questions like, "What exactly will he do?" Because this initiative is about creating new forms of ministry and about equipping us with tools for innovation, we do not have a typical job description with a clear list of duties and responsibilities. But we can assure you that Duncan's first couple months of ministry will involve deep, prayerful listening as a primary task. This listening will be threefold: listening to members of the congregation, listening to people outside of our congregation, both through 1:1 conversations and listening to the Spirit through prayer and contemplative practice.

We will also create: an advisory team of people from St. Michael's and beyond; regular supervisory sessions with the rector (that's me!) and reports to the vestry; leadership training and support for small groups to participate in this ministry as it unfolds; and regular communication to the congregation through Guardian articles, sermons, forums, workshops, etc.

I hope you are excited as I am about St. Michael's taking the next step in living out of our mission. Please pray for God to give us clarity, patience and courage as we seek to follow Christ in new ways.

LETTER FROM DUNCAN HILTON

Dear St Michael's,

I am honored and delighted to be called to St Michael's as the Minister for Discipleship and Discernment. Each of the aspects of this job title drew me to apply for the position. When I was a child in Durham NH, before I had ever heard the words "discipleship and discernment", I used to sneak into the woods to read the Bible. I was especially intrigued by the call stories and ever since I've been wondering what it means to follow Jesus. My earliest pursuit of this question was academic as I majored in comparative religion at Harvard College and then studied at Harvard Divinity School. The question became much more personal and spiritual in adulthood as I sought God's guidance through broken relationships and vocational uncertainty. After leaving the church to work as a community organizer, for the last five years I've been training young adults in the Boston Episcopal Service Corps program, as well as parish teams in Massachusetts, Texas, and Alabama, to equip them to be disciples in their local communities. I'm excited to share those experiences and gifts here in Brattleboro, not just as a trainer this time, but also as a member of the community.



I'm especially excited to do this work here in Brattleboro. I've been living in town since July 2016 when I moved here to complete my last postulancy internship at Christ Church Cathedral in Springfield MA, to study for the General Ordination Exam, and to work part-time at Hallelujah Farm. My ties to southern Vermont go back to childhood visits to my grandmother, aunts, uncles, and cousins in Londonderry, VT. More recently, during divinity school I worked on my Uncle Jon Wright's dairy farm, Taylor Farm, as a farmhand and so I regularly passed through Brattleboro on my way to Londonderry from Boston. I'm grateful for the commuting to be over and to find work in a corner of the world that I have familiarity with and affection for.

I've gotten to know a handful of you at St Michael's community over the last year as a member of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer book group. I look forward to getting to know the community more fully over the coming months and from those relationships to explore how best to equip the parish to live out our collective call to join in God's mission for renewal and reconciliation. I understand that this is a new position for the parish and has only come about through much discussion, prayer and visioning. It is my prayer that with my service I can honor the trust and faithfulness that you have shown in creating it.

Blessings,
Duncan



WELCOME DUNCAN ON JULY 9

On Sunday, July 9, Duncan Hilton will be preaching at both services. The Vestry will host a special coffee hour from 9-10 am between the 8 and 10:15 am services. Please come and help welcome Duncan to St. Michael's!



JERUSALEM PEACEBUILDERS TEENS TO VISIT ST. MICHAEL'S ON JULY 30

Please join us for a special Sunday morning of worship and fellowship on July 30 at the 10:15 AM service as we welcome young Israeli, Palestinian, and American leaders and peacemakers from the Jerusalem Peacebuilders (JPB) Leadership Institute. JPB teens will participate in the service and offer a special interactive sermon detailing their work in the JPB program between July 16-30. Immediately after the service, the group will join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the Undercroft. If you are looking for a message of hope and peace from the Holy Land, don't miss this opportunity to meet and interact with these inspiring young leaders building the new Jerusalem.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

St. Michael's Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 20 from 12 -4 pm at Kate and Dana McGinn's beautiful home on Lake Spofford. Rain date will be Sunday, August 27. Please hold this date on your calendar, as this is a wonderful summer event for St. Michael's!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE AS A LITURGICAL MINISTER?

When we gather together on Sunday mornings, I think of our worship services as something we create together – each of us brings our presence to the worship and some of us have roles in leading the service. If serving as a liturgical minister appeals to you, please let us know! Below is a description of the many different ways that one can serve in the liturgy on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in learning more about serving, please sign up in the Common Room or email me at mary@stmichaelsvermont.org.

Training will be provided for each of these ministries and you will be scheduled approximately every 6-8 weeks (we send out emails ahead of time to have you let us know which weeks you will not be available).

- Lector – Reads the first lesson (usually the Hebrew scripture). This ministry is open to kids who enjoy public reading.
- Intercessor – Leads and reads the Prayers of the People. This ministry is open to kids.
- Crucifer/Chalice bearer- carries the cross in the processions and offers the chalice of wine during Holy Communion.
- Acolyte – carries the torch during the procession and offers grape juice. Often acolytes are young people (ages 8 and up), but we also have adult acolytes.
- Ushers – greet people before the service, hand out leaflets, help with the offering.
- Element bearers – bring up the gifts of bread and wine before Communion and help with directing people during Communion.

NEWS OF THE PARISH

MANY THANKS....

- To all who contributed their time, gifts, love and energy to St. Michael's Christian Education programs for children and youth (Godly Play, Workshop Rotation, Youth Forum) this program year.
- To Susan Dedell and St. Michael's Choir, who provided beautiful, inspiring music that elevated our worship of God these last nine months.
- To Zachary Roesemann and Clark Anderson, who left many items from their move to benefit St. Michael's at a special tag sale, organized and carried out by Susan and Michael Wilmott, which raised over \$4100 towards paying off our Building for the Future project.
- To Laura Lewis, the Christ Church Board and all who helped and contributed baked goods for the Welcome Center Fundraiser on June 2. They raised over \$1300 toward the maintenance of Christ Church!



FROM THE LIBRARY SHELVES

"The Holy Bible"

The Pennyroyal Caxton Bible: The Old and New Testaments
published by Viking Studio, New York 1999

Without question, the Pennyroyal Caxton publication is the most important Bible published in the last half century. It is a big book, eight inches by twelve, and over four inches in thickness and one thousand pages in length. Chapter titles and initials are printed in red. Two million dollars was supplied upfront by a patron to launch the project. It was years in the making, eagerly anticipated by bibliophiles. This is the general edition. A separate limited edition was printed letterpress on specially-made paper for patrons of great book making and was, appropriately, considerably more dearly priced than ours.

What separates this superlative Bible from all others is two-hundred and thirty-two illustrations by Barry Moser, the premier wood engraver of his generation. Many are full page engravings, the balance of varied dimensions. Moser, resident in Hatfield, Massachusetts and the proprietor of his own Pennyroyal private press, used friends and townspeople as subjects. This is the only Bible illustrated to such a staggering extent by a single artist.

Moser chose the glorious and unmatched majesty of the King James Version as the text. Begun in 1604, forty-seven scholars finally completed their work in 1611. It is amusingly considered the only work of great literature created by a committee (the prosaic RSV has never been considered great literature). Moser was responsible for the typography—double columns of an appropriately large point size, though rather tightly led. The foot margin is somewhat slight, but a fuller margin would have added even more length to an already enormous book. Appropriately for such a spectacular production, a satin ribbon page marker is included in the binding.

Like St. Paul writing to Timothy, Moser could reflect, after years of toil to bring this Bible to press, that he fought the good fight, he finished the course, he kept the faith.

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SUMMARY OF MAY 18 VESTRY MEETING

Jeanette Landin was the only absentee.

Items discussed:

1. Dwelling in the Word: passage from John 14, 15-21 was recited by Lynn and discussion followed re impact and meaning.
2. Adoption of Vestry Covenant: prepared and led by Bruce.
3. Treasurer's Report from Wayne including current operating performance of church and directives concerning the endowment fund and capital campaign to pay loan. He felt the church was in good financial condition.
4. Rector's Report from May re possibility of new clergy person and special services upcoming – recovery and others.
5. 3 people have signed on to audit finances.
6. Minister for Discernment and Discipleship discussion entered into by all members with views expressed and further meetings arranged to answer all questions before voting on this important matter.
7. Buildings and Grounds: had no meeting.

Closing prayer by Lynn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Doug Lilly



SUMMER STEWARDSHIP

Thanks to you all who faithfully support St. Michael's with your generosity of time and treasure. We know many of you are away for many weeks of the summer, but St. Michael's continues to pay bills to support our mission.

For this reason, we encourage you to set up a schedule of recurring contributions through "bill pay" through your bank (the BEST way, no fees) or through our online giving program. It's convenient for you and provides much-needed consistency for St. Michael's. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. Even when travel, illness or other circumstances prevent you from attending services, our church will continue to receive your contributions on an uninterrupted basis.

- **Bill Pay:** You can set up payments through your bill pay feature at your bank. Simply use St. Michael's Episcopal Church as the payee and your name for your account information. You can set up contributions weekly, monthly or yearly. Your bank will notify you of you contributions, which you can stop at any time.
- **Online giving:** Click on DONATE NOW at the top of the home page on St. Michael's website, www.stmichaelsvermont.org. Here you can give a single gift, ongoing gifts, view giving records and update your information, all online. You can use your checking account, debit or credit card. It's easy and secure.

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JANET CRAMER PROVIDED THESE WORDS OF REFLECTION ON PRIDE SUNDAY, JUNE 11

When I was asked to speak about being the parent of an adult daughter, Alison, who has declared herself to be Lesbian and who lives in a long-term wonderful relationship, the first thing I did was to ask if this was OK with her and her wife, Meg. The response: “as long as you talk about yourself, not me.”

So that is what I will do this Pride Sunday -- take you on the journey I have traveled in my 81 years, from complete ignorance to discomfort, to learning, to working toward understanding and, I believe, now, a real celebration of my daughter. But not only her -- all the people whom we know who have discovered that love does not have a gender, but does have a commitment for caring and affection. St. Michael's has been very important to me in this journey. We called a 29 year-old gay man -- Thomas Brown -- and celebrated his union with Tom Mousin. There are many couples here, women together and men together, who have helped me see their strength and joy and to openly embrace them as they embrace each other.

Growing up I was familiar with two unmarried women living together – my mother's older sister Ruth and her friend Mildred, her stepmother's cousin. They had a dachshund that Ruth taught to bark without making a sound. There was never a thought about sexuality; not only was that not in my young vocabulary, but it was a little like the “color blind” options we are learning about in studying racism. By not acknowledging difference, one isolates rather than invites understanding and dialogue. Indeed, many years later as my mother stayed with her older sister in her final illness, she learned Ruth's greatest fear was that Mildred would be kept from seeing her if she went to the hospital as she was dying. The gift of my mother's being there was that Ruth died at home – and I received some learning about the tensions of being someone considered “other” in this culture.

I was probably already in college before I encountered the word “homosexual.” I was the youngest and only member of my generation in a four-generation household, so I didn't have peers who could help me learn things older generations were uncomfortable with. Public media, if they covered gay life at all, made much of the promiscuous behavior of the few. That made being gay feel disgraceful, dirty and something one did not want to associate with, to say nothing of to accept and honor. Actually, most of the gay and lesbian couples were quiet, perhaps in the closet, but not visible to those of us who didn't know how to see them.

The culture began to open up with the challenges of the AIDS crisis and a few public figures being open about relationships. Yet it was not until 1985, when Alison was turning 25 and I visited her for her birthday, that she told me of her intimate relationship with her college friend. After their graduation in 1982, they moved together near San Francisco so my dancer daughter could study contact improvisation. I remember my “gulp” at this unexpected knowledge – Alison had had boyfriends and had not spoken of sexual questions to me, at least, so I was not prepared to hear what she said. I remember trying to affirm this middle daughter. What I wanted to say, I think -- and I hope I did – was that I wanted her to feel loved and to be able to make the most of her gifts and skills. Who she loved and how they lived together were secondary to her being the most she could be. Other family members worked through this knowledge in their own ways. I remember especially the grace and acceptance from my mother, Alison's grandmother. She simply added her girlfriend to the people she enclosed with her love and caring.

During that 1985 visit with Alison, I also learned that the “in your face” expressions of lesbian and gay sexuality that made me and others so uncomfortable were, by some, seen as deliberate efforts to de-sensitize a culture that behaved as I did -- not noticing and not consciously wanting to know. I wasn't ready to know that my aunt and her partner

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might have an intimate relationship, not just a practical one. I have now come to understand that behavior that used to make me uncomfortable is “normal.” It fits all relationships without assigning gender to what is OK or not. My much beloved mother-in-law, Marjorie Knauth, born in 1897, used to say “people talk about anything these days, as a matter of fact they don’t talk about anything else.” That quip usually brought forth giggles. I suspect it may not now. Sexuality is open for discussion, though I suspect there are still many important questions of meaning and authenticity for all ages and genders.

While I worked at the VA, I had another lesson in the differential ways we treated people based on who they loved. I met two wonderful old men, one a Russian émigré and one descended from the Hessian troops who came to fight in the Revolutionary War. My Russian client was 10 years older than his partner and was deep into the distress of dementia, with “sun downing” where the person sleeps or is quiet during the day and is awake and agitated at night. This keeps the caregiver up night and day and we wanted to intervene to help the caregiver. If they had been a heterosexual couple, their combined income would have been accepted as “family income” and they could have qualified for supported help at home. Instead, they were considered two unmarried men with such low limits on their income that it made them ineligible for help. Just when they needed it, Vermont passed the civil unions law. I had the honor of being present when these two, ages 80 and 90 who had lived together and supported each other for so many years, had their union honored – and they got the services they needed!

I have been challenged to see differently and to use language differently. I had the privilege of working as a clinical social worker with a couple whose son identified after he was 21 that he had always felt like a girl/woman. Sitting with them as they voiced their love and confusion -- grieved what they thought they knew and didn’t – was a time of pain, yet gratitude and grace. I remember when they tentatively began to use “she” rather than “he” in talking of their adult child. Perhaps it is those most directly challenged who may be given the blessing to grow and change, or maybe I have just been fortunate in the people life has allowed me to know in these unclear times. Part of this couple’s pain was that their adult child was excluded from family events and eliminated from conversations about family things. What a difference it makes to acknowledge the discomfort but be open to continue relationships. All of these experiences have gone into my own growth as Alison’s mother.

When I was a social worker at White River Junction VA Medical Center from 1992 to 1999, it was a pretty “macho” culture with not infrequent barbs about “homo” or “queers.” Usually I would stay quiet, though uncomfortable. Then I reflected on my husband Al’s comment that Alison and Meg probably had the best relationship of all my three daughters -- and he as a stepfather and a marriage and family therapist, as well as a priest, was in a position to make that assessment. Occasionally I would venture such a comment with my coworkers. What happened always surprised me – they would mention a sister or a cousin or brother who also was lesbian or gay and sometimes doing well or sometimes not. But they acknowledged the relationships and toned down their taunts. One of the social work trainees I supervised even brought a pink triangle for my office. It indicated this was a safe place and I was a supporter of LGBTQ individuals, though those initials were not much in use then.

Probably the most important experience in becoming comfortable with divergent sexuality was the SARS – Sexuality Attitude Readjustment Seminar – my supervisor insisted I take before I could qualify as a Clinical Member of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. This was in 1993; I spent a week at Guelph University in Canada meeting transgender people, cross-dressing people, lesbian women and gay men and other people whose

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expressions of sexuality were unfamiliar to me. This was prior to the adoption of “queer” as a positive term, rather than hate speech. It is hard to believe how quickly our dialogue and our exposure to areas unspoken of -- unimagined -- have changed in the years since that time.

I promised I was going to talk about myself, not my daughter, but I would like to share the experience of being at the commitment ceremony Alison and Meg had at their home in Halifax on September 1, 1991. It was a time of awe and joy. As I said, Alison was a dancer. She and Meg performed the most equal, graceful, and beautiful visualization of their pairing I have ever experienced. Alison, who is taller than Meg, both lifted Meg and was lifted by her. Though they did have words of commitment, that all of us who were there signed as witnesses (remember this was prior to civil unions), but the most meaningful part for me was being present at their pairing in dance.

Meg’s father wrote a poignant piece for the New York Times about his experience of NOT being invited to celebrate their ceremony. He voiced his anger but then went on to explain that Meg challenged his homophobic comments and invited him to admit the extent to which he was both sexist and homophobic before he could become a safe person to her and to Alison. That’s not something that happens quickly, if it is to be reliable. He went into therapy again building on the work he had already done. And gradually he recognized that he was again “falling back on the safety, the old safety, of silence.” If he were going to come out in the open against the repression shouted by some political parties, he needed to come out of his own safe closet and talk about his daughter – and mine -- with his closest friends. And with this beautiful article he, indeed, opened their relationship and his growth to a wider world. I used to jokingly say that Meg was my daughter-in-spite-of-law. I am grateful for the legal changes that now make it possible for me to call her my daughter-in-law. The law has at last recognized that love, commitment and honor know no gender.

I have not addressed traditional Christian objections to same-gender relationships because I do not find them valid in the light of the charge from Jesus to love, support, and honor all people. It appears to me that my difficult journey from discomfort, to exposure, to exploration, to validation and affirmation is the same journey the church has been taking. I feel blessed by the examples I see every day here at St. Michael’s. I am uplifted as I continue this journey to grow beyond my earlier views to being the parent of a daughter I both admire and love. I could have no deeper pride as I see how her life has unfolded with the woman she loves.

UPDATE: HORIZON EARLY LEARNING CENTER

We were certainly blessed late last spring when Melanie Zinn from HoriZinn Early Learning in Vernon approached St. Michael's about the preschool space that was soon to become empty. Mel was chosen Early Childhood Educator of the Year in 2015. She had been running the program from her house for several years and had 12 children enrolled. There is quite a shortage of childcare providers in the Brattleboro area and many families remain on waiting lists even now. Melanie heard about the available space from and was encouraged by the Windham Southeast Supervisory Union to make the move. She secured a \$9,000 loan, hired staff, and has not looked back. It took some time, she says, to get used to the quiet and space she now enjoys in her home!

Last summer was busy one, as many parishioners participated in the renewal and upgrades to the space. Melanie remains very grateful for the talent and energy given to this project. The first year has gone smoothly for the school and the parish. Now the program is called Horizon Early Learning Center. You will notice the inescapable but enchanting evidence of happy children as you come in the lower entrance. Horizon is a year-round program serving 30 families with many more waiting for a spot. A third of the children are eligible for public funding. If you come in on a rainy day, you may see the children lined up to take their rain walk. The excitement is contagious!!



Melanie and her husband Nate certainly have taken many leaps of faith. They are committed to mission work in Port au Paix, Haiti. Nate met a beautiful little four-year old girl there on his first trip. After the earthquake in 2010, Mel and Nate brought home and adopted Kristine, their beautiful, now 12-year old daughter. Kristine is a wonderful big sister to Reese, their four-year old son. Mel and Nate just returned from a recent trip to Haiti. They go as volunteers through Servants for Haiti, an organization based in Westfield, Massachusetts. The mission of this group is to empower Haitians to become self-sufficient through education, through business training, and through micro-finance programs. Servants for Haiti desires to follow the example of Jesus by serving those who are impoverished and in need. Melanie shares that the need is great. When they arrive, they take an 8-hour bus ride and then hike 6 hours more to a remote village. She estimates there are 400-600 children there with no school. Servants for Haiti hopes to help the community build a church and school there. Mel and Nate are dedicated to the cause!

Melanie has other very special talents she shares in the community. Besides her two degrees in education and one in accounting, she has a BA in theater and dance. For several years she has choreographed the musicals at BUHS! She brings a tremendous amount of passion and skill to everything she does!

We wish Melanie and the Horizon Early Learning Center continued success in the years to come.

Submitted by Deb Jones, Senior Warden

EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

JULY LECTIONARY

Sunday, July 2

Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18;
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Sunday, July 9

Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-15;
Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sunday, July 16

Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-14;
Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Sunday, July 23**

Isaiah 44:6-8; Psalm 86:11-17;
Romans 8:12-25;
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sunday, July 30

1 Kings 3:5-12; Psalm 119:129-136;
Romans 8:26-39;
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

CELEBRATIONS

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1	Meaghan Landin, Patrick Ackerman-Hovis
July 3	Rosie Wojcik
July 4	Matthew Wojcik
July 5	Thea Porter, Rebecca Porter
July 7	Lori Palmer, Joanne Patalano
July 8	Judith McGee
July 9	Anita Crosson, Irene Burtis
July 12	Ann Switzer
July 13	Jessica Mattson
July 14	Marian Wojcik, David Carr
July 15	James Nohl
July 16	Olivia Capponcelli
July 20	Richard Gauthier
July 22	Susan Wilmott
July 23	Sandra MacLean
July 25	Phillip Wilson
July 27	Kerry Capponcelli
July 30	Shirley Hodgdon
July 31	Nancy Barber



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

July 1	Pam & David Carr
July 13	Susan & Paul Dedell
July 20	Susan & Phillip Wilson
July 23	Mary Lindquist & Kurt Johnson
July 26	Susan Heimer & Tim Ragle
July 27	Ann & Douglas Switzer, Kiersten McKenney & John Byrnes
July 29	Betty & Corwin Elwell



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SUSAN DEDELL'S SABBATICAL

Last September, I celebrated 25 years serving in the ministry of music here at our beloved St. Michael's. In a wonderful spirit of generosity, the Vestry gifted me with a 2-month sabbatical, with some additional funds for travel. So the time has come! I will be away for the months of August and September, returning in time for St. Francis Day (and the Missa Gaia) on October 8. During those two months, I plan on making a few field trips to other communities of faith, both Episcopalian and not — especially those that have arts programs for both young and old that also engage the wider community. I look forward to having more time at the end of the garden season as well. I have a huge garden and this year I have plans for some new ways of preserving and storing some of my crop. Kim chi, anyone?! Finally, in the second half of September, Paul and I will travel to Sicily for 15 days, as his school has graciously given him 2 weeks of leave. It will be the time of the olive and grape harvest, and we will be staying in a couple of farms where we can help if we so choose! Our last few days will be on the island of Pantelleria, a small island halfway between Sicily and Tunisia, in a stone damuso that overlooks the Mediterranean Sea.

While I am gone, I know you will be in good hands with the talented musicians who will lead you in worship. Thanks in advance to Karen Guthrie, Mayu Allen, Bruce Griffin, and Christopher Wesolowski. Their spirits and gifts will be a blessing to you, and will allow me to relax in the knowledge that all is well on the home front.

I know I will come back brimming with ideas and energy! And I look forward to continue exploring along with you the many ways in which “God’s Love Project” (thank you, Thad Bennett) works through the transcendent medium of music and the arts.

PHOTOS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC





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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 childcare

WEEKDAY MORNINGS 6:00–7:00 a.m., Silent hour in chapel

WEDNESDAYS 12:00–12:30 p.m., Brief service of prayer and Holy Communion

THURSDAYS 5:30–6:30 p.m. Contemplative service of chanting, silence, and prayer

SATURDAYS 8:00 a.m., Centering Prayer