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FROM THE RECTORY

THE SUMMER SHUFFLE

We have been shuffling things around at St. Michael's this summer: books, papers, files, office chairs, and random office supplies. Who knew St. Michael's possessed so many boxes of staples?

Jeanie started the shuffling this summer while I was on vacation. When I came back, she had packed many of Joel's books into boxes. This meant that I couldn't put it off any longer—it was time for me to start packing my office.

It has taken me a long time to go through Joel's stuff. I think this is partly because I am still grieving Joel's death and partly because a small magical-thinking part of me thought Joel might just come back. (For those of you who don't know, Joel Hill was St. Michael's Deacon for many years. She died last fall and we miss her dearly.)

Last winter on the *many* days when the temperatures were below 10 degrees, I noticed that my office was not heating up. So on those cold days I started working in Joel's old office. Not only was it warm, but it was brighter and closer to Jeanie's office and the copy machine. I decided that it might be time to move offices. But then it got warmer and I put it off—until Jeanie started packing books. I can take a hint.

With Joel's books cleared, I started to go through my books, moving the ones I wanted to hold on to and adding to the collection of boxes of books we have from Joel. This meant that we needed a new home for all these books: hence the idea to start shuffling around in St. Michael's Library. Janet Cramer (Senior Warden) and I have begun to go through St. Michael's library, removing some of the books that are not current or classic or, in my humble opinion, particularly interesting so that we can bring our library up-to-date and find a new home for all the extra books we now have in our possession. We hope that this means that St. Michael's library will not just be a lovely room for meetings, but an *actual* library that people in our congregation use for their Christian formation and spiritual edification.

My old office (down the hall in the Bradley Wing) will become the Parish Ministries Office, available for various parish ministries to use, such as the Pastoral Care Team, Education for Ministry, and the Outreach Team.

Soon we will announce a grand book give-away at St. Michael's, where you can come and peruse the books that did not make the cut. We will thank you for taking these books off our hands, but I warn you, this may cause you to start a summer shuffle of your own!

*Yours in Christ,
Mary*



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BISHOP ELY AND JERUSALEM PEACEBUILDERS AT ST. MICHAEL'S AUGUST 2

On Sunday, August 2, at the 10:15 a.m. worship service, campers from the Jerusalem Peacebuilders (Palestinian, Israeli, and American youth) will give the sermon and Bishop Ely will celebrate the Eucharist.

Following the worship service light refreshments will be served and all are encouraged to take part in Paint for Peace on the Brattleboro Common (see below).

Special Summer Forum, 9:00–10:00 a.m.

Since Bishop Ely will be at St. Michael's on August 2, he has agreed to lead an Adult Forum about the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, which he attended in July. Please join us to hear about all the significant actions and decisions made at the Convention, which will affect the shape and life of our church.

Paint for Peace 12:00–4:00 p.m.

Join Israeli, Palestinian, and American youth participants from the Jerusalem Peacebuilders Leadership Camp to paint an original 40-foot peace banner that will travel the country. Paints and brushes will be provided. The peacebuilders will also share their stories, perform skits, and recite poetry during the event. This interfaith event invites people from all faith traditions in and around Brattleboro to come and join us in supporting these inspiring young leaders in their quest for peace.



SUNDAY SCHOOL GET-TOGETHER AUGUST 4

Teachers, parents, and anyone else interested in helping with Christian formation for children and youth in 2015–16 are invited to a Sunday School get-together (with pizza!) on Tuesday, August 4, from 5:00–7:00 p.m. Kids are very welcome to attend. We will gather on the Rectory Lawn (weather permitting) and share food, then have an activity for younger kids while the adults and youth meet. This is a time to reflect on our existing programs (Godly Play, Workshop Rotation, Youth Forum), discuss new ideas, and

organize 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.



PARISH PICNIC AT SPOFFORD LAKE AUGUST 23

All are invited to St. Michael's Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 23, from noon to 4:00 p.m. at 29 Barn Road, Spofford Lake, New Hampshire (about a 15-minute drive from St. Michael's). This year, Kate and Dana McGinn have generously agreed to host the picnic at their place, which is right next to the lake, with a great porch for sitting, wonderful grounds for playing, and great access to the lake for swimming, kayaking, etc. There will be games, swimming, and a chance to sit and visit with those (both old and new) from our St. Michael's Community. Drinks, hot dogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers will be provided by the church. If you are able, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. And don't forget your bathing suits!

Parking is limited at Spofford Lake, so *please* carpool with others to the picnic. Parking maps will be available at St. Michael's so you know where you can park safely. Please sign up and let us know you are coming so we can have an idea of how much food to buy and/or if you want to find someone to carpool with. You may sign up in the Common Room at St. Michael's or by emailing Jeanie Crosby at Jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM ROCK POINT CAMP

Ever said your mealtime grace to the tune of Sponge Bob Square Pants? Played The Scrapper Game? Ever rock out to EpiscoDisco? Then you have not experienced Rock Point Camp!

This year, I was the chaplain for the Elementary Camp, which included Ainsley Meyer and my three kids, Jonah, Nathaniel, and Bibi. We had a great time



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at Rock Point, which is located on the beautiful shores of Lake Champlain and surrounded by miles of nature trails. I was really impressed by the wide variety of activities that were provided: games, worship, singing, swimming, crafts, building chairs, canoeing, learning about our natural surroundings. And, as Ainsley said, "The food was great!" When we piled in the car to drive home, Nathaniel asked, "Can we sign up for next summer?"

Rock Point Camp is a wonderful opportunity for our children and youth to experience the holy rhythms of worship, nature, and community in a gorgeous setting. I hope we can send even more kids from St. Michael's to Rock Point Camp next summer!



ARE YOU NEW TO ST. MICHAEL'S?

Please share with us a picture of yourself and/or your family to put on our bulletin board in the Common Room. Also, please let us know the dates of your birthday and anniversary so that we can pray for you in our Sunday prayers. Pictures and important dates may be sent to Jeanie Crosby, our Parish Administrator at Jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org.



EfM BEGINS AGAIN IN SEPTEMBER

We are often faced with the difficult and subtle task of interpreting the richness of our faith in an increasingly complex and confusing world. At the end of the Eucharist we pray, "And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve

you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord." But how do we do this in today's world?

The group is the core of EfM. We read, and then through discussion we deepen our understanding of what we have read. We develop skills in theological reflection with the goal of learning to think theologically. By examining our own beliefs and their relationship to today's culture and the tradition of our faith, we learn that everything we do has potential for manifesting the love of Christ, and we discover that the opportunity for ministry is at hand wherever we turn.

We are hoping to have new folks joining us this year. If you think you might be interested, there are informational materials in the Common Room. We will be having informational sessions late August/early September. You can also contact either Linda Rice (lindariceaprn@gmail.com) or David Mattocks (davidvermont@gmail.com) for further information or questions.



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

Total Pledges Received: \$113,304 vs. Budget of \$107,939 (105% of Budget)

of which: Total Pledges Received in June: \$12,898 vs. Budget of \$17,990 (72%)

This is the percent of pledge dollars received for the month compared to what we expected in the budget. A figure below 100% means we didn't meet the budget amount needed for that month.

Total Operating Income: \$176,617 vs. Budget of \$162,832 (109% of Budget)

This includes rental income, fund raising (including pledges), memorial gifts, altar guild flower income, hospitality, tag sale, and other miscellaneous income.

Total Operating Expenses: \$166,534 vs. Budget of \$166,961 (100%)

This is the dollars needed to run the church, such as salaries, utilities, repaying our building loan from the



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Diocese, outreach, rectory expenses, administrative expenses, mission and ministry, worship and music, congregation development, grounds upkeep, and snow removal.



JULY VESTRY REPORT

The Vestry met for its July meeting on the 16th. Some highlights include:

- In his monthly update, Treasurer Wayne Cook reminded us that with summer comes a usual drop in pledges but the bills for lights, phones, and other expenses continue even when you are not in church! An easy way to pay your pledge is electronically, and help is available to set that up if you are unsure how to proceed.
- We had a short discussion on a chapter in the book we are reading, *The Agile Church*, led by Deb Jones and Sarah Benton.
- The Vestry also heard a report from our newly formed Fire and Safety Committee about a specific fire drill protocol which will continue to be tweaked and revised so that everyone is more aware of what to do in the event of a fire.
- We discussed upcoming events such as the parish picnic [see the article elsewhere in the *Guardian*] and various fall events, including a chant workshop to be held in November.
- Mary gave a wrap-up of the small group conversations, especially the suggestions participants had for the Vestry.
- We heard an update about the Healing Team ministry training from Janet Cramer.
- Deb Jones shared an update from the Buildings and Grounds committee regarding fixing the cracks in our parking areas.

Members of St. Michael's are encouraged to attend our monthly Vestry meetings, as they are open to everyone. It is a fun and interesting group and you can learn a lot about the ins and outs of church business! We meet every third Thursday in the Meeting Room at 6:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be August 21.

Jenny Karstad, Vestry Member

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AUGUST LECTIONARY

Sunday, August 2:

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29;
Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

Sunday, August 9:

1 Kings 19:4-8; Psalm 34: 1-8;
Ephesians 4: 25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

Sunday, August 16:

Proverbs 9:1-6; Psalm 34:9-14;
Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

Sunday, August 23:

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22;
Ephesians 6:10-20; John 6:56-69

Sunday, August 30:

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9; Psalm 15;
James 1:17-27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



UPDATE FROM TIMES SQUARE

The midsummer heat has descended on Manhattan, and the tourists are here in their hordes. A surprising number of them end up coming through the doors of St. Mary the Virgin, the Episcopal parish church of Times Square and our church home in the big city. Virtually everyone is



pleasantly surprised to find in the middle of one of the busiest places on earth a lofty, quiet space filled with beauty and looking every inch the medieval church. The marble high altar reaches far above our heads, and glistening lamps burn signifying the presence of the Body and Blood of our Lord. What is this church doing here?

As we have discovered, quite a lot! Founded in the so-called Anglo-Catholic tradition, it takes seriously the two cornerstones of that Anglican movement: worship and service. St. Mary's has 26 services a week, including the full Daily Office mornings and evenings. It is very "high" in liturgy (the church's longtime nickname is "Smokey Mary's" because of all the incense used), and every feast is celebrated with all the trimmings. It is the kind of place one would expect to be stuffy, out of touch, and cold. But it's not. The doors of St. Mary's have been open every day since the church was founded in the 1870s, and it works hard to serve the huge variety of people around Times Square, from the homeless to investment bankers. People sleep or simply rest in the pews. Food

is given out. Counseling and assistance are available from the Sisters of St. John the Baptist in residence in the Mission House. The church is one of the biggest fundraisers for the annual New York AIDS Walk and has a big delegation in the Pride Parade. And always there is worship. We have learned you never know

whom God will bring. At the Vigil Mass last Saturday evening, a tourist from Brazil sat in front of us. She didn't speak English but beamed the whole time just to be there for the Eucharist. One of the most faithful parishioners is a homeless woman who wheels her cart up the aisle for Communion every Sunday.

Worship and service. Remind you of anywhere else? Despite the obvious differences on the surface, St. Mary's reminds us of St. Michael's a lot. And so we feel at home. In fact, we feel especially at home now because Zachary has opened his icon studio at the church, refurbishing an unused room in the rambling Mission House. He is honored to be a part of this special place and to add a new dimension to its ministries.

Please keep St. Mary's and its work in your prayers. Many of you come to New York from time to time. If you do, please let us know. We would love to introduce you to St. Mary's.

*Clark Anderson and
Zachary Roesemann*



ROTA FOR AUGUST

LITURGICAL ROTA FOR AUGUST 2015 • 8:00 AM AND 10:15 AM SUNDAY SERVICES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

POSITION	AUGUST 2 at Christ Church	AUGUST 9	AUGUST 16	AUGUST 23	AUGUST 30
8:00 A.M. SERVICE					
Lay Assistant	Anita Crosson	Wayne Cook	Kate McGinn	Wayne Cook	Kate McGinn
Intercessor	Kiersten McKenney	Bill Ames	Anne Brown	Doug Switzer	Doug Lilly
Sacramental Healing	Jean Smith	Jean Smith	Sarah Benton	Jean Smith	Janet Cramer
Usher	Judy McGee	Anne Cook	Judy McGee	Anne Cook	Anne Cook
10:15 A.M. SERVICE					
Crucifer	Mikael Mattson	Peter Johnson	Jeff Hiam	Jessica Bennett	Jack Karn
Torch Bearers	KC Mattson Jake Mattson	Marian Wojcik Nathaniel Johnson	Ken Neilson Fred Bump	Avery Bennett Andachew Mousin	Kierstan Landin Jonah Johnson
Element Bearers	Dick Burtis Chris Hart	Mary & Clark Barber	Bill & Sandy MacLean	Sherry Stimmel Jack Karn	Craig Hammond & Liz Vick
Lay Assistant	Sarah Benton	Miranda Smith	Liz Vick	Nancy Barber	Annie Landenberger
Lector	Joyce Vining Morgan	Annie Landenberger	Susan Heimer	Martin Leggott	Mary Barber
Intercessor	Martin Leggott	Mary Carnahan	Craig Hammond	Diana Bingham	Carolyn Taylor-Olson
Ushers	Judith & Alan McBean	Ricky Davidson Annie Landenberger	Sherry Stimmel Judith Hildreth	Mary & Clark Barber	Jeff Hiam Betsy Bates
Sacramental Healing	Trudy Crites Janet Cramer	Margit Lilly Judith Hildreth	Betsy Bates Janet Cramer	Trudy Crites Janet Cramer	Carolyn Taylor-Olson Robin White-Diamondstone
Altar Guild	Madelyn Howard Carol Hesselbach Lynn Billington	Sue Dyer Elsie Burrows Pat Laubach Judy Walker Laurie Chiperfield	Sue Dyer Elsie Burrows Pat Laubach Judy Walker Laurie Chiperfield	Jane Sbardella Christine Gauthier Lucia Osiecki	Jane Sbardella Christine Gauthier Lucia Osiecki
Lemonade	Forum Team	Altar Guild	Godly Play Team	Vestry	Annamarie Pluhar Julie Laamanen
Counters	Judy McGee Anne Cook	Wayne Cook Vince Johnson	Ricky Davidson Jared Rediske	Sherry Stimmel Judith Hildreth	Doug Switzer Gwen Mousin

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

Rock Point Camp





OUR MISSION & WORK . . .

NEWS FROM THE COMPANIONS OF MARY THE APOSTLE

On the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene July 22, Shane Phelan and Elizabeth Broyles made their Life Profession as Vowed Companions of Mary the Apostle. This wonderful celebration took place in the chapel of Holy Cross Monastery.

Many of you remember last year's celebration at St. Michael's when Sisters Shane and Elizabeth came for the festive weekend when we blessed our Chapel of Mary Magdalene the First Apostle and its Triptych Icon of St. Mary Magdalene. We are delighted to tell you that now hanging over the mantel in the room the Companions use as their chapel is a large framed photo of the St. Michael's Triptych.

Shane and Elizabeth have welcomed five "Covenant Companions," people who have committed themselves to "conversion of life" along with Shane and Elizabeth but in their own lives and careers. If you are interested in learning more about this, please go to the Companions' website, companionsofmarytheapostle.org.



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CELEBRATIONS

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- August 2 Caleb Fritz
August 9 Pat Laubach
August 11 Christine Triebert
August 13 Paul Moberly
August 16 Joe Grannis, Louis Ronconi
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
August 25 Meghan Mattocks
August 26 Susan Dedell, Betty Elwell
August 28 Samantha Sharff, Fred Bump
August 30 Chilton Williamson
August 31 Ronda Burgess

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- August 5 Bill & Nancy Ames
August 10 Andy & Elise Burrows
August 15 Teri Robinson & Ross Kinney
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—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—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

AUGUST 2, 8:00 A.M. —at Christ Church

AUGUST 2, 10:15 A.M.—Bishop Ely and Jerusalem Peacebuilders at St. Michael's

AUGUST 4—Sunday School Get-Together

AUGUST 23—Parish Picnic