

The Guardian

OCTOBER 2016



FROM THE RECTORY

COMMUNICATION AND ST. MICHAEL'S

It occurred to me the other day that without consciously thinking about it, we have been working on the ministry of communication at St. Michael's in the last few months:

- Last summer, we embarked on creating a new logo to replace the old St. Michael's "M." Did you notice the new logo in this newsletter?
- Simultaneously, we embarked on putting together a new pictorial directory, which has just been printed. The photo directory will not only be available in a hard-copy format, but also as a password-protected app for your phone.
- The next thing that arose as a communication issue was the sanctuary sound system. We were having some trouble with our wireless microphones and decided to get a consultation about improving sound and recording in the church.
- Then we got the news that our extremely faithful and competent newsletter editor and graphic designer, Clark Anderson and Susan Kochinskas, were stepping down from doing the *Guardian* after many years of faithful voluntary service.

As we contemplate how to move forward with the newsletter, it seems like it is the perfect time to reflect how communication is working at St. Michael's in general. How do you find out what is going on at St. Michael's? How effective are the eBlast, the Facebook page, the website, the newsletter, etc.? Are there ways of communicating and functioning that we should be taking advantage of, but aren't? Are there ways of communicating that no longer work for most people and should be dropped?

We would like feedback from you all about these things! In October, we will be sending out a survey that you can do electronically or on paper. Also, I will be leading an Adult Forum on October 9 to reflect on communication and get feedback on the newsletter and other communication methods at St. Michael's.

*Yours in Christ,
Mary*

STEWARDSHIP SEASON 2017

Offering to God from the gifts God has given us

During October, we will ask you to prayerfully consider your financial commitment to St. Michael's for 2017. St. Michael's exists because many people come together every year and make a commitment to the growth and vitality of our ministry together. We offer our personal gifts and talents, our prayers, our time, and our money. Without these gifts, St. Michael's would not exist. We are dependent on one another for this common ministry of the Body of Christ called St. Michael's!

On October 9, 16, and 23, we will hear from a few parishioners at the 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. services about what being a part of St. Michael's means to them. We hope their sharing will help you to think about this question also. What does St. Michael's mean to you?

At the beginning of October, you will be sent a packet of materials asking you to prayerfully make a pledge to St. Michael's for 2017. Sunday, October 23, will be our Commitment Sunday and the ingathering of pledges. We ask you to return your pledge card to St. Michael's on that Sunday during either service, or to mail your pledge card to St. Michael's if you cannot attend.

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!

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MISSA GAIA RETURNS OCTOBER 2

Celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with the voices of wolf, whale, and loon! Sunday, October 2, at the 10:15 a.m. service, the St. Michael's Choir and Choir School will be joined by special guests Bruce Diehl, soprano sax; Steve Rice, percussion; David Runnion, cello; and Don Baldini, bass, in Paul Winter's celebratory *Missa Gaia*.

The *Missa Gaia* was premiered in 1980 at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, where it has become a yearly event that is attended by over 5,000 people. Susan Dedell says "I echo the words of Paul Winter, who suggested that the word 'sacred' means a sense of connectedness with the Universe. St. Francis himself saw the Divine equally present in every created object. This music brings that idea to vivid life with the power of percussion, the soaring voices of the choirs, and the unbelievably evocative songs of our fellow animals." Weaving into the liturgy, the music moves and uplifts in a way that never fails to provide a unique connection to the Divine in all of creation. You'll want to be there! And invite a friend! It's a perfect introduction to St. Michael's.

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ST. FRANCIS' DAY BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS OCTOBER 2

All people, creatures, and critters are invited to a special celebration in thanksgiving of our pets and animals Sunday, October 2, at 4:00 p.m. on the Brattleboro Common (or at St. Michael's if it rains). The Choir School children will lead us in a brief time of music, readings, and prayer, followed by a time of blessing each pet individually. You, your pet or a picture of your pet, or a stuffed animal, plus your animal-loving friends and neighbors are all welcome!



FEAST OF ALL SAINTS CELEBRATED OCTOBER 30

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

— Paul's letter to the Ephesians

On October 30, St. Michael's will celebrate the Feast of All Saints at both the 8:00 and 10:15 a.m. services. We will remember those saints who have gone before us, loved ones who have died, and those in our church family who have died during the last year. We will also recognize ourselves as those saints who have been called to follow Jesus with our whole selves.

If you have people who have died in the last year whom you would like to be named in the prayers, please add them to the book in the back of the church. If you have pictures of loved ones who have died whose lives you want to give thanks for, we will provide two tables in the chancel area (in front of the altar and in the corner) as a visible reminder of the saints who have come before us for worship that day.

Because this is a major feast day, we will have incense at the 10:15 a.m. service. We will also be baptizing at least one child that day.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble.

—The Book of Common Prayer

While there is no bad time to be baptized, we in the Episcopal Church try to offer baptisms on our most holy feast days. Since the Feast of All Saints is coming up on October 30, we will be celebrating at least one baptism. If you attend St. Michael's and are interested in being baptized, or have a child you would like to be baptized, please let Mary Lindquist know! You can reach Mary at mary@stmichaelsvermont.org or 802-254-6048, x102.

HELP WANTED: SUNDAY SCHOOL!

St. Michael's ministry with children and youth is a vital part of our church. We still are in need of four adults to help with our Workshop Rotation Sunday School this next winter and spring.

What is Workshop Rotation?

Workshop Rotation is a Sunday School curriculum that engages the many different and varied ways of learning. Each four-week rotation focuses on one biblical story that is experienced in different ways (art, drama, science, cooking, games, etc.) over the four weeks.

When does Workshop Rotation meet?

9:00–10:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

What are the ages of the kids who participate and how many show up?

Workshop Rotation is open to kids ages 3–11. We generally have 4–12 kids.

What would the commitment entail?

Leading (planning and teaching) or assisting (just showing up to help) one four-week session based on a Bible story of your choosing from the curriculum. The sessions we currently need help with are Session 4 (February 12, 19, 26 and March 5) and Session 6 (April 23, 30, May 7 and 14).

Whom do I contact for more information and training?

Please contact Mary Lindquist at mary@stmichaelsvermont.org.



THANK YOU FROM VINCE JOHNSON AND MJ WOODBURN

We feel moved to write this because we are grateful *and* because some of you have been holding us in prayer without knowing why.

On December 23, 2015, Vince's kidney function dropped dramatically. We started a new chapter in our lives, our marriage, and our spiritual journeys. Thank you, church family, for being a part of it.

In early January, Vince was diagnosed with bladder cancer. Mary was alerted as was Jane, the Intercessory Prayer Team, and the Healing Team. Texts were sent to family and friends along the East Coast and Southern Indiana. The Prayer Warriors went to work!

In March, Vince successfully underwent a nine-hour surgery at Dartmouth-Hitchcock. Family, friends, and intercessors were updated regularly during the 10-day stay. Vince walked the morning after surgery, almost bumping into John L. in the hallway. Mary visited and prayed. Deb and Lucia delivered a fruit basket from the Building & Grounds Committee. Vince experienced two very powerful Reike sessions before discharge. For both of us, there was a palpable sense of being loved, held, and carried.

By June, Vince was walking five miles a day, five times a week. He also started infusion chemo. Before he began, Lucia gave him a buzz cut "because I'd rather give it up than have it taken away." He tolerated the six-hour then three-hour infusions well (no reactions or interruptions). He peacefully ate, slept, and watched TV. We even went out to eat after the procedures!

By August, Vince might not have lost his appetite but he struggled with strength, stamina, fatigue. Small chores were followed by long naps. Walks dropped to two and a half miles and not so many days per week. Pete-the-Cat found a new place to nap and was very interested in how Vince smelled. Once the comment was made by Vince, "I've lost a part of myself in this recliner."

Thank God for Mary, Jane, the Intercessors and the Healing Ministers. Thank God for the Food Angels (Mary C., Janet K., Ruth T., Betsy B., Deb J. and Lucia). Thank God for the cards, letters, prayers, books, and looks—some knowing, always loving. Thank God for the Eight O'Clockers who welcomed us at Christ Church and at St. Michael's. Thank God for Deb and Lucia who befriended, nursed, amused, and ministered to us.

The "dark night of the soul" appears to be over. Vince is back to a five-mile walk and is at work at his mill for four hours a day. All labs show improvement (except for kidney, which is the new normal). More labs and a CAT scan in two weeks will let us know the next chapter.

Life really is an adventure. Thank you, again, for your love and support.

UPDATE FROM SEMINARIAN PAUL MOBERLY

It's hard to believe that it's been more than two years now since the people of St. Michael's sent me off to Virginia Seminary to begin full-time priestly formation. Over the past couple of years I have been so grateful to all of you for your prayers, cards, phone calls, emails, Facebook messages, and various other ways you've shown your support for me, again and again. Being roughly 400 miles away means that the distance can sometimes seem quite far, and I certainly don't get to pop home for the weekend nearly as often as I'd hoped; but your love has helped to sustain me through what has, at times, been a challenging (but rewarding!) endeavor. For that, I give thanks.

I am now entering my third (and final) year of seminary. The semester is in full swing, and the busy-ness of life has set in again after an enjoyable (and occasionally restful) summer. A unique characteristic of seminary life is that, while it is an academic program and a graduate degree, there are so many components to spiritual formation and life in community that go far beyond going to class and writing papers. There are committee meetings, three chapel services a day, "field education" internship duties (approximately 12 hours a week), liturgical duties in the seminary chapel and at my field education parish, worship planning meetings, and student work responsibilities—all on top of a normal full-time academic work load. Suffice it to say, I do keep busy. It certainly has helped me begin to learn how to draw appropriate boundaries, and I have become fiercely defensive of my (increasingly rare) free time.

Through the seminary and the Episcopal Church, I have been very blessed to receive some funding to participate in cross-cultural "intensives." Last year, I went to the Holy Land and wrote a bit about it for a previous edition of the *Guardian*. This summer, I took a course in Turkey, sponsored by the Washington Theological Consortium and funded through an Episcopal Church fund called the Seminary Consultation on Mission. The program was based in Istanbul, although we did travel a bit to surrounding areas. We visited the usual sites, such as Topkapi Palace, Dohlmabahce Palace, the Blue Mosque, the Hagia Sophia, all of which were absolutely breathtaking. But perhaps more substantially, the program engaged in a conversation about Islam within the specific context of Turkey, with its modern secular government in a country that is overwhelmingly Muslim (about 98%, in fact.) We encountered ideas such as interreligious dialogue in a Muslim context, the plight of religious minorities in the contemporary Turkish state, and the role of women (and notions of equality) within the Islamic faith. We visited the local Jewish community in Istanbul and saw their heavily fortified synagogue and museum complex (they were targeted by pro-Palestinian terrorist attacks in the 1980s and 1990s). We visited a small town called Iznik, which used to be called Nicaea, and the now-mosque that was once the church that hosted the Seventh Ecumenical Council in the 8th century (we can thank that council for the beautiful icons that many of us pray with regularly, because it was the church council that attempted to settle the matter of iconoclasm). We talked a lot about the function of the mosque in the community, how it is similar to and different from our churches in Christianity, and how we can perhaps learn much from Islam in this respect.

Later in the summer, I was blessed to be invited to visit the Reverend Becca Stevens in Nashville. Becca is a second-generation Episcopal priest who has started a program that helps those living in prostitution and addiction turn their lives around. Thistle Farms is the name of the ministry, where these women make hand-crafted bath products and oil blends. Becca's idea is that these women are like thistle plants, which are ubiquitous in many parts of the country, and are seen as a nuisance by most people, but which have hidden

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within them the capacity for great beauty and healing. Becca and I spent time together dreaming of new ways to do ministry together. I have long dreamed of starting a program similar to Becca's, but working with men stuck in the escort business and drug dependency. This is a far-off dream, but with Becca's mentoring and assistance, it could actually become real some day.

I am looking forward to this year's Diocesan convention, where Becca will be the keynote speaker. I will be at St. Michael's to preach on that Sunday, November 6, and I look forward to greeting many of you then. In the meantime, I look forward to a very busy senior year. I hope to be approved for ordination to the transitional diaconate this fall, and hopefully a very joyful service will be announced for this winter—stay tuned. Another matter of great joy has been my relationship with a special man, Gerardo Mazariegos; we were engaged in May, and plan to marry in Washington, D.C., this coming April 22. Shortly after that, I'll graduate from seminary (God willing) and will be on my way to a first job somewhere...only God knows where I'll be a year from now.

In the meantime, please continue to lift me up in prayer, and I continue to pray for my St. Michael's family as well. Thank you all for your continued and ongoing support—it means the world to me.

*Paul Moberly
Alexandria, Virginia*



VESTRY NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER

The Vestry meeting began with an opening prayer led by Mary and a discussion of Chapter 4 of the book *Joining God, Remaking Church, Changing the World*.

Mary gave the Rector's report:

- Stewardship season will begin on October 9 and end with the stewardship ingathering on Sunday, October 23. Last year's goal was \$225,000 but by March \$240,000 had been raised. This year's goal has been set for \$245,000. The Vestry and Stewardship Committee will gather on October 23 to make calls to thank parishioners for their support and to write thank-you notes.
- Mary is hoping to take a sabbatical during the summer of 2018.
- Jen Karstad and Darcy Mercier are being trained in pastoral care by the diocese. They will, in turn, offer training to parishioners involved with pastoral care.
- This year Evensong will be offered on a monthly basis.

- The Parish Directory is near completion.
- Bruce Lawrence agreed to speak on behalf of the Vestry at Susan Dedell's 25th anniversary reception.
- The nursery school transition has gone very well.
- The Vestry will attend a Mutual Ministry Review led by Thad Bennett on Saturday September 17.

Other Business

- A sign policy has been approved and will be sent to ministry groups.
- Vestry subcommittees presented suggestions for "Maintaining Balance in Service" (how to avoid burnout and support people in leadership roles).
- The Vestry unanimously approved a letter of recommendation from the Discernment Committee to support Sarah Benton as she moves ahead in the process of ordination to the diaconate. The Vestry also signed a letter of support for Paul Moberly for ordination to the transitional diaconate.
- The Vestry approved a grant request of \$2,000 from the Alleluia Fund for Jack Karn, who will spend nine months in Jerusalem with Jerusalem Peacebuilders to develop its in-school leadership development and

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peace education programs for Israeli and Palestinian youth.

Treasurer's Report

- Jeanette Landon reported that pledge income remained low during August but this is expected during the summer. Pledge statements will be sent out soon. We hope to resume the expected amount of pledge income after Labor Day.

Lynn closed the meeting with a prayer.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Billington*



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

Total Pledges Received: \$150,197 vs. \$158,667
budgeted (95% of budget)

of which: Total Pledges Received in August: \$13,748 vs. \$19,833 budget (69%)

This is the amount of income from pledges alone that we have received. The first line shows the amount so far this year; the second line shows the amount for just the month noted.

Total Operating Income: \$212,554 vs. \$222,033 budgeted (96%)

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

Total Operating Expenses: \$218,926 vs. \$220,521 budgeted (99%)

This is the dollars needed to run the church, including salaries, utilities, repaying our building loan from the Diocese, outreach, rectory expenses, administrative expenses, mission and ministry, worship and music, congregation development, grounds upkeep, and snow removal.

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ST. MICHAEL'S OUTREACH MINISTRY

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?"

These words from the Gospel of Matthew were so often brought home to us by our former deacon, Joel Hill. She recited them in prayer almost whenever we met as St. Michael's Outreach Ministry Team, and we have tried to be faithful to those words over all these years in the work we do. We have also been continually inspired by the ministries of those around us in the parish who minister to the hungry, the cold,

the homeless, the naked, those imprisoned, and those not well. We are an incarnational people at St. Michael's—we believe in Jesus born among us and into the lives of all who suffer. In our spiritual practice we welcome him into our lives and celebrate his presence when we wake, when we break bread, and whenever we open our hearts in song, in conversation, in prayer.

Recently someone said that our commitment to mission and outreach is at the heart and soul of what St. Michael's is all about. That person may have even said that mission and outreach is the heart and soul of our parish. But we know there's also our glorious music, our incredible healing ministries, Godly Play, our liturgy, and our contemplative practices. Joel would say at this point that indeed we are a people of abundance, certainly blessed for that, but called to share all that we are and have. Jesus might say, "Just

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give it away,” or as we sometimes say to one another about what we have, our abundance, “Well, we can’t take it with us, now can we?”

St. Michael’s has an Outreach Ministry Team and program that tries to honor our commission in Christ, to minister to those mentioned above by St. Matthew. We have many ways we do this. In fact so many requests come to us we’ve had to create clear parameters so in the end we can serve and provide for those in greatest need. To us in these years our priorities are threefold:

1. *Shelter*, especially to the homeless;
2. *Food*, for children, again the homeless, and to those who are disabled;
3. *Heat*, for those who otherwise would be cold during our cold seasons.

Our priorities also include, internationally, those in other countries such as refugees on the run needing food, warm clothing, and safe harbor; orphans and children affected by HIV/AIDS; and orphans in Haiti from their terrible 2010 earthquake. Our priorities include, nationally, nutrition support for uninsured inner-city residents of New Orleans and, this year, Baton Rouge hurricane relief; and, locally, meals and shelter for those who are homeless, packed food bags for weekend meals in Windham County for low-income school kids, and noon meals at such places as Loaves and Fishes. As we are able we also sponsor SIT’s International Peace Camp barn dances; support meals at the Jerusalem Peace Builders’ summer programs in Brattleboro, biannual diaper drives, the local health care walk-in clinic, and Brattleboro’s center for the disabled, the Inclusion Center. Every year we now host an Outreach Ministry Fair, parking for the Strolling of the Heifers parade, and the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.

As you can tell, we don’t simply write checks. We raise money. We benefit from proceeds of the parish tag sales, each fall and spring, for local projects. Whether it’s relief work in Baton Rouge or loading bags with meals for kids, square dancing with Palestinian and Israeli teenagers at the barn dances or parking cars for the Heifer parade, we’re present physically and

spiritually, and hopefully we make a difference that counts. But more than that we seek to provide many, many ways each year for all of us at St. Michael’s to be missionaries of soul, and make concrete differences in lives both close by and in far reaches of our world.

Finally, please consider joining our team. We meet monthly on the first Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m., and we’d love to have new parishioners join us. Currently, we are Brian Morgan (our Chair), Jeanette Landin (our Treasurer), Janet Cramer, Shirley Hodgdon, Laura Lewis, Lori Palmer, Susan Wilson, and Craig Hammond. Speak to any of us anytime, and help us make even more of a difference.

Craig Hammond

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WHAT IS SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY?

Please join with others after the 10:15 a.m. service on Sunday, October 9, to meet with the Social Justice Ministry Steering Committee in the Meeting Room. Social justice is living the Gospel, as Jesus commands us, in a more intentional way so that we can better strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being (as it says in our Baptismal Covenant). The key word here is “intentional.” The Social Justices Ministry Steering Committee has been meeting and planning for the past year, and now is the time to invite the involvement of people in the parish. We know many members of St. Michael’s are deeply involved in this kind of work, and others of us want to learn more about it. We have developed a Mission Statement (see below) and now want to put some flesh on these bones. Get some coffee and join us. This is just a beginning and a way for all of us to be involved; it is not intended to be a long meeting.

Steering Committee Members: Sarah Benton, David Carr, Jeff Haim, Brian Morgan, Jean Smith, Phillip Wilson, Convener

The mission of the Social Justice Ministry of St. Michael’s Church is to make real Jesus’ vision of justice and love for all people as children of God, following where it leads

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and accepting its cost. We plan to do this by: educating ourselves and others to issues of inequality, their origins and effects on people; relating the Christian Gospel to current issues of social justice; building a community of awareness and response to issues of justice locally and globally; and connecting with other churches, faith traditions, and secular organizations to bring about greater justice.



PASTORAL CARE TRAINING OCTOBER 15

How do we care for people in our lives? How can we be present for people in pain? How do we learn to pray with and for people in need of spiritual support?

You may not consider yourself a pastoral care giver, but if you have ever visited someone in the hospital, brought someone a meal, or had a conversation with someone who is struggling with physical, spiritual, or psychological issues, you have already offered pastoral care to someone. Pastoral care involves caring for people in our lives out of the context of our faith and the recognition of Christ's presence in ourselves and in those whom we care for.

This fall, the Diocese of Vermont offered a training course for lay people called, "The Power of Listening: Pastoral Care Training for the Ministry of the Baptized." Two of our parishioners, Jenny Karstad

and Darcey Mercier, attended this three-day training. They will be bringing what they learned from the training back to St. Michael's in a workshop on Saturday, October 15, from 9:00 a.m.–noon in the Meeting Room. The training is open to anyone who is interested in learning more skills in our practice of caring for people both at St. Michael's and in our daily lives.



OUTREACH TRIP TO LOUISIANA OCTOBER 22–29

The Outreach Team is planning a work trip to Louisiana leaving on October 22 and returning October 29. We are looking for folks who would like to come and help with the demolition of houses that were flooded in the Baton Rouge area. You do not need a lick of experience and you will be taught everything that you need to know about demolition or rebuilding. (If you are experienced, that is good too.) We work together, meet new people and hear their stories, and strengthen friendships. It is such a rewarding experience knowing that you are stretching yourself to help sisters and brothers in need. Please contact Lori Palmer at 802-258-4996, Shirley Hodgdon at 802-257-3040 or Craig Hammond at 802-254-7060.

OCTOBER LECTIONARY

Sunday, October 2:

Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4, Psalm 37:1–10, 2 Timothy 1:1–14, Luke 17:5–10

Sunday, October 9:

2 Kings 5:1–3, 7–15c, Psalm 111, 2 Timothy 2:8–15, Luke 17:11–19

Sunday, October 16:

Genesis 32:22–31, Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5, Luke 18:1–8

Sunday, October 23:

Sirach 35: 12–17 or Jeremiah 14: 7–10, 19–22; Psalm 84: 1–6;
2 Timothy 4: 6–8, 16–18; Luke 18: 9–14

Sunday, October 30:

Isaiah 1:10–18; Psalm 32:1–8; 2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12; Luke 19:1–10



ROTA FOR OCTOBER

LITURGICAL ROTA FOR OCTOBER 2016 · 8:00 AM AND 10:15 AM SUNDAY SERVICES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

POSITION	OCTOBER 1	OCTOBER 9	OCTOBER 16	OCTOBER 23	OCTOBER 30
8:00 A.M. SERVICE					
Lay Assistant	Anita Crosson	Wayne Cook	Kate McGinn	Anita Crosson	Wayne Cook
Lector		Jeff Lewis		Jeff Lewis	
Intercessor	Kiersten McKenny	Joanne Patalano	Doug Lilly	Anne Brown	Doug Switzer
Healing Team	Jeff Lewis	Janet Cramer	Jeff Lewis	Jeff Lewis	Megan Buchanan
Usher	Judy McGee	Anne Cook	Judy McGee	Judy McGee	Anne Cook
10:15 A.M. SERVICE					
Crucifer		Fred Bump	Ricky Davidson	Darcey Mercier	Jessica Bennett
Torch Bearers		Nathaniel Johnson Annelise Fedoruk	Brian White Liz Vick	Julian Siegel Kierstan Landin	Andachew Mousin Avery Bennett
Lay Assistant	Jeff Hiam	Greg Lesch	Annamarie Pluhar	Miranda Smith	Ricky Davidson
Lector	Joyce Vining Morgan	Margery McCrum	Matt Wojcik	Caleb Fritz	Valerie Abrahamsen
Intercessor	David Mattocks	Martin Leggott	Craig Hammond	Jeanette Landin	Sarah Benton
Ushers	Sarah Benton Chris Hart	Darcey Mercier Nancy Barber	Ken Jacobs Sherry Stimmel	John Daly & Leigh Marthe	Andy & Elsie Burrows
Element Bearers	Sue Dyer Nancy Barber	Susan Nichols & Darcey Mercier	John Daly & Leigh Marthe	Jeff Hiam Dick Burtis	Liz Vick & Craig Hammond
Altar Guild	Susan Dyer Elise Burrows Pat Laubach Laurie Chiperfield	Susan Dyer Elise Burrows Pat Laubach Laurie Chiperfield	Jane Sbardella Lucia Osiecki	Jane Sbardella Lucia Osiecki	Irene Burtis Judith Hildreth Sherry Stimmel
Sacramental Healing	Robin White-Diamondstone	Megan Buchanan	Betsy Bates	Margit Lilly	Sissi Loftin
Coffee Hour	Vince Johnson & MJ Woodburn		Altar Guild Group	Imogene Drakes Sherry Stimmel	Elise & Andy Burrows
Counters	Anne Cook Judy McGee	Wayne Cook Sherry Stimmel	Ricky Davidson Jared Rediske	Judith Hildreth Jeanette Landin	Wayne Cook 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.



CELEBRATIONS

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 4	Nancy Ames
October 5	Valerie Abrahamsen
October 6	Nathaniel Johnson
October 9	Keira Caponcelli
October 10	Janet Cramer
October 11	Brendan McElhinney
October 14	Ronny Jonson
October 15	Joanna Brown
October 16	Judith Hildreth
October 17	Dana McGinn, Jack Lilly
October 18	Emily Nohl
October 21	Mary Lindquist, Gayle Potter, Ed Sbardella, Bill Boggess
October 23	Sammy Panzer
October 25	Karren Meyer
October 28	Clark Anderson
October 30	Melanie Boese

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

October 1	Christine & Richard Gauthier
October 4	Rebecca & Nathan Olmstead
October 8	Thad Bennett & George Connell
October 9	Heddy & Zsolt Pomazi
October 16	Anne & Wayne Cook
October 22	Anita & Jim Crosson

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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 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

Coming Up at St. Michael's Episcopal

OCTOBER 2: St. Francis' Day Blessing of the Animals

OCTOBER 15: Pastoral Care training

OCTOBER 22–29: Trip to Louisiana

OCTOBER 23: Ingathering of 2017 pledges

OCTOBER 30: Celebration of Feast of All Saints