

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WEEKEND ANNOUNCEMENTS – 1/19/17

OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY THIS WEEK

Monday, January 23

6 – 7 am Silent Meditation (Monday – Friday)

Wednesday, January 25

12 noon Holy Eucharist
5 pm Education for Ministry

Thursday, January 26

5:30 – 6 pm Contemplative Worship
8 – 9 pm AA Meeting

Friday, January 27

11 am Funeral for Barbara Hoag
7:15 pm NA Meeting

Saturday, January 28

8 am Centering Prayer
11 am Funeral for George Lewis
3 – 4 pm Al Anon Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to *John Carnahan*, This Sunday; *Melia Allen*, Tuesday; *Rebecca Olmstead* and *Andachew Mousin*, Thursday; *Gwen Mousin*, Saturday.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to *Anne & Neil Montgomery*, Wednesday.

ADULT FORUM, 9 – 10 AM on SUNDAY MORNINGS

- **This Sunday, January 22** -- Devin Starlanyl will lead a forum on **Fibromyalgia and Chronic Myofascial Pain and Dysfunction**. Sometimes disability is not what we expect, and some patients don't fit into well-known labels. You may not know what to do for those of us with these invisible illnesses, and may inadvertently hurt us with actions and words that mean to be helpful. Learn a little about Devin's baptismal ministry and these conditions, the role of pain and spirituality, and how you can better help those in your congregation and in your lives.

- **January 29 -- Reflections on the Women's March – the day after the Inauguration.** On Jan 21, 8-12 members of St. Michael's Church will be walking together at the Women's March in Washington DC. The purpose of the March is to "stand together in solidarity with our partners and children for the protection of our rights, our safety, our health, and our families – recognizing that our vibrant and diverse communities are the strength of our country." This forum is an opportunity for participants from St. Michael's to share experiences and thoughts about the March and where we go from here.

BUDGET MEETINGS THIS SUNDAY MORNING: On January 22, there will be 2 meetings to review and ask questions about St. Michael's budget for 2017. The first meeting will be at 9 am in the Undercroft and the second will be in the Meeting Room following the 10:15 service. Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the meetings.

BONHOEFFER BOOK GROUP CONTINUES, JANUARY 25, 5:15-6:30 PM: The Bonhoeffer Book Group will be reading another book, resuming our Wednesday gatherings in the New Year on Wednesday, January 11 from 5:15pm-6:30pm. We will be reading *Life Together*, and copies have been ordered for purchase from Everyone's Books in Brattleboro. New participants are welcome! The plan is to read one chapter of **Life Together** each week. On January 18th join us to discuss the *Introduction* and chapter on *Community*; Jan. 25 is the chapter on *The Day with Others*; Feb. 1 is *The Day Alone*; Feb. 8 is *Ministry*; and Feb 15 is *Confession and Communion*. We might meet on the 22nd to discuss "What does this experience mean for me/us?" but that is to be decided.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR BARBARA HOAG, FRIDAY JANUARY 27, 11 AM: Barbara Hoag, St. Michael's parishioner, died on Monday January 16 at Vernon Green. She had previously resided at Bradley House from which she walked often to St. Michael's for services and as one of her favorite destinations. The funeral service will be at St. Michael's at 11 am on Friday, January 27.

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR GEORGE LEWIS, SATURDAY JANUARY 28, 11 AM: There will be a funeral service at St. Michael's for George Lewis, a long-time active member of the parish, beginning at 11 am on Saturday January 28. A reception will follow in the Undercroft. All are welcome to attend.

JANUARY 29 ANNUAL MEETING AFTER THE 10:15 SERVICE: Next Sunday January 29, the Annual Meeting of St. Michael's will take place in the church sanctuary, after the 10:15 service ends. We will elect three new members of the Vestry (each for a three year term), adopt a budget for 2017, and receive reports of St. Michael's various ministries. In addition, we will view our annual slide show highlighting life at St. Michael's in 2016.

EXPLORING THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH CLASS BEGINS IN JANUARY 31: Beginning Tuesday, January 31, Mary Lindquist offer a five-session class about the Episcopal Church (January 31, February 7,14,21 & 28). The class will meet Tuesday evenings, 5-6:15pm in the Meeting Room. In this class, we will explore the history, theology and spirituality of the Episcopal Church and the Christian faith in general. The class is open to anyone interested in learning more about how the Episcopal Church lives out its Christian faith. Although the class is especially suited for those seeking to be baptized, confirmed or received in the Episcopal Church, it is open to all who want to brush up on their knowledge or those who are just curious.

Please email Mary if you are interested in attending at mary@stmichaelsvermont.org or call the church office at 254-6048 or sign up in the Meeting Room. *Also, let Mary know if you are interested in this class, but the timing does not work for you, as we may be able to change the day or time.*

"LET YOUR LIFE SPEAK," ST. MICHAEL'S 2017 WOMEN'S RETREAT: Women of St. Michael's! You are invited to come away for a time of story-telling, prayer, play, conversation, nurture and rest in a beautiful, sacred setting. Last year was the first time in recent history that St. Michael's has offered a women's retreat and it was WONDERFUL! Time spent together in retreat allowed us deepen our relationships with the women at St. Michael's in a prayerful and spacious setting where we weren't "doing" but just "being" together. **This year, the retreat will be two day and one night, from Saturday, February 4 at 10 am to Sunday, February 5 at 2:30pm.** You may pick up registration forms in the Common Room or find them on St. Michael's website, www.stmichaelsvermont.org, under "News."

The cost of the retreat is \$100; scholarships are available. **Registrations are due by this Tuesday, January 24.** Space is limited, so please sign up soon if you are interested. For further information, please speak with Mary Lindquist, Megan Buchanan, Leigh Marthe, Joanne Patalano, Liz Vick or Robin White.

TRIP TO GRAFTON PONDS ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12: After the 10:15 service on Sunday, February 12, folks will leave for an afternoon of cross country skiing, snowshoeing and tubing. Grafton Ponds is 40 minutes from Brattleboro between Townshend and Grafton. There is a special price for rentals and for trail fees. Watch for more information in weeks to come.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRATTLEBORO MUSIC CENTER'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND BENEFIT CONERT AT ST. MICHAEL'S, FRIDAY JANUARY 27, 7:30 PM: This coming Friday, The Westminster Quartet (Peggy Spencer, violin; Alex Ogle, flute; Zon Eastes, cello; Gregory Hayes, harpsichord) will perform J.S. Bach's "The Musical Offering" beginning at 7:30 at St. Michael's. Patron tickets are \$30, General Admission \$15, Student \$10, BMC students under 18 free. Proceeds will benefit the Brattleboro Music Center's Scholarship Fund.

STONE SOUP SOCIAL: BRATTLEBORO'S CURE FOR CABIN FEVER! SATURDAY, JANUARY 28 FROM 5:30 PM TO 7:30 PM AT THE AMERICAN LEGION POST #5: The ultimate information fair, featuring Social, Service, and Recreational opportunities available in and around Brattleboro. Don't let a cold winter keep you cooped up inside; come out and see what Brattleboro has to offer! Stop at the information tables, visit with your neighbors, and enjoy some hot delicious soup. Stick around for drawings on some very cool (or hot!) door prizes. The event is free to the public as is the parking right outside the door, so there is no way you will be left out in the cold. There is no charge and a soup supper is included. Peter Elwell, the Town Manager, will make a few comments and draw names for the door prizes at 7pm. The event -- co-sponsored by the American Legion Post 5, The Brooks Memorial Library, and United Way of Windham County -- will be held at the American Legion, 32 Linden Street in Brattleboro.

CANDIDATES FOR ST. MICHAEL'S VESTRY



Janet Brocklehurst:

I'm Janet Brocklehurst with the English accent! I've been coming to St. Michael's for more than a decade. It's such an important place to me spiritually, and, because as a gay person, I have always felt welcome. In fact Sissi and I were the first lesbian couple to be legally married at St. Michael's in 2009.

I am currently coordinating the monthly overflow shelter supper, and Sis and I have hosted the St. Michael's Christmas Dinner for the last 5 years. Previously I have been involved with the Help Fund; Outreach, especially during Tropical Storm Irene and later for a work trip to Staten Island after Tropical Storm Sandy; and also offering Compassionate Listening training to church members.

I am very committed to social justice issues, following the teachings of Jesus, and working toward MLK's vision of the beloved community. I would be honored to serve on the vestry and especially in these challenging times.

Mark Horton:

Hello to all in the congregation. My name is Mark Horton and my family and I have been coming to St. Michael's for about a year and a half now. My wife, Heather, and I have two children, Eleanor and Annabel, who have been coming to and enjoying both the nursery and Godly Play. Everyone at St. Michael's has been incredibly welcoming to our family after moving to the Brattleboro area 2 and a half years ago. We look forward to becoming more active in the ministry and hope that we can continue to serve God and the community for many years to come.

**Jeanette Landin:**

I'm Jeanette Landin and I have been a member at St. Michael's since August 2013, when my family and I moved to Vermont. My husband, Chris, and I have been married for 16 years and have two daughters: Kierstan, 14, and Meaghan, 12. In my professional life, I am a business and accounting professor for Landmark College in Putney and a college textbook author. Throughout my church life, I have served as a music minister, youth minister, and Eucharistic minister. I was delighted to find St Michael's on (quite literally) the first day I was in Vermont and it has become my family's church home in many senses of the word. With St. Michael's, I am an active member of the Outreach Ministry and serve as the treasurer for the group as well as being an Assistant Treasurer for the church. I have also been a teacher in the Workshop Rotation and have hosted coffee hours. I cherish my church family at St. Michael's and enjoy being able to contribute my time and talent to help us fulfill our mission in the greater community.