

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WEEKEND ANNOUNCEMENTS, 6/22

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKDAY WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL

Silent Meditation, 6-7 am, Monday-Friday

Holy Eucharist, 12-12:30 pm, Wednesday

Contemplative Worship, 5:30-6:00 pm, Thursday

Centering Prayer, 8-9 am, Saturday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to *Whitney Nichols, Kevin McElhinney* and *Michael Fedoruk*, This Sunday; *Carolyn Taylor-Olson*, Tuesday; *Judy Hueber* and *Oren Hesselbach*, Wednesday; *Vince Johnson*, Thursday; *Zadie Olmstead*, Friday; *Meaghan Landin*, Saturday.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to *David & Pam Carr*, Saturday.

RIVER PILGRIMAGE COMES TO BRATTLEBORO THIS SUNDAY

River Pilgrims of all faiths are paddling portions of the Connecticut River from its headwaters to its mouth in Long Island Sound. Rejoice in and give thanks for the miracle of all life that is made possible by the grace of God through water. This spiritual journey of renewal, restoration, and reconciliation, is shaped by the Christian tradition around a series of activities along the Connecticut River, from the Source to the Sea.

Water is central to life, and living, flowing rivers have played an integral role in ecological, social, economic and spiritual practice worldwide since time immemorial. The Connecticut River is a prime example of a river carrying the lifeblood of a region. We are joined by members of the Pilgrimage today in worship, food, paddling and contemplative practice.

9 AM: Adult Education Forum: "Honoring the Living Waters of our Earth and Our Lives" with reflections on "Water Justice" and "Watershed Discipleship" led by Cary Gaunt and Fred Taylor

10:15 AM: Service of Worship: Theme of Sacred Water, with Guest Preacher, Rev. Stephen Blackmer, founder of "Church of the Woods" and Initiator of the River of Life Pilgrimage

12:00 PM: St. Michael's "Strawberry Spectacular" fund-raiser for international outreach – with Strawberry Shortcake, sandwich-fixings and perhaps a few river songs!

1-3 PM: Opportunity for paddling on the Connecticut River; meditative walking; and reflective sharing. Canoes and Kayaks will be available from the nearby canoe rental service for a reasonable charge: bring your canoe or kayak if you have one, or just come and bring your love of water. We will gather at the boat launch north of the Marina Restaurant (28 Spring Tree Road)

JUNE 25 AT NOON, COME AND ENJOY STRAWBERRY SPECTACULAR! After Lemonade on the Lawn at approximately noon, come on down to the Undercroft for Strawberry Shortcake and other goodies. \$7 per adult and \$3 per child (12 and under). Proceeds will go to support Pure Water For The World. At the same time there will be a perennial sale! Bring your extra perennials on Saturday, June 24 or on Sunday morning, June 25. Bring also your former CHABHA coin jars, preferably full, so that Outreach can re-purpose them for future fundraising.

THE CASE OF THE MISSING TABLECLOTHS: A number of the round tablecloths used primarily for coffee hour have disappeared along with a large gold, rectangular tablecloth. We assume that folks probably took them home to launder and forgot to return them. Also missing is one of the large pump coffee thermoses. Please check your home and return any of these items that you may find. Thank you!

WATCH FOR JULY GUARDIAN: We will be printing the July *Guardian* on 8.5 x 11 paper, rather than on 11 x 17 sheets. Please email Jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org to let us know what you think about this format.

COME AND WELCOME DUNCAN ON JULY 9! On Sunday, July 9, the Reverend 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! He will join St. Michael's staff as half-time Minister for Discipleship and Discernment beginning on July 2. Those of us who have met Duncan know that his presence and ministry with us will be a gift that will continue to help us deepen our ministry at St. Michael's and in the wider community!

Most recently Duncan has served as a postulant intern at Christ Church Cathedral in Springfield, MA before being ordained as a transitional deacon in June 2017. While in the formation process for the priesthood, Duncan worked for five years as Executive Director with the Leadership Development Initiative (LDI), where he trained Episcopal parishes in team-based leadership practices in order to help them launch local mission projects. He also worked as Training Director for "Life Together," the Boston-based Episcopal Service Corps program, and as a Teaching Fellow with Professor Marshall Ganz at the Harvard Kennedy School in his class, "Organizing: People, Power, Change."

Duncan's career shifted from congregational ministry in the United Church of Christ, where he served as a minister for youth and children, to leadership and organizing through his experience in 2010 as Field Coordinator for the Promise Arizona campaign, which registered over 15,000 new voters in the state. He received a Masters of Divinity degree from Harvard Divinity School in 2008 and an A.B. from Harvard College in 2002.

He has lived in Brattleboro since July 2016, but he has been coming to Windham County since he was a child to visit his grandmother, aunts, uncles, and cousins in Londonderry.

