

**ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WEEKEND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
9/21/17**

**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 *Scott McElhinney*, Monday; *Corky Elwell*, Thursday; *Mary McCarthy*, Saturday.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to *Judy & Bob Walker*, Thursday.

**ADULT FORUM THIS SUNDAY, 9-10 AM:** All from St. Michael's and the wider community are welcome at these discussions each Sunday in the Meeting Room.

**Discipleship Here and Now, This Sunday** – Come on Sunday morning and hear a bit about what Duncan and Mary have been thinking/wondering/praying about these last couple of months as they have pondered a vision of our ministry now and in the future. Share your thoughts, questions or promptings of the Spirit as we move forward as a community of faith. Mary leads the forum this Sunday. If you would like to see the slides from last Sunday's Forum on Discipleship led by Duncan, please go to <http://www.stmichaels-vt.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/08/Intro-to-the-Ministry-of-Discipleship-WEB.pdf>

**Ending Homelessness, Sunday, October 1** -- Parishioner Whitney Nichols, Consumer Advocate/Recovery Educator and part of the Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness, leads the Forum. He has a powerful voice in this arena in Vermont and nationally, having attended the 2017 National Conference on Ending Homelessness where he was a featured speaker. Whitney writes "Peer support is a valuable tool for homeless services systems to use to improve overall service delivery, provide meaningful connections, support people experiencing homelessness and improve outcomes." Please join us to look at this continuing problem in our communities.

**STANDING WITH THE LOCAL LOVE BRIGADE AFTER THE 10:15 SERVICE:** We are continuing to make postcards to support victims of hate attacks each Sunday morning after the 10:15 service. Please come to Coffee Hour and join us for a few minutes this Sunday.

**EXPLORE JOINING A DISCIPLESHIP GROUP, SATURDAY 9/30, 9 AM-NOON IN THE MEETING ROOM OR MONDAY 10/2, 5 PM- 8 PM IN THE DUNHAM**

**ROOM:** Come reflect on the meaning of discipleship in the Episcopal tradition and share some of your stories about what following Jesus has meant in your life. Learn about a vibrant small group discipleship ministry flourishing across the country in Episcopal Churches that includes a format for prayer, sharing from the heart, and exploring calls to ministry in the community. Discern whether you feel drawn to being a member of a St Michael's small group for a season and learn the next steps for joining a group. The 9/30 and 10/2 meetings will be a time of prayer, a time of sharing, and a time of learning. Anyone should attend who's interested in being part of a small group. It is NOT necessary to attend the introductions on both days; we wanted to offer a weekday and a weekend option so as many people as possible could explore being part of a group.

**EFM FIRST MEETING, WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 4, 5:30-8:30:** We are organizing for another year of reading, reflection and deep discussion. Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, October 4 in the Meeting Room from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. Contact Linda Rice ([lindariceaprn@gmail.com](mailto:lindariceaprn@gmail.com)) for more information.

**BAKED GOODS AND OTHER ITEMS NEEDED FOR TAG SALE, OCTOBER 6 + 7:** Each day of the tag sale, we sell wonderful food for workers and buyers. You may donate baked goods such as brownies, cookies and coffee cakes to be sold. **We are also looking for folks who want to purchase or donate funds for the following items: 6 packages of club rolls for sandwiches, 100 plastic forks and spoons, 75 plastic forks, 100 4" paper plates, square dinner napkins, and individual small bottles of water or seltzer.** Please contact Craig Newbert at 246-4530 or [craig\\_newbert@comcast.net](mailto:craig_newbert@comcast.net) with any questions or to say what you will donate. Thank you!!

**FALL TAG SALE, OCTOBER 6 AND 7:** With the sale only a short time away, we are enlisting folks to help out during the week leading up to the sale, as well as during the sale and after the sale for clean up. In lieu of calling everyone in the directory, there are sign up sheets in the common room so that you can pledge to volunteer some time without pressure. For new parishioners, this is a fantastic way to meet people! So check your calendars, and I hope to see those sign up sheets fill up!!

**There will be a one-time pick up for any pieces of furniture you may have to donate for the sale on next Saturday morning, September 30.** Please call Lucia @ 251-7404 to schedule.

**The final date for accepting donations is Friday, September 22. After that, please hold any items for the spring tag sale!**

Thanks! *Lucia*

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO HOST A SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR:** Coffee Hour after the 10:15 service has resumed. Please sign up for a Sunday for which you (and a few friends) would like to organize and host coffee hour. Many of your questions will be answered by the directions for coffee hour on the table in the Common Room. There is a signup sheet for coffee hour hosts in the Common Room. You can also contact the church office at 254-6048 or [jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org) with questions or to reserve a Sunday that fits your schedule.

**SINGING AT ST. MICHAEL'S:** Singing makes you healthier and happier! It lowers your blood pressure, enhances the immune system, and elevates "happy" brain chemicals. Singing makes you more connected to others! People who sing together experience a sense of community and common purpose. Our hearts actually do "beat as one."

**St Michael's Adult Choir** is a great place to make the sacred experience part of your life. Our choir sings a variety of musical styles and service music with the goal of making our group worship experience deeper and more emotionally engaged. We rehearse on Sunday mornings at 8:45 and sing regularly at the 10:15 service, as well as at special occasions and festivals. There is no audition for the choir, however, prior musical experience is recommended. If you have an interest, please contact Susan Dedell after October 1 to get more information and answer any of your questions.

**The Choir School** enters its 4th year with two levels for young people to sing. Choral singing is great for young people because it helps foster poise, respect of self and others, commitment, leadership, and teamwork. Plus it is fun!!

Level One Choir: For children ages 8-11. Thursdays, 3:45-4:30. Students in this group will learn basic concepts of rhythm, pitch and "choircraft" in addition to singing some wonderful music. Little or no prior musical experience is required. Starting Date: **Thursday, October 5**

Level Two Choir: For singers aged 11-16. Tuesdays, 3:45-4:45. Singers extend their skills in music literacy, vocal technique, and harmony singing. Students in Level Two generally offer 3 or 4 individual programs per year, including the spring "Mystery Play". Starting Date: **Tuesday, October 3**

**MISSA GAIA AT 10:15, OCTOBER 8, ST. FRANCIS' DAY:** On St. Francis' Day, October 8, St. Michael's Choir and additional musicians will integrate the Missa Gaia (Earth Mass) in the 10:15 service. Come be with us as the wolf, whale and loon join with our voices and instruments to celebrate this earth, this gaia, in the liturgy.

**ST. FRANCIS' DAY BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** All people, creatures and critters are invited to a special celebration in thanksgiving for our pets and animals!

**When:** Sunday, October 8, 4 pm

**Where:** The Brattleboro Common (Rain venue: St. Michael's Episcopal Church, 16 Bradley Avenue)

**What:** 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.

**Who:** You, your pet or a picture of your pet, or a stuffed animal, plus your animal-loving friends and neighbors!

### **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BRATTLEBORO BUDDY WALK, SEPTEMBER 30:** The Brattleboro Buddy Walk begins at 10 am, Saturday September 30, at the Common. All proceeds from the 2017 Brattleboro Buddy Walk will go directly to Special Olympics of Vermont for Windham County. Go to [brattleborobuddywalk.org](http://brattleborobuddywalk.org) to register for the walk or make a donation

**SINGING STRONG BEGINS OCTOBER 3:** Singing Strong is a great place for people who want to sing in a fun, healthy, non-performing group and many from St. Michael's have participated. Susan Dedell leads everyone in songs chosen from a variety of musical styles including musicals and popular songs, as well as spirituals, rounds, and traditional folk music. No prior singing experience or music reading skills is necessary. Singing Strong is a program of the Brattleboro Music Center and meets on **Tuesdays for 7 weeks beginning on Oct. 3 at 1:30 in the new BMC facility across from Living Memorial Park.** For more information or to register, contact the BMC at 257-4523. .