

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WEEKEND ANNOUNCEMENTS – 4/20/17

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 *Norma Willingham*, Monday; *Alison Hale*, Tuesday; *Susan Heimer* and *John Daly*, Thursday; *Annie Landenberger*, *Brian Hesselbach*, *Marta McBean* and *Zsolt Pomazi*, Saturday.

LINDQUIST/JOHNSON FAMILY RETURNS FROM HAWAII NEXT WEEK: Mary writes, "We will return on Tuesday, April 25, probably exhausted and jet-lagged and perhaps a bit sun-burned. Please keep us in your prayers as we make this long journey!"

ADULT FORUM THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 9 -10 AM: "Peace-Building and Service in the Holy Land" -- Please join us in the Meeting Room from 9-10 am as we hold a video chat with St. Michael's parishioner, Jack Karn, who is in the middle of completing a year of mission service in Jerusalem with the Young Adult Service Corps (YASC) program of the Episcopal Church and continuing the ministry of reconciliation with Jerusalem Peacebuilders (JPB). Since October, Jack has been volunteering with the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem at St. George's Cathedral as a Sacristan and Communications Assistant, while also leading Leadership and Peace-building courses for teens at three high schools in Jerusalem. The call will feature an update from Jack about his work in the Holy City, his discernment, and time for Q/A.

STANDING WITH THE LOCAL LOVE BRIGADE - to send support to victims of hate by making and sending simple postcards, will begin this Sunday, April 23, in the Undercroft and continue on during Coffee Hours to come. This Sunday, during the Parish Meeting with the Justice Committee, we'll meet with children in the Undercroft to make postcards for people on the Local Love Brigades list of current victims - some of whom are children. Markers, crayons, cards and stamps will be on hand.

THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 23, AFTER CHURCH: What Is Happening with Immigration?

After the 10:15 am service this Sunday, you are invited to meet with the Social Justice Ministry in the Meeting Room to focus on immigration issues right here in Vermont. Hear about what is facing people in our area and some things being done to help. **Janet Brocklehurst**, Vestry member of St. Michael's, will share her experience of living in this country as an undocumented person under the constant threat of being deported. The Social Justice Ministry meets periodically with the entire parish to focus on specific issues of justice, to share what we are doing and to hear concerns of the parish and places where we need to focus our attention. This meeting will last no longer than an hour.

JOIN THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE FOR A FILM, APRIL 27 and MAY 4, 7 –

8:30 PM: The Social Justice Committee will host a showing of the film "The 13TH" over two upcoming Thursday evenings, April 27 and May 4 from 7-8:30 pm in the Meeting Room. We will divide the showing into two segments to allow time for discussion. Referring to the 13th amendment of the Constitution, this timely documentary deals with our American system of incarceration which as one reviewer writes, has effectively "converted the legal business model of slavery to an equally legal method of punishment for criminals." The story of just and unjust incarceration is especially critical for us in Vermont. Representing the local group, "Lost River Racial Justice," Claire Halvorsen, Professor Emeritus from SIT, writes that while Vermont's population is only 1.6 % African American, this population makes up over 10% of our prison population. And, statistics from the Sentencing Project reveal that our state leads the nation with one in 14 African males incarcerated. It is not a pretty story, but it is ours. As potential change agents, we do well to explore this topic, which is precisely what the film asks us to do.

COME HEAR ST. MICHAEL'S POETS, THIS COMING FRIDAY APRIL 28, 7 PM:

April is National Poetry Month! Come join us on Friday, April 28 at 7 pm in the Meeting Room for an hour-long program of poetry and music featuring poets from our St. Michael's community: Nye Ffarrabas, Leigh Marthe, Bruce Hesselbach, Andy Burrows, and Megan Buchanan, with music from Grainne Buchanan. Megan Buchanan will host the event. She has offered a poetry workshop at St. Michael's off and on for over five years. Megan's first full-length poetry collection, *Clothesline Religion*, is just out from Green Writers Press. This book is dedicated to her daughter, Grainne, a senior at Smith College, who will sing a few of her original songs. Hope to see you there to celebrate the alchemical, connecting, and healing power of poetry! Email Megan with any questions: mbuchanan@hotmail.com.

ADULT FORUM, APRIL 30, 9-10 AM: "If It Takes A Village To Raise A Child, It Takes A Village To Grow Old Successfully"

-- Janet Cramer and Annamarie Pluhar attended The American Society on Aging conference in March and have come back with knowledge and observations for our church community. This forum is for both sharing what we learned and having a discussion. Come and have your voice heard in our village.

FOOD SALE AT TAG SALE, MAY 5 AND 6: Each day of the tag sale, we sell wonderful food for workers and buyers. You may donate baked goods to be sold. This year, we are also looking for folks who want to purchase or donate funds for the following items: 100 plastic forks and spoons, 75 plastic forks, 100 4-inch 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 with any questions or to say what you can donate.

TAG SALE UPDATES:

THE TAG SALE TEAM REQUEST: PLEASE respond back to whomever contacts you about volunteering (even if it is a no thanks) so we know where the gaps are. The Tag Sale will be Friday May 5th from 5-7:30PM and Saturday May 6th from 9-12 noon. The fun begins on Sunday April 30th after the 8AM service when we set up tables and then after the 10:15 service we "haul out the closets".

GENERAL PREP TIMES: Monday to Friday May 1st- 5th from 9 AM to 4 PM. There will be an additional work bee on Monday Evening from 5-7:30 PM. ONLY IF THERE IS INTEREST so please let us know if this fits into your schedule).

ACCEPTABLE DONATIONS: Housewares & decorative items, spring and summer apparel, jewelry, children's clothing & toys, paperback & hardcover books, seasonal outdoor items & sporting equipment. Items can be left in the Tag Sale closets near the lower level entry.. In addition, if you have full size Brown Paper grocery bags (especially ones with handles) we will happily take them off your hands for the Saturday Bag Sale. They can be left in the closets as well. Good used furniture is also accepted.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING: TV'S, COMPUTERS OR MATRESSES/BOX SPRINGS. PLEASE NO MAGAZINES, OLD ENCYCLOPEDIA'S OR TRAVEL BOOKS. (We have to pay to dispose of these items).

Due to limited storage space PLEASE hold all FALL, WINTER and CHRISTMAS items until after this sale.

Please hold larger items until April 30th. If you cannot hold the item and/or will need assistance with a larger item please contact Lucia Osiecki @ 802-251-7404. She will work with you and her team to arrange for pick-up. Items should be clean, in good condition, and if you have manuals for electronic items that is always helpful.

DONATION DEADLINE: Wednesday May 3rd which allows us time to sort and price last minute items.

If you have not been contacted and are interested in helping there is signup sheet in the Common Room or feel free to contact either Anne Cook at anek.cook@gmail.com (802-896-9446) or Lucia Osiecki 802-802-251-7404. Thank You -- *Anne Cook and Lucia Osiecki*

WHO OR WHAT IS THEOPHILIA!?

- A. The newest Mystery Play from Paul Dedell and The Choir School
- B. A young woman who finds herself tempted to “have it all”
- C. Jayne Fritz

Find out soon as you make plans to attend this fabulous new production which will have you crying, laughing, and inspired!

DATES: Saturday, MAY 6 at 7:30 and Sunday, MAY 7 at 4 pm

THE CHOIR SCHOOL will also be performing on an upcoming Brattleboro Music Center Concert Choir concert! This program, which includes a premier of a choral/orchestral work by Paul Dedell, also includes music of John Tavener, Ola Gjeilo, and Will Todd and is sure to touch your senses and is on **May 20 and May 21**. Save one of those dates and come and be in the cheering section!

WHY IS MOTHER’S DAY ALSO DIAPER SUNDAY? We of Outreach ask everyone to bring a package of disposable diapers to church to help fill the gap for mothers who do not have access to them. We donate them to Parks Place Diaper Bank, the only one in Vermont. Diapers are not covered by food stamps because they are not food. So please help these mothers by bringing in a package of disposable diapers on Sunday, May 14. Thank you from the Outreach Team.

“COME TO THE RIVER OF LIFE: CONNECTICUT RIVER PILGRIMAGE,” MAY 31-JULY 9, 2017: Rejoice in and give thanks for the miracle of all life that is made possible by the grace of God through water. Come on a spiritual journey of renewal, restoration and reconciliation, shaped by the Christian tradition along the Connecticut River, from the Source to the Sea. Sponsored by the Episcopal Province of New England and partners, this pilgrimage is open to people of all faiths, beliefs, and paths. On June 24 and 25, the pilgrimage comes to Brattleboro and St. Michael’s. Anyone can participate: on the river, beside the water, or at home/church. For more information and to sign up, go to www.kairosearth.org/river and river@kairosearth.org. **Also, there is a list of frequently asked questions – and answers – in the Common Room.**