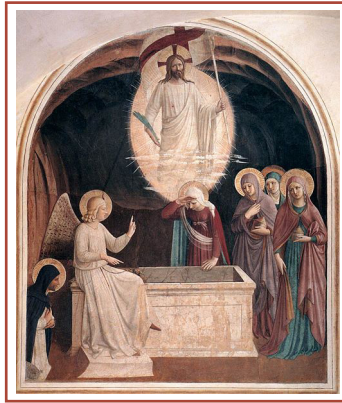


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HOLY WEEK & EASTER

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25

8 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, 10:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST & PROCESSION WITH PALMS

MONDAY, MARCH 26

5:30 PM HOLY EUCHARIST

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

5:30 PM HOLY EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

12 PM HOLY EUCHARIST

7:00 PM TENEBRE SERVICE

MAUNDY THURSDAY, MARCH 29

5:30 PM DINNER & HOLY EUCHARIST WITH WASHING OF THE FEET IN THE UNDERCROFT,
FOLLOWED BY THE STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR IN THE SANCTUARY

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30

8:00 AM – PROPER LITURGY FOR GOOD FRIDAY (NO MUSIC OR VENERATION OF THE CROSS)
12-3 PM ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT THE GUILFORD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
7:00 PM PROPER LITURGY FOR GOOD FRIDAY WITH VENERATION OF THE CROSS AT ST. MICHAEL'S

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31

7:00 PM, THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER FOLLOWED BY A CELEBRATORY RECEPTION

SUNDAY, EASTER DAY, APRIL 1

8 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, 10:15 AM FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST

HOLY WEEK

What is Holy Week?

During the last week of the Lenten season we celebrate Holy Week, a sacred time of the year for Christians when the events of Christ's passion and death are remembered. In the remembering of the sacred stories, we hope not only to remember, but to experience the drama of these stories ourselves, that we may know Christ's love for us in a new way. All are welcome at any or all of these services!



Palm Sunday, March 25, 8 & 10:15 am -- This special liturgy begins with a procession (led by a real donkey and some spirited music) of the congregation and the blessing of the palms, commemorating the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The Gospel reading is the complete story of the Passion. The service underlines the contrast between the crowd's joyous greeting of their king and then their condemnation of him—the contrast between shouts of “Alleluia” and “Crucify him!”

Monday, & Tuesday March 26 & 27, 5:30 pm – We gather together on the Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week for a brief time of prayer and Eucharist. At these services, lay people are asked to preach.

Wednesday, March 28, 7:00 pm, Tenebre Service – Tenebre is Latin for “shadows” or “darkness.” At 7 pm, we will gather for a Tenebre service in the church. In this service, candles are extinguished gradually as we hear a series of readings, poems and music reflecting the passion story.

“Maundy Thursday”, March 29, 5:30 pm - The word Maundy is derived from the Latin word *mandatum* (commandment) and refers to Jesus giving the “new commandment” to “love one another as I have loved you” (John 13:34) to his disciples at the Last Supper. The Maundy Thursday service commemorates the Last Supper and often focuses on two things Jesus did at the Last

Supper: washing of the disciples' feet and the institution of the sacrament of Holy Communion. The service ends in complete silence with the stripping of the altar in recognition of Jesus' prayers in the Garden of Gethsemane and the despair and death to come.

At St. Michael's we will begin with a “Dinner Eucharist” in the Undercroft with foot and hand-washing and will end in the church with the stripping of the altar. This service will be interactive and great for children as well as adults.

Good Friday, March 30, 8 am & 7 pm commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus. During this solemn service, we mourn for the death of Jesus and for our own sins. No Eucharist is celebrated on this day.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 31, 7 pm : The Easter Vigil is called the “king of liturgies.” At 7:00 pm, we light the new fire of Easter and move from darkness to light telling the ancient stories of God's people. We proclaim the Easter message, Christ is Risen! Bring your bells and other musical instruments.

Easter Sunday, April 1, is the most important day of celebration in the Christian Year. On this day we celebrate how Christ overcame death to rise to new life, offering his redemption and love to all.

EXPLORING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

HOLY OFFERINGS

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation...we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.- Eucharistic Prayer 2, "Enriching our Worship"

You may notice that there is a place in the Sunday worship services where two people from the congregation (called element bearers) bring the wine and the bread up to the altar. They follow the ushers who have collected monetary contributions from the congregation and the children follow last with a big basket of groceries. Ever wonder why we do this? Wouldn't it be easier just to leave the bread and the wine up front, gather the groceries after the service, and take the money directly to the financial office?

The word "Eucharist" (what some churches call Holy Communion) really means thanksgiving. When we gather for this special time and we are fed Christ's body and blood through the consecrated bread and wine, we are not only receiving something from God, but we are offering something back to God because of our gratefulness for God's blessings. The act of presenting the bread, the wine, the money, and the food for the Drop-In Center are holy offerings and reminders to us that as Christ has offered us new life, we offer back gifts of food, money and in fact, our very selves for Christ's service.

Author Jenifer Gamber puts it this way:

We begin with the offertory by gathering gifts from among the people and taking them to the altar, presenting them to God and the church. By presenting our gifts of bread and wine, music and resources we return the blessing that God gave us – the blessing of creation and our labor. Our labor transforms grapes into wine and wheat into bread. Because God is the giver of all things, ultimately we are returning these gifts to God.

The act of offering, though subtle, is a very important part of our worship. It allows us to show in an outward, visible and sacrificial way our love for God and for our community.

Although the offerings of bread, wine, money and food are offerings that are explicitly brought up to the altar during our worship time, there are other important ways to make offerings in our Sunday gatherings. Here are a few:

- **Sign up to contribute flowers for the altar on one or two Sundays of the year.** The sign-up for flowers is in the Common Room. Oftentimes, people will offer flowers to recognize a special event (a birthday, anniversary, death remembrance, birth of a baby, etc.). Once you sign up, Marie Lawrence (who is the faithful person who organizes this flower ministry) will contact you to make arrangements. In the winter, we mostly need to buy flowers, but in the summer, we can offer flowers from our own gardens.
- **Offer refreshments for Coffee Hour.** Providing food for Coffee Hour may not seem like an offering, but it very much is. By providing food to the congregation, you are supporting and loving our community in a very real and important way! If you would like to offer food for Coffee Hour, there is a sign up in the Common Room, or you can call or email the office (254-6048, 104 or info@stmichaelsvermont.org) If you've never done this before, please let us know and we will assign you to do this with a partner who will orient you.
- **Participate in the Dove Ministry-** The Dove Program is a joint venture between St. Michael's and the AIDS Project of Southern Vermont. Food and other necessities will be delivered to individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS. In the back of the church, there is a board with paper doves on it. 1. Take a dove, 2. Buy the items that are listed on the Dove. 3. Return the Dove and the food to the church.
- **Bring food for the Groundworks Drop-In Center –** When you go grocery shopping for yourself, buy something also for those in need of food in our community. Bring your food offering to church and leave it in the basket in the back of the church.

DEVELOPMENTS FROM THE MINISTER OF DISCIPLESHIP AND DISCERNMENT



Dear St Michael's,

It has been a busy month with the ministry in my new role as priest. I spent a week at a Catholic convent in Central Pennsylvania learning to be a Centering Prayer presenter through Contemplative Outreach so that I can begin to offer

the same type of prayer teaching that Father Bill Sheehan offered Jan. 15 and 16 to about 25 folks from St Michael's. It was special to host Father Bill, an experienced teacher and a friend of many in the parish from his time as priest at St Michael's Catholic in the late 70's. Karen Guthrie, Michael Pitman, Cary Gaunt and I then began planning a Contemplative Prayer Retreat at Hallelujah Farm on March 23-24 for people who attended Fr. Bill's training (and any others!) who want an extended time of silence to practice centering prayer in community. Later in January, the discipleship groups met to reflect and discern re-launching. All six groups have decided to continue and shared some of their learnings and inspiration at the Feb 11 Forum. Participants reported appreciating most the chance to get to know one another in a more intimate way through sharing from the heart without giving or receiving feedback and also having time to pray together. During the Forum, parishioners expressed their hope that elements of the discipleship group practices can be used in other church meeting settings and their hope that over time the bonds formed among group members also extend outward into shared work in the community. We very much share those hopes and will be reflecting on how to bring them into being in the coming months.

Given the positive feedback of the 40 small group members to date, the other members of the leadership team and I are very excited to open our Wednesday discipleship group to anyone at St. Michael's and beyond -- to anyone interested in Christian prayer, fellowship, and spiritual practice. Beginning Wednesday March 7th and continuing on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30, anyone may come to any of the group's gatherings in the church undercroft without

a long-term commitment. Childcare will be provided. We'll have a potluck supper from 5:30-6:00. Around 6:00 we'll begin the small group liturgy with a time of "lectio divina," or sacred reading, when as a group we read, reflect, meditate, and pray together with a brief scripture passage. The liturgy will continue with a time when people take turns sharing, without giving or receiving advice, about what is on their heart and how they are noticing God at work in their lives. The gathering will end with a time for people to reflect on a spiritual discipline in their life (e.g. prayer, stewardship of money, discernment, working with the poor and marginalized) and how they may feel called to deepen with that practice. Leadership of the prayer time will rotate each week. If Wednesdays don't work for you, other groups are also open to having new people, although they are hoping for a regular commitment (most groups meet twice/month). Contact me (duncan@stmichaelsvermont.org) if you'd like to learn more.

Finally, I'm excited about a summer opportunity that has emerged for me in the last few weeks. In many different stages of my life, working with people with special needs, especially in Christian community, has felt like a calling. There is an opportunity for me to spend time this summer at a L'Arche Community in Erie, Pennsylvania. Growing out of Catholic roots, L'Arche is an ecumenical, international network of communities that "provide homes and workplaces where people with and without intellectual disabilities live and work together as peers; create inclusive communities of faith and friendship; and transform society through relationships that cross social boundaries." Given that the congregation is most active during the school year, Mary and I discerned, with the vestry's blessing, that it made sense for me to balance out my work schedule during these last months with an extended time off during the summer, a rhythm that many other part-time clergy have in their congregations. The plan is for me to be at L'Arche Erie from mid-June to mid-August. I'm grateful for the chance to explore an old calling in a new place. I'm hopeful that the people and ideas I encounter there can enliven my work here.

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LENTEN SERIES

Tuesdays, March 6, 13 and 20
5 - 6 pm - Simple supper, in the Undercroft
6 - 7 pm - Program, in the Meeting Room
7 - 7:20 pm - Closing Worship

OUR Stories:**Family, Race and Belonging within our Community**

We begin with a simple meal together. We move to the Meeting Room to listen to members in our parish family and the community tell their stories of living in a society where issues of race are always a factor. Speakers will share their challenges and joys and look for ways to increase racial healing.

- Tuesday, March 6: Stories of each of us: belonging and exclusion
- Tuesday, March 13: Stories of an African-American woman growing up in Brattleboro
- Tuesday, March. 20: Stories of becoming aware of privileges and challenges in our lives and those around us

We close each evening with prayers in the candlelight that also give us the opportunity to respond to the stories we have heard and at the same time hear ways that God might be speaking through them.

In this Lenten Series, "OUR Stories: Family, Race and Belonging within our Community," St. Michael's is responding to the call of both the wider Episcopal Church's Presiding Bishop Curry and Vermont's Bishop Ely to make racial healing a priority in our lives as the People of God.



Photos from Shrove
Tuesday Pancake Supper

ADULT FORUMS IN MARCH

March 4 "Diminishment/Empowerment of the Migrant" -- The immigrant experience: Do we empower or diminish these new neighbors? Why and how? Immigrants' experiences may be similar one to another, yet their stories are as different as is each person who arrives in the U.S. a stranger. We will look at a few of their stories in light of the everyday issues they face in health, housing, employment, education, worship, and safety.

March 11 "Diminishment/Empowerment of Depression/Loneliness" -- At times of depression and sadness, one finds life diminished in so many ways – physically, emotionally, and socially. A panel will explore both this diminishment and the possibility of empowerment that comes through relationship. Being with each other in community is part of human survival and thriving. Nancy Barber, Benson Bobrick, Phillip Wilson, and Janet Cramer will join in sharing their insights on this important Lenten topic.

March 18 "Diminishment/Empowerment of the Poor in Brattleboro" -- with Chris Hart.

March 25 No Forum on Palm Sunday.



NEWS OF THE PARISH

ST. MICHAEL'S KIDS' NEWS

Interfaith Youth Group

St. Michael's will be hosting the Interfaith Youth Group on Sunday, March 4 meeting at 3:30 pm and cooking a meal for the Overflow Shelter. This is our last opportunity this winter to cook a meal for the Overflow Shelter with the Interfaith Youth Group and we invite all kids ages 11 and up to attend. We also need the help of 2-3 parents. Please let Mary Lindquist (mary@stmichaelsvermont.org) know if you can help.

Palm Sunday Parade

Donkeys, drumming, doves and a parade – what could be better? All kids are invited to join us for a special “between the services” Coffee Hour (from 9-10 am) and then gather at 9:45 am to make doves to take in the Palm Sunday Parade. Bring any instruments you would like to play (drums, marakas, bells, etc.) during the parade.

Rock Point Camp Spring Reunion at St. Michael's on March 25

A late winter Rock Point Camp Reunion is coming up and you're invited!

- WHO: Campers, potential campers, staff, their parents and friends from Southern Vermont and beyond!
- WHAT: Have fun with your camp friends - have lunch - play games - share camp stories - watch the camp video - introduce camp to your friends
- WHERE: St. Michael's, Brattleboro VT
- WHEN: Sunday, March 25, 2018 from 12 p.m. to 2:00 p. m.
- PARENTS: You are not required to stay with your campers unless younger siblings (5 yr. or younger) come to the reunion. Remember: the reunion ends at 2:00 p.m.
- RSVP: Sherry Osborn, director of Rock Point Camp at sosborn@dioceseofvermont.org or 802-591-1265

Rock Point Summer Camp

Don't forget to sign-up for Rock Point Camp! If you are curious but unsure, please attend the Rock Point Reunion on March 25 (see article above). Last summer, St. Michael's sent 13 kids to Rock Point Camp. Rock Point in Burlington Vermont is the camp run by the Episcopal Church in Vermont. St. Michael's offers partial scholarships to all the kids from St. Michael's who would like to attend. Please let Mary Lindquist know if you are interested in a scholarship. The website with the registration material is at www.rockpointvt.org/camp.



Below are the dates for this summer:

- Senior High Camp (ages 14-16) – July 1-6
- Junior High Camp (ages 11-14) – July 8-13
- Intermediate Camp (ages 10-12)- July 15-20
- Elementary Camp (ages 7-10)- July 22-27

Holy Week for Kids

Kids are welcome at any and all of our Holy Week services, but perhaps would be most interested in Maundy Thursday (with a chance to wash hands and feet, share a meal and end in the dramatic stripping of the altar) and the Easter Vigil (lots of candlelight, stories and drama).

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FROM THE LIBRARY SHELVES

Oh Ye Jigs & Juleps

by Virginia Cary Hudson Illustrated by Karla Kushkin

published by The Macmillan Company New York 1962

4 ½ by 7 ¼ 50 pages

The fly leaf claims that the author was ten years old when she wrote these essays for a very understanding teacher in her Episcopal boarding school in the year 1904. The reader may or may not look askance at the claim of authorship. The venue is Virginia, thus the reference in the title to a favorite beverage of the Old Dominion (which no Yankee can be expected to prepare properly). Regardless, commentary cannot begin to give the flavor of the text. Instead, this reviewer respectfully must stand aside and demonstrate with the following excerpts.

SACRAMENTS: “Sacraments are what you do in church. What you do at home is something else..... When you are little and ugly somebody carries you into the church on a pillow, and you come out a child of God and Inheritor of the Kingdom of Heaven. They pour water on your head and that’s a sacrament. When you are twelve you walk back in yourself with your best dress and shoes on, and your new prayer book your mother buys you, and you walk up to the Bishop, and he stands up and you kneel down, and he mashes your head and you are Episcopal. Then you are supposed to increase in spirit. Then everybody kisses you and that’s a sacrament. Only I left out the bread and wine. That’s a sacrament too. I tasted some of that bread in the choir room and it tasted just like my gold fish wafers.”

The author subsequently deals with the sacrament of marriage and of death, to wit: “And then you get carried back in the Church again. But you are dead and it takes six people to lift you. And everybody cries and that’s the last sacrament you are going to get.”

ETIQUETTE: “Do not hop, skip, or slide in the church vestibule. Tip tip all the way to your seat. Be sure and do

not sit in other people’s pews. Jesus wouldn’t care, but other people would. Paying money makes it yours to sit in. The first thing you do is kneel down and thank the Lord for your mother and your father and your breakfast and your lunch and your dinner and your lovely wallpaper and your new pink garter belt. Then you can sit and look around a little bit. Don’t turn around and look. That is not etiquette.

Kneel when you pray, stand when you sing, and sit when you listen {Pay attention dear St. Michael’s reader}. On communion Sunday take off your right glove and leave it in your pew. Don’t wait until you get to the rail and the Body and Blood comes around. Don’t try to drink up all of the wine. That is not etiquette. Leave some for other people.”

BAPTISTS: The Baptist church is next door to our church. They sing as loud as they can all the time we are trying to pray. I bet the Lord can’t hear one word we say. The Baptists sing about plunging sinners in a bloody fountain drawn from Emmanuel’s veins.....I took the cotton off my sore finger and stuffed it in my ear on the Baptist side. But just once. My mother attended to that.”

OTHER DENOMINATIONS: “My grandmother says the Catholics are just scared to death the old priest will send them to Hell. I don’t believe the one on our street would. I like him but I like his pup better. My grandmother says the Episcopalians are stuck up and some of them can strut sitting down. My grandmother says the Methodists are happy and sing loud and shout. Just plain noisy. My grandmother says the Baptists are narrow. Miss Clara Fitzpatrick is not narrow. She takes up the whole seat.”

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**MARCH 23-24 LENTEN CONTEMPLATIVE
RETREAT AT HALLELUJAH FARM**

This retreat is an opportunity to practice silent prayer in community. Practitioners of all levels are welcome; there will be a brief time of instruction for anyone new to Centering Prayer. The primary practice during the retreat will be group Centering Prayer, but we will also practice “lectio divina” or sacred reading (the ancient monastic practice of listening to the Spirit speak to our hearts through Scripture), “lectio natura” (an outdoor practice to connect to God through nature), and Conscious Practical Work (a practice of presence and attention). The retreat will be mostly in silence except for times of instruction and reflection on the prayer practices and at the closing circle.

Retreat Coordinators: Cary Gaunt, Karen Guthrie, Michael Pittman, Duncan Hilton

Date and Time: beginning Friday, March 23 at 6 pm with a light supper (people are welcome earlier in the afternoon for optional retreat time) and ends Saturday afternoon around 4:00 pm.

Cost: All are welcome at Hallelujah Farm and we are grateful for your support in the amount you feel you can afford. As a guideline, suggested contributions for the overnight stay and three meals is \$100.

Venue: Guests receive the hospitality of Sandy & Roger Daly at beautiful Hallelujah Farm. Accommodations are in shared double rooms.

Information & Registration: Contact Jeanie in the office or email Duncan at duncan@stmichaelsvermont.org.

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR “PLAY AND
PRAY WEEKEND” AT HALLELUJAH FARM ON
MAY 26-27, 2018**

We are in the early stages of planning for our St. Michael’s “Play and Pray Weekend” at Hallelujah Farm. This inter-generational weekend invites us to enjoy gathering together to enjoy each other’s company in a casual setting where we can play, hike, sing, walk, sit still, pray, do crafts, tell stories, sit around a fire, worship, eat, and enjoy each other in a meaningful way. Please save Saturday, May 26 and Sunday, May 27 to join us for some community and fun. (Please note: This is Memorial Day weekend.)

We would love to have many people involved in the planning of this special weekend. We will begin meeting to plan the weekend Thursday, March 15 at 6 -7:30 pm and will also meet Sunday afternoon from 2-4 pm on March 25 (Palm Sunday).

Please contact Leigh Marthe at Leigh_Marthe2000@yahoo.com or by phone at 603-208-7726 if you feel called to help plan and/or facilitate activities as part of this weekend. Even if you can’t attend the planning meetings or the weekend, all ideas, support, and questions are welcome.



Photos from
Hallelujah
Farm

SUMMARY OF FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE VESTRY

The Vestry Meeting of February 15 opened and closed with prayer.

1. Introductions were made as we have 3 new vestry members.
2. Thank you cards were sent to Chris Triebert and Diane Clouet for the women's retreat; Laura Lewis and team for Shrove Tuesday; and Duncan Hilton for the workshop with Fr. Sheehan.
3. Minutes were approved for the previous meeting.
4. We gratefully reappointed Wayne Cook as our Treasurer. He gave us the latest financial reports and after discussion we approved the revised 2018 budget.
5. Mary reported on the wonderful women's retreat, and the continued success of the Discernment groups' planning especially Fr. Bill's workshop. The Lent series planning is underway and actually started on Feb. 20 and will continue weekly on Tuesday evenings.
6. The vestry retreat will happen early March at Hallelujah Farm.
7. On Maundy Thursday, March 29, the vestry agreed to continue the tradition of their preparing and serving dinner to the congregation.
8. Rock Point: discussions are ongoing on how to move forward with fundraising for the Rock Point project. We talked about the possibility of an organized church field trip to Rock Point, in Burlington, to see the beauty and importance of the place.
9. The Bishop will visit on March 15 and will join us for the Vestry meeting.

Janet Brocklehurst

WOMEN'S RETREAT FROM FEB. 3-4



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A CHRISTMAS GIFT

Thirty years ago, when my friend Harriet Ives and I left San Diego, California to live in Brattleboro, we left behind a host of friends. One of these was Connie, who, with her husband Henry, worked in the bank from which Harriet and I retired. They lived in Point Loma, that lovely part of the city which you enter from the harbor. Years later they moved north to Rancho Bernardo where, from their patio, you could look east past the mountain to Escondido and look west for a glimpse of the Pacific Ocean, as it bordered La Jolla, where we lived. Later he and Connie moved to an assisted living complex in nearby Carlsbad, where we visited them ten years ago. Connie still lives there; Henry has passed.

After I joined St. Michael's, she would occasionally ask me to "light a candle for us." On All Saints Day this year, I, not as agile as I once was, asked friend Janet Brocklehurst if she would accompany me early to church so we could light candles for Connie, Henry and my father, my Saint who survived 4 years as a prisoner of war of the Japanese in a concentration camp in Shanghai, China following Pearl Harbor, before he was repatriated to this country. But that's another story.

As Janet and I entered the church, the choir was assembled at the altar and Susan was at the piano nearby,

rehearsing for the service. Beautiful music continued as we lit candles and prayed. I wrote Connie and told her about this All Saints Day at St. Michael's. Soon a Christmas card came, enclosing a check with her words: "If there is anything you and Harriet need, please use this." Our answer: "Connie, we need nothing but, please, with your blessing, allow us to give one half to our local humane society (Connie loves all animals) where Harriet's part in their donation cans program brings in several thousand dollars annually for the animals; the other half would be given to St. Michael's." Both have been done.

On the morning of Henry's birthday, January 19, I got up early, looked out at our "Green Meadow" where it abuts our property, now filled with acres of snow, to the trees beyond and the sky above, and said this prayer for all:

*May the Lord bless you and keep you,
May the Lord make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you,
May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you
and give you His peace. Amen*

Pat Cameron and Harriet Ives



Photo of the Interfaith Youth Group cooking for Overflow Shelter

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MARCH LECTIONARY

March 4

Exodus 20: 1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25, John 2: 13-22

March 11

Numbers 21: 4-9; Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22; Ephesians 2: 1-10; John 3: 14-21

March 18

Jeremiah 31: 31-34, Psalm 119: 9-16, Hebrews 5: 5-10, John 12: 20-33

**March 25**

Liturgy of the Palms: Mark 11: 1-11; Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

PALM SUNDAY

Liturgy of the Word: Isaiah 50: 4-9a, Psalm 31: 9-16, Philippians 2: 5-11; Mark 15: 1-47

CELEBRATIONS

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 2 Susan Kochinskas
 March 3 Christine Hart,
 Kiersten McKenney,
 Callan McDowell
 March 5 Jodi Clark, Joshua Fritz
 March 6 Wayne Cook
 March 9 Martin Leggott
 March 10 Gabe Reynolds
 March 11 Teri Robinson,
 Marie Lawrence
 March 14 Mimi Lilly
 March 15 Benson Bobrick,
 Jeffrey Hiam
 March 16 Chris Chapman
 March 19 Ken Neilson,
 Karen Guthrie
 March 20 Bob Walker
 March 21 Robert Kochinskas
 March 22 Bruce Lawrence
 March 24 James Wilmott,
 Joan Pinilla,
 Margery McCrum
 March 25 Kate LeBlanc
 March 28 Tom Woodbury,
 Elizabeth Moore
 March 29 Braeden Smith
 March 30 Craig Newbert
 March 31 Jan Bennett



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

March 7 Elizabeth Vick & Craig Hammond
 March 12 Nancy & Jeffrey Durborow
 March 23 Kate & Dana McGinn



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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 6:00–7:00 a.m., Silent hour in chapel

WEDNESDAYS 12:00–12:30 p.m., Brief service of prayer and Holy Communion

THURSDAYS 5:30–6:30 p.m. Contemplative service of chanting, silence, and prayer

SATURDAYS 8:00 a.m., Centering Prayer