

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS – 10/11/18

OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY THIS WEEK

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to *Ronny Johnson*, This Sunday; *Joanna Brown*, Monday; *Judith Hildreth*, Tuesday; *Dana McGinn* and *Jack Lilly*, Wednesday; *Emily Nohl*, Thursday.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to *Anne & Wayne Cook*, Tuesday.

FORUMS, 9-10 AM: All are welcome at the Forums which are held most Sundays from September through May at 9 am in the Meeting Room.

- **This Sunday, October 14 – WATER, PART 2** with Bill Ames: "This time we will be talking about salt water, specifically with reference to Southeast Asia and Bangladesh. Protein diets are based on fish, and the fish population in the ocean is close to expiring. This puts approximately 650 million people at risk. Without sufficient land mass to grow substitute protein, there is no alternate protein source for these people."
- **Tuesday, October 16, 11 am: Sabbatical Photos MAKE UP DATE-** Mary will do this presentation a second time for those who cannot attend the forum.
- **October 21 – The Many Faces of Jesus** with Phillip Wilson: Found in the Bible are radically different images of Jesus: rabbi and teacher, social liberator, King of the Jews, and God in human flesh, for starters. This abundance of ways to experience Jesus of Nazareth increased down through time. Often our experiences of Jesus and the images we choose to hold onto say more about us than it does about Jesus. Maybe that is the power of Jesus. This Forum explores some of these images, ultimately leading to the question: **WHO IS JESUS FOR YOU?**

EVENING PRAYER THIS SUNDAY, 5 PM: On Sunday evening, October 14, at 5 pm, Val Abrahamsen will lead Evening Prayer Rite II, with plainsong chants from the 1982 Hymnal. The service is about 30 minutes long. All are welcome.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED THIS WEEK: Jeanie Crosby is on vacation and the office is closed after 1 pm Thursday October 11 until Tuesday October 23. If you need a priest during this time, please call 254-6048, ext 102.

GROWING A RULE OF LIFE, SUNDAY OCT 14, 1-3 PM, IN THE MEETING

ROOM, CHILD CARE WILL BE PROVIDED: Gather with others to explore living with deeper intention around what you value and how to structure your life to stay connected to God, self, and others. You will leave with a set of steps – writing prompts, examples, supportive community – to develop your own Rule of Life over the coming weeks based on your life experience, Christian tradition, and scripture. We will be using a process developed by Episcopal monks, the Brothers of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist. As they explain, “When monastics talk about a ‘Rule of Life’ they’re not talking about a list of rules that we follow. The word ‘rule’ comes from the Latin word *regula*, which is the word that gives us words like ‘regularize’ or ‘regulations.’ And a Rule is a way of regularizing our life, of bringing order and an intentional approach to the way that we are living. . . Just as stakes and lattices nurture the growth of young plants, so too can spiritual disciplines support the flourishing of our whole being.”

WAVE OF LIGHT SERVICE, THIS COMING MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 7 PM: The subject of a child lost– including those lost in miscarriage or stillbirth, to neonatal complications, or infertility -- may feel taboo to share, making it difficult to grieve. On **October 15** we will create a space for this grief by joining people worldwide in a Wave of Light. Around the globe, candles and sometimes whole buildings are lit for one hour beginning at **7 pm** local time to create a wave of light, illuminating and honoring the lives of children who have died and the grief of those who have loved them. All are welcome at this service: those who have lost a child of any age and those who wish to support others in their grief; people from St Michael’s and people from the wider community. The hour-long service will include candlelight, song, sharing from the heart, and prayer.



SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR AFTER THE

10:15 SERVICE! Sign up with a friend, your family, or as a group. As host, you or your group will provide the snack, make all feel welcome, and clean up. There is a sign up sheet in the Common Room or you can call the Church office at 254-6048

to reserve your date.

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS: Following a potluck and discussion last week, all six discipleship groups have decided to continue to meet. at least through the spring of 2019. All of the groups are welcoming new members for a season, although one group is just for teens. The gatherings involve prayer, sharing from the heart, and reflection on spiritual practices. **One group is always open and meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month; its next meeting will be this this WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17.** If you have any questions about this particular group, please contact Jeff Hiam at jeffreyhiam@gmail.com. For a list of all the groups and times and the contact person for each, contact Duncan at duncan@stmichaelsvermont.org.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR ALL RECOVERING PEOPLE AT THE TURNING POINT:

Are you connected to recovery through any 12-step program (AA, NA, Al-anon, Nar-Anon, OA, etc.)? Duncan is piloting a monthly Holy Communion service at Turning Point (39 Elm St), beginning on **November 2 at 5 pm**. It will include scripture reading, healing prayers, songs/chant, sharing from the heart, and communion with grape juice. Connect with Duncan (Duncan@stmichaelsvermont.org) if you're interested or have questions.

TOOLS FOR ENGAGING A CALL IN THE COMMUNITY, SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3, 10 AM – 3 PM, MEETING ROOM:

Have you been feeling a nudge from God to put your faith more into action but aren't sure where to begin? Come to this workshop to be equipped to explore what it means for you to participate in God's mission of renewal in this time and place. The workshop will include community organizing practices adapted for a Christian context: prayer, storytelling to help people connect with their own call, and 1:1 relationship-building. Participants will leave with a better sense of how they can explore or strengthen a missional call, with whom they can explore that call, and next steps for doing so. For those who discover a call around a certain issue, there will be a follow up workshop in late January to help people move into action as a team. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

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