

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS – 1/10/2019

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 *Bruce Griffin*, Tuesday; *David Mattocks*, Friday and *Pam Carr*, Saturday.

ADULT FORUM, 9-10 AM ON SUNDAY:

- **This Sunday:** Josh Davis, Executive Director of Groundworks, will tell us about the overflow shelter and other Groundworks programs and activities (there are many) that are available. There will be time for Q&A.
- **January 20:** The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris, preaching on Martin Luther King Sunday, will also lead the Forum.

OPEN DISCIPLESHIP GROUP MEETS WEDNESDAY JANUARY 16: The open discipleship group meets on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. The group will meet next on Wednesday January 16 in the Undercroft at 5:30 for potluck supper. The meeting begins at 6 in the Dunham Room. This group includes lectio divina, sharing from the heart, deep listening, an exploration of Christian disciplines, and prayer. Child care will be provided. All are welcome, and there is no long-term commitment required for attendance. Questions? Contact jeffreyhiam@gmail.com



MARTIN LUTHER KING SUNDAY, JANUARY 20: The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris will preach at both the 8:00 and 10:15 services and lead that morning's Forum at 9:00 AM. She serves as bishop suffragan (assisting bishop) in the Diocese of Massachusetts. Bishop Harris currently chairs the House of Bishops Pastoral Development Committee and the Board of Directors of the Episcopal Church Investment Group. She is on the board of the Old North Church Foundation and serves as vice president of Episcopal City Mission. She is the immediate past president of the Massachusetts Council of Churches and currently serves on its Working Board and Advisory Committee.

BUDGET REVIEW MEETINGS, SUNDAY JANUARY 20, 9 AM AND AFTER 10:15

SERVICE: Those who would like the opportunity to review St. Michael's budget for 2019 and ask questions prior to the Annual Meeting are invited to a choice of two budget meetings on Sunday, January 20. The first meeting will be at 9 am in the Undercroft (especially for 8 am folks and anyone else able to attend at this time). A second budget meeting will be offered following the 10:15 am service in the Meeting Room.

11TH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR CELEBRATION, SUNDAY JANUARY 20, 4 PM, CENTRE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, BRATTLEBORO: Former State Representative Kiah Morris and newly elected State Representative Nader Hashim are featured speakers. Music is by Samirah Evans and a Community Choir. All are welcome to join the Choir at 3:00 to rehearse. The celebration is sponsored by Brattleboro Area Interfaith Leadership Association. A spaghetti dinner, fundraiser for Interfaith Youth, follows the program.

EVENING PRAYER, SUNDAY JANUARY 20, 5:00 PM: The chanted service of Evening Prayer is offered on the third Sunday of each month at 5 pm. All are welcome at this 30-minute service in our Chapel.

SIGN UP BY JANUARY 20 FOR "THIS IS MY BODY", ST. MICHAEL'S WOMEN'S RETREAT 2019, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3: The theme of the 2019 women's retreat is "This is my Body." These are the words that Jesus said at the Last Supper as he fed his disciples. And these are the words we hear during the Eucharistic Prayer every Sunday, "This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Why did Jesus choose this particular way to be remembered? What does it mean about our own bodies? How does it relate to how we live in the physical world? How do we nurture and care for our bodies and the larger body of earth?

The retreat will begin at 10 am on Saturday and end by 12 pm on Sunday. We welcome all women from St. Michael's and ask that you commit to being present for the full retreat. **REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE ON ST. MICHAEL'S WEBSITE AND IN THE COMMON ROOM. PLEASE REGISTER BY JANUARY 20.** You may sign up either by filling on the Registration Form on St. Michael's website (go to www.stmichaelsvermont.org click on "news," then "announcements," then click on the link to the registration form) or pick up a registration form in the Common Room. Led by *Mary Lindquist, Cary Gaunt and Chris Triebert.*

THE BOB DRIVE – Through January 21, the Outreach Team is running **The BOB (Bag of Basics) Drive**, an effort to supplement our parish's ongoing food offerings with a special drive for non-food items that are much needed, often not supplied by existing programs, and too-rarely donated. Please take home a flyer with all the information, including a list of suggested items to donate. As part of the Martin Luther King Day of Service on January 21, we invite everyone to come from 12:30-2:30 pm to help sort the BOB Drive donations and prepare them for delivery to Loaves and Fishes and to Groundworks. For more information contact Alix Fedoruk: alixf@mac.com.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY OF SERVICE, MONDAY, JANUARY 21: St. Michael's Social Justice Ministry along with the Outreach Team joins efforts of people all around the country in a Martin Luther King Day of Service. We encourage parishioners to continue to be engaged in their community service activities on that day. There are also two special projects for January 21:

- sorting and bagging donations to the BOB drive at St. Michael's, 12:30-2:30 pm in the Undercroft. Contact Alix Fedoruk at alixf@mac.com with any questions.
- painting the community room at Ledgewood Heights, run by Brattleboro Housing Partnerships, 1-3 pm. Contact Jean Smith at revjrsmith@comcast.net about meeting place.

HYMN SING AT THE GATHERING PLACE, JANUARY 22, 10 AM: All are invited to join the hymn sing at The Gathering Place on Terrace St. on Tuesday, January 22 at 10 am. The hymn sing is led by Duncan Hilton and parishioner Peter Johnson.

ELDERS LUNCHEON, TUESDAY, JANUARY 22 AT 11:30 AM: All elders and/or longtime members of St. Michael's are invited to a special luncheon with the Rector on Tuesday, January 22 at 11:30 am in the Undercroft. This is a chance for fellowship and conversation about our common ministry and community. Please let us know you are coming by signing up in the Common Room or by emailing to jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org .

CHOIR SCHOOLS WINTER SCHEDULE:

- **Senior Choir School** -- Begins TUESDAY Jan. 29, 4:15-5:00 and Switches to THURSDAY 4:15 on March 7.
- **Junior Choir School** -- Begins THURSDAY Jan. 24, 3:45-4:30.

ST. MICHAEL'S AT GRAFTON PONDS, SATURDAY JANUARY 26, 11 AM- 4PM:

January 26 is "Blue Cross Day" so all skiing, tubing, snowshoeing and all rentals are free as Blue Cross has paid for them for all participants. Come enjoy a free day of fun in the snow! For further information, call Betsy Bates at 257-0734.

STEWARDSHIP- WE HAVE MET OUR GOALS! Many thanks for everyone who has pledged towards St. Michael's mission and ministry for 2019. We have met (or surpassed) our goals! We have received 140 pledges for a total of \$268,498. Thank you for all for your generous offering and support. May God be praised!

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH ANNUAL MEETING, SUNDAY JANUARY 27 AFTER

10:15 SERVICE: All members of St. Michael's are invited to attend our Parish Annual Meeting following the 10:15 am service on January 27th. We will elect three new members of the Vestry each for a three-year term (see below), adopt a budget for 2019, elect delegates to the Bishop election and to the Diocesan Convention and receive reports of St. Michael's various ministries. In addition, we will view our annual slide show highlighting life at St. Michael's in 2018. Childcare will be available. The Annual Meeting is an important overview of the past and future of our ministry together. Please make every effort to be present!

CANDIDATES FOR THE VESTRY:

Judy Davidson



I joined St Michael's about three years ago because of my interest in Wisdom Christianity and in deepening my contemplative prayer practice. I had been meditating in the chapel and occasionally attending Thursday's Contemplative prayer group and decided it was time to make a commitment to becoming an active participant in the whole church. Over time, I became a member of the Pastoral Care Committee and of the Outreach Committee and also joined a Discipleship Group. I feel spiritually nourished, not just by our liturgies, the sermons and the beautiful music, but by so many activities and events here. I have come to love this church and this community of welcoming and engaged people! I hope that by

serving on the Vestry that I can give back and help St Michael's to continue to grow and thrive.

Christy Fritz



I moved to New England six years ago, and was drawn to St. Michael's because of the children's Godly Play program. Soon after my first Sunday, I began teaching and serving alongside new friends, which provided deep spiritual healing and comfort. In the last couple of years, I have served on the Discipleship Leadership Team as well as the Sabbatical Planning Team. During my time in this community, so many of you have served my family with consistent love, prayers, and encouragement. I love worshipping with you and am very grateful to be considered as a member of the

Vestry.

MESSAGE FROM MARY RE MAURICE HARRIS' CANDIDACY: We regret to inform you that Maurice Harris has decided to withdraw his candidacy for St. Michael's vestry. Maurice and I very recently learned that Diocesan staff members are generally discouraged from serving in vestry roles. To our knowledge this is not a policy, however, this wise counsel stems from potential conflicts of interest when parish decision-making could have diocesan implications. While Maurice and I were both disappointed at this news, we ultimately decided it best to respect this important separation of duties. Maurice looks forward to sharing his gifts with his St. Michael's family in many other ways. Ricky Davidson, who has Vestry experience, will be the third candidate for the Vestry. More information from Ricky will be available soon.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL IN THE PARKING LOT: Several parishioners have noted dangerous situations in the parking lot when some folks are backing out and others are driving behind them, perhaps too quickly. Please watch carefully for other cars, especially as more snow may mean there is less room for parking.

WEEKLY 12-STEP MEETINGS AT ST. MICHAEL'S: Contact the Church office if you want to be put in touch with coordinators of any of these meetings.

- Overeaters Anonymous, Tuesday, 7-8 pm
- 808 Meeting (LBGT AA group) Thursday, 8 – 9 pm
- Al-Anon, Saturday at 12 noon