

## ST. MCHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS – 1/7/19

### 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 *Sissi Loftin*, This Sunday; *Alan McBean* and *Jayne Fritz*, Monday; *Robert Anderson* and *Lucia Osiecki*, Tuesday; *Cliff Wood*, Wednesday.

#### FORUM:

- **This Sunday, February 10:** "Community Asylum Seekers Project (CASP)" ----  
The Outreach Committee is sponsoring this forum about CASP, a non-profit corporation formed by local Vermonters with the mission of providing a safe haven in our communities for asylum seekers who leave their homelands to escape persecution and violence. Without a sponsor, many asylum seekers today end up in immigration prisons until they can prove their asylum claims in court. Even after release from detention, most must undergo a lengthy waiting period before becoming eligible for work authorization. CASP welcomes them into a host home or a community where volunteers provide housing, warm clothing, food, and emotional support for the adjustment to life in the US. Currently, we have 4 Spanish-speaking asylum seekers in Brattleboro. Come and hear from Steve Crofter and Doug Cox about how you can support CASP through many kinds of volunteering and also financially.
- **February 17:** What is Prayer? How does it work? What kind of power does it have? When we ask for something for ourselves or others are we insulting God who already knows our need? Do prayers change God's mind and heart or just ours? Come join the conversation led by Jean Smith and let us hear why you pray and your experiences of prayer.

**AGING IN PLACE, SENIOR COHOUSING, THIS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2 – 3:30 PM:** Please come to an exploration of how Senior Cohousing might be an option for aging in place. This afternoon from 2:00-3:30 in the Meeting Room, Annamarie Pluhar will facilitate a preliminary discussion about aging in Brattleboro and Windham County with information about Senior Cohousing. Could we create such a community locally? Meeting is open to all.

## **COMMUNITY ASYLUM SEEKERS PROJECT, FUNDRAISER AT WELCOME**

**CENTER, FEBRUARY 16:** CASP, the local non-profit that supports asylum seekers and which is doing an adult forum this Sunday here at St. Michael's, is holding a fundraiser at the I-91 Welcome Center on Saturday 2/16. If you can donate baked goods, you can call Susan Rohde @518-561-2594 and drop them off at her house @ 83 Western Ave, Brattleboro by Friday, Feb 15 between 2 pm and 7 pm. You can also make a financial donation at the CASP website - <http://caspv.org/> If you have any questions, call Judy Davidson (254-5440). Thanks for your support!

## **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR RONNY JOHNSON, SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16, 11**

**AM:** There will be a memorial service at St. Michael's at 11 am on February 16 for parishioner Ronny Johnson and for Christopher Johnson, son of Ronny and Ted Johnson, who died in 2017. All from St. Michael's are invited to the service and the reception in the Undercroft.

If you are able to help with the reception following the service, please sign up in the Common Room or contact Jenny Karstad at [artemisiamt@yahoo.com](mailto:artemisiamt@yahoo.com) .

## **JENNIFER HARVEY ON HER BOOK 'RAISING WHITE KIDS: BRINGING UP CHILDREN IN A RACIALLY UNJUST AMERICA,' FEB. 19, 6:00 PM AT KEENE**

**STATE.** The Social justice ministry invites you to attend a discussion with Jennifer Harvey on Tuesday, February 19 at 6 pm in the Alumni Center at 229 Main St. in Keene. This program is organized by Dr. Dottie Morris, VP of Multicultural Education at Keene State and past MLK preacher at St. Michael's. We can car pool from the Church leaving at 5:00 pm. If interested, sign up on the table in the Common Room so we can create the carpools. We hope to learn ways to prepare our children at home and at St. Michael's to combat the racism that lives in our society.

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR! :** Please sign up or contact the Church office (254-6048, [jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org)) about reserving a date for you to host coffee hour in the next few months. Available dates are:

- February 24
- March 17, 24 and 31
- April 14 (Palm Sunday- coffee hour between services), 21 (Easter) and 28

**ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS FROM ST. MICHAEL'S:** You should have received a statement of giving during 2018 for use in your tax return either by email or postal mail. If you did not receive a statement or if you have any questions, please contact Jeanie Crosby in the church office at 254-6048 or at [jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org)

**IT IS TIME FOR A NEW DIRECTORY - PLEASE SEND PHOTOS!** Please send updated photos and contact information to [Jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:Jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org) especially if:

- 1. Your telephone or physical address or email has changed.**
2. You are new to St. Michael's and/or we don't have your photo and contact information.
3. You would like to display an updated photo - especially if you have growing kids!

We will also be updating the photos displayed in the Common Room. Thanks!