

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS – 2/20/19

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 *Kirsten Mattson*, This Sunday; *Anne Cook*, Monday; *Charlene Kemp* and *Paul Love*, Tuesday; *Leigh Marthe*, Thursday; *Susan Kochinskas*, Saturday.

FORUM:

- **This Sunday, February 24:** "Why is religion still around in this scientific and rational thinking world?" This the question Elaine Pagels, a scholar in early church thinking, asks in her new book: *WHY RELIGION, A Personal Story*. Phillip Wilson will lead a discussion based on this book that relates on person's willingness to hold onto religion in a world that belittles anything that cannot be scientifically replicated. Elaine Pagels relates how her return to religion was a response to the deaths of her son and husband in quick succession. Sacrificing nothing of her academic rigor, she talks about her relationship between the mysteries of life and 21st century reason. This book invites us to ask the same questions.
- **Next Sunday, March 3: "Lenten Practices"** -- Please join the Discipleship and Discernment leadership team for a continuation of our rule of life offerings, with a focus on Lenten practices. This forum will include discussion of the practices of self-examination and repentance, fasting and self-denial, and will focus especially on the daily offices from the Book of Common Prayer as a way to pray, read, and meditate on The Word.

TAG SALE MINISTRY GENERAL MEETING, THIS SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24, 11:30

AM: All interested people are invited to meetings about the tag sale ministry. The first meeting is next Sunday, February 24 in the Sunday School Room after the 10:15 service. The next meeting will be on Sunday March 17.

YOU ARE INVITED... AFTER THE 10:15 SERVICE... THIS SUNDAY...in upstairs Meeting Room to join with those who went to Keene to hear Jennifer Harvey, author of *Raising White Children: Raising White Kids: Bringing Up Children in a Racially Unjust America*. We want to reflect on what we heard not only as it affects us personally but life at St. Michael's with our young people. **EVERYONE** is invited whether you were able to hear Jennifer Harvey or not. Grab a cup of coffee and come right up to the Meeting room. This meeting should last an hour at most.

OUTREACH COMING EVENTS, SUNDAY MARCH 3 AND MARCH 5:

March 3: Come create festive masks in preparation for Mardi Gras, or Shrove Tuesday. In the undercroft during coffee hour (11:30-12:30). Materials and support will be provided.

March 5: Come celebrate Shrove Tuesday, or Mardi Gras as it is called in New Orleans ... A merry prelude to the solemnity of lent, with homemade pancakes (including gluten-free pancakes for those with gluten allergy), real Vermont maple syrup, sausages, applesauce and fruit. From 5:00 to 6:30 in the undercroft, with a voluntary contribution of \$7, or \$20 for a family of three or more. Costumes encouraged!

All proceeds will support Saint Michael's outreach to the community, helping meet needs in the areas of heat, shelter, health and food insufficiency.

SUNDAY MARCH 3 DURING COFFEE HOUR, "PREPARING FOR LENT: CRAFTING CROSSES, ANGLICAN ROSARY BEADS, PRAYER BAGS" -- With a desire to prepare our hearts and homes for the mystery of Easter, the Ministry of Discipleship and Discernment will be offering Lenten activities during coffee hour on Sunday, March 3. All ages are invited to assemble and finish a beautiful wooden cross crafted by our parishioner Bruce Lawrence. These can be brought home to use as a focal point for prayer during Lent. Darcey Mercier will also be offering a lesson on how to use the Anglican rosary beads. She will have plenty to give away for those interested in incorporating this practice in their prayer life.

All may gather additional take-home Lenten crafts and prayers to use for each Sunday of Lent. Rosie Wojcik, Megan Buchanan, and Jeff Hiam have sewn cotton tote bags for transporting these materials home. The bags can be decorated at the event and our hope is to use them again for other liturgical seasons. We invite you to join us as we anticipate the coming of Lent!

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6: The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday which lands this year on March 6. The liturgy, which includes the imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist, will be offered at three different times at St. Michael's: 7:30 am, 12 pm and 5:30 pm. All are welcome.

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

- March 17 and 31
- April 21 (Easter) and 28

CHANGE IN CHURCH OFFICE HOURS FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 6: Jeanie Crosby will be away from the office 2/27 – 3/6. During that time, we will be reading email and listening to voice messages often and Darcey Mercier will be in the office for several hours most days.

ST. MICHAEL'S TUESDAY EVENING LENTEN SERIES BEGINS MARCH 12, 5:15 - 7:15 PM:

How do we listen for God's call on our life? How do we recognize and follow Christ's voice as revealed through the wisdom of our own heart, soul, mind, and spirit? Each Tuesday evening in Lent, Duncan Hilton and a team of parishioners who have been studying discernment will lead a workshop. We will share what we have learned and practice discernment with you. This Lenten Series is for anyone who wants to get in touch with your inner wisdom, heart and soul and learn about discernment and prayer practices in the tradition of St. Ignatius. Come to any or all parts of the evening. All are welcome. Each Tuesday will include:

- Supper in the undercroft from 5:15-6 pm
- Workshops in the Meeting Room, from 6 - 7 pm
- Night Prayer, from 7 - 7:15

HELP NEEDED FOR THE LENTEN SUPPERS: At 5:15 p.m. on Tuesdays during Lent, we will gather for a community supper before the Lenten program. This year we will again have soup and homemade bread and hope to also serve pizza and salad. We need help to make this happen! Please sign up if you can: Make a pot of soup (2-3 people to bring pots of soup to share)

- Make a salad
- Bring 2 large cheese pizzas
- Help set up at 5:00 p.m. (set tables and set out food)
- Help Clean up (clean up food and dishes)
- Signups are available in the Common Room

Thank you for your help! *Ruth Tilghman & Rosie Wojcik*

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

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

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

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT

NAMI (NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS) CLASS BEGINS MARCH 7

IN BRATTLEBORO: This program is a series of 12 weekly classes structured to help families and friends of individuals living with mental illness gain information, insight, understanding and empowerment. The class will meet each Thursday for 12 weeks from 6:30-9 pm. Register online at www.namivt.org or email program@namivt.org or call 800-639-6480. There is also a Family Support Group for families and friends of individuals living with a mental illness which meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the First Congregational Church on Western Ave in West Brattleboro. If you have any questions about the class or the support group, you may contact Judy Siler at jsilervt@yahoo.com or at 802-275-2627.