

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS – 4/11/19

WEEKDAY WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL

Silent Meditation, 6-7 am, Monday-Friday

Morning Prayer, 8-8:30 am, each weekday during Lent

Holy Eucharist, 12-12:30 pm, Wednesday

Contemplative Worship, 5:30-6:00 pm, Thursday

Centering Prayer, 8-9 am, Saturday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTE: The Adult Forum does not meet this Sunday or next Sunday. Coffee hour is between services this Sunday. The procession begins about 10 am.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to *Ian McBean* and *Emily Brown*, Monday; *Zachary Roesemann* and *George Connell*, Tuesday; *Doug Switzer*, Thursday.

EASTER FLOWERS: If you would like to contribute to the flowers for the parish's celebration of Easter, you may send your contribution and any dedication information to the church office, drop it off at the church office or fill out the form in the back of the church on Sunday and put it in the offering plate. Please send your contribution and dedication information **by the end of Sunday, April 14.**

AN AMAZING MUSICAL START TO HOLY WEEK SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 4 PM -- BOB CHILCOTT'S ST JOHN PASSION. Our wonderful choir, joined by a few singers from our community, present this beautiful, heartfelt account of the passion of Christ on April 14 at 4 pm. Joining us for this occasion are guest singers Peter Shea, singing the role of the Evangelist; and bass Charles Mays, singing the role of Jesus. Our own Christopher Wesolowski takes the part of Pilate, and Margery McCrum has two meltingly beautiful songs. Guests cellist Judith Serkin and violinist Kathy Andrew join us to make this a memorable experience that you won't want to miss. The whole performance lasts just about an hour. Free will donations of any size will be accepted to benefit Groundworks Collaborative, but no admission fee is necessary.

MORNING PRAYER EACH WEEKDAY DURING LENT: Morning Prayer is available each weekday, Monday through Friday, at 8:00 AM in the Chapel during Lent. Morning Prayer is a traditional morning liturgy from the Book of Common Prayer. The service lasts thirty minutes.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday, April 14

8 am Holy Eucharist, 10:15 am Holy Eucharist & Procession with Palms
4 pm St. John Passion

Monday, April 15

5:30 pm Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, April 16

5:30 pm Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, April 17

12 noon Holy Eucharist
7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

Maundy Thursday, April 18

5:15 pm Holy Thursday Dinner: Last Supper Reenactment
7 pm Holy Eucharist with Washing of the Feet
followed by the Stripping of the Altar in the Sanctuary
8:15 pm Night Watch

Good Friday, April 19

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, April 20

9:00 am Holy Saturday walk and meditations
7:00 pm The Great Vigil of Easter followed by a celebratory reception

Sunday, Easter Day, April 21

8:00 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, This Sunday, 8 & 10:15 am – This special liturgy begins with a parade of the congregation and the blessing of the palms, commemorating the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Please bring drums, maracas and/or other instruments to play in our parade!

Monday, & Tuesday, April 15 + 16, 5:30 pm – We gather together on the Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week for brief time of prayer and Eucharist. At these services, lay people are asked to preach. This year, George Moore will preach on Monday.

Wednesday, April 17, 7 pm -- 'Tenebrae' is Latin for 'shadows' or 'darkness.' At 7 pm, we will gather for a Tenebrae 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, April 18, 5:30 pm

- **5:15 pm** -- What might it have been like to be with Jesus and his disciples during the Last Supper? Would they sing songs? Would they eat charoset? We will present a modern Last Supper Reenactment, beginning at 5:15 in the Undercroft..
- **7 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.
- **8:15 pm** -- Following the stripping of the altar, anyone is welcome to stay in the sanctuary for any length of time in a spirit of prayer and silence to remember Jesus' agony in the Garden (Matthew 26:30-46). People are invited to pray as they can during the time, staying as late as midnight. At the top of each hour until midnight, there will be a brief time of collective prayer

Good Friday, April 19, 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.

Holy Saturday Prayer Walk, April 20, meet at 9 am: Holy Saturday morning is about experiencing the grief, disorientation and fear that the disciples and followers of Jesus felt after losing their Teacher in the crucifixion and not knowing what would happen next. We invite you to meet outside the Chapel on Saturday, April 20 at 9:00 am, then we will walk together in silence to the Brattleboro Retreat Cemetery and other locations in town. Following the Liturgy for Holy Saturday in the Book of Common Prayer, the service will be a time of silence, prayer, and scripture reading. If possible wear red and/or a robe, shawl or blanket for warmth - rain, snow, or shine.

The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 20, 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! *This year is extra special because Ruth Venman-Clay will be baptized at this service!*

Easter Sunday, April 21, 8 + 10:15 am, 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.

HYMN SING AT THE GATHERING PLACE, TUESDAY APRIL 16, 10 AM: Join us at the monthly hymn sing with musicians and singers from St. Michael's with participants at The Gathering Place.

OPEN DISCIPLESHIP GROUP TIME CHANGE ON APRIL 17, 5:30-6:30: The open discipleship group will be meeting on Wednesday during Holy Week on April 17 from 5:30 to 6:30 with no potluck. You can then attend the Tenebrae service at 7 pm.

"CALLING ALL CUTE CUPCAKES, CHEESEHEADS AND FRUIT LOOPS" or A CALL FOR FOOD FOR THE FESTIVE RECEPTION AFTER THE GREAT VIGIL, APRIL 20: The Hospitality Committee is seeking light fare for the celebration after the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening, April 20. We would like to offer cupcakes, crackers and cheese, deviled eggs, Easter bread, and fruit to the festive reception. If you would like to contribute any or several of the above items, please call Christopher at 802-380-1474 or email him at cmwvt@svcable.net and let him know what you are able to contribute. And, of course, we seek offerings of chocolate to add to the table!

EASTER DAY, APRIL 21, SUNDAY OPEN DISCIPLESHIP GROUP WILL MEET AT 12 NOON in the Meeting Room. Stop at coffee hour and then join us!

NO EVENING PRAYER ON EASTER DAY, APRIL 21: The next Evening Prayer service will be on Sunday May 19.

INTERESTED IN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE? COME TO COMMUNITY BIBLE

CHAPEL, APRIL 27, 6 PM: Matt Miller, pastor of the Community Bible Chapel and a participant in missional training at St Michael's, and relationship-building in the community,, is inviting everyone to his church for a viewing of the film "Coming Home," a documentary by Bess O'Brien. This event will be at the church, located at 107 Atwood Street in Brattleboro, on Saturday April 27. Doors open at 6:00 pm. In collaboration with the Brattleboro and Bellows Falls Community Justice centers, there will be light refreshments and some introductory remarks before the film begins. After the film will be a brief panel discussion. We hope that you will come and also that you consider whether becoming a Circles of Support and Accountability (COSA) volunteer is something for you. For information about COSA and the film "Coming Home," you can visit <http://doc.vermont.gov/justice/coming-home>. Contact Duncan at duncan@stmichaelsvermont.org if you have questions.

YOUTH TRIP TO SOUTH DAKOTA PRESENTATION, SUNDAY, APRIL 28 AT 12 PM IN THE MEETING ROOM-

Members of the Brattleboro Area Interfaith Youth Group (BAIYG) will offer a presentation their upcoming trip to La Plant, South Dakota. This summer the group will travel for the fifth year to the Cheyenne River Lakota Reservation to continue building relationships with the people there. In past years they have constructed a playground, two homes, a bunk house for volunteers and helped renovate the community center. This year they will also travel with Lakota teens to visit the Pine Ridge and Standing Rock Reservations. This is a great opportunity for youth and parents from St. Michael's (and others who are interested) to find out more about possible participation next summer.

TAG SALE MINISTRY -- ANNOUNCEMENT AND INFORMATION

- I. **Calling for Donations--** Is there still a closet that needs spring cleaning? Are those 5 boxes that have been sitting in the garage just crying to be gone through to make room for the new canoe? Are your neighbor's down-sizing? If any questions about what you can donate or assistance is needed, please contact Sherry Stimmel or Susan Nichols.
- II. **Sunday, April 28, The Tag Sale Ministry will host Coffee Hour.** -- Join us for some epicurean delights and learn more about upcoming Ministry events and how and where you can participate in the Spring Tag Sale.
- III. **Current Spring Tag Sale Sorting Times:** Tuesday, 1pm- 3 pm and Thursday, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
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