

ST. MICHAEL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – 4/17/19

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKDAY WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL

Silent Meditation, 6-7 am, Monday-Friday
Morning Prayer, 8-8:30 am, weekdays during Lent
Holy Eucharist, 12-12:30 pm, Wednesday
Contemplative Worship, 5:30-6:00 pm, Thursday
Centering Prayer, 8-9 am, Saturday

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to *Jonas Ackerman-Hovis* and *Samuel Kochinskas*, This Sunday; *Marcia Steckler*, Monday; *Norma Willingham*, Wednesday; *Alison Hale*, Thursday; *Susan Heimer* and *John Daly*, Saturday.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

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 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

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!

Wednesday, April 17, 7 pm, Tenebrae Service – 'Tenebre' 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

- **5:15 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, *madatum* (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 outside the

Chapel: 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.

EASTER EGG HUNT AFTER THE 10:15 SERVICE ON SUNDAY: The Easter Egg Hunt takes place outside after the 10:15 service. Kids of all ages are urged to participate.

THIS SUNDAY OPEN DISCIPLESHIP GROUP WILL MEET AT 12 NOON in the Meeting Room. Stop at coffee hour and then join us!

THERE IS NO EVENING PRAYER THIS SUNDAY: 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.

FORUM FOR APRIL 28: Paul Dedell and his Montessori students have just returned from their field trip to Alabama and will report on their trip by reflecting on the many ongoing issues of social justice and legacy and their connection to our collective history. Paul said, "We are having a profound and transformative journey."

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.

MEET THE NOMINEES TO BE BISHOP OF VT, NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 28 IN SPRINGFIELD AT ST. MARK'S 6-8 PM OR MONDAY APRIL 29 IN MANCHESTER, 10 AM – 12 NOON AT ZION EPISCOPAL CHURCH. The intent of a walkabout is to provide both [the candidates](#) and the people of Vermont a chance to meet in person, to ask questions and to listen. These Walkabouts are not solely for delegates to the special convention to elect the next bishop of Vermont. Nor are the Walkabouts just for Episcopalians in Vermont. These are open events and are meant for anyone interested in the future leadership of the Episcopal Church of Vermont. As always, all are welcome in the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement.

Conversations in one room of each walkabout will be recorded and posted at <https://bishopsearchvt.org>. Please contact the church office if you are going to participate in a walkabout and would like to carpool. And remember that if your travels take you north, there will be a walkabout in Burlington on Monday April 29 from 6 -8 pm and in Newport on Tuesday April 30 from 6 – 8 pm. All information about the walkabouts including place, guidelines and expectations can be found at <https://www.bishopsearchvt.org/finalists> and click on the orange section that says 'details.'

TAG SALE, SATURDAY MAY 18, 9 – 3

- 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? **Donations accepted through May 14.** 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. We will let you know about additional sorting hours when needed.

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