**ST. MICHAEL’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS – 6/19/19**

**WEEKDAY WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL**

Silent Meditation, 6-7 am, Monday-Friday

Morning Prayer, 8-8:30 am, Monday-Friday

Holy Eucharist, 12-12:30 pm, Wednesday

Compline, 7:30-8 pm, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays

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

Centering Prayer, 8-9 am, Saturday

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY to *Craig Hammond*** and ***Adwoa Lewis-Wilson***, This Sunday; ***Whitney Nichols, Kevin McElhinney*** and ***Michael Fedoruk***, Tuesday; ***Carolyn Taylor-Olson,*** Thursday; ***Judy Hueber*** and ***Oren Hesselbach***, Friday; ***Vince Johnson***, Saturday.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to ***Phillip & Cherolyn Stimmel***, Monday; ***Cliff & Wylene Wood***, Thursday.

**VIEWING PARTY FOR THE ORDINATION OF THE BISHOP OF MAINE, THOMAS BROWN, THIS SATURDAY JUNE 22, 11 AM AT ST. MICHAEL'S:** Not all of us can attend the ordination of Thomas Brown (former Rector of St. Michael’s) in Portland, Maine, but we will be able to participate remotely as the service will be web­cast on June 22 at 11 am. We will be having a “viewing party” in the Meeting Room to watch the service together. Although the service begins at 11 am, it will most likely go on for two hours, so feel free to come and go as you need.

**THIS SUNDAY IS PRIDE SUNDAY AT ST. MICHAEL’S:** On Sunday we celebrate the fullness of the Family of God, focusing on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender members of the family. The same God that called the Jews out of Egypt and into freedom is at work today calling LGBT sisters and brothers into full membership, not only in the Church but all of society. On that day our own St. Michael’s member, Cary Gaunt, will share her journey and the ways her life and the lives of those nearest to her have opened up. The God that spoke in Biblical times is just as active today. Our job is to hear that voice and follow it. That is why we specifically hang the Pride flag in front of the Church during June. That is why we name and celebrate that liberating movement of God in the lives of LBGT folks on June 23rd and in the lives of African-Americans, women, Native Americans… and more, at other times.

**SUMMER FUN AT ST. MICHAEL'S BEGINS THIS SUNDAY:** While the Godly Play Kids program takes a break in the summer, this year we are offering some summer fun for kids during the first half of the 10:15 am service.  Summer Fun is a relaxed time for St. Michael's kids to be together, play, make things and enjoy the outdoors.  We still have slots for adults to help, so please contact Mary Lindquist, mary@stmichaelsmichaels.org  if you would like to help for one or two Sundays of the summer.  Kids are invited to gather in the Sunday School Room with their leaders for the day and will return to the service during the Peace.

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY PICNIC CELEBRATION THIS SUNDAY AFTER THE 10:15 SERVICE:** All kids, teachers, helpers, parents and grandparents involved with St. Michael’s ministry with children and youth are invit­ed to a special picnic in your honor. We will celebrate all the wonderful things that have happened this year – Godly Play, Youth Forum, Choir School, Teen Discipleship and Ac­olyting. Please come to the Rectory Lawn after the 10:15 am service today for food, fun and fellowship.

**LEMONADE ON THE LAWNSTARTS THIS SUNDAY– PLEASE SIGN UP TO HOST:** During the summer, we have lemonade in front of the church after the 10:15 service. To host “Lemonade on the Lawn,” you prepare the **l**emonade and boxed cookies that are provided. Then you take the cart with cups, napkins, lemonade and cookies up on the elevator from the kitchen to the lawn. At the end, you pick up any trash, take the cart back down to the kitchen, and clean up by throwing trash in the bin and returning any leftovers to the refrigerator or containers. If the weather is bad or if it is too hot, we use the Undercroft. Find a friend, choose a Sunday this summer, and sign up in the Common Room or contact the Church office at 254-6048 or jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org.

**SUMMER PRAYER SERIES CONTINUES THIS COMING TUESDAY, JUNE 25:** The Discernment for the Layperson’s Team (DLT) invites you to a summer prayer series. Every other Tuesday eve­ning from 6 to 7:30 this summer, we will come together in the Meeting Room for an evening around prayer. At each meeting, the DLT will offer an introduction to a dif­ferent way to pray followed by a chance to practice. This week’s topic is “Nature-based Prayer.” You may attend any or all of the meetings. No commitment or registration is requested. Join us in this opportunity to deepen our prayer lives.

**STONEWALL 50: REBELLION TO LIBERATION, FRIDAY JUNE 28, CENTRE CHURCH, 5 PM** - Sponsored by the Brattleboro Interfaith Leaders Alliance, this is a time to come together, recognize and celebrate all that has happened in the PRIDE movement since the Stonewall Riots 50 years ago.

**FAREWELL TO BISHOP TOM AND ANN ELY AT ST. MICHAEL’S SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 5 PM - 8 PM:** St. Michael’s will be hosting a farewell event for Bishop Tom and Ann Ely for the southern part of the Diocese of Vermont on Saturday, June 29. There will be a special Taize service in the church at 5 pm followed by a festive reception in the Undercroft from 6-8 pm. A brief pro­gram honoring Tom and Ann will begin about 6:40 pm. All are invited to come for all or any part of the evening to celebrate Tom and Ann’s amaz­ing ministry of 17 years in the Diocese of Vermont!

**INTRODUCTION TO *SACRED GROUND* SERIES AT ST. MICHAEL’S, SUNDAY JUNE 30, 9-10 AM:** Next Sunday, June 30, 9-10 a.m. in the upstairs Meeting Room, St. Michael's will offer an introduction with video previews of the *Sacred Ground* series described below. We invite everyone to come learn how you can participate in our dialogue group. Please contact sissiloftin@hotmail.com for more information. *Sacred Ground* is a film and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through the chapters of America’s history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity. The 10-part series is built around a powerful online curriculum of documentary films and readings that focus on Indigenous, Black, Latino, and Asian/Pacific American histories as they intersect with European American histories. To learn more about *Sacred Ground*, go to [www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground)

**WOULD YOU HOST 4-5 CAMPERS FROM JERUSALEM PEACEBUILDERS ON JULY 22?** Dorothy Porter writes, “It is that time of year for our Leadership Institute. We are grateful for your hospitality in the past and I am reaching out for five families to host 4 or 5 of our Palestinian/Israeli campers for dinner on Monday July 22nd. If you are interested or can host, please contact me, Dorothy Porter, at 254-0068 or dmpinvt@yahoo.com. You would pick up the campers at 5:30 pm at Acer Farm in Guilford. I am happy to provide the meat for grilling. Many thanks! *Dorothy”*

**FURNITURE TO DONATE TO THE FALL TAGE SALE? –** If you have furniture to donate to the October 5 Fall Tag Sale, please contact Daniel Dobson at 425-785-8262 or dbdrunner@dobsongroupinc.com Daniel will arrange for your furniture to be picked up soon; please don’t wait!