

## ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS- 8/15/19

### 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, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays  
Contemplative Worship, 5:30-6:00 pm, Thursday  
Centering Prayer, 8-9 am, Saturday

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to *Mary Carnahan* and *Avery Buchanan*, This Sunday;  
*Samuel David Mattocks*, Monday; *Emmanuel Keppel*, Tuesday; *Judith McBean*,  
Wednesday; *Janet Brocklehurst*, Thursday.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY** to *John & Mary Carnahan* and *Lawrin & Pam Crispe*,  
Tuesday; *Alan & Judith McBean*, Thursday; *Paul & Susan Dyer*, Saturday.

**SUNDAY OPEN DISCIPLESHIP GROUP MEETS THIS SUNDAY, 9-10 AM IN THE MEETING ROOM:** The Sunday Open Discipleship Group meets the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 9-10 am, between services. During the summer, we are using the Meeting Room. All are welcome to meet with us this morning. No commitment is expected.

**JOIN THE HYMN SING AT THE GATHERING PLACE, TUESDAY AUGUST 20, 10 AM:** On the third Tuesday of each month, St. Michael's participates in a hymn sing at The Gathering Place on Terrace St. in Brattleboro. Parishioners generally supply the keyboard and guitar music and join in enthusiastic singing. All are welcome to meet with us this coming Tuesday beginning at 10 am at The Gathering Place.

**SUMMER PRAYER SERIES MEETS THIS COMING TUESDAY, AUGUST 20:** The Discernment for the Layperson's Team (DLT) invites you to the final meeting of the summer prayer series on Tuesday, August 20. At each meeting, the DLT offers an introduction to a different way to pray followed by a chance to practice. **The topic on August 20 is "The Daily Examen and Compline."** All are welcome at this meeting, an opportunity to deepen our prayer lives.

**OPEN DISCIPLESHIP GROUP MEETS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21:** The Open Discipleship Group meets the first and third Wednesday of each month, beginning with a pot luck supper at 5:30. The meeting begins at 6 pm in the Dunham Room. All are welcome – no commitment is expected!

**COMPLINE SERVICE, WEDNESDAY AUGUST 21, 7:30 PM --** Compline is descended from the night prayers said before bed at the end of the monastic round of daily prayer. The service, primarily sung, lasts less than half an hour. All are welcome at 7:30 pm in the Chapel on the first and third Wednesday of each month.

**SIGN UP FOR THE ELDER LUNCHEON, THIS THURSDAY AUGUST 22, 12-1:30**

**PM:** Our two Elder Luncheons were so much fun and great successes! Please join us for another Elder Luncheon with conversation and storytelling. This time, we will invite some of St. Michael's youth to join in the luncheon so that youth and elders can talk about how life has changed over the last few decades. At these luncheons, we have had people ranging from early 60s to age 98. YOU decide if you are an elder. To help us plan, please sign up in the Common Room or by contacting Jeanie by phone in the office (254-6048) or [jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org). If you haven't signed up, please come anyway!

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS, NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 25, 10:15 AM - All**

students and teachers heading back to school this fall have been invited to bring their backpacks for a special blessing at the 10:15 am service. We will honor, bless and support you as you begin this new year!

**PARISH PICNIC AT SPOFFORD LAKE, NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 25:** All are invited to St. Michael's Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, August 25 from noon to 4 pm at 29 Barn Road, Spofford Lake, New Hampshire (about a 15-minute drive from St. Michael's). Maps will be available in the back of the church. Kate and Dana McGinn have generously agreed to again host the picnic at their place, right next to the lake, with a great porch for sitting, wonderful grounds for playing and great access to the lake for swimming, kayaking, etc. There will be games, swimming and a chance to sit and visit with those (both old and new) from our St. Michael's Community. Drinks, hot dogs, hamburgers and veggie burgers will be provided by the church. If you are able, please bring a side dish or dessert to share. And don't forget your bathing suits!

**Parking is limited at Spofford Lake, so please carpool with others to the picnic.** *If you are able, please sign up and let us know you are coming so we can have an idea of how much food to buy and/or if you want to find someone to carpool with.* You may sign up in the Common Room at St. Michael's, by calling the Church office at 254-6048, or by emailing the Church office at [jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org).

**L'ARCHE IN VERMONT? AN EXPLORATORY GATHERING AT ST. MICHAEL'S, NEXT SUNDAY 8/25, 3-5 PM:**

St. Michael's is hosting a gathering with members of the L'Arche Boston community and with Vermonters of all interests and abilities. The goal will be to better understand L'Arche, to imagine what is possible in this state, and to discuss next steps. The journey to start a community takes years; this is an exploratory first step. L'Arche communities "provide homes and workplaces where people with and without intellectual disabilities live and work together as peers, create inclusive communities of faith and friendship, and transform society through relationships that cross social boundaries" ([www.larcheusa.org](http://www.larcheusa.org)). Today, there are 147 member communities of L'Arche in 35 countries. For further background, read the article in the August issue of The Guardian, listen to Duncan's June 16 sermon online, or contact him for more information, [duncan@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:duncan@stmichaelsvermont.org)

**COSA TRAINING, SEPTEMBER 13-14:** Following up on the exploration this past year about how to respond concretely to the opioid crisis as a Christian community, St Michael's is coordinating with the Greater Falls Community Justice Center to have a training for volunteers interested in participating in **Circles of Support and Accountability (COSA)**. COSA volunteers "work in groups of three to five (plus a staff person) for a minimum of one year to provide mentoring and support for someone (a core member) as he or she transitions from prison to community."  
(<http://cjinvt.org/about-us/volunteers-needed/>). **If you are interested but haven't yet signed up, let Duncan know. The training will be the evening of Friday September 13 through the afternoon of Saturday September 14 in Bellows Falls.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SORT FOR THE FALL TAG SALE!** We can use help on Tuesdays (clothing and linens) and Thursdays (housewares) from 2 to 4 pm until the middle of September. Sorting times will change in mid-September when The Choir School begins in the Dunham Room. Please join us if you have time -- no experience needed, and the fellowship is great! We meet in the Dunham Room on the lower level of the church building.

**LOOKING FOR COFFEE MAKERS:** While we are still enjoying lemonade during these summer Sundays, we hope to start providing coffee again for Coffee Hour on September 8. If you would be willing to help make coffee on Sunday mornings (no clean up) on a rotating basis (once every 4-6 weeks), please let Jeanie Crosby know, [jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org) or 254-6048. Thank you for considering being part of this important ministry of hospitality.

**FALL TAG SALE, SATURDAY OCTOBER 5, 9-2. DONATIONS NOW WELCOME**

### ***GUIDELINES FOR DONATIONS***

**Clothing:** FALL AND WINTER ONLY, adult or child. Must be clean, no stains or rips, good condition.

**Linens:** good condition, no stains, clean.

**Housewares:** must have all parts, clean, unbroken, good condition.

**Toys:** only puzzles or games with all the pieces. Sorry, no other toys and NO STUFFED ANIMALS.

**Shoes:** only lightly worn, excellent condition shoes, hiking boots, winter boots.

**Furniture:** big items can be housed at our storage barn if you can't keep them until October 1. Please check with us first about any upholstered furniture. For more information, please contact Daniel Dobson at 425-785-8262 or [dbdrunner@dobsongroupinc.com](mailto:dbdrunner@dobsongroupinc.com).

**Books:** books in good condition are welcome as long as they have not been stored in a damp place. No textbooks or encyclopedias, please.)