

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS – 10/3/19

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 *Nathaniel Johnson*, This Sunday; ***Kiera Caponcelli***, Wednesday; ***Janet Cramer***, Thursday; ***Jace Rose*** and ***Brendan McElhinney***, Friday; ***Christy Fritz***, Saturday.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to *Thad Bennett & George Connell* and ***Larry Earle & Jay Pomponio***, Tuesday.

CELEBRATING ST. FRANCIS, CELEBRATING THAD! This Sunday, October 6, we are celebrating the feast day of St. Francis, as has been our tradition over the last few years. Although the choir will not be singing the Missa Gaia this year, we will give thanks for the witness and ministry of St. Francis.

Coincidentally, we are also giving thanks for the ministry and witness of our beloved Priest Associate, Thad Bennett. Thad has been a Priest Associate (i.e. retired, non-stipendiary) at St. Michael's since 2012. Because he and husband George have recently moved to Massachusetts (which Thad calls "Vermass," maintaining ties to Vermont), Thad will be focusing his ministry closer to his new home. Please come and thank Thad for his tremendous ministry and generosity to St. Michael's over these last many years. His presence, spirit, and energetic witness have meant so much to us. We love him and will miss him greatly!

SUNDAY MORNING FORUM, 9 AM

- **This Sunday October 6 -- "Celebrating St. Francis Day"** led by Thad Bennett. The forum will center around the role of animals in our spiritual lives. Thad will facilitate a conversation about the ways the animals in our lives have affected us and helped us be followers of Jesus. Come prepared to talk about animals that have helped you be a better person, have helped you see God, and have helped you develop your own spirituality about God and nature.

- **Next Sunday October 13: "Helping Asylum Seekers on Our Southern Border"** led by Sharon Lehmann. Sharon, partner of Pastor Audrey of the First Congregational Church in West Brattleboro, will share with us details of the efforts her fellow West Brattleboro parishioners are undertaking to help asylum seekers

on our southern border near Brownsville, TX. They volunteer in conjunction with volunteers from the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, specifically from the three Episcopal churches in Brownsville, who occasionally need respite from their saintly labors. The Outreach Committee hosts this Forum.

HOLY MAYHEM (FORMERLY "YOUTH FORUM") GROUP MEETS THIS SUNDAY

MORNING: This new group led by Zach Young and Lydia Taggert. It is for kids in grades 6-8 (and mature 5th graders) and **it meets during church, starting between 10-10:15**. We return the kids to the church during the peace, just like Godly Play. **The group meets every other week.** As you might recall, this group used to meet after church, but we have changed the time to accommodate various schedules, plus we thought it would be nice for these kids to have their own special group that meets during Church.

PRAYERS FOR ORDINARY TIME: All are invited to create a special prayer space in your homes during this liturgical season before Advent using the "Prayers for Ordinary Time" cards, a new green underlay, candle, and St Michael's icon card. These items are available for you to pick up in the Common Room or at coffee hour this Sunday.

SUNDAY OPEN DISCIPLESHIP GROUP MEETS OCTOBER 6, 11:30 AM: On the first and third Sundays of each month, the Sunday Open Discipleship group meets at 11:30 in the Meeting Room. Drop in and see what the group is like. We will be meeting at 11:30 am on Sunday, October 6.

ST. FRANCIS DAY BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS THIS SUNDAY AFTERNOON, 4 PM: All people, creatures and critters are invited to a special celebration in thanksgiving of our pets and animals!

When: This Sunday, October 6, 4 pm

Where: The Brattleboro Common (Rain venue: St. Michael's)

What: A brief time of music, readings and prayer, followed by a time of blessing each pet individually.

Who: You, your pet or a picture of your pet, or a stuffed animal, plus your animal-loving friends and neighbors!

COPIES OF VESTRY UPDATE RE "BLACK LIVES MATTER" SIGN: The materials are available on the website under "News" and "Announcements," and printed copies are in the Common Room on Sunday.

NEW COUNTERS NEEDED TO HELP SERVE ST. MICHAEL'S: What do counters do? They count the monies we receive on Sunday morning. Each counter works in a team of two to count monies once a month after the 10:15 service. We need three new counters. Some Excel experience is needed to fill out spread sheets in a program. If you have some Excel experience, you will see how easy it is to record money in the proper accounts. Training is provided for this position. Contact Wayne Cook for details. 802-896-9446 or email: wecooks.alot@gmail.com