

## ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS – MAY 21, 2020

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** *James Crosson* and *Sylvester Mayer*, Tuesday; Karin Bleecker, Wednesday; *Colby McGinn*, Friday.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:** *Janet Brocklehurst & Sissi Loftin*, This Sunday and *Teri Robinson & Ross Kinney*, Wednesday.

**ADULT FORUM THIS SUNDAY, MAY 24: "Reflecting on the Discipleship & Discernment Ministry"** -- Three years ago, St. Michael's created a new initiative called the Discipleship & Discernment Ministry. We also hired Duncan Hilton to organize and lead this ministry. Please join Mary and Duncan this Sunday as we reflect on this ministry, hear from one another and give thanks for all the ways this ministry has impacted our lives and ministry at St. Michael's. We will be saying goodbye to Duncan on June 14, his last Sunday with St. Michael's.

[Click this Link](#) to enter the meeting on Sunday mornings

Meeting ID: 932 0641 6516

Password: theology

Call by phone: +1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 932 0641 6516

Password: 679508

**EASTERTIDE COFFEE HOUR CELEBRATION THIS SUNDAY, MAY 24:** Easter is a 50 day-long season of celebration. In order to honor the season in the era of Church by Zoom, we are having coffee hour activities. The gathering, our 2<sup>nd</sup> open mic, will happen after the 10:15 service, **from around 11:30 until 12 noon on Sunday.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Open Mic Coffee Hour** - Our first open mic coffee hour was such a success that we have decided to have a second one during coffee hour **this Sunday, May 24.** We would especially like to see what the children and youth of our congregation have been up to, honing their talents at home during the lock down. If you have been practicing your instrument, voice, or dance routine, and your recital or concert has been cancelled, please perform for us on Zoom! Magic tricks, original poetry or short stories, comedy routines, acting monologues, and visual art is also welcome. If you have been painting, drawing, or sculpting, show us what you have made! If you have been training a pet to do tricks, show us! [Click this Link](#) to enter the Sunday coffee hour, Meeting ID: 812 8095 3832 or Dial: 1 929 205 6099 and Meeting ID: 812 8095 3832

### PHONE NUMBERS FOR SUNDAY SERVICES:

**8 am service:** Those who wish to listen to the service through their telephones may dial **1 646 558 8656** and enter **Webinar ID: 846 2290 8943**

**10:15 am service:** Dial **1 646 558 8656** and enter **Webinar ID: 590 609 851.** Password is **810248.**

## **"PERSONAL DISCERNMENT IN A TIME OF GREAT CHANGE" COURSE, FINAL**

**MEETING THIS MONDAY, MAY 25, 6-7 PM, ALL WELCOME:** The world has changed. How do we stay connected to God's call to us so that the changes required of us bring us closer to God? How do we prayerfully discern our role in creating a new beginning?

This is an invitation to join lay and clergy leaders at St. Michael's to learn and practice discernment exercises from the Ignatian tradition. They have been teaching and practicing these exercises in the parish for more than two years based largely on Mark Thibodeaux's *God's Voice Within*, woven together with their training in Centering Prayer, Soulcraft, and organizational leadership.

The online Zoom course is a 3-part series from 6 -7 pm with an option to remain online longer for informal reflection and sharing. **Anyone may join for this session, whether you have or have not attended any of the previous two sessions.** The session will include a brief teaching about an element of Ignatian discernment, time for a practical exercise, and opportunity for shared reflection. There will be optional "homework" after each session. At the end of the course, participants will have a grasp of basic concepts of Ignatian spirituality and practical decision-making tools. [RSVP](#) helpful but not required. [Click here](#) to join the zoom webinar.

To call in, dial: +1 929 205 6099; Meeting ID: 817 6738 2078. Email [duncan@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:duncan@stmichaelsvermont.org) with questions.

**HELP NEEDED BEFORE MONDAY!** Support is needed at the Southern Vermont Correctional Facility, the state prison in Springfield, where St. Michael's has hosted monthly non-denominational religious services, suspended now due to Covid-19. The Volunteer Services Coordinator there says it is a difficult time now that special programs and services have had to be suspended due to the pandemic.

She asks for help in providing prizes for BINGO, which is offered 3 times a week for each unit. Prizes like bottles of shampoo or body wash *in clear bottles*, soap, and toothpaste would be much appreciated. Any donations of these items can be left at St. Michael's and Cliff Wood will pick them up and deliver them to the prison on May 25. There is a container with a blue top on the bench in front of the entrance to the offices.

Also, some prisoners are being released and don't have clothes other than their sweats. Thrift stores, where clothing used to be available to prisoners, are no longer open. If you are willing to provide clothing for a prisoner being released, let Cliff know and he will put you in touch with the Volunteer Coordinator. Please contact Cliff at 802-518-2080 [clwood0213@gmail.com](mailto:clwood0213@gmail.com) for more info. Thanks for your consideration.

**"FORWARD DAY BY DAY" AVAILABLE FOR YOU:** *Forward Day by Day* is a booklet of daily inspirational meditations reflecting on a specific Bible passage, chosen from the daily lectionary readings as listed in the Revised Common Lectionary or the Daily Office from the Episcopal Church's *Book of Common Prayer*. **The author of the July entries in the latest quarterly issue is our Bishop Shannon.** St. Michael's has a subscription and we have some copies here at the church. Contact the church office at [jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:jeanie@stmichaelsvermont.org) if you want to pick one up.

**RED BOX LIBRARY AT ST. MICHAEL'S:** Bill & Nancy Ames have begun a small lending library in a plastic box outside the entrance to the Church offices and the Common Room. The Ames' red box has been joined by another green topped box of books. Many of us are running out of books, our libraries are closed, and this represents a way for us to share good reads with one another. We suggest wearing gloves when opening the box and looking at books.

Please feel free to take a book, or leave a book. You can leave books for children, young adults or adults. If you want to put your name on it, feel free, but understand that you may not get the book back. Thanks to Bill & Nancy Ames for the red box and library beginnings. Here's to some happy reading!

**ONLINE DIOCESAN PENTECOST CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY, SUNDAY MAY 31, 4 PM:** Join Bishop Shannon and the people of the Diocese of Vermont on Sunday May 31 at 4 pm for a Pentecost Celebration of Community. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/531110497> or dial by phone at 646-876-9923, code 531110497#, password RockPoint. Please bring something red or orange to the service, such as a scarf or a bright piece of paper, as well as a candle.

**DUNCAN'S LAST DAY IS JUNE 14:** Duncan has been such an important part of our life at St. Michael's these last three years. We are so sorry that we are not able to gather together to give him a proper send off. Instead, we ask you all to send Duncan a card or a letter to let him know how much he means to us. We are also collecting financial gifts for Duncan for a "purse" to help him in the next chapter of his life. Checks may be sent to St. Michael's (16 Bradley Avenue, Brattleboro, VT 05301), with "gift for Duncan" clearly marked.