

**At St. Michael's we believe that God's love is unconditional. We welcome all people and we affirm the worth, dignity, and gifts of every person as a beloved child of God.**

**ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKDAY WORSHIP ON LINE OR BY TELEPHONE**

Morning Prayer, 8-8:30 am, Monday-Friday  
Evening Prayer, 5-5:30 pm, Monday-Friday  
Contemplative Worship, 5:30-6:00 pm, Thursday

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:** *Nancy Ames*, This Sunday; *Valerie Abrahamsen* and *Joao d'Alcaravela*, Monday; *Nathaniel Johnson*, Tuesday; *Judith Reichsman* and *Keira Caponcelli*, Friday; *Janet Cramer*, Saturday.

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:** *Rebecca & Nathan Olmstead*, This Sunday; *Larry Earle & Jay Pomponio* and *Thad Bennett & George Connell*, Thursday; *Heddy & Zsolt Pomazi*, Friday.

**THIS SUNDAY WE CELEBRATE ST. FRANCIS' FEAST DAY:** October 4 is the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. Adwoa will preach at both services. Susan Dedell has prepared a special collage of some of the important animals in our lives to be seen during the 10:15 service. All can see the collage later on St. Michael's Vimeo channel at <https://vimeo.com/channels/1603817>. We give thanks for all things bright and beautiful!

**ADULT FORUMS, 9-10 AM :**

- **THIS SUNDAY, ST. FRANCIS' DAY - "Our Pets"** -- During our Covid-driven Zoom meetings, we have heard and/or seen many parishioners' pets as they have jumped on laps, walked in front of cameras, or barked in the background. Few things bring such uncomplicated joy into our lives as our pets. We will gather to share stories of how our pets, both past and present, have enriched our lives. Led by *Nancy Ames* -- parishioner, Vestry member, and animal lover.

**Call by phone:** +1 646 558 8656; Meeting ID: 932 0641 6516; Password: 679508

**ST FRANCIS DAY GATHERING FOR KIDS, FAMILIES AND ANIMAL LOVERS;**

**THIS SUNDAY, 4-5 PM; THE RECTORY LAWN, 18 BRADLEY AVENUE:** Come celebrate St. Francis' Feast Day with a blessing for animals and people. As it seems too difficult to bring real animals this year (who don't understand physical distancing), please bring a photo of the animal you wish to be blessed.

- We will have a brief service on the lawn, followed by individually wrapped treats.
- Families will be given packets of home prayers and activities for the month of October.
- Pray for sun....No gathering if it rains.
- This is our chance to see each other in person before the weather gets too cold!

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET, 2020:** Thank you to everyone who contributed to last year's Advent devotional booklet. For many of us, it was the first time experiencing this kind of joint publication at St. Michael's. Others remember the once upon a time when we did have this kind of collective creativity! Whichever you may be, I hope you will help us build on this tradition again. A collection of reflections, poems, and images from the voices of our parish, the Advent devotional gives us an opportunity to enter the special season of Advent through the precious wisdom of those who walk the road with us.

If you have any interest in participating as a writer, editor, formatter, etc., please contact adwoa at [adwoa@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:adwoa@stmichaelsvermont.org). For those who write reflections, Scripture assignments will be made in the middle of October to allow ample time for writing, editing, and publication. Last year we found that a good guideline for written submissions was about 250 words, though some were much shorter and some a bit longer.

**THOSE WHO WISH TO WRITE ARE ASKED TO CONTACT ADWOA WITH THEIR INTENTION BY THE END OF THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4.** You can email her at [adwoa@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:adwoa@stmichaelsvermont.org) or call her at 254-6048, ext 103.

**GENTLE YOGA OUTSIDE:** On the grass at Christ Church on Wednesday mornings, 9-10 AM. Please bring a yoga mat and wear a mask. Led by parishioner Jean Brodie. You can contact Jean at [jmbrodie59@gmail.com](mailto:jmbrodie59@gmail.com) with any questions.

**THURSDAY CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER OUTSIDE AT 5:30 PM:** We are offering Thursday Contemplative Prayer outside, with masks, on the Rectory Yard, every Thursday from 5:30-6:00, weather permitting. We will continue to zoom the service, even when some folks are gathered in person. Please note that the **links have changed** for this service and can be found below and on St. Michael's websites, [www.stmichaelsvermont.org](http://www.stmichaelsvermont.org) .

You can also dial in to +1 646 558 8656, Meeting ID: 817 9678 9109; Passcode: 478114

**BIN ON THE BENCH UNTIL OCTOBER 6:** From Cliff Wood, "*The SVCF is currently looking for magazines and paperback books of all types. I will make a delivery to the SVCF on Tuesday, October 7, so please leave your donations in the bin by the bench by noon on October 6. Men's toiletries in clear bottles and backpacks are always needed, but the most pressing need is for magazines and paperback books. Thank you for your continuing support of this important ministry.*"

**"NO PLACE LIKE HOME: HOUSING IN WINDHAM COUNTY," OCT 7, 7:30 PM:** Sponsored by the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center, this panel discussion considers shortages in affordable, workforce, and market-rate housing in Windham County. The event is free and will be livestreamed at 7:30 pm. Go to the Museum's website for the Zoom links.

**LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY BEGINS OCTOBER 14:** On **Wednesday, October 14 from 5:45 – 7 pm**, we will begin a lectionary-based Bible study on Zoom. Our time will be bracketed with song and prayer from the Sunday services; the main goals are to grow in biblical literacy, to become disciples of the text who study to be transformed regardless of how we interpret, and to deepen fellowship through open sharing. No prior biblical knowledge or sign up is required. All are welcome for occasional or ongoing participation. Over time, long-term participants will be shaped by the joys of mutual encouragement to live into the Gospel and awareness of how our faith life is shaped by the liturgical rhythms of the church in Scripture. If you are interested in more information, please contact adwoa at [adwoa@stmichaelsvermont.org](mailto:adwoa@stmichaelsvermont.org) or call her at [254-6048, ext 103](tel:254-6048).

**TAG SALE UPDATE:** The Tag Sale Core Leadership continues to meet as we contemplate the current environment and discern the next steps for the St. Michael's Tag Sale. **There will be no Fall Tag Sale this year, unfortunately.** We are taking clothing donations of clean, not soiled, clothing in good condition and any season. Clothing includes shoes and boots. Pack the clothing in securely closed strong garbage bags and label contents as "ladies", "kids", or "men's".

**CLOTHING ONLY may be dropped off at the Church between 9 and 12 noon on:**

- Saturday, October 17
- Saturday, October 31
- Saturday, November 14
- Saturday, December 12

A Core Team member will meet you at the door off the parking lot on these days.

**FURNITURE DONATIONS:** Please contact Liz Vick (802-254-7060) or Daniel Dobson (425-785-8262) to discuss your furniture donations.

**WE ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE** from our St. Michael's brothers and sisters with all types of tag sale activities. If you can assist in any way or have a question about our donation activity this fall or our future activities, please do not hesitate to contact:

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