

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebrating God's Beauty ~ Loving God's People ~ Serving God's World  
DECEMBER 23, 2018

**WORSHIP MINISTERS 8:15 am:** Lector: Carolyn Ross; Chalice: John Dutton; Usher: Bob Carden.  
**10:30 am:** Lectors and Chalice: Barbara Wells, Diane Flemming, Beth Wiltshire, Tom Ager; Greeters: Fred Hall; Ushers: Carter Sargeant.

**Altar Guild:** Betsy Dutton, Shirley Wiley, Kim Garber and Lynn Shelton. **Flower Guild:** Carolyn Ross

## ON OUR PRAYER LIST

Please remember the following in your prayers

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED:** We pray for all our loved ones departed this life.

**PARISHIONERS FOR HEALING & COMFORT:** Richard Atkins, Sharon Baptiste, Holly Dean, Caitlin Eschenroeder, Jean Handy, Nicole Hansen, Tim Hunter, Lisa Johnson, Tim Mitchell, Linda and Doug Schepker, Bennie Ward, Charlie Wayland and Dianne Zwicker.

**OUR HOMEBOUND:** Betsy Andrews, Mary Brauburger, Shirley Burrell, Pat Cayton, Pat Clark, Jane Chapman, Shirley Gibson, Gene Knoop, Kitty M'Coy, Rosalie Singer, Nancy Thompson, Pam Webb.

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF PARISHIONERS:** We pray for strength and healing for Leslie Ewing, aunt of Bob Ewing; Pauline Mitchell, mother of Tim Mitchell; John and Catherine Etter, friends of Fritz and Lee Kallusch; Teency Good, sister of Eleanor Hall; Bronwen Zwicker and Stephen Martineau, daughter and son-in-law of Bob and Dianne Zwicker; Jane and George Townsend, parents of Katherine Townsend; Anne Baird, mother of Mary Line; Melia Trost, niece of Beverley Buston; Bill Purcell, Tom Summerlin, Pat Ferguson and Mary Fyock, friends of Jay Buston; Angela Martin, niece of Coleen Fowler; Bill Tennent friend of Inge Evenson; Holly Dean, daughter of Kerry and Becki Dean; Georgia Jonkman, mother, of Crystal Jonkman, Colby Nauth, daughter of Doug and Linda Schepker, Elisa Adams, friend of Madeline Gorman, Jessica Haycock, daughter of Terry Haycock, Bill Parker and Mary Jane, friends of Cindy Barnes, Klaus Orth, brother in law of Inge Evenson, Bernd & Annette Standau, brother and sister in law of Inge Evenson, Page McDonald and Shelley Clark, sister and niece of Lee Kallusch.

**BIRTHDAYS:** Carter Gorman, Molly Gorman, Nic Tulou and Bennie Ward.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Lew and Peggy Binner

## LIMITED OFFICE HOURS

There are limited office hours for the week of December 24 – 28. If you have a pastoral need, please call Jeunée (434-603-1782) or Becki (301-5621). For all other needs, please call ahead to make sure the office is open.

## Advent & Christmas

**ADULT FORUM IN ADVENT**  
SUNDAY AT 9:30 – 10:15 AM  
Dec. 23 in the Library

**SACRED SPACE: FINDING OUR HOME IN GOD**  
Our Sacred Space Theme for Advent and Christmas is "Home." Today we explore the idea of "Coming Home" as we study the story of the Prodigal Son.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PRACTICE**  
December 23 – 9:30 a.m.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

### Monday, December 24

4:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Eucharist & Pageant  
10:00 p.m. – Prelude of Christmas Music  
10:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve Festival Eucharist

### Tuesday, December 25

10:30 a.m. – Simple Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, held in the chapel with congregational singing led by Rev. Jeunée and her ukulele!

## CENTERING PRAYER

### Wednesdays at 7:30 a.m.

In conjunction with St. Michael's theme of Exploring Sacred Space next year, on Wednesdays throughout Advent, Deacon Becki will be facilitating a weekly morning time for centering prayer. Everyone is welcome to join us. For more information on Centering Prayer, see related article in these announcements. We will meet in the library and end promptly at 8:00 a.m. Contact Deacon Becki with any questions (310-5621).

**NOTE:** There will be **no** Centering Prayer and **no** Wednesday Evening Eucharist on Wednesday, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>.

## ARCHANGEL CHILDREN AND YOUTH CALENDAR

Please go to [bit.ly/stmarchangels](http://bit.ly/stmarchangels) to access the calendar. Print them out and put them on your fridge! For more information, contact Christian Hansen – [chansen@stmschool.net](mailto:chansen@stmschool.net).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AT BEGINNING

In order to facilitate our 10:30 worship service to have more Sacred Space for contemplation, we will begin our services with a Welcome and Announcements before the opening hymn. Be aware of this change if you plan to make any announcements on Sunday.

## 2019 STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of last Sunday, we have **received 75 pledges for a total of \$217,760**. This includes 9 new pledging units! Thank you for your generosity! Last year, we had 90 pledging units for \$273,340. **Our vestry goal is to have at least \$280,540, which is a modest 3% increase** over last year's actual pledges. If you have not already done so, please prayerfully consider how your financial stewardship will include giving to God's ministry at St. Michael's.

Pledge forms are available in the Narthex, or you may call the office if you need another one mailed. An electronic pledge card and the pledge letters can be found on our website under "Support". You can also set up online giving through the website. Help St. Michael's continue our mission to Celebrate, Love, and Serve!

## VESTRY NOMINATIONS OPEN

**Do you have gifts of leadership?** The next few years will be exciting ones in leadership as St. Michael's chooses the path forward for our property, plans for ever increasing congregational vitality, and connects with the wider community. If you, or someone you know would like to be considered to serve in this significant role, please contact Rev. Jeunée or the wardens, Bonnie Ashley or Doug Schepker.



## GIFT FROM THE HEART

Thank you everyone for thinking of those who will truly benefit from your "gift from the heart" this holiday season. Your generosity has raised **\$9,516** in gifts.

## BOOK CLUB

The club postponed our December meeting to discuss *Waking Up White*, by Debby Irving until **January 8**.

Our February selection is *Irma Vogt* by Mariam Toews. We will meet on **February 12**.



## READ THROUGH ROMANS January 7 – March 5, 2019

St. Michael's joins the rest of the Episcopal Church to participate in The Good Book Club to read **Paul's Letter to the Romans during the 50 days of Epiphany**.

How can you participate?

- **Read a short passage** from Romans each day. Reading plans available in the Narthex.
- **Join a weekly small group** bible study discussion to discuss some parts of Romans in more detail, and see how it applies to your life. Sign up today! There's a time for everyone!
- **Join the Adult Forums** for various topics related to the study.

## GROUPS begin the week of Jan. 7th unless otherwise indicated.

- Monday Evenings, 7-8:30 pm ~ Bev Buston facilitating @ Church in library
- Tuesday Evenings, 7- 8:30 pm~ Doug Bullet facilitating (Start Jan. 15.) @ Doug & Leni's home, (a bit south, off Providence)
- Thursday Mornings, 11—12 pm ~ Rev. Becki Dean facilitating @ Church in library
- Thursday Evenings 7—8:30 pm ~ Rev. Jeunée facilitating @ Lynn & Brett Shelton's home (west, off Woodpock and Hull) Note: First meeting is **FRIDAY, JAN. 11th**, then Thursdays afterwards.
- Friday Mornings, 7:15-8:15 am~ Katherine Townsend facilitating@Einstein Bagels, Stony Point
- Sunday Evenings, 7:00—8:30 pm ~ Diane Flemming Facilitating @ Panera, 11649 Midlothian Tnpk, (Women's Group)

Find other resources for families and individuals at [goodbookclub.org](http://goodbookclub.org)

# EXTRA

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following are announcements that did not make the current Sunday printed insert; or fuller descriptions of announcements that had to be edited due to space limitations.

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### ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, **January 8**, at 7 pm in the Library.  
The book will be "Waking Up White: And Finding Myself In the Story of Race" by Debbie Irving.

*Waking Up White* delves into *Debbie Irving's* privileged life as a white woman coming from an established New England family and finding things she never knew, questions she didn't know to ask and truths that are hard to bear. This book explains how the people who haven't yet been enlightened have come to their conclusions.

Our February selection is *Irma Vogt* by *Miriam Toews*.

*Irma Voth* is a young Mennonite woman whose family immigrated to Chihuahua Mexico from Canada. She is shunned by her family for marrying a Mexican. She is vulnerable yet wise beyond her years, and carries a terrible family secret with her on a remarkable journey to survival and redemption.

The book club meets the second Tuesday of the month in the Library from 7-8 pm. It is an informal group of individuals who like to read and share about the book we have read. We would love to have you join us. Call Carolyn Ross for additional information or questions (514-1426).

### PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

Any loose change you have can be donated into the jug in the narthex. The youth count the money annually and choose a charity to support. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

### OUTREACH

Many opportunities can be completed with flexible time, even just a few hours in the evening. Want to know more about Friends of the Homeless, Monarch Woods or other Outreach opportunities? Contact Sandy Sanders, Ann Cronan, or Colleen Fowler for more information.

**ARE YOU RECEIVING THE ENEWS FOR THE DIOCESE OF SOUTHERN VIRGINIA?** If not, you can subscribe by going to the Diocese website at [www.diosova.org](http://www.diosova.org) and placing your email address in box located at the top (Sign Up to Receive News). This will keep you updated to what is happening in the Diocese. With our current bishop,

Bishop Hollerith, retiring at the end of year there will be a lot going on.

### ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT

Michael Turner, Head of School, has announced that he has accepted a position at Shipley School in his hometown of Philadelphia, to begin July 2019. This will be his last year at St. Michael's. A search committee has been formed, along with three subcommittees. **Rev. Jeunée is the chair of the Community Advisory Committee and the plan is to interview candidates in December. The chosen candidate will start in July.** Please hold Michael, St. Michael's School and their search committee in your prayers.

### ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOL BOARD & COMMITTEE

St. Michael's School is looking for 2-4 St. Michael's Church members to join their School Board subcommittees. Your background in finance, facilities, education, development, or, any number of other areas could be valuable. You do not need to have any prior experience with St. Michael's school. Serving on a School committee can not only be a wonderful way of serving our longest standing church mission in education, but also a way to discern whether you are called to fill one of the 4 slots on the School Board reserved for church members. See Rev. Jeunée or the wardens.

### MEMBERSHIP ONLINE PORTAL AND CHURCH APP

Through ACS, St. Michael's has available for parishioners an app entitled Church Life that can be downloaded to your iPhone or Android. "You don't use a "smart phone?" That is alright. The directory is available online through your computer or iPad. For information on how to access both methods, please read the guidelines available outside the parish office or by going to the church website ([www.stmbonair.org](http://www.stmbonair.org)). If you have problems, you are welcome to contact Nancy in the church office; however, please first follow every step patiently and read the follow up emails that will be sent to you. In order for you to set up a log in, the email you use for the Account Sign Up must be the same email the church has on file in the office.

**SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA!** Have you ever thought of Social Media as Evangelism? Well, why not!?! Help us use social media to let the community know what is going on at St. Michael's.

Like, Follow, Post and Share with us on Social Media:

**Facebook.com/StMichaelsBonAir/**

**Instagram: StMsBonAir**

**Twitter: Michaelsbonair**

**Want to “Friend” Rev. Jeunée on Facebook? Please do!**

[www.facebook.com/jeunee](http://www.facebook.com/jeunee) Rev. Jeunée’s social media policy is that she loves to have friends... including parishioners. She does not, however, initiate friend requests with parishioners because not everyone wants their pastor “following” them. NOTE: Please realize that posting on Facebook does not take the place of alerting the church office or Rev. Jeunée of pastoral needs. She’s not on Facebook all that much!

**TRY THE WEDNESDAY EVENING EUCHARIST: 6:00 PM**

Want a “mid-week” spiritual boost? Our Wednesday evening Simple Eucharist offers a short service of about 30 minutes, often times using liturgies from New Zealand or Iona Scotland. We “come as we are”, sit in the round, read and discuss a couple of the upcoming Sunday lessons as a group (no one has to speak), pray, and then gather around the altar, sharing communion.