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Messenger

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Our Purpose

*To bring the light, love and joy of
Jesus Christ into this world – by living the written
word, sharing the living word, and loving without
exception.*

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Lambeth Conference July 16 – August 3, 2008

Lambeth Conference, brings together all the Bishops in the Anglican Communion. It meets about every 10 years at the invitation of the archbishop of Canterbury and is the principal instrument of international Anglican life, although it has no legislative authority over the national churches. The first convocation was held in 1867.

It is the one occasion when all bishops can meet for worship, study and conversation. This year the conference is held in Canterbury, at the University of Kent. The campus is an ideal location, not only because of its scale and facilities but also because of its proximity to Canterbury Cathedral.

This year the unprecedented format will be difficult for journalists to cover and for the public to follow because there is no “focal point of up-down decision-making.” The new format will not shy away from discussion of controversial issues, however rather than addressing these issues “head on,” they will be discussed face-to-face.

More than 600 Anglican bishops worshipped on July 20 within the ancient, sand-colored walls of Canterbury Cathedral in a **two-hour** (don't complain about a 15 minute sermon every again) Eucharist that illuminated the worldwide church's diversity and also acknowledged its current theological conflicts. The sermon was delivered by Bishop Duleep de Chickera of Sri Lanka saying that the church must be “an inclusive communion for anyone and everyone, regardless of color, gender, ability or sexual orientation,” but he also called for “discipline and self-scrutiny” since “Christ calls us to be hard on ourselves.”

SPOTLIGHT FOR JUNE

The Men's Brotherhood

(Bob Weekley)

The Men's Brotherhood at St. Michaels is an organization comprised of all males that attend our church. You need not fill out an application to join, or pay a registration fee to become a member. If you are male, you already are a part of our organization.

That might seem a bit strange, but our group is all-inclusive. Our purpose is to do things to grow our church, in numbers, in service and in love. There are no requirements of members. Each one participates as he feels called. Some of our activities are service related, such as working on projects around the church or on outreach related projects.

Other activities are geared towards nurturing. Things like organizing outings to baseball, lacrosse or hockey games as a group and sponsoring the Mothers' Day dinner for all our special ladies help us to have fun together and get to know each other better. Watch in the near future for information on an upcoming Bison's game outing.

If you have an idea for a project or outing for our group, please contact our President, Bob Weekley, and let him bring it before the group.

Rector's Reflections

The Bible speaks of God's creative work in language that can be described as exulted. Every aspect of the creation is revealed as his highest and most glorious of accomplishment. One of the most beautiful of these proclamations is found in the "Song of Creation" on page 88 of the Book of Common Prayer. I invite you to take a few minutes to read and meditate on it.

All seasons, winter, spring, summer and fall are spoken of as part of God's glorious creation. I find no better season of the calendar year to reflect on the beauty of the creation than the one in which we now find ourselves. Many of us enjoy gardening, walks in the beautiful outdoors, listening to the song of the birds and taking time to enjoy summer sports and festivals. Why not take time to remember that the beauty of this and every season are gifts bestowed on us by our creator. His handiwork far surpasses the most beautiful of paintings, the most sublime works of poetry and prose and the most melodic of musical compositions. May your summer continue to be a blessed one as you enjoy the bounty of God's goodness.

Faithfully

Fr. Wheeler+

Buffalo in Bloom

Special Citation has been awarded to St. Michael's for some of our landscaping.

More details on the St. Michael's website.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 3rd Church Picnic
Cheektowaga Town Park Shelter #2
Sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Tuesday, August 5th National Nite Out against Crime
St. Michael's will be supporting the Judges' Row Block
Club for this event.

Wednesday, August 6th Women's Guild will meet at the
Italian Village for a dutch treat informal luncheon. Please
call Virginia Bradley (839-2411) to make reservations.

Tuesday, August 12th Vestry Meeting at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, August 19th Judges' Row Block Club Meeting
7:00 pm in the Parish Hall

Sunday, August 31st 5th Sunday regular worship service
at 9:15 am with brunch to follow.

Monday, September 1st Labor Day (office will be closed)

Wednesday, September 3rd Women's Guild
12:00 noon lunch and meeting to follow.

Saturday, September 6th Coffee & donuts with Father
Chuck at 9:30 am – topic Church History continued.

Sunday, September 7th
Sunday school and Choir resume after summer break.
Hot Dog roast following the service.

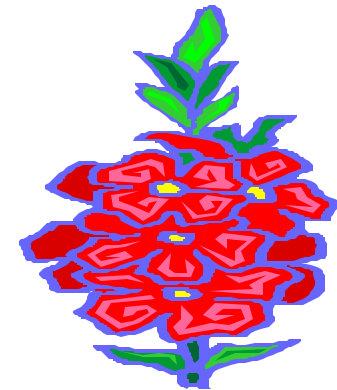
Tuesday, September 9th Vestry Meeting 7:00 pm

Sunday September 14th Spaghetti Dinner 1 – 4 pm
Donation: \$5.00 / college student with ID \$2.00

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Happy Birthday to:

1st Mike Ham
1st Kelly Mogavero
7th Debbie DiLiberto
7th Alice Frueh
12th Tim Meacham
18th Sue Ann Dier
19th Gloria Gibson
20th Bill Blarr
22nd Dave Noonan
23rd Carol Shatzel
26th Shirley Gardinier
29th Mildred Sanes



Happy Anniversary to:

19th Carol & Bob Weekley