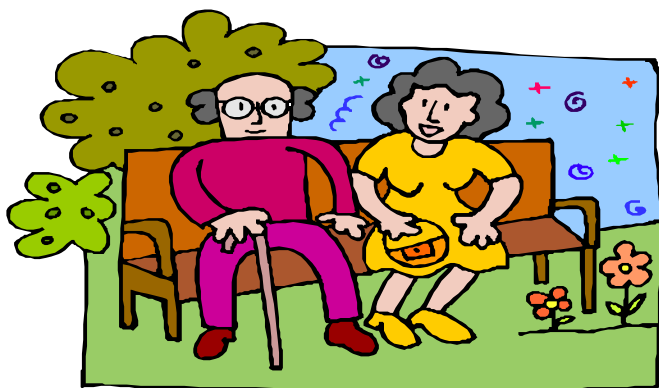


With all the neighborhood violence and home invasions, St. Michael's will start given helpful hints to help protect ourselves in your daily routines.

Preventing crime is everyone's business – young people, adults, and seniors must work together to protect themselves, their families, and their neighborhoods.

Helpful Tips

- Trim the shrubbery around your doors and windows so crooks don't have a place to hide.
- If you're a senior, use direct deposit for your Social Security check and other regular payments.
- Always lock car doors and take the keys when you leave your car, even if you'll be gone "just a minute."
- If you carry a purse, hold it close to your body; if a wallet, keep it in a front pocket.



St. Michael's Messenger

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That he g**A**ve

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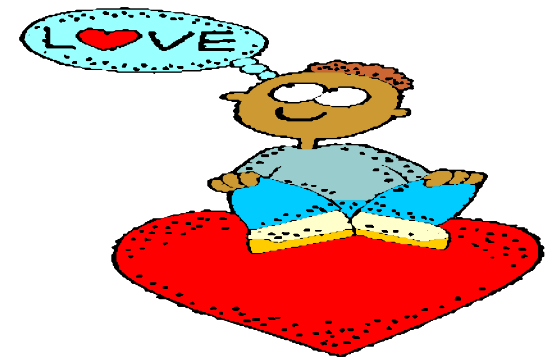
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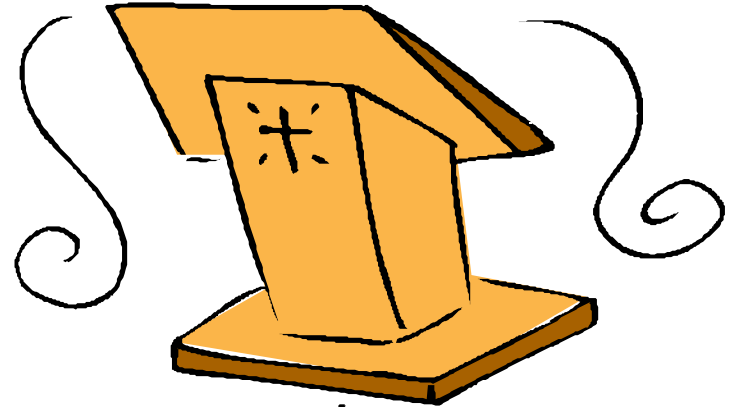
John 3:16



FYI

(For your information)

- The Family of Jack Miller (Evelyn) has requested that memorials be made to St. Michael's
- We now have a "Flower Chart" on the bulletin board in the Narthex. If you would like to have a floral memorial on a given Sunday, please fill in the information on the chart.
- Anyone wishing to donate any amount toward the altar flowers is more than welcome. Our flower fund seems to be running short.
- Starting in February, the minutes of the last Vestry meeting will be included in the newsletter.
- **Don't forget the Winter Praise Concert, Saturday, February 10th at 7:00 pm. Come early and enjoy a Pot Luck Dinner with your church family. Bring a dish to pass and we will eat at 6:00 pm.**



From The Pastor

How well we all remember the month of October '06. It began with our parish leadership retreat and ended with the aftermath of the "October Surprise". We're still cleaning up from that.

This would be a good time to ask the question, "What were the results of our retreat? I'd like to report a few of these. One theme that seemed to resonate with those who attended the retreat was that of "neighbors". In the Scriptures, Jesus was asked, "Who is my neighbor?" I believe we have a responsibility (as did the Good Samaritan) to act in our community as a good neighbor; to share the Gospel in word and deed. We have begun to reach out by encouraging the formation of a Cleve Hill Ministerium. Clergy from several churches (Cleve Hill and University United Methodist, Lutheran, and St Al's Roman Catholic) now meet monthly for breakfast, prayer, and discussion. It has proven to be a good and fruitful association.

We are planning a Winter Concert, featuring the Fredonia United Methodist Church Praise Group on February 10th. We are inviting the community to join us for a pot luck dinner and the concert. During the season of Lent, we will serve 4 fish Fries. These have proven very popular in the past in our neighborhood. I want our church to be more involved and identified with our neighborhood and community. Next month, I will share more information concerning this ongoing effort.

Another issue that was identified as needing work was that of communications. We are responding by posting the minutes of Vestry meetings on our bulletin boards in the narthex and parish hall. They are also being published monthly in the MESSANGER.

I want to commend those who are working hard to refinish the floor in the parish hall. Thank you for your hard work!! You will be pleasantly surprised to see the finished product.

I am asking that this year (2007) be dedicated to a renewed emphasis on prayer and Bible Study. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

I pray that you are enjoying the blessings of our good and gracious Lord. May His peace be yours in Jesus name.

Faithfully

Fr. Wheeler+

Women's Guild

The Guild will meet following a "Brown Bag" lunch on our usual date – the first Wednesday of the Month, Feb 7, 2007. Since our guest speaker, Michael Griffin (my son-in law), must leave for work after his talk, our format will be slightly changed. Please come before 12:00 noon. 11:30 or 11:45 am would be best, since there may be some questions you wish to ask.

We are planning to help in anyway we can for the upcoming Fish Fries. Before you know it, they will be starting.

An auction is planned for our March meeting and because our April meeting falls during Holy Week, we will not meet.

At the May 2nd meeting, we will concentrate our efforts making the final plans for our Annual Roast Beef Sandwich Luncheon and Auction – May 16, 2007 at noon. Come early and buy your Auction tickets. Proceeds for the auction will support the House and Grounds Committee. We need your attic **treasures** for the auction.

Virginia Bradley,
President