

## **THANKS YOU**

My thanks to all of you for all the prayers, help, cards and gifts given to me and my family during the recent illness and death of my husband Chuck. There is no greater family church than St. Michael and All Angels.

Love, Eve David.

Dear St. Michaels Family, Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards and flowers during my recent illness. Comforting to know our Church is coming together again.

Love, Harold Meacham

## **THANK YOU**

To all 18 who worked Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> to clean up inside and outside our Church. It was a good day of work and fellowship. Again, thanks to all.

Thanks from the Office to Connie Hilliard for the donation of legal size paper and to the anonymous donors of pens, staples, post notes and other copy paper.

## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

4 – Jonathan Gorczyca  
5 – Deborah Emerson  
8 – Lucy Onan  
10 – John P. Gardinier  
18 – Richard Strain  
25 – Scott Miller

## **JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

6/5/54 Margery & Kenneth Preston  
6/12/03 Sonja & John Gardinier  
6/13/53 Beatrice & John Bidell  
6/23/62 Shirley & Don Szen  
6/24/43 Norma & Robert Crump

## **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

7/2 Charles Gardinier II  
7/3 Donna Strain  
9 Marion Wohlford  
12 Marge Lang  
12 Ruth Hutchison  
14 Norman Hambridge  
15 Marge Preston  
17 Estelle Hund

18 Judy Eckle  
20 Don Boye  
22 Dick Moghabghab  
29 Shirley Szen

## **JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

7/7/51 - Joan & Brian Webster  
7/15/78 - Diane & Timothy Meacham  
7/19/03 - Kelly & Glenn Mogavero  
7/30/49 – Gladys & Harold Meacham  
7/30 – Janice & Michael Rickard

## **THREADS OF HOPE LINEN PANTRY**

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 205 Longmeadow Rd. recently started a Linen Pantry. In the nine months of existence, they have given more than 1,000 items to those in need. They have helped Journey's End Refugee Service, Vive la Casa and Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Buffalo clients when setting up their apartments. They also helped food pantry clients with winter coats, hats and gloves.

Items needed are clean, gently used sheet sets, blankets, bath towels, wash cloths, bath mats, kitchen towels, curtains, tablecloths, coats, jackets, gloves, scarves and hats. You may call Betty Peters at 832-2752 for more information or the Church at 832-9764 and for drop off times at St. Peter's.

## **FLAG DAY & INDEPENDENCE DAY**

Both of these holidays fall during the next two months. On Flag Day 1917, President Woodrow Wilson said:

“This flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choices are ours. It floats in majestic silence about the hosts that execute those choices, whether in peace or in war. And yet, though silent, it speaks to us – speaks to us of our past, of the men and women who went before us, and of the records they wrote upon it.”

## **HYMNS FOR SPEEDERS**

### **A warning for summer trips!**

45 mph - God Will Take Care of You  
55 mph – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah  
65 mph – Nearer My God to Thee  
75 mph – Nearer Still Nearer  
85 mph – This World is Not My Home  
95 mph – Lord, I'm Coming Home  
Over 100 mph – Precious Memories

## **FIRST THINGS FIRST**

When a child gets up at four o'clock in the morning to deliver papers, people say he is a go-getter. If the church should ask that same child to do some work for the Lord, they would say, "That's asking too much of the child." If a woman spends eight hours away from her home working in a factory or working in her garden, she is called an energetic wife. If, however, she is willing to do the same thing for the Lord, they say, "Religion has gone to her head." If one ties himself down making payments of \$100. each week for some item of personal enjoyment, he pays willingly. But if that same person places that much in the offering plate, many people would say he is crazy.

This is a crazy world, indeed, where first things come last and last things come first.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Erie County is looking for volunteers willing to spend a few hours each month mentoring local children. Individuals ranging from high school juniors to retirees are needed. Bigs and Littles spend time playing board games, visiting local attractions or just hanging out. For more information, call 716-873-5833 or visit [www.beafriend.org](http://www.beafriend.org).

## **CELEBRATING OUR PAST AND EAGERLY ANTICIPATING OUR FUTURE!**

**Please join us to become part of our reflection and visioning process at St. Michael and All Angels. We will begin our conversations on Wed., June 8th at 11:00 a.m. Further discussions will be held Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> immediately after each service and again on Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We urge everyone to attend any or all of these sessions. Most importantly, we need to meet to share the vision of what God wants St. Michael's to do as a church.**

**Please continue to pray for these meetings and that God will reveal His vision to us.**

## **WOMEN'S GUILD**

Finally, we are going to prepare flower posts for gifts or our own use on Wednesday, June 1st with the help of Olive Beutler. This will follow our meeting which will be held immediately after our brown bag lunch. So it will be a busy day, but productive and something different for us to do.

Then we will also raffle the Spring Theme Basket for which we have been selling tickets. All items in the basket were donated by guild members. Get your tickets in! They are 50 cents each or 3 for \$1.00.

This June meeting will end our Spring Bible Sessions and Healing Service. These will resume – including our first Fall session of the Guild on the first Wednesday of September the 7<sup>th</sup>.

Have a great summer, keep well and we'll be refreshed for the Fall and Winter Seasons.

## **FAVORITE HYMNS & ANTHEMS**

Leading God's people in praise is the "job description" of the Minister of Music at St. Michael's. My background as a cradle Episcopalian and choir member from age five has given me a rather thorough familiarity with the hymnody of our church. Having been an avid ecumenist all of my life, including a year as a "Lutheran" while living with a family in Germany, I also enjoy the music of other Christian traditions. This has been reflected in the choice of choral preludes and hymns thus far.

Marge Lange has been approached by Father Wheeler to make a list of her favorite hymns. Soon there will be an opportunity for each member of the congregation to contribute to the process of hymn and prelude selection also. An insert will be put into the bulletin requesting anyone who is interested to write down their very favorite hymns and anthems. Father Wheeler and I will use these as a reference when selecting appropriate music for each Sunday.

Meanwhile, join fervently in praising God in song: "The one who sings, prays twice!"<sup>1</sup>

*Linda Seitz, Minister of Music*

<sup>1</sup>Martin Luther

## **VICAR'S VIEWS**

What an exciting time to be associated with this church! Last Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 18 people came out to weed, trim and prepare the flower beds for planting and to work inside cleaning and polishing the vesting room, altar area and choir room. Our efforts will continue throughout this summer as we spruce up for fall. Visitors will have no doubt that we love our church and take pleasure in keeping it attractive. Roof repairs and painting are scheduled to begin soon.

This Sunday we will join other churches in a fun night of bowling and listening to Christian music. Who knows? St. Michael's may birth a new bowling team yet. Our Guild put on a really delicious roast beef sandwich

luncheon and auction which every one enjoyed. Several guests joined us for lunch as well.

My wife is making progress in Rehab treatment for the effects of her recent stroke. Thanks again for your cards, visits and prayers. They are really encouraging. We are both looking forward to taking up residence in Buffalo. The St. Michael and All Angel's "Vicarage" on Kensington Avenue was blessed by Father Dedde last Wednesday. An Open House will be announced soon.

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, we will begin our process of reflection and discernment. We will have several opportunities to reflect on the past and to share our visions for the future. Please come and be a part of it.

May your summer be a blessed one. Don't forget, we STILL meet for worship all summer long. See you in church.

In Christ,  
Father Wheeler+ Vicar

## **THE "LAZY, HAZY, CRAZY DAYS OF SUMMER"**

Many Western New Yorkers look forward to summer much as a thirsty man looks forward to a tall, cool drink. We eagerly anticipate the warm weather and the opportunities to vacation, camp, picnic and spend as much time outdoors as possible.

We should enjoy the pleasures of summer. While you do, please don't forget St. Michael's. WE NEED YOU! While weekday services and the Sunday morning bible study are on hiatus, we will still meet at 8 and 10:30 a.m. for worship.

While our utility bills decrease, other expenses continue. Our building still needs "sprucing up" and we need to prepare for fall so we can be "off and running" come September.