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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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St. Paul's Cathedral to Lafayette Square where the plane was consecrated. It was a beautiful spring day.

Now, we locally don't disperse UTO monies. They are sent to the National Church where the UTO Board decides on which grants will be awarded. These grants go anyplace in the world where a request has been made. The Women's Guild is part of the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women and the UTO is the missionary project of the parishes throughout the world.

Originally many groups were just called "The Women's Auxiliary." This meant the women were servants to the priest and did dinners, calling on shut-ins, the Altar work, clerical vestments, choir vestments and various other tasks. That was the "**Good Old Days.**"

Now women no longer can do all the old chores – some which required skills of fine needlework, crocheting or tatting, so we go with the times! We must tailor our work to declining skills and go back to the words of one the first prayers we learned as members of the Episcopal Church Women and at St. Michael's Women's Guild:

We will pray fervently, labor diligently and give liberally to make Him known throughout the world as their Savior and their King.

SPOTLIGHT FOR JUNE

The Women's Guild

(Virginia Bradley)

I have been asked to tell you what we do as "Episcopal Church Women." That is our official title, and of course we must have a title. Each woman who belongs to St. Michael's is considered a member of the ECW. She is either doing a part of it's work in Sunday school, vestry, Altar Guild, Women's Guild and can at least pray even if they are not able to labor as diligently as they did in prior years.

My earliest recollection of ECW was "The Woman's Auxiliary" - an afternoon group of women - housewives who regularly put on dinners, served in the Altar Guild, taught Sunday school and perhaps sang in the choir. That was in the early 1920's when most women were "stay at home Moms," and not holding down responsible jobs.

As a result of women working during the day, evening groups sprang up and were very prominent in the growth of women's work in the Diocese.

One of the most memorable events in my life as a member of the Diocesan Episcopal Church Women's Board was the presentation of the "The Blue Box." The blue box was an airplane presented to Bishop Gordon of Alaska. This was our Diocese of WNY Women's Thank Offering gift to him. At that time almost a thousand women marched from

Rector's Reflections

On Sunday, May the 11th we celebrated Pentecost Sunday, the beginning of the longest of all the liturgical seasons. Often referred to as the "long green season," it provides for us a time when we can focus on the person and the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Our desire at St. Michael's is to learn more about this third person of the godhead. On Sunday morning at the Adult Forum between the 8 and 10:30 services, we will be led into a deeper understanding of this subject. I hope to preach several homilies on the Holy Spirit as well. As familiar as we are with the work of God the Father and God the Son, we fall short in our understanding of God the Holy Spirit. I encourage you to attend these classes on Sunday morning.

On Saturday, May the 24th, we gathered as a church to say farewell to our beloved sister, Lucy Onan. Lucy will be sorely missed. Please continue your prayers for Lucy's family.

Thanks to all who have worked so hard on the spring clean up at St. Michael's. The flowers are beautiful. Already we have received compliments from our neighbors as we do every year. We do have a truly beautiful church for which we are thankful.

Finally, please pray for our Vestry as they work on issues regarding the upcoming transition. On the 5th Sunday of June, we will have a combined 9:30 am service followed by a brunch to give you an opportunity to ask questions about the search process. Please plan to attend.

Faithfully,

Fr. Charles Wheeler+

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, June 10th

Vestry Meeting

Saturday, June 14th

Community (Block Club) Clean-up 10:00 am to noon – please meet at St. Michael's at 9:45 am

Sunday, June 15th

Father's Day and the last day for the Choir for the summer.

Monday, June 15th - Friday, June 20th

The Secretary will be on vacation

Tuesday, June 17th at 7:00 pm **Judge's Row Block Club Meeting**

Sunday, June 22nd

Guest Priest (Father Wheeler will be on vacation thru Friday, June 27th.)

Saturday, June 28th

Altar Guild Meeting at 9:30 am

Saturday, June 28th Judge's Row Block Club Grand Neighborhood Garage Sale – refreshments available at St. Michael's Church (hot dogs & beverage). Parishioners are welcome to have a table of wares on the lawn of the church.

Sunday, June 29th

Combined service at 9:30 am with brunch to follow

Friday, July 4th

The Church office will be closed in observance of The Fourth of July

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Happy Birthday to:

4th Jonathan Gorczyca
10th John Paul Gardinier



Happy Anniversary to:

5th Marge & Ken Preston
12th Sonya & John Gardinier
23rd Shirley & Don Szen
24th Norma & Bob Crump