

**ST. MICHAEL'S**

**MESSENGER**

**November, 2008**



**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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## HANDY LITTLE CHART

### You say

"It's impossible"

"I'm too tired"

"Nobody really loves me"

"I can't go on"

"I can't figure things out"

"I can't do it"

"It's not worth it"

"I can't forgive myself"

"I can't manage"

"I feel all alone"

### God says

"All things are possible  
(*Luke 18:27*)

"I will give you rest"  
(*Matthew 11:28-30*)

"I love you"  
(*John 3:16 & John 3:34*)

"My grace is sufficient"  
(*II Corinthians 12:9 & Psalm 91:15*)

"I will direct your steps"  
(*Proverbs 3:5-6*)

"You can do all things"  
(*Philippians 4:13*)

"It will be worth it"  
(*Romans 8:28*)

"I Forgive you"  
(*1 John 1:9 & Romans 8:1*)

"I will supply all your needs"  
(*Philippians 4:19*)

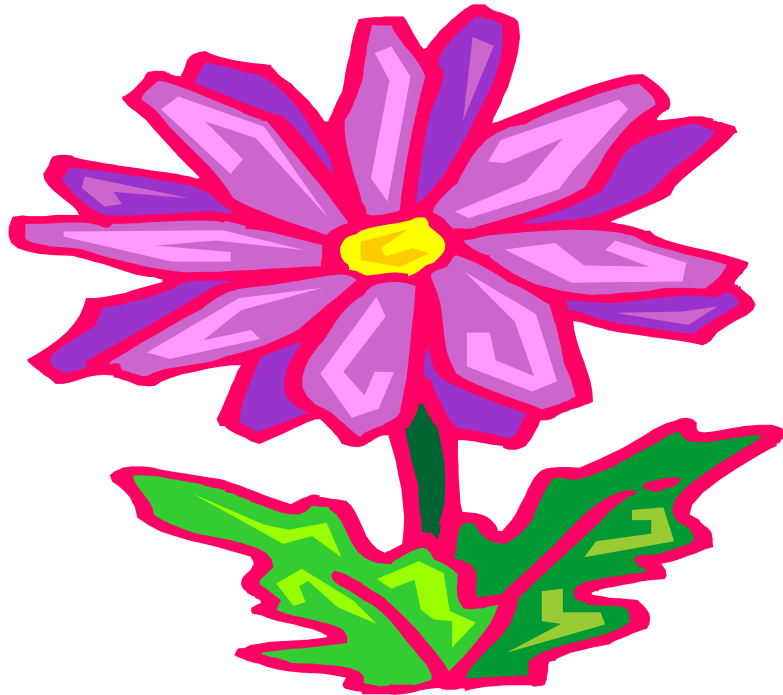
"I will never leave you or forsake you"  
(*Hebrews 13:5*)

God determines who walks into your life...it's up to you to decide who you let walk away, who you let stay, and who you refuse to let go.

### SPECIAL OCCASIONS

Happy Birthday to:

3<sup>rd</sup> Pattie Moghabghab  
4<sup>th</sup> Megan Eckle  
13<sup>th</sup> Olive Beutler  
13<sup>th</sup> Chuck Gardinier  
14<sup>th</sup> Addie Broome  
25<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Walker



I have come to have a special appreciation for this time of the year. It provides a stage for mother nature to “strut her stuff” so to speak. The reds yellows and browns of the fall foliage, and the ripening of fall fruits and vegetables are so delightful. The changing of the seasons is a great part of life in Western New York.

I also look with anticipation to the arrival of Thanksgiving: perhaps the highlight of fall. It affords us once the opportunity to give thanks for our many blessings, It also provides us with the opportunity to share these blessings with others. While we give to the needy throughout the year, Thanksgiving gives us a special opportunity to do so.

This year we will once again participate as a church in the community Thanksgiving eve service. It will be held at the Cleveland Hill United Methodist Church on Eggert Road at 7PM. Please bring some refreshments for coffee hour and a canned good or two for the local food pantry. On Thanks giving day we will meet for worship at St Michaels at 9:30 am. I will ask each of you to bring to the altar a short list of the things for which you are especially thankful, These lists will be lifted to our Lord as collectively we give Him thanks for His many blessings. I look forward to seeing you at these services. May God bless you and keep you. May he make us a truly thankful people.

Faithfully

Fr. Wheeler+

## Upcoming Events

**Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**: Bishop Garrison's visit and confirmation at 3:00 pm. Refreshments will follow.

**Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**: **Election Day**

**Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**: Women's Guild Meeting at noon  
Lunch will be provided.

**Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**: Vestry Meeting at 7:00 pm.

**Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**: Baptism of Isabelle Gardinier 9:30 am

**Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>**: Community Thanksgiving Service  
7:00 pm at Cleveland Hill United Methodist Church. Father  
Wheeler will be preaching.

**Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**: St. Michael's Thanksgiving Day  
Service at 9:30 am. The office will be closed

**Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>**: First Sunday of Advent, Year B.  
Regular service at 9:30 am.

**Wednesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**: Quiet Day beginning at 9:30 am.  
Light lunch will follow at 12:00 noon.

**Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>**: Women's Guild Annual Holiday  
Luncheon at the Italian Village at 12:00 noon. Sign-up sheet in  
the Narthex or see Virginia Bradley. Choice of Chicken Gordon  
Bleu, Manicotti (\$13.00) or Prime Rib (\$15.00)

**Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**: Christmas Eve service, 5:30 pm

**Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**: Christmas Day service, 9:30 am.  
The church office will be closed Dec 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

## Children's Christmas Boxes

The Women will again be making up boxes for children around the world, a project sponsored by Franklin Graham. Shirley Szen can no longer do this work, but we as individuals will do as many as we can. Shirley has ordered the supplies needed to identify each box. When completed they can be brought to the church and will be taken to Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church (the Central Distribution Center). If you want to do this but don't know how, call Virginia Bradley. There is more literature regarding this project in the Parish Hall. The deadline will be November 1<sup>st</sup> and they will be shipped out on November 7<sup>th</sup> from Eastern Hills. Please remember postage of \$7.00 must accompany each box (I ask that this be cash in the designated envelope attached).

## Special Note of Interest

Many of you will remember **James Williams**, who was a Deacon in our Diocese. Perhaps a decade ago, he and his wife Lorine went to South Africa for missionary work, where he subsequently was ordained to the priesthood. On December 13, Lorine will be ordained a Deacon in the Church of South Africa. You may contact them at St. Peter's Parish, P.O. Box 548, Klerksdorp 2570, South Africa.