

St, Michael's 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.

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

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These friends and family members have requested prayers for healing of body, mind and Spirit.

Helen Neubert, Annalise Adinolfer, John Bidell, Eve David, Dennis DiLiberto, Norma Fox, Betty Gould, Marge Lang, Elizabeth Walker, Mildred Sanes, Nancy vonHasseln, Rosemary and Jack Garrison, Christopher Reed, rich Davidson, Mary Kay Brown and Fr. John Cummins.

*I would like to thank everyone at St. Michael's for there prayers and concern for me and my husband though his last hospitalization and recovery.
Karen Sundin.*

**Congratulations to those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in
October**

**Alexis Weekley
Sarah DiLiberto
Harold Meacham
Scott Meyers
Alicia Meacham
Faye Hambridge
Danielle Atherton
John Neubert
Gloria and James Gibson
Eve and Charles David
Edward and Peggy Gorczyca
Lois Conliffe**



"OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD"

Once again the members of St. Michael & All Angels will be participating in "Operation Christmas Child," a project of Samaritan's Purse, headed by Franklin Graham. The project involves filling shoeboxes with Christmas gifts for children around the world who live in war zones and extreme poverty.

Everyone is invited to participate in the project. We request that all gift filled boxes be brought to the church by Nov. 1st. Further information is available at the Gift Shop,

Thank you for your support.
Shirley Szen



The GIFT SHOP is now open again!!!!

2007 & 2008 calendar planners are in stock.

Please stop and shop!!!!
Christmas is only 12 weeks away

VICAR'S VIEWS

"ST. MICHAEL'S ALIVE" might well be our motto. We are alive and well. Our fall "season" is off to a good start. There is a sense of excitement and anticipation in the air. Many of you are testifying to the reality and power of God's Spirit present among us.

Our celebration of St. Michael's Day was a joyful one. Thanks to everyone who participated and worked to make it a memorable occasion. The Celtic Pipers were great as usual. Thanks to the members of the women's Guild who brought in delicious angel food cakes for coffee hour.

Sunday School, choir, and the midweek healing, Eucharist, and bible study services are in full swing. The new church grill provided us with a delicious hot dog roast marking the fall kickoff.

Plans are well underway for the Fall Retreat. It will focus on THE PLAN. Please mark your calendar for the first weekend of November. It is open to all parishioners and guests.

An evangelism team has been created by our vestry. John Neubert is vestry liaison. It is this committee what will help us in our evangelistic efforts. Watch for exciting news about an event now being planned.

Kudos to Karen Sundin. At my request she has produced a truly unique ORGANIZATIONAL DIRECTORY for the parish. It will be in your hands soon.

ST. MICHAEL'S ALIVE describes a church alive with hope, excitement, and expectation. Our hope is, of course, built first on God and his love and provision for us. It is also built upon god's people; your brothers and sisters in Christ as we minister to each others and to others in our Savior's name. Our excitement is fueled by the good things that are happening here. Answered prayer, abundant evidence of God's grace, and the activities that are helping us to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.

St. Michael and All Angels

Retreat

November 3rd and 4th

All staff, Wardens, Vestry, Team Leaders & members and all interested parishioners

(Cost of \$15 per person for both days)
(If cost is a problem, please see Father Wheeler)

“THE PLAN”

A proposal for stimulating growth at St. Michael’s

Friday Nov. 3rd will open with dinner at 6 p.m.
(If possible please bring a dish to pass
meat and beverages will be provided)
The evening should conclude by 9 p.m.

Saturday Nov. 4th will open with donuts and coffee at 9 a.m.
Worship with a Praise Musical Group at 9:30 a.m.
Small Group discussions
Lunch will be served about noon.
Wrap-up discussions and closing remarks to end by 2 p.m.



There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Reservations must be in by Sunday October 29th.

WOMEN’S GUILD

The first meeting of the fall season was held on Wed. Sept 6th, following our Healing Service and Bible Study. At this meeting we discussed the program for most of the year.

On Oct 4th, we are looking forward to having Madeline Schwedt here for luncheon and she will tell us about her trip to Alaska and show pictures.

In November, we hope to have Mike Griffin speak and show pictures of a project in Albania, where a group of men from various churches built a roof for a congregation there.

Dec. 6th will be Quiet Day. To which all parishioners and friends are invited. On December 13th we look forward to our Annual Christmas Luncheon at the Italian Village.

We are also planning a “**pound bag**” auction at one of our meetings and in May our usual “**Auntie’s Attic Sale**” and Roast Beef Sandwich Luncheon.

Our women are busy sponsoring “The Christmas Child” boxes, also. Shirley Szen, our faithful Treasurer is in charge of that and you’ll hear more from her.

The Gift Shop is open- Eve David, our Vice President, is busy stocking up for the Christmas season. Stop by and take a look.

