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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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The Five Fingers of Prayer

1. Your thumb is nearest to you. Begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty."
2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble, or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all, which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you," and "The last shall be first." Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

-spirited from the newsletter of St. John

Rector's Reflections

SPECIAL OCCASIONS

October 10, 2004 is the anniversary of Father Chuck's ordination to the priesthood.

Happy Birthday to:

1ST Alexis Weekley
2nd Sarah DiLiberto
4th Harold Meacham
18th Faye Hambridge
26th John Neubert
29th Lois Conliffe



Happy Anniversary to:

27th Gloria & James Gibson
28th Peggy & Ed Gorczyca

One of the most enjoyable “tasks” of being rector here has been to write a monthly article for the MESSENGER. I think we have one of the best newsletters’ in the Diocese. As I consider what to write, I’m more often than not faced with the task of “editing down” - of choosing what to write given the abundance of topics I would like to cover.

This month I want to focus on the theme of “faithfulness.” God commends those of his people who are faithful. It is our hope that when we stand before Christ that we will hear him say “well done thy good and faithful servant’ a faithful servant is one who is focused on the work of God’s kingdom and does those things assigned to him well. In the church, we see people who, week in and week out, exercise their ministries well. Be it work on the altar, behind the scenes working with the altar guild, praying for the sick or working in the world with the needy. Those considered faithful are the ones who do their best (with God’s help) joyfully and with out complaint. They receive a sense of joy and fulfillment. Others are blessed because of their efforts and our Lord smiles down upon them from heaven above.

At St Michaels we have many faithful parishioners who bless all of us with their example of unselfish and unwavering service. May God bless you and be assured that God is pleased with you. Amen

Faithfully

Fr Wheeler+

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 8th: Women's Guild Meeting – noon
Catered lunch and dessert provided. Shower for Canaan House (cleaning supplies, paper products & personal items). Come & Enjoy.

Sunday, October 12th: Fall UTO Ingathering

Tuesday, October 14th: Vestry Meeting, 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 21st: Judges' Row Block Club Mtg – 7 pm

Sunday, October 19th – Evangelism Team Meeting following the service.

Friday, October 24th & Saturday, October 25th
Diocesan Convention – the office will be closed on Friday.

Sunday, October 26th: Worship Committee Meeting following the service.

Saturday, November 1st: Wedding of Michael Carter Dedde and Burgundy Rose Mullen.

Sunday, November 2nd: All Saints' Day service
Daylight Savings Time ends!

Tuesday, November 4th: Election Day

Wednesday, November 5th: Women's Guild Meeting at noon

UNITED THANK OFFERING

There are so many things we should have been thankful for during these summer months – sunny weather (some of the time), reunions with family and friends, safe vacations, our good health, and so many blessings in our daily lives! Things we too often take for granted.

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is our way of expressing these thanks monetarily, besides of course our daily prayers. The Fall ingathering will be Sunday, October 12th.

Virginia Bradley, UTO Coordinator

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 at 839-2411. There is more literature regarding this project in the Parish Hall. The deadline will be November 1st and they will be shipped out on November 7th from Eastern Hills. Please remember postage of \$7.00 must accompany each box (I ask that this be cash in the designated envelope attached).