



St. Michael's Messenger

December 3, 2023

CALENDAR

12/03	Advent Begins
12/06 5:15	Choir Practice
12/07 6:30	ECM Social
12/10 11:30	Finance Meeting
12/14 5:15	Choir Practice
12/17 9:30	DOK Meeting
12/20 5:15	Choir Practice
12/21 6:00	Vestry Meeting
12/24 10:30	Christmas Eve Morning Service
12/24 7:00	Christmas Eve Evening Service
12/25	<i>Merry Christmas!</i> (No services)



St. Michael's Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Services

10:30am Christmas Eve Eucharist

7:00pm Christmas Eve Eucharist

No Service on Christmas Day

We hope you and your family can join us
for our Christmas Eve service.

*Welcoming all to a relationship with God
through Christ; serving in our community*



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WATCH THEREFORE, FOR YOU DO
NOT KNOW WHEN THE MASTER OF
THE HOUSE IS COMING—IN THE
EVENING, AT MIDNIGHT, AT THE
CROWING OF THE ROOSTER, OR IN
THE MORNING— LEST, COMING
SUDDENLY, HE FIND YOU SLEEPING.
AND WHAT I SAY TO YOU, I SAY TO
ALL: WATCH!"
MARK 13:35-37

SERVING SUNDAY

Officiant: Rev. Michael Schnatterly

Organist: Nancy Owens

Altar Guild: Anita Valentin

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:30 Elaine Parnell

10:30 Marie Miller

Lectors: 8:30 Jay Achterhoff

10:30 Marie Miller

Acolytes: 8:30 Betty Jo Shaw

10:30 Tom McCabe

Greeters: 8:30 John Cleveland

10:30 Robert & Cheryl Borowski

Vestry Open-up Church: John Cleveland

Vestry Lock-up Church: Cheryl Borowski

ST. MICHAEL'S MEMORIAL COLUMBARIUM

The St. Michael's Memorial Columbarium Committee would like to remind you that you can purchase a niche at any time. The cost per niche is \$500 and will accommodate the cremated remains of two people. Niches will have names and birthdates engraved for those that have purchased the right to use the columbarium. For complete information on this ministry, please see Rick Parnell. He will answer any questions you may have.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DEDICATIONS: Poinsettias will be used to decorate the sanctuary for our Christmas service. If you would like to dedicate a flower, please turn a form in no later than December 17th. There is no set amount of contribution. Please indicate Christmas flower fund on your check memo line.

ECM SOCIAL: Join us Thursday, December 7th at 6:30pm for fellowship with dinner at 7 PM. We will have Spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread, salad and a dessert. The cost of the meal will be split among those attending.

UNITED CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES: UCM Christmas Dinner Boxes are now being collected. A list of items needed is on the UCM food basket. If you have any questions, please see Valarie.

2024 CHURCH CALENDARS: 2024 Episcopal Calendars are available for purchase - only \$3 each. We have a limited number of them so be sure to get yours today. They are on the greeters table in the Narthex with an envelope to put your money in.

MASTER SCHEDULE: Tia is putting the Master Schedule together for the first quarter of 2024. If you are a server and know of dates that you cannot serve from January through March, please email that info to office@stmec.org.



THE ADVENT CANDLES

A reminder for those who have advent wreaths at home... Prayers to be used when each one is lit:

The First Candle: Lord, as we prepare for Christmas, may this candle remind us of your light. Amen

The Second Candle: Lord, as we prepare for Christmas, may this candle remind us of your peace. Amen

The Third Candle: Lord, as we prepare for Christmas, may this candle remind us of your joy. Amen

The Fourth Candle: Lord, as we prepare for Christmas, may this candle remind us of your love-for us and all people everywhere. Amen

The Fifth Candle (White): May this crown of fire encircle the world with your light, your peace, your joy, and your love; for you are our God for ever and ever. Amen



DECEMBER

- 9 John Dickey
- 13 Joan Cornine
Ashley Keating
- 18 Teri Swann
- 19 Leisa Achterhoff
Robert Pinkston
- 23 Anna Dunn
- 26 Denise Lake
- 29 Kathryn Dansby
- 30 Julie Cleveland

God Bless You on Your Birthday!!

Memorial Tree

The Memorials Donor Tree located on the wall in the Narthex of the church was begun in Dec. 2005 as a means to acknowledge memorial gifts and donations to St. Michaels. Leaves of the tree can be used to memorialize or honor family, friends, loved ones, etc. In order to have a leaf added to the tree, simply make a monetary donation in an amount that YOU deem appropriate. Donations should be sent to Treasurer, Bob Cook, marked "Memorials Tree". Please know that donation amounts are known only to the Treasurer, just as with stewardship pledges. You may also donate some item or service that the church needs. Senior Warden Mark Pesnell or Junior Warden Mark Chapman can help with information on these needs. Please provide the Church Administrator, Tia LaMance with the exact wording you would like on the leaf. The leaves will hold up to 4 lines of type.

Please pray daily in our search for a new Rector.