



St. Michael's Messenger

June 30, 2024



Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Michael's,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. It is my joy and honor to pen these words as your new Rector. I am so thankful for the work of your Search Committee, led by Robbie Lake. Equally, I am thankful for the work of your Vestry, led by Mark Pesnell. With both groups, there was a faithfulness lived out in their work. All of us sought to do the will of God throughout this season of discernment.

As a native of Newberry, SC, baptized at St. Luke's Episcopal Church (Newberry) as an infant, Upper South Carolina is my home. Before discerning a call to seminary, I worked in the public sector, with three years at the City of Charleston and then eleven years at the SC Appalachian Council of Governments in Greenville. During my years in Greenville, I was a parishioner at Christ Church. It was there where God blessed me with service, spiritual, and leadership opportunities.

I attended seminary in Sewanee, Tennessee at The University of the South's School of Theology. Upon graduation in 2014, my first call was as the assistant at Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, AL. My areas of ministry were formation, pastoral care, and youth. For the last seven years, I have served as the Vicar of the missional congregation of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Aiken.

Our Prayer Book reminds us that all of us are ministers: Laity, Bishops, Priests, and Deacons. My goal is to educate and encourage all the saints to do the ministry they are called to do and to help them in their discernment. I pray that I will take much joy in this, as St. Michael's is ready to receive. The Parish has weathered Covid and being rector-less for over two years. I pray there is a yearning for spiritual growth. I believe there is much potential at St. Michael's, Easley and I am eager to discern with the Vestry and the whole congregation as to where God is leading us.

Concerning my worship style, it is best described as "Broad Church." This means I am able to function in a variety of liturgical settings. Additionally, I have a deep reverence for our *Book of Common Prayer, 1979*.

I look forward to meeting everyone at St. Michael's. Again, I am humbled and honored to labor with you all for this new season of ministry – all for God's Glory!

Faithfully,

Fr. Dan



07/04	Happy 4th of July - Office Closed
07/10	5:15 Choir Practice
07/11	6:30 July ECM Social
07/14	11:30 Finance Meeting
07/18	6:00 Vestry Meeting
07/21	9:30 DOK Meeting
07/24	5:15 Choir Practice
07/25	6:00 July Meet 'n' Eat
08/01	6:30 August ECM Social
08/03	9:00 Adopt A Highway

SERVING SUNDAY 06/30/2024

Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Schnatterly
Organist & Choirmaster: Nancy Owens
Altar Guild: Anita Valentin
Eucharistic Ministers:

8:30 Robert Pinkston

10:30 Ethel Lawler

Lectors: 8:30 John Dickey

10:30 Ron Hicks

Acolytes: 8:30 Elaine Parnell

10:30 Summer Robbins

Greeters: 8:30 Teri Swann

10:30 Salvina Cascio-Brewer

Vestry Open-up: Teri Swann

Vestry Lock-up: April Morris

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



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Tia LaMance, Office Manager/Secretary

Office Hours: Mon., Wed. & Thurs. 9-2; Tues. 9-12

1200 Powdersville Road, Easley, SC 29642

864-859-6296

Web: www.stmec.org ♦ Email: office@stmec.org

<https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelsEasley/>

JULY ECM: will meet this Thursday, July 11th at 6:30 PM Social, 7:00 PM for a Fish Fry. Please sign up in the Parish Hall, so we know how much food to prepare. The cost of the meal will be split among those attending.

ADOPT A HIGHWAY DAY: We welcome all to help in the cleaning of the Highway that St. M's has adopted on Saturday, August 3 at 9am. We will meet at the church. Adults only please as we are working along a busy highway. Remember your work gloves. After the pickup, plan to join us for a late breakfast somewhere local! If you plan on participating, please call John Dickey at 269-2686 or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board so that John knows who to notify if the clean-up is postponed.

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION: We still have dates available on the altar flower chart and dedication sheets are posted on the bulletin board. Here's how to sign-up: Put your name on the altar flower chart then on the dedication sheet, write your name and how you want your dedication to read in the bulletin for the date you select. Please remember you need to put your name in both places! **Altar flowers are now \$40, Greenery is now \$20 and special request may cost more.**

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED: The sign-up sheet is posted on the parish hall bulletin board. Please consider serving in this wonderful ministry. Hosting is easy and makes a big contribution to welcoming guests and enhancing our parish fellowship. If you have any questions about serving, call the church office at 859-6296.

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.



JUNE

30 Sable Cleveland

JULY

- 1 Kim Burns
- 2 Kenny Shields
- 9 April Morris
- 10 Robert Borowski
- 11 Joesph McClain
- 13 Jake Dunn
- 16 Mark Chapman
- 27 Billie Morrison
- 30 Sue Capece

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 typed.

Please pray daily in our search for a new Rector.