



St. Michael's Messenger

Week of July 14, 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



07/14	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
08/11	9:30	Finance Meeting
08/15	6:00	Vestry Meeting
08/18	9:30	DOK Meeting

SERVING SUNDAY 07/14/2024

Celebrant: The Rev. Michael Schnatterly

Organist & Choirmaster: Nancy Owens

Altar Guild: Teri Swann

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:30 Elaine Parnell

10:30 Marie Miller

Lectors: 8:30 Elaine Parnell

10:30 Bob Cook

Acolytes: 8:30 Jay Achterhoff

10:30 Tom McCabe

Greeters: 8:30 Rick Parnell

10:30 Robert & Cheryl Borowski

Vestry Open-up: Rick Parnell

Vestry Lock-up: 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.

JULY MEET 'N' EAT: This month's Meet 'N' Eat will be at Buffalo Cornbread, 1712 SC-86, Piedmont, SC 29673 on Thursday, July 25th @ 6pm. A signup sheet is in the Parish Hall. Please come join us for good food and great fellowship.

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.**

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

We often get asked what needs to happen in order to "join" our Church. The short answer is you just need to show up! We welcome anyone and everyone to join us for worship on Sunday mornings or at any of our church activities. For we understand that first and foremost, membership in the Church means being part of a community that is drawn ever more deeply into relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

However, there can be more to it than that. For those who are interested in making a formal commitment of membership to the Episcopal Church, and St. Michael's in particular, we have put together a brief summary of how the Episcopal Church defines the terms of membership, and we will be posting excerpts from that over the next several weeks.

If you still have questions after reading this information, please feel free to talk to our Priest, to any member of our Vestry, or contact our Church Office and we'd be happy to talk to you more about it.

WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH?

A person is a member of the Episcopal Church if they have been baptized, whether in an Episcopal church or another Christian church, and the baptism has been recorded in the records of a particular Episcopal parish. A person may also become a member of the Episcopal Church if they are Confirmed or Received by a Bishop.




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

**May God Bless You
On Your Birthday!!**

Ephesians 1:11



In him we have obtained an inheritance having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things to the counsel of his will

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



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