



St. Michael's Messenger

October 06, 2024



The Rector's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Michael's,

A week ago tomorrow, a hurricane changed our area in so many ways. I do not have to tell you all that. All of us have stories, some are quite harrowing. We have navigated Covid. This parish has navigated being without a priest for an extended amount of time. I believe we will navigate these repercussions for weeks, months, and even years. But we will not go it alone. We will navigate these things together and with God. When we do not have the words to pray or to give comfort, we look to our Book of Common Prayer (1979). In it are prayers for a variety of situations. Below is a prayer entitled For All Sorts and Conditions of Men. I invite us all to reflect on it.

O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are in any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; [especially for all those beset by Hurricane Helene]; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen. (BCP 814)

I am sure all of us want to assist our neighbors in Easley, in the upstate, and to our neighbors in North Carolina and Tennessee. Please use this link as a clearing house for giving outside of Easley. Next week, I will be in touch with our Diocesan staff as to learn others ways to assist.

<https://www.edusc.org/edusc-hurricane-helene-disaster-response-resources/> As for giving to help those in need here in Easley, United Christian Ministries is a great start. <https://www.ucmpc.org/>

A personal note from me – Thanks to Helene, we had to reschedule the visitation and service for my mom. The visitation will take place tomorrow night (6 to 8 PM) at McSwain-Evans Funeral Home (1724 Main Street, Newberry, SC; <https://www.mcswain-evans.com/>) Mom's service will take place on Saturday (11 AM) at St. Luke's Episcopal Church (1605 Main Street, Newberry, SC; <https://stlukesnewberry.org/>) I want to thank our Vestry, the supply clergy, and all of you for your patience and your prayers. As I mentioned to the Vestry yesterday, my transition has to be one of the oddest of late. We will have The Rev. Mtr. Lynn Sanders for our 8:30 and 10:30 AM services on Sunday. Please welcome her back to St. Michael's!

Finally, I will finish on a "fun" note. This Sunday at 3 PM, we will have our annual Blessing of the Animals service. It will take place outside by the Three Crosses and our road sign – weather permitting. I will officiate the service. Please bring your favorite furry or feathery members of your family. I am thankful for Dr. Ronnie Outlaw who will bring some healthy snacks. I am in need of one person to act as a greeter and one person to read a short lesson (please email me if you feel so called). If you do not have a pet, please come on out anyway. You can be a part of our Christian community and you can enjoy watching me try to bless animals – that in itself will be entertainment.

Faithfully,

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SEPTEMBER MEET 'N' EAT: This month's will be held at Bulter Tavern, 1307 Old Easley Hwy, Easley, SC 29640 **THIS** Thursday, September 26 @ 6pm. A signup sheet is in the Parish Hall. Please come join us for good food and great fellowship.

OCTOBERFEST ECM MEETING: will be Thursday, October 10. A social will begin at 6:30 meal at 7:00. This month's meal is Oktoberfest (Brats, sauerkraut, German potato salad & a dessert). Meal cost will be split among those attending. Please sign up on the Parish Hall bulletin board, so we know how much food to prepare.



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- 1 Margaret Astley
- 2 Karen Albright
- 31 Joe Lawler

*May God Bless You
On Your Birthday!!*



It is time to start thinking about our Ministry for OCC. Remember we use plastic shoe boxes for two reasons:

- 1) they are a little bigger
 - 2) they can be used to transport water to their families.
- These can be found at The Dollar Tree, Wal-Mart and other places. Now is the time to get your boxes before they are all gone. We will start collecting your boxes in October. Watch for tips on how to pack your box and more in the coming weeks.



JOIN US THE 29th ANNUAL BUBBAQUE

Saturday, Oct 26, 2024 at 5 pm at St. Michael's. This marks the kick off of our Annual Pledge Campaign. Please see the sign-up sheets in the Parish Hall.

Calendar

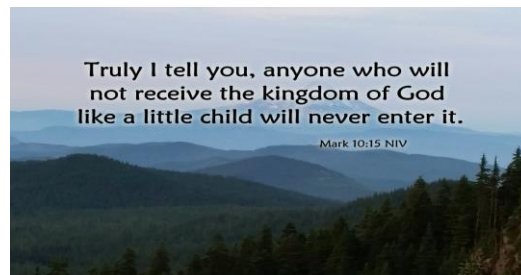
<u>10/06</u>	<u>3:00</u>	<u>Blessings of the Animals</u>
10/10	6:30	October ECM Social
10/13	11:30	Finance Meeting
10/17	6:00	Vestry Meeting
10/20	9:30	DOK Meeting
10/23	4:30	Choir Practice
10/24	6:00	September Meet 'n' Eat
10/26	5:00	Annual BubbaQue
10/30	4:30	Choir Practice
11/03		All Saints' Sunday

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.

SERVING SUNDAY 10/06/2024

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Lynn Sanders
 Instrumentalist: Tony Burns
 Altar Guild: Anita Valentin
 Eucharistic Ministers:
 8:30 Robert Pinkston
 10:30 Mark Pesnell
 Lectors: 8:30 Jeri King
 10:30 April Morris
 Acolytes: 8:30 John Dickey
 10:30 Summer Robbins
 Greeters: 8:30 Teri Swann
 10:30 Joe Lawler
 Vestry Open-up: Robbie Lake
 Vestry Lock-up: Cheryl Borowski



Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.

Mark 10:15 NIV