



St. Michael's Messenger

November 17, 2024



The Rector's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Michael's,

I hope you will find a write up concerning our Diocesan Convention from last weekend. My thanks to Tom McCabe who gave us his thoughts. Also, please remember our Celebration of New Ministry happening next Wed. (Nov. 20) at 6 PM. Please come on out and let us all celebrate!

Have a great weekend, everyone. See you Sunday.

Faithfully,

Fr. Dan



The 102nd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina was called to order on Friday November 8, 2024 at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Columbia by The Rt. Rev. Daniel P Richard, XI Bishop of Upper South Carolina. Along with nominations for positions on Standing Committee and the Disciplinary Board and proposed changes to our canons (i.e., bylaws), we welcomed three Missional congregations to Parish Status: St. Francis of Assisi, Chapin; Church of the Ridge, Edgefield, Trenton, Ride Spring; St. Bartholomew's, North Augusta.

Friday night, we watched a video on Hurricane Helene's destruction and how our diocese worked locally first and is making a commitment to Western North Carolina for assistance (Spruce Pine). We learned it will take years to fix things. Friday night's highlight was Bishop Daniel awarding two Cuthbert Crosses (the highest honor awarded in our diocese) to Frank Ballard (long-time diocesan staff member) and to The Rev. Deacon Mary Jeffers (Grace, Anderson).

Saturday, we started the day with the convention worship service. Then, the Bishop addressed the convention, calling for 2025 to be the Year of the Bible, asking everyone to read the Bible or at least the New Testament. The Bishop announced that our diocese was one of the few who experienced growth last year. He believes future growth will happen when we see an increase in Adult Baptism.

The 103rd Convention will be held Episcopal Church of the Advent Spartanburg SC, November 14-15. In closing I would like to thank the Vestry and St. Michael's allowing me to serve as a deputy to the 102nd Annual Convention.

Sincerely,

Tom McCabe

FR. DAN'S CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY SERVICE:

All are invited to Fr. Dan's installation service is [THIS Wed, Nov. 29 at 6:00 pm.](#)



St. M's has adopted a highway to clean on [Sat, Nov. 23 at 9am.](#) We will meet at the church. Adults only please as we are working along a busy highway. Remember your work gloves and plan to join us for breakfast afterwards! If you plan on participating, please sign up, so that John knows who to notify if the clean-up is postponed.

PLEDGE CARDS: To date, we have received 27 pledges cards. Please, prayerfully consider making a financial commitment to St. Michael's. The deadline to return them is Sun., Nov 24.

LET THE MEN DO THE COOKING: The ECM will prepare your Thanksgiving Day ham or turkey as a fundraiser to support community outreach. Fried or smoked turkeys and smoked hams are \$40 each. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board to place your order (be sure to put the phone number for the day of pickup). Orders due NEXT Sunday. Pick up will be Wed., Nov. 27.

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 the form in no later than 12/15. The set amount is \$20 each flower. Please indicate Christmas flower on your check.

ECM SOCIAL: Join us Thursday, Dec 5, 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.

SERVING SUNDAY 11/17/24

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Daniel A. Wagner

Organist and Choirmaster: Nancy Owens

Altar Guild: Ethel Lawler

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:30 Sarah Mikell

10:30 Marie Miller

Lectors: 8:30 Sarah Mikell

10:30 April Morris

Acolytes: 8:30 Ethel Lawler

10:30 Sam Miller

Greeters: 8:30 John Cleveland

10:30 Anita Valentin

Vestry Open-up: John Cleveland

Vestry Lock-up: Ellie Cook

Calendar

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| 11/17 | 9:30 | DOK Meeting |
| 11/20 | 11:00 | Midweek Healing Service |
| 11/20 | 6:00 | Celebration of New Ministry Service |
| 11/23 | 9:00 | Adopt A Highway |
| 11/27 | 11:00 | Midweek Healing Service |
| 11/27 | | ECM Ham & Turkey Pickup |
| 11/28 | | <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i> |
| 12/04 | 11:00 | Midweek Healing Service |
| 12/04 | 4:30 | Choir Practice |
| 12/05 | 6:00 | December ECM |
| 12/07 | 10:00 | ECW Ornament Exchange |
| 12/08 | 11:30 | Finance Meeting |
| 12/15 | 9:30 | DOK Meeting |

JESUS CALLED HIS DISCIPLES TO HIM AND SAID, "TRULY I TELL YOU, THIS POOR WIDOW HAS PUT MORE THAN ALL THE OTHERS INTO THE TREASURY.

- MARK 12:43

MASTER SCHEDULE

Tia is putting the Master Schedule together for the first of 2025. If you are a server and know of dates that you cannot serve from January through April, please email that info to office@stmec.org **ASAP**.



NOVEMBER

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| 1 | Salvina Cascio-Brewer |
| 5 | Joy Moss |
| 7 | Zoe Wyatt |
| 9 | Jay Achterhoff |
| 10 | Gail Reuning |
| 12 | Sally Goller |
| 13 | Craig Stone |
| 18 | Carr Lee March |
| 22 | Sheree Chapman |
| 24 | Mary Jane Ashmore |
| 28 | Edie Smith |

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

DOK PROJECTS:

-TITLE ONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS:

-Please join our DOK in providing socks and underwear donations for Title 1 elementary schools in our county. **Project end date 12/08/24.**

-WARMTH & COMFORT FOR THE ELDERLY: The DOK is also helping with a project for the elderly in our county. If you have any new travel size toiletries to contribute, please place them in the marked basket on the table in the Narthex. **Project end date 11/24/24.**

-SAVE THE DATE: The first 2 Sundays in December, St. M's will be collecting your gently used, clean coats for all ages, sizes, and genders to help UCM with their coat drive.



HOW ARE WE DOING: We have received 32 shoeboxes to date. Remember to include \$10 in each box for shipping and a label for girl or boy. Make check for shipping, payable to Samaritan's Purse. **DUE THIS SUNDAY!!**