



St. Michael's Messenger

January 26, 2025



The Rector's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Michael's,

On Tuesday of this week, I was treated to two unexpected events – snow (which I did not think would happen for us) and a pastoral visit to me in the form of Sam Miller. Sam stopped by St. Michael's to say hello to me. It was a joyful time, roughly twenty minutes. But I was given the real pleasure of seeing our Brother in Christ, looking great and in great spirits. He was even kind enough to let me snap a picture of him for today's Messenger. Please keep praying for Sam and for Marie. We might see them at church from time to time. If they do show, please be gentle and not crowd them, as Sam's immune system is limited at this time.



Trust me, his laugh was great as ever

As we have announced in previous Messengers and a special blast, Teri Swann's husband, Rich, passed away last week. Please continue to hold Teri in prayer. We are looking at a date in May for Rich's service. Teri wanted us to be clear of Easter and for the weather to be good so family can come down from Canada for the service.

Back on Sunday, we prayed for the passing of the mother of Joe McClain, Dawn Noah. Please remember Joe and his wife, Sloan, in your prayers. Please consider sending Joe a note of love:

Joe & Sloan McClain
609 West 4th Ave
Easley, SC 29640

O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Dawn, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy (BCP 493). in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

As I am "the new guy" it is fun to watch things unfold here at St. Michael's. Out of nowhere, the Oyster Roast (March 8) is taking shape. By the stirrings of the Holy Spirit, the Youth will have an event – Bowling on Feb. 13. The ECM's Valentine's Dinner is on Feb. 14 (Surf and Turf at a reasonable cost). Plus, the Altar Guild will have a training session this Sunday, Jan. 26, at 9:30 AM.

The training is for all those in the Altar Guild. And.... If you have ever thought about working with the Altar Guild, please come! We would love folks (yes, men and women) to consider being a part of this group. It is an amazing ministry, so please pray and see where the Holy Spirit is guiding you.

Next Sunday at 9:30, we will have an informational meeting about reading the Bible in a year. This is something Bishop Daniel is commending for Episcopalians in Upper South Carolina. Why not consider making this a spiritual discipline for a year? For more information, please [click here](#).

Finally, if you are looking for ways to support those in need in California, please consider giving to the Episcopal Relief-Development agency. For more information please, [click here](#). You can [click here](#) to get connected to ways in which our Diocese is articulating a long-term response to assist those in need in Western North Carolina.

Heavenly Father, please move us to love our neighbors, both near and far, especially for those who need relief. Father, please help us to put our faith in you into action. Amen.

Have a great week, everyone. Stay warm out there and I'll see you at church.

Faithfully,
Fr. Dan

CANDLEMASS SERVICE: Our friends at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Clemson will have a special Candlemass Evening Service on Sunday, February 2 at 5 PM. This will take place at the historic St. Paul's Church in Pendleton (328 E. Queen St., Pendleton, SC 29670). All are welcome to attend.

BISHOP DANIEL'S BIBLE CHALLENGE: Ever read the whole Bible? Ever afraid to read the whole Bible? Bishop Daniel wants his flock to read the Bible in a year. If you are interested, Fr. Dan will have an informational meeting, Feb. 2 at 9:30 AM (between the services).



01/26	9:30	Altar Guild Training
01/29	11:00	Midweek Healing Service
01/29	4:30	Choir Practice
02/05	11:00	Midweek Healing Service
02/05	4:30	Choir Practice
02/09	11:30	Finance Meeting
02/12	11:00	Midweek Healing Service
02/12	4:30	Choir Practice
02/14	6:30	ECM Annual Ladies Night
02/16	9:30	DOK Meeting
02/19	11:00	Midweek Healing Service
02/19	4:30	Choir Practice
02/23	3:00	ECW Outing
03/08	2:00	Annual Oyster Roast



OYSTER ROAST

St. M's Annual Oyster Roast is Sat, March 8, 2025. Tickets are now available to purchase! Adult tickets are \$45 each and children age 6-11 are \$10. Ethel Lawler and Rick Parnell will sell tickets after each service or you can drop by the office during business hours. The deadline to purchase tickets is Sunday, March 2.

ANNUAL ECM LADIES NIGHT: The 10th Annual ECM Ladies Night Surf & Turf is Friday, February 14. Social at 6:30pm with the meal at 7:00pm. Cost is \$25/couple for ECM members and \$35/couple for non-members. The deadline to sign-up is Feb. 10. The sign-up sheet is posted in the parish hall.

YOUTH BOWLING EVENT: St. Michael's Youth will gather on Thursday, Feb. 13 at 7 PM. Want to go? Please get in touch with Fr. Dan or Kim Pesnell. There is a sign-up sheet on the Parish Hall bulletin board..



JANUARY

26 Drayton Robbins

FEBRUARY

- 1 Scotland Dunn
- 2 Tia LaMance
- 4 Jay Morrison
Nancy Bonge
- 6 Bob Carman
- 18 Betty Jo Shaw
- 21 Rick Parnell
- 24 Valarie Burgin
Marie Miller
- 26 Kim Pesnell
- 29 Barbara Hill

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

SERVING SUNDAY 01/26/25

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Daniel A. Wagner

Organist and Choirmaster: Nancy Owens

Altar Guild: Kim Frost

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:30 Sarah Mikell

10:30 Ethel Lawler

Lectors: 8:30 Jay Achterhoff

10:30 Libby Carmen

Acolytes: 8:30 Leisa Achterhoff

10:30 Kim Pesnell

Greeters: 8:30 John Cleveland

10:30 Robert & Cheryl Borowski

Vestry Open-up Church: Robbie Lake

Vestry Lock-up Church: Ellie Cook