



St. Michael's Messenger

February 16, 2025



The Rector's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Michael's,

"Rise up ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things, give heart and soul and mid and strength to serve the King of kings." (Hymn 551, v.1)

Tuesday night, I found myself at Liberty High School watching a JV Basketball game. My thanks to Ethan Carroll who invited me out to watch him play. I was privileged to sit with Michelle and Nathan, while Caleb was the official scorekeeper for the game. Watching Ethan and the other Red Devils play their hearts out by running up and down the court – and watching them jump up to shoot or rebound – caused the words of Hymn 551 to come into mind. I pray each of us can rise up as a Saint of God to proclaim Christ and to "Tread where [Jesus'] feet have trod."

Speaking of the saints rising up, our Youth will be rising up tonight. We will have our first youth outing in quite a while. I must thank Kim Pesnell for responding to God and being the prime mover for this event. We will meet at Tri-City Lanes at 7 PM. I pray we will have a great time and that your rector won't hurt too bad come Friday.

As a reminder, we will celebrate the life of the saint – Eda Marie White on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 11 AM at Dillard Funeral Home (2402 Gentry Memorial Hwy, Pickens, SC 29671). Visitation will take place at 10 AM and the Burial of the Dead – Rite II Service will happen at 11 AM in the Chapel, with The Committal taking place immediately following the service on Dillard's campus. All are welcome to attend.

On Thursday, Feb. 20, at 2 PM, at St. James Episcopal Church (301 Piney Mountain Road, Greenville, SC 29609), we will celebrate another saint – The Rev. Michael Schnatterly. While the service begins at 2 PM, it is highly encouraged to arrive at 1:15. The service will be held in the church, with overflow (and a reception) happening in the Family Life Center (gym). You can watch the service on St. James' web site: <https://www.stjamesgreenville.org/>

I ask your prayers for both families and for the parishes of St. Michael's, St. James, and Church of the Good Shepherd (Greer). May God grant them all His Love as they (and us) mourn the loss of Eda and Fr. Mike.

Please note, the Church Office will be closed on Monday in honor of Presidents' Day. However, our group tackling Bishop Daniel's Bible Challenge will meet (as planned) at 5:30 PM. If you are interested in attending, please come! As I have said several times, this could be a great spiritual discipline for 2025.

During the sermon on Sunday, I spoke about Cursillo, Happening, and Bishop Daniel's Day of Discernment. While Curillo and Happening are familiar spiritual renewal events, Bishop Daniel's Day of Discernment is new. Click here for more information.

Let us all have a great week. Please pray for our Youth – that they can joyfully "rise up" to have fun tonight and that they can "rise up" to fall in love more and more with God and His Son, our savior, Jesus Christ.

Faithfully,
Fr. Dan

CARDS FOR FR. MIKE'S FAMILY: Any parishioners that would like to send a card of condolences for Fr. Mike's passing to please bring them and place in the marked basket in the Narthex on Sunday. These will be delivered to his family.

OYSTER ROAST TICKETS: Our Oyster Roast is Sat., March 8. Tickets are now available to purchase! Adult tickets are \$45 each and children age 6-11 are \$10. Ethel and Rick will sell tickets after each service or you can drop by the office during business hours. **The deadline to purchase tickets is 3/2/25.**

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS: The Altar flower chart and dedication sheet is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. The sheets are posted on the parish hall bulletin board. Please remember you need to put your name in both places! Altar flowers are \$40. Greenery is \$20 and special request may cost more.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: The sign-up sheet is 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 office at 864.859.6296.

FEBRUARY MEET 'N' EAT: We will meet on Thurs., Feb. 27 at 6pm at Willy Taco on HWY 123 in Easley. The sign-up sheet is on the Bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

ADOPT A HIGHWAY: We welcome all to help in the cleaning of the Highway that St. M's has adopted, on Sat., March 1 at 9am. We will meet at the church. Adults only, due to working along a busy highway. Remember your work gloves. Afterwards, plan to join us for a late breakfast locally! If you plan to participate, please see John D. or sign up on the sheet in the Parish Hall.



02/13	7:00	Youth Bowling Night
02/14	6:30	ECM Annual Ladies Night
02/16	9:30	DOK Meeting
02/17		Church Office Closed
02/17	5:30	Bible Challenge Meeting
02/19	11:00	Midweek Healing Service
02/19	4:30	Choir Practice
02/20	6:00	Vestry Meeting
02/23	3:00	ECW Outing
02/27	6:00	February Meet 'n' Eat
03/01	9:00	Adopt-A-Highway
03/05	11:00	Ash Wednesday Service
03/05	6:00	Ash Wednesday Service
03/08	2:00	Annual Oyster Roast
03/09		Daylight Savings
03/09		1 st Sunday in Lent



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ANNUAL ECM LADIES NIGHT: The Ladies Night is Friday, Feb. 14. Social at 6:30 PM with the meal at 7 PM Cost is \$25/couple for ECM members and \$35/couple for non-members. The deadline to sign-up is 2/10/25. The sign-up sheet is posted in the parish hall.

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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 02/16/25

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 Bob Cook

Lectors: 8:30 Sarah Mikell

10:30 Ron Hicks

Acolytes: 8:30 Betty Jo Shaw

8:30 Ethan Carroll

Greeters: 8:30 John Dickey

10:30 Robert & Cheryl Borowski

Vestry Open-up Church: Rick Parnell

Vestry Lock-up Church: Robert Borowski

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Reverend Daniel A. Wagner, Rector

Tia LaMance, Church Administrator

Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am-2pm; Tuesday 9am-12pm

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