



St. Michael's Messenger

March 30, 2025



The Rector's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Michael's,

Last Sunday, it was my joy to hustle down to Camp Gravatt (rural Aiken Co) to cheer on Ethan Carroll as he made his Happening Weekend. Happening is the high school version of Cursillo. Both are spiritual renewal weekends that are lay lead and clergy supported. There were roughly twenty Happeners, numerous youth staff members putting on the weekend, and the adults in support.

The Chapel of the Transfiguration was filled with happy voices, clapping, and even some dance moves. Our friend, Fr. Jack Hardaway (Rector of Grace, Anderson and frequent oyster roast participant), was the celebrant for the service. As the Lay Rector put it, "It's Epic." I would concur. To me, the service was a real reminder of the heavenly banquet of which we shall all partake (to pull from our Prayer Book). When you see Ethan at St. Michael's, please congratulate him and ask him his take on the weekend.



Michelle Carroll,
Ethan Carroll, and
Fr. Dan

In the life of The Church, this Sunday is Lent 4. It is known as Laetare. Of this Sunday, the Episcopal Church Glossary says, "[t]he church is called to joyful anticipation of the victory to be won. This joyful theme provides lightening from the penitential emphasis of Lent." We are headed into two weeks of the hopefulness that is Jesus Christ. It is my hope that you will notice that our lessons will have a more joyful and hopeful theme than previous Sundays. This will help us "gird" ourselves for the challenge and joy that is Holy Week and Easter.

As we get closer to Holy Week and as a reminder, in The Episcopal Church, we have our general confession in our service. During Lent, it will be at the beginning of the service. But, did you know that The Episcopal Church has individual confession? It is known as Reconciliation of a Penitent (BCP 446) and is designed for someone who has the Holy Spirit working on them with a particular sin that needs to be named, confessed, and absolved.

With Reconciliation of a Penitent, remember, it is "All may, some should, and none must..." If you feel nudged by the Holy Spirit, I invite folks to look at Form II, pray about it, and then reach out to me.

Have a great week everyone. Please pray for our neighbors to our north in Pickens, Greenville, and Transylvania Counties. Pray these forest fires come under control and there is no loss of life and no significant loss of property. At this time, I am unaware of an "Episcopal Church Response" concerning the fires. If you know of any relief work, please reach out to me. Again, let us pray for mercy concerning these fires.

Faithfully,
Fr. Dan

LENTEN SEASON: Please remember that alleluias are omitted from the Liturgy during the Lenten Season, as this is a pertinent time and our worship is muted. After we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, we will return to including alleluias in our Worship.

LENT WORSHIP: As we are in Lent, our worship style will change. The aim of is to enhance our Lenten experience and use as much of the Prayer Book as possible within a year.

LENTEN STUDY: We will have a video and discussion of the upcoming Gospel lessons during Lent. As an experiment, we will have our 11 AM Healing Service and class following that service. At 5:30 PM, we will have brief worship and then the same class for those who are unable to make it earlier in the day. Come and try these worship and education opportunities.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: While Stations of the Cross have been done on Good Friday only, this year we will offer them each Friday in Lent in the Church at 5 PM. This is a quiet, though powerful, spiritual discipline. We will have Stations on Good Friday also.

APRIL ECM: will be a Fish Fry on Thursday, April 3 at 6:30 PM Social 7:00 PM meal. Please sign up in the Parish Hall, so we know how much food to prepare. Invite someone who hasn't been to a meeting.

ECW SPRING HIGH TEA: Our 5th Annual Spring High Tea will be held Saturday, April 12th from 12:00 to 2:00 in the Parish Hall. Dress in your Sunday best, Hats preferred but not required. All women are invited for tea, food, door prize, lots of fun and fellowship. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. To purchase your \$10.00 ticket, or if you have any questions, please see Ellie.



CALENDAR

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| 04/02 | 11:00 | Mid-week Healing Service & Class |
| 04/02 | 4:30 | Choir Practice |
| 04/02 | 5:30 | Mid-Week Service & Class |
| 04/03 | 6:30 | ECM April Social |
| 04/04 | 5:00 | Stations of the Cross |
| 04/09 | 11:00 | Mid-week Healing Service & Class |
| 04/09 | 4:30 | Choir Practice |
| 04/09 | 5:30 | Mid-Week Service & Class |
| 04/11 | 5:00 | Stations of the Cross |
| 04/12 | 12:00 | ECW Spring High Tea |
| 04/14 | 6:00 | Holy Eucharist |
| 04/15 | 6:00 | Holy Eucharist |
| 04/16 | 6:00 | Holy Eucharist |
| 04/17 | 6:00 | Maundy Thursday Holy Eucharist |
| 04/18 | 12:00 | Good Friday: Passion Narrative |
| 04/18 | 6:00 | Stations of the Cross |
| 04/20 | 10:30 | Easter Sunday Service (Only One Service) |
| 04/21 | | Church Office Closed |
| 04/22 | | Church Office Closed |
| 04/25 | | Church Office Closed |

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EASTER FLOWERS: If you would like to dedicate a flower, please turn a form into the office no later than 4/13. The amount for a flower is \$25 and can be placed in the offering plate or turned into the office. Checks need to indicate Easter flower in the subject line.



MARCH

27 Mary Beth Stroud
30 Myrna Pulley

APRIL

1 Baker Cleveland
2 Christopher Borowski
Ellie Cook
4 Ethel Lawler
6 Jean Jordan
9 JoAnn Hicks
19 Catherine Borowski
26 Michael Pulley

*May God Bless You
On Your Birthday!!*

SERVING SUNDAY 03/30/25

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Daniel A. Wagner

Organist and Choirmaster: Nancy Owens

Special Music: Susan Wallace & Tony Burns

Altar Guild: Valarie Burgin

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:30 Sarah Mikell

10:30 John Dickey

Lectors: 8:30 Jay Achterhoff

10:30 Ron Hicks

Acolytes: 8:30 Leisa Achterhoff

10:30 Salvina Cascio-Brewer

Greeters: 8:30 Robbie Lake

10:30 Ellie Cook

Vestry Open-up Church: Wardens & Fr. Dan Wagner

Vestry Lock-up Church: Prissy Golas