



St. Michael's Messenger

May 11, 2025



The Rector's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Michael's,

This Sunday, we will have the intersection of the secular – with Mother's Day, with the religious – Good Shepherd Sunday. We will give thanks to God for all of our Moms and Motherly Figures. It is these souls, among us and in thy Paradise, who have helped us be who we have become today. I believe these souls heard the Good Shepherd's Voice and then ministered to us in a loving response. On Sunday, please do me a big favor and thank our Moms and Motherly Figures!

As a reminder, tomorrow, we will celebrate the life of John Hill Moss. On Friday, May 9, at 2 PM, there will be a Visitation for the family in our Parish Hall. Then at 3 PM, there will be a service (Burial of the Dead, Rt. II, with Holy Communion and The Commendation). All are welcome to attend. As a reminder, The Mosses attended our earlier service. John was an avid wood turner, a mechanical engineer, and even served as Senior Warden of Grace Calvary Episcopal Church in Clarkesville, GA. For more information on John, you can click [here](#).

The Moss's last service here together was our 11 AM Ash Wednesday Service. Even though my interaction was limited, I am so thankful to have met John. Hearing the stories from the family was (and is!) such a treat. Again, please keep the Moss Family in your prayers and please consider coming to support them in Christian love during a difficult time of transition. The Committal for John will take place at a later date (for the family) at Grace Calvary.

On Saturday, May 17, we will celebrate the life of Richard Swann. That service will take place here at 11 AM, with a reception to follow. I ask your prayers for safe travel for his son, Chris, who is coming from western Canada. Please keep Teri and the whole family in your prayers.

These funerals might get a person thinking, "What is my plan? How do I want things to go for me?" What is the Holy Spirit nudging me to do? While funeral planning might not be "the most fun thing to do," it is a holy and spiritual exercise. Plus, it is a gift from the person to his/her family – a plan in place means one less worry for the family.

Remember, ours is a joyful and hopeful service. We are Easter People. We need Good Friday, but we live into the reality of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ – the Pioneer and Perfector of our faith. While we have sorrow at the loss of a loved one, we are "not sorrowing as those without hope..." (BCP 505) Our hope is in Jesus Christ and even at "the grave we make our song: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia." (BCP 499) If you have any thoughts or questions as to "how we do things here at St. Michael's" concerning funerals, please reach out. I would love to have that conversation. Moreover, I would love to listen to you ask questions and articulate your thoughts. It would be my honor to do so.

Have a great week, Easter People. Let us celebrate our Mothers and Motherly Figures and our Good Shepherd every day. See y'all at church on Sundays and Wednesdays.

Faithfully,
Fr. Dan

GREENVILLE DRIVE NIGHT: On Friday, June 20 @ 6:45 pm, we are going to see the Greenville Drive play with fireworks after the game. You must pay when you sign-up to reserve a ticket. **DEADLINE IS THIS SUNDAY!** Please see Bob Cook to pay.

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION: The Altar flower chart and dedication sheets are posted on the bulletin board. Here's how to sign-up: Put your name on the altar flower chart then on the dedication sheet, write your name and how you want your dedication to read in the bulletin for the date you select. Please remember you need to put your name in both places! **Altar flowers are \$40, Greenery is \$20 and special request may cost more.**

MAY MEET 'n' EAT: We will meet Thursday, May 22 at 6 PM at 2 Bro's Pizza, 2005 E Main St, Easley. Please come and join us for a good time. A sign-up is on the Parish Hall bulletin board.

ADOPT A HIGHWAY: We will be cleaning the Highway that St. M's has adopted, Saturday, June 7 at 9am. We will meet at the church. Adults only please as we are working along a busy highway. Remember your work gloves. After the pickup, plan to join us for breakfast somewhere local! If you plan to participate, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board so that we know who to notify if the clean-up is postponed.

THEATRE OUTING: On Sunday, June 1, Foothills Playhouse in Easley, is putting on *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*. The play starts at 3 PM and tickets are \$12. Tom has reserved 30 tickets for us; a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please see Tom McCabe.

Charm is deceptive, and beauty
is fleeting; but a woman
who fears the Lord
is to be praised.

PROVERBS 31:30 NIV

Wishing you God's unending
favor, kindness and love this

Mother's Day
and always.



CALENDAR

05/09	3:00	John Moss's Funeral Service
05/11		<i>Happy Mother's Day!</i>
05/11	9:30	Finance Meeting
05/14	11:00	Mid-Week Healing Service
05/14	4:00	Choir Practice
05/15	6:00	Vestry Meeting
05/17	11:00	Richard Swann's Funeral Service
05/18	9:30	DOK Meeting
05/21	11:00	Mid-Week Healing service
05/21	4:00	Choir Practice
05/26		Church Office Closed
05/28	11:00	Mid-Week Healing service
05/28	4:00	Choir Practice
05/29	6:00	May Meet 'n' Eat (2 Bros Pizza)
06/01	3:00	Foothills Playhouse Outing
06/04	11:00	Mid-Week Healing service
06/04	4:00	Choir Practice
06/07	9:00	Adopt A Highway
06/08	11:30	Finance Meeting
06/08	10:30	Pentecost - ONE SERVICE ONLY

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MAY

4	Dee Bradley Nancy Owens
6	Becky Keating
8	Nathan Carroll
13	Alison Johnson
19	Sharon McKinney

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

Please let Tia in the church office
know if we missed your birthday.

SERVING SUNDAY 05/11/25

Celebrant & Preacher: The Rev. Daniel A. Wagner

Organist & Choirmaster: Nancy Owens

Special Music: Susan Wallace & Tony Burns

Altar Guild: Teri Swann

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:30 Robert Pinkston

10:30 Bob Cook

Lectors: 8:30 Jay Achterhoff

10:30 April Morris

Acolytes: 8:30 Leisa Achterhoff

10:30 Summer Robbins

Greeters: 8:30 Rick Parnell

10:30 Bob & Ellie Cook

Vestry Open-up Church: Robbie Lake

Vestry Lock-up Church: Robert Borowski

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: The sign-up sheet is on the
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.