



# St. Michael's Messenger

May 18, 2025



## The Rector's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Michael's,

Almighty God, look with pity upon the sorrows of your servants for whom we pray. Remember them, Lord, in your mercy; nourish them with patience; comfort them with a sense of your goodness; lift up your countenance upon them; and give them peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP 467)

This is one of the three prayers we pray when the church receives a body or cremains for burial. You can find all three of them on pages 466-7 of our Prayer Book. To me, these prayers are appropriate to be said with the family only. It is a quiet time for the family. It helps us prepare ourselves for the service. Also, it reminds us where we need to turn on good days and on challenging days. We turn (and keep turning) to God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Of late, our Parish Family has had some passings and now several funerals. Earlier today, you should have received word on the passing of Sam Miller. Again, please pray for Marie and the boys. When we have information concerning the service, we will make that announcement.

As we have experienced a time of loss, I pray that we will throw our fears, worries, and mourning to the foot of The Cross and that we let Jesus help us bear our sorrows and remind us that "life is changed, not ended." (BCP 382) I invite us all to carve out some more prayer time to sit with God and to listen for a word of peace. Hold fast and listen. For our God will provide a word and the grace to go forth.

This Saturday, May 17, we will celebrate the life of Richard Swann. The service will take place here at 11 AM, with the Committal taking place at our Columbarium. There will be a time to visit with Teri and the whole family following the service. Our Parish will host a reception. If you would like to assist with the reception, please reach out Ellie Cook. Again, I ask your prayers for traveling mercy for Richard's son, Chris, who is coming from western Canada. Let us all keep Teri and the whole family in your prayers.

Have a great week, Easter People. We are still in the Great Fifty Days of Eastertide! Let there be joy.

Faithfully,  
Fr. Dan

**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.

**2025 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.

**MAY MEET 'n' EAT:** We will meet Thursday, May 29 at 6 PM at 2 Bro's Pizza, 2005 E Main St, Easley. Please come and join us for fellowship and good food. A sign-up is on the Parish Hall bulletin board.



We welcome all to help in the cleaning of 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 a late breakfast somewhere local! If you plan on participating, please call John D. at 269-2686 or sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board so that John knows 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 \$10. 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.

**PENTECOST CELEBRATION COOKOUT:** Our Pentecost celebration is Sunday, June 8, 2025. We will have only one service at 10:30 AM followed with a cookout. The sign-up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall. This will be a joyous day of fellowship. Pentecost is a time of RED, a color of passion of the Holy Spirit. Be sure to wear red to church Pentecost Sunday.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.

**REVELATION 21:1**

## CALENDAR

05/15	6:00	Vestry Meeting (TONIGHT)
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 - Memorial Day
05/28	11:00	Mid-Week Healing service
05/28	4:00	Choir Practice
05/29	5:00	Feast of the Ascension Service
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
06/11	11:00	Mid-Week Healing service
06/11	4:00	Choir Practice
06/15	9:30	DOK Meeting
06/18	11:00	Mid-Week Healing service
06/18	4:00	Choir Practice
06/20	6:45	Greenville Drive Game

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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 email Tia at [office@stmec.org](mailto:office@stmec.org)  
if we missed your birthday.

## SERVING SUNDAY 05/18/25

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Daniel A. Wagner

Organist & Choirmaster: Nancy Owens

Guest Organist: Stan Hinton

Altar Guild: Ethel Lawler

Eucharistic Ministers:

8:30 Robert Pinkston

10:30 Bob Cook

Lectors: 8:30 Jay Achterhoff

10:30 Ron Hicks

Acolytes: 8:30 Leisa Achterhoff

10:30 Ethan Carroll

Greeters: 8:30 Teri Swann

10:30 Joe & Ethel Lawler

Vestry Open-up Church: Robbie Lake

Vestry Lock-up Church: Robert Borowski