

St. Michael's Messenger

July 13, 2025



The Rector's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Michael's,

"Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have in you." (Hymn 602)

Our Gospel for this Sunday talks about neighbors (Luke 10:25-37). Like Hymn 602 says, our neighbors are near and far. Those here in Easley are our neighbors and those throughout the world are our neighbors. Our neighbors in the hill country of Texas have experienced a horrible tragedy. If you feel moved by the Holy Spirit to pray and then donate toward an Episcopal response to this tragedy, you can click here for the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas and here for Episcopal Relief-Development.

Much closer to home, I want to thank those who have stepped up to love fellow parishioners by signing up for Altar Flowers and Coffee Hour. Concerning our Coffee Hour, it looks as though we are good until mid-August, so I thank you! Please note, there are still opportunities to participate. Please pray and then respond. If you want to pair up with someone else for Coffee Hour, go for it! Concerning Altar Flowers, we still have August 31, Sept. 28, and some of October open. Again, please consider loving God and your neighbor by participating in this ministry.

Finally, another way to love neighbors right here at St. Michael's is by becoming a Eucharistic Visitor. I make pastoral visits and bring Holy Communion to our homebound parishioners. However, I cannot do things by myself. I am thankful that we have several dedicated lay persons who deliver Holy Communion to our home-bound parishioners. Our laity helps me greatly! Does this sound interesting to you? If so... We will have a training for this pastoral ministry on Sunday, July 27, at 2 PM here at St. Michael's. The Rev. Deacon Mary Jeffers (Grace, Anderson) will lead the training. Deacon Mary is a Diocesancertified trainer. The training will be based on the book training is based on Beth Wickenberg Ely's A Manual for Eucharistic Visitors. The parish will purchase copies of this book and have them available later this month. If you are interested or have questions, please reach out and contact me. If you have previously been a Eucharistic Visitor, please attend this training.

Have a great week, everyone. Let us all pray for and love our neighbors both near and far.

Faithfully, Fr. Dan

EUCHARISTIC VISITOR TRAINING: A Eucharistic Visitor (formerly known as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor) is a lay person authorized by Bishop Daniel (or his designee) to take the Consecrated Elements following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the parish who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present for the service. The Rev. Deacon Mary Jeffers (Grace, Anderson) is a Diocesan certified trainer for EVs. **St. Michael's will have a training session on Sunday, July 27 at 2 PM. If you are interested, or have questions, please contact Fr. Dan.** The training session is roughly two hours.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS: We have a need for coffee hour hosts for the rest of 2025. Please consider serving in this wonderful ministry. Hosting is easy and makes a big contribution to welcoming guests and enhancing our parish fellowship. Nervous about doing it by yourself, why not partner with a friend? If you have any questions about serving, call the office at 864.859.6296. You can also email office@stmec.org or rector@stmec.org.

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! <u>Altar</u> flowers are **\$40**, Greenery is **\$20** and special request may cost more.

JULY MEET 'N' EAT: This month's Meet 'n' Eat will be at Nick Henry's, 11011 Anderson Rd., Piedmont, SC 29673, will be on Thursday, July 24 @ 6pm. A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall.





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July

- 1 Kim Burns
- 2 Kenny Shields
- 7 Mosley Hardy
- 9 April Morris
- 10 Robert Borowski
- 11 Joesph McClain
- 13 Jake Dunn
- 16 Mark Chapman
- 20 Caleb Carroll

May God Bless You On Your Birthday!!

Please email Tia at <u>office@stmec.org</u> if we've missed your birthday.

SERVING SUNDAY 07/13/25

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Daniel A. Wagner Organist and Choirmaster: Nancy Owens Altar Guild: Teri Swann Eucharistic Ministers: 8:30 Robert Pinkston 10:30 Caleb Carroll Lectors: 8:30 Robert Pinkston 10:30 Tony Burns Acolytes: 8:30 John Dickey 10:30 Ethan Carroll Greeters: 8:30 Jeri King 10:30 Robert & Cheryl Borowski Vestry Open-up Church: Rick Parnell Vestry Lock-up Church: Prissy Golas