



# St. Michael's Messenger

April 26, 2026



## The Rector's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Michael's,

"He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls." (1 Peter 2:24-25)

As we continue through The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide, this Sunday you will see a shift in our Gospel lessons. Our last three Sundays gave us accounts of Jesus' resurrection (the garden tomb, the upper room, the road to Emmaus). The next two Sundays (Easter 4 and 5) will focus on who Jesus is (the Good Shepherd and Son of God). I pray that we can celebrate Jesus' resurrection every day in our lives and not just during the Easter season.

Speaking of celebrating, it was a real joy to be on hand for the piano recital that Nancy Owens held last Sunday afternoon. The event was full of hopeful families and (somewhat nervous) students. There was much joy in the room and it was my honor to give an invocation before the courageous students began. Nancy is an amazing encourager and it was fun to watch her in action.

I am not sure if we list this under celebrating, but it was great for St. M's to host the Episcopal Clergy of the Upstate West (our deanery) last week. Our Bishop was in Ecuador, but we did have Cn. Rhoades in his place. It was fun to watch the clergy walk around our building and complement our facilities. And yes, we did a Bible Study and some prayer time too. My thanks to Dea. Mary & Tia for helping to provide wonderful hospitality.

My thanks for everyone who signed our card for The Rev. Deacon Al Hipp (who served here at St. M's as Deacon). His heart surgery was quite involved and as of this morning, he is still in ICU at Spartanburg Regional. Dea. Al has a long road for recovery ahead of him, so please keep him in your prayers. Also, please keep Church of the Advent, Spartanburg in your prayers. That is where he is serving.

Please do not forget that we will have an interest meeting for starting a men's Bible study and a women's Bible study in between services on THIS Sunday, 4/24 at 9:45 in the nave.

Finally, we are working to add to our outreach efforts. We want to love and serve our neighbors through United Christian Ministries, especially with their shortage of pasta sauce & one-pound bags of rice. Please keep that coming! Also in the narthex, you will find a box for donations for The Dream Center.

Their needs include: shelf stable milk, syrup for pancakes, crackers, protein bars, individually packaged snacks, apple sauce, & bottled water. Please consider loving & serving our neighbors by helping The Dream Center.

Have a great week, everyone. See y'all on Sunday. Let there be joy these fifty days!

Faithfully,  
Fr. Dan

**UNITED CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES: Let's help stock the shelves at UCM. This month please bring in Spaghetti Sauces & 1lb bags of rice.**

**DREAM CENTER: Is a unique homeless shelter. They are in immediate need of items for their Pantry to continue to help these families. Please consider helping this wonderful ministry by donating shelf stable milk, syrup for pancakes, crackers, protein bars, individually packaged snacks, applesauce, and bottles of water. There will be a box in the Narthex labeled Dream Center.**

**MAY ECM MEETING:** The men will meet Thurs., 5/7, for a Mexican feast. A social will begin at 6:30 w/dinner at 7. Please sign-up on the ECM bulletin board, so we know how much food to purchase. The cost will be split among those attending.

**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 Flower Chart and 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! Flowers are \$40; Greenery is \$20 and special request may cost more.

**PENTECOST COOKOUT:** Our Pentecost celebration is Sunday, 5/24. We will have only one service at 10:30 AM followed with a cookout. The sign-up sheets are posted in the Parish Hall, if you plan to attend, please sign-up by 5/17. Pentecost is a time of RED, a color of passion of the Holy Spirit. Be sure to wear red to church Pentecost Sunday.

**ECW OUTING:** On Fri. 5/23, we will be taking a trip to Table Rock Tea Company for a free tour, the 2 PM tour has been reserved for us. If you would like to join us for lunch prior to the tour, please meet at the church at 11:30 AM to carpool to Aunt Sue's, 118 High Hills Lane, Pickens. A signup sheet is on the bulletin board. If you have any questions, please see Ellie.

**HEALTH SCREENINGS:** Questions about your healthcare or your blood pressure? Join Olivia & Parker on the 5th Sunday of the month, in the first classroom, after each service. Bring your questions, medicines, and/or your curiosity. This will be one-to-one as best we can manage. This will happen on a quarterly basis with our 1st health screening Sunday 5/31.

# SPRING CALENDAR

04/25	10:00	ECW Spring Tea
04/26	9:45	Interest Meeting for future Bible Studies
04/29	11:00	Mid-week Healing Service
05/06	11:00	Mid-week Healing Service
05/07	6:30	May ECM Social
05/10	11:30	Finance Meeting
05/13	11:00	Mid-week Healing Service
05/13	4:00	Choir Practice
05/14	6:00	Ascension Day Service (Thursday)
05/17	9:30	DOK Meeting
05/18	6:00	Vestry Meeting
05/20	11:00	Mid-week Healing Service
05/20	4:00	Choir Practice
05/24	10:30	Pentecost ONE SERVICE ONLY
05/25		Memorial Day (Officed Closed)
05/27	11:00	Mid-week Healing Service
05/27	4:00	Choir Practice
05/31		Health Screening After Each Service
06/03	11:00	Mid-week Healing Service
06/03	4:00	Choir Practice
06/04	6:30	ECM Social
06/06	11:00	Hurricane Awareness Event
06/10	11:00	Mid-week Healing Service
06/10	4:00	Choir Practice
06/14	11:30	Finance Meeting
06/17	11:00	Mid-week Healing Service
06/17	4:00	Choir Practice
06/21	9:30	DOK Meeting
06/24	11:00	Mid-week Healing Service
06/24	4:00	Mid-week Healing Service

**A FRIENDLY HOUSEKEEPING REMINDER:**  
PLEASE refrain from bringing any food or drinks into the Sanctuary. Thank you for your cooperation.



**NAMING YOUR CALL**

Join Us On May 2, 2026 | 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | All Saints' Episcopal | 505 Calvert Ave | Clinton, SC 29325

**FREE EVENT**

Exploring Lay Ministry

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26 Michael Pulley



- 1 Ron Vines
- 4 Dee Bradley
- Nancy Owens
- 6 Becky Keating
- 13 Alison Johnson

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

Please email [office@stmec.org](mailto:office@stmec.org) if we've missed your birthday.

## SERVERS FOR SUNDAY 4/26/26

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Daniel A. Wagner  
Organist/Choirmaster: Nancy Owens  
Altar Guild: Valarie Burgin  
Eucharistic Ministers:  
8:30 Sarah Mikell  
10:30 John Dickey & Mark Pesnell  
Lectors: 8:30 Jonnie Holt  
10:30 Tony Burns  
Acolytes: 8:30 JoAnn Hicks  
10:30 Salvina Cascio-Brewer  
Torch Bearers: Mark & Kim Pesnell  
Greeters: 8:30 Robbie Lake  
10:30 Bob & Ellie Cook  
Vestry Open-up Church: Teri Swann  
Vestry Lock-up Church: Salvina Cascio-Brewer  
Today's Counters: Sheree Chapman & Bob Carman

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