



# St. Michael's Messenger

May 3, 2026



## The Rector's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Michael's,

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)

Sunday, we'll hear much more from St. Peter's First Letter. The crux of that lesson is that through mentorship of other Christians, and the power of the Holy Spirit, new Christians (Baby Christians, if you will) can grow into more mature Christians. One way we can grow into more mature Christians is to feed on the Word of God, The Holy Scriptures. On Sunday, we had an interest meeting in starting a men's Bible group and a women's Bible group. I am thankful that we had a total of sixteen folks express an interest. Theresa Economou (631.335.9963) and Babs Stio as our facilitators for the women. I am working to procure a leader for the men and I will speak to them at their meeting in May. This is all a work in progress, but be on the lookout for more information. Feel free to reach out to me with any questions or interest in participating!

Finally, please know that The Venerable Mary Jeffers, the Archdeacon of our Diocese, is quite busy with events this month. Things are challenging, as Dea. Al Hipp is recovering from heart surgery and another Deacon is traveling. Our parish needs to know that Dea. Mary's whereabouts will take her away from us and to various parts of Upper SC. After June 7, her travel will abate until December. Please pray for her safe travels and strength for work!

Last Sunday, she pinch-hit for Dea. Al at Christ Church. This Sunday, she is representing the Diocese as a long-time Vocational Deacon, will retire. On May 17, Dea. Mary will serve for Dea. Al at Holy Cross, Simpsonville for Bishop Daniel's visitation. On May 24 (Pentecost), Dea. Mary will hit the road for North Augusta to represent the Diocese for The Rev. Dea. Pam Crossley's retirement at St. Bartholomew's. On June 7, Dea. Mary will serve at St. Matthew's, again. Please keep her in prayer.

Have a great week, everyone. Be at peace. Let not our hearts or minds not be troubled. God and Christ love us and do not want us to be anxious. And let there be joy during this Eastertide.

Faithfully,  
Fr. Dan

**UNITED CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES:** Let's help stock the shelves at UCM. This month please bring in Spaghetti Sauces & 11b 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 FLOWERS:** 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.



Meal delivery drivers needed!! For more information contact  
Melissa Parker at 864-507-2382 or  
email [volunteer@pcmow.org](mailto:volunteer@pcmow.org).

## SPRING CALENDAR

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



- 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.

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

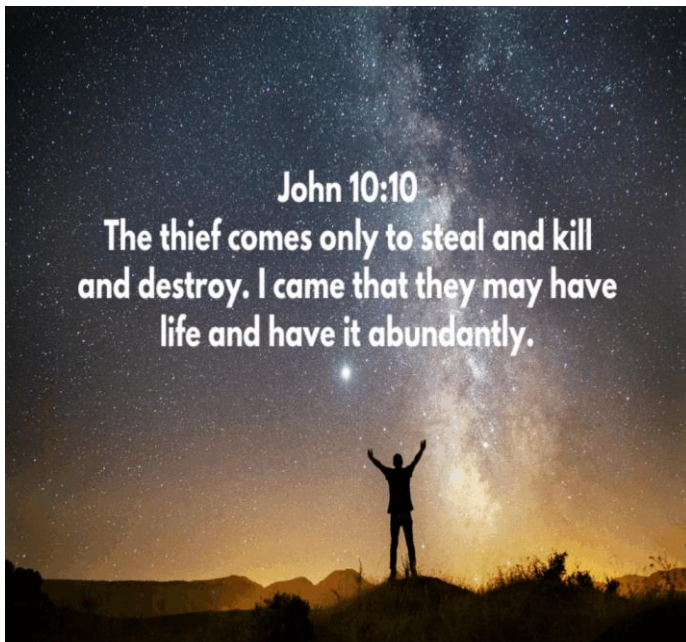
### SERVERS FOR SUNDAY 05/03/26

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Daniel A. Wagner  
 Organist/Choirmaster: Nancy Owens  
 Altar Guild: Anita Valentin  
 Eucharistic Ministers:  
     8:30 Robert Pinkston  
     10:30 John Dickey & Parker Bailes  
 Lectors: 8:30 Jonnie Holt  
           10:30 April Morris  
 Acolytes: 10:30 Summer Robbins  
 Torch Bearers: Parker Bailes & Kim Pesnell  
 Greeters: 8:30 Rick Parnell  
           10:30 Anita Valentin & Ellie Cook  
 Vestry Open-up Church: Robbie Lake  
 Vestry Lock-up Church: Prissy Golas  
 Today's Counters: John Dickey & Greg Robbins

### ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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**John 10:10**  
**The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.**