



# The Messenger



St. Michael's Episcopal Church, May, 2019



## Senior Warden's Report

As we enter the summer months, our motto must continue to be "steady as you go". My heartfelt thanks go out to all who continue to serve in the various ministries of the church. I am thankful that Wendy handles the "nuts and bolts" each day and that we have supply priests for every Sunday through June. Canon Howard is working to get us priest coverage until we have the services of a full time rector. The Search Committee continues to persevere and work hard to find a rector for St. Michael's. Once we have a rector and things get back to normal, we will look back upon these times as blessed ones because everyone in the parish worked together for the common good.



## *2019 Vestry Members*

The Vestry contact for the ministries are as stated below:

<b>Senior Warden</b>	Jim Vaden
<b>Junior Warden</b>	Bob Hines
<b>Parish Life</b>	Alma Anderson
<b>Worship &amp; Music</b>	Cade Smith
<b>Christian Form.</b>	Sally Womack
<b>Youth &amp; Family</b>	Cathy Langford
<b>Community Life</b>	Bernie Mattingly
<b>Evangelism</b>	Sally Nash
<b>Resources</b>	Elizabeth Kelly

## Resources



Stewardship is recognizing that what we have and what we receive are not truly ours. The abundance that surrounds us is God's, and we should show our gratitude for being entrusted with it by sharing it.

This month, I'd like to share a little story a friend recently shared with me.

He was at a bakery outside of Nashville, standing in a short line of morning customers. The person in front of him ordered, picked up his pastries, put \$10 on the counter, and left. The cashier tried to get him back to give him his \$2.50 in change. The departing customer said, "Keep it." Great story in itself... but here's what was wonderful. The cashier put \$1 in the cup for staff tips... and the other \$1.50 in a jar for raising money for a local charity.

Now let's be honest, bakery cashiers, particularly in pricey areas, don't make a lot. But this one employee chose to both share the \$1 with the rest of the staff, and put the other \$1.50 toward charity. As little money as this person had, he believed it was more important to give to this one cause dear to their hearts.

There are so often times in our lives that we somehow receive unexpected funds.

Whether it be a generous tip, or an unexpected inheritance, a bonus at work, or an extra large tax return, these are certainly welcome. But imagine if we all chose to give a portion (or all) of these unexpected funds away. Imagine how we could touch the lives of those around us, and the lives of persons in need in our communities, how we could help St. Michael's and live our mission "To know God and make Him known."

After all, this is the season to celebrate the most unexpected gift of all – the Resurrection of Christ and the promise of eternal life for all who follow the teachings of Jesus and believe in him.

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."  
Romans 6:23 Elizabeth Calhoun, Resources

## Capital Campaign

A big THANK YOU! to all who have committed to support our St. Michael's Capital Campaign! We have received 28 Commitment Cards so far. We are just over half-way to our goal of raising \$210,000, with commitments of \$111,620. And, a very big THANK YOU! to all who have contributed to meeting our goal – we have received \$72,253, just over the one-third mark! Let's keep that momentum going as we celebrate Spring, and the Easter Season and the Resurrection of our Lord. And, as you receive your tax refunds, please consider sharing that bounty with St.

Michael's, as I did. As Winston Churchill put it, "You make a living by what you get; you make a life by what you give."

May the Lord be with you! *Elizabeth Calhoun and Alma Anderson*, Campaign Co-Chairs



## Calling New Acolytes

Acolytes will be reorganizing /training soon after school resumes. The date for training is August 3. Some of our youth who have served for many years will be graduating high school. That means that some of the younger acolytes will be changing positions. If your child will be entering 4<sup>th</sup> grade or higher in the fall and would like to serve as an acolyte, we need him or her. Contact Sally Womack

Youth Sunday, May 12th  
@ 10:30 am!!



*Congratulation!!*

### High School Graduating Seniors

We would like to recognize *Erin Russel and Robert Zecher* from our parish who will be graduating from high school. Please offer prayers of thanksgiving for their lives among us and prayers for God's Grace to guide and sustain them in the future.



### Parish Life



### Wednesday (Night) Dinner

**Antarctica!! Penguins, whales, seals, ice.....** Please join us for a photographic description of the Ensors' trip to Antarctica after the monthly **Wednesday evening**

**dinner on May 1.** The dinner begins at **5:45pm** with their presentation starting around 6:15 – 6:30. People have expressed interest in hearing about their trip, so come and experience some of the beauty of this remote continent.

The menu is Caesar Salad with croutons and dressing, Baked Ziti with meat sauce, steamed broccoli and baked garlic French bread. Please bring desserts to share.

Cost is only \$5 each with a maximum of \$20 for a family. Sign up on the blackboard in the hallway by the water fountain or the clipboard in the Narthex or email by noon on **Tuesday, April 30th.**

[stmike@stmichaelcookeville.com](mailto:stmike@stmichaelcookeville.com)



## Men's Breakfast

Join us **May 8th** at **8:00 a.m.** for breakfast. We'll meet at Grandma's Pancake House on S. Willow. Please contact Dale Ensor (528-7341; [densor@ntech.edu](mailto:densor@ntech.edu)) if you have questions / comments. Hope to see you May 8! This will be the last one for the summer; will start back in the fall.



## End of Year Sunday school Picnic

Our end of the year Sunday school picnic will be on **Sunday May 19th, following the 10:30am service.** We will gather in the back yard of the church. Bring chairs or blankets to sit on. The church will provide hot dogs and hamburgers, condiments, and drinks. Please bring a dish to share based on last name.

**A-H** Dessert  
**I-P** Salads/Fruit  
**Q-Z** Sides

## Christian Education

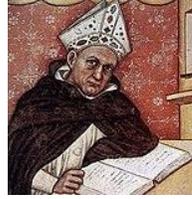
**9:15-10:15 am**



*Sally Womack*

**May 19 will be the last class for the Summer.**

# Outreach



## Theology on Tap

Theology on Tap is **6:00 pm at the Backroom Bistro on May 9** (and every second Thursday). Visit St. Michael's Theology on Tap on Facebook. We post updates and reminders there and you can join our email list for even more information. We look forward to seeing you - all are welcome. Bring a friend, bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage! Or just come and share ours - there is always plenty!



## Bunch

Our next lunch will be at **Char's** on the square on **May 21st at 11:15 am**. Open to everyone--and feel free to bring a friend. Hope to see you there! For information you may contact Mike or Esther Rohr at: [merohr@charter.net](mailto:merohr@charter.net)

## Uganda Outreach Update:

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 19**, to come and meet Catherine Piwang and hear about the children and women whose lives have been positively impacted through her efforts. St. Michael's has provided scholarships and other support for some of the young people Catherine has assisted. Catherine will be speaking between the two services on the 19<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:10. Please come and welcome her and learn more about her current plans to help orphans and women who have endured many hardships and who have a chance at a better life through the efforts of Catherine and those who assist her.

## Little Dresses:

If you have additional dresses to be sent to Africa, please turn them in by **Sunday, May 5!** Thanks to all who have made dresses; they will be treasured by the children who receive them. There are still lots of supplies available, so if you'd like to make one or more, contact Ginger Ensor ([gensor@tnitech.edu](mailto:gensor@tnitech.edu)).

## Servant's Schedule

May 5

**Choir Director/Organist:** Michael Choate

**Acolytes:** Jacqueline Capron-Allcott, Steven Houck, Patrick & Fiona McKelvie

**8:00 Euch Min.:** Bernie Mattingly, L, Myrna Nettleton, P

**10:30 Euch Min.:** Judy Conley, L, Cheryl Vickers, P

**Vestry:** Bob Hines & Cathy Langford

**Ushers:** Johnn & Nyoka Wray/Becky Magura and Jennifer LeFevre

**Person to Open Church:** Bob Hines

May 12 (Youth Sunday)

**Choir Director/Organist:** Michael Choate

**Acolytes:** Alex & Delana Lombardo, Margaret & Katherine Smith, Camille Hix, *Acolyte Banner*

**8:00 Euch Min.:** Dale Ensor, L, Mary Jo Meyer, P

**10:30 Euch Min.:** Youth

**Vestry:** Jim Vaden & Sally Womack

**Ushers:** Sam & Shelia Barnes/Youth

**Person to Open Church:** Jim Vaden

May 19

**Choir Director/Organist:** Michael Choate

**Acolytes:** Lee Fickling, Eli Choate, Laura Frank, Allison Houck

**8:00 Euch Min.:** David Smith, L, Pat Phillips, P

**10:30 Euch Min.:** Barbara Goodson, L, Mendy Richards, P

**Vestry:** Sally Nash & TBD

**Ushers:** Todd & Kim Hess/Betsy & Terry Huddleston

**Person to Open Church:** Jim Vaden

May 26

**Choir Director/Organist:** Michael Choate

**Acolytes:** Erin, Olivia & Megan Rassel, Adam Talbert

**8:00 Euch Min.:** Jim Vaden, L, Bernie Mattingly, P

**10:30 Euch Min.:** Mary Jo Meyer, L, John Douwes, P

**Vestry:** Jim Vaden & Bob Hines

**Ushers:** George Barnard & Barbara Reynolds/Dan & Barbara Fenlon

**Person to Open Church:** Jim Vaden

**May Hospitality:** Dorothy Clark, Kim Hess, Mary Jo Meyer, Ellen Waller; **Contact**

**Person:** Dorothy Clark

**May Altar Guild: Team 3:** Judy Conley, Martha Gentry, Becky King Elaine Pegram, Bob Hines, Pat Wilt;

**May Flower Guild:** Laura Frank, *Junior Altar Guild*, Mary Frank



## Upcoming Events

For May Calendar, please refer to our  
website: [www.stmike-tn.org](http://www.stmike-tn.org)

- May 1<sup>st</sup>**                    **4:00 pm** Outreach Mtg.  
**5:45 pm** 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday  
Night Dinner
- May 8<sup>th</sup>**                    **8:00 am** Men's Breakfast  
@ Grandma's Pancake  
House
- May 9<sup>th</sup>**                    **6:00 pm** Theology on Tap  
@ Back Door Bistro
- May 12<sup>th</sup>**                  **10:30 am** Youth Sunday
- May 19<sup>th</sup>**                  **9:10 am** Meet Catherine  
Piwang
- 11:30 am** End of Year  
**Sunday School Picnic**
- May 21<sup>st</sup>**                  **11:15 am** Out-to-Lunch  
Bunch @ Char's on the  
Square

## Services & Events:

### Sundays:

**8:00 A.M.** Rite, I; **10:30 A.M.** – Rite II  
**9:15A.M.** Sunday school, ends 5/19

### Wednesdays:

**12:00 P.M.** Morning Prayer  
**8:00 P.M.** Java Time (ends 5/15)

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday:

**6:00 P.M.** Theology on Tap

