

The Archangel

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

June 2010

St. Michael's Congregation Check In and Conversation Sunday, June 13, 9:00-9:45am

After Holy Week and Easter, a new idea started to reside in my thoughts. It is that it would serve us well to have a non-annual meeting all invited gathering, a time to check in, and see how we are doing as a congregation, and what we might adjust as we live out our stated purpose: ***Growing to be who Jesus wants us to be and do what he wants us to do.*** Presenting my idea with our vestry and others, momentum has gathered to do this before we find summer zipping past us. Sunday, June 13th, 9:00-9:45am, is our gathering time.

Recall on the Day of the Epiphany (January 6) 2008, St. Michael's started on a major work together. There were several charts in the sanctuary illustrating a church's typical life cycle. Everyone was asked to mark where they thought St. Michael's was on the charts. Then all who were interested participated in Wednesday evenings through Lent and into the spring with Bible study, prayer, fact-finding, hopes and conversation. This was all for the purpose of redefining who St. Michael's is for the near future.

June 13 will be an opportunity to see how we have done with those objectives and strategies we set for ourselves, what we might adjust, change, redirect or add to our strategies in order to draw people to find God's love in and with the community of St. Michael's. I look forward to this gathering and your participation. Bring your prayers, questions, thoughts and inspirations.

Your Brother in Christ,

Tige Newell, Rector

Women's Retreat 2010

After reviewing several ideas and DVDs for the program part of this year's Women's Retreat we have made a selection that we believe will speak to our lives and hearts. The theme will be: "Trust More and Fear Less", based on Max Lucado's recent book *Fearless*. As Max says "Can you imagine your life without fear? What if faith, not fear, was your default reaction to any threat? If you could hover a fear magnet over your heart and extract every last shaving of dread, insecurity, and doubt, what would remain?" We will address this question and more through a series of short DVDs, small group discussions and activities, taking an honest and hopeful look at what can happen when fear meets faith.

If you have been in a Christian bookstore during the last year, you likely have seen a display of *Fearless* with its whimsical cover showing a young boy taking a flying leap off a long pier. I encourage you to buy the book and read it over the summer. Rainbow Christian Book store has had it on sale for half price and may still. I will start a sign up sheet in the fellowship hall for the possibility that we can get "a deal" from them. And then there is Amazon.com.

At this point anyone interested in joining us on the Oct. 22-24 weekend will have to be put on a waiting list. We are working on ways to open up more spaces and will let interested ladies know ASAP.

Here is a little scripture study to get you started thinking about the place of trust and fear in our life:

2 Tim.1:7, Luke12:32. Matt. 10:31, Jn.14:1-3, Matt.24:6, Matt.17:6-7.

Blessings to each of you as we continue our journey to become more of who Jesus wants us to be so that we can do more of what Jesus wants us to do.

Love, Peggy

Youth Ministry News

Our trip to Baltimore was spirit filled. Acquire the Fire was amazing. The theme of the weekend was Encounter. It was about how we encounter God's love on a daily basis. The music was really good and the dramatic skit was very emotional. I would like to thank Melissa Bottoms, Monty and Beverly Gay for driving and helping over the weekend.

We say good bye to one of our family. Jonah Hudson is moving to Mississippi at the end of May. He will be missed. So for our sendoff we went to Swaders and had some fun.

Our Spring Yard Sale was a huge success we made over \$1000. I would like give a special thanks to my wife Kelly for all the planning and hard work she puts into for this fundraiser. I would also like to thank Beverly and Kerry for manning tables, and pricing items.

Your servant,
Michael

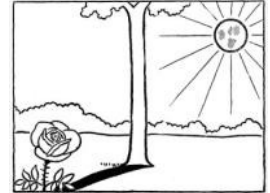
White Bank Sunday

June 6, 2010

8:00am worship at the church

**11:00am worship at White Bank Park
followed by a covered dish picnic lunch.**

- *Try to bring two food items with ways to keep them warm or cold if needed.*
- *Beverages, utensils and paper products will be supplied.*



Bring a friend (or two)!

To get to the park from the church: Travel east on Ellerslie Ave. and turn left onto Conduit Rd. Drive approximately 1.7 miles and turn left onto White Bank Rd. – Tussing Elem. will be on your right. Continue to the park. Pavilion #1 is on the left when you enter the parking area.

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June birthday party will be on
June 20th,
after the 10:30am worship service .

JUNE

- 1 Cameron Bottoms
- 6 David Warriner
- 7 Lillian Wilmarth
- 8 William Smith
- 10 Aaron Bottoms
Gale Poulson
- 11 Stewart Duval
Patti Christmas
Jack Price
- 15 Don Strach
Brad Wilmarth
- 17 Wilfred Mann
- 19 Arie Mae Haskins
- 20 Julie Wilmarth
- 24 Frank Ditri
- 27 Elsie Moody
- 29 Larry Robertson
- 30 Jay Allen

Anniversaries

JUNE

- 1 Herb and Penny McCulloch
- 5 David and Catherine Noakes
- 9 Bill and Carolyn Mason
- 20 Reggie and Michele Snell
- 23 Bill Bray and Virginia Perry

Collected for the United Thank Offering - \$223

**Summary of Vestry Minutes
May 3, 2010**

- AC units have been installed and are working.
- Vicki Davis is our Assisting Treasurer
- Youth Sunday is June 6 – also White Bank Sunday.
- One time cleaning of the kitchen by Greer Cleaning Services approved.



Help Support CCHASM

If you plan on attending the Life and Faith Tour featuring such artists as Amy Grant, MercyMe, Diamond Rio and more, CCHASM will receive \$10 from the price of your ticket if you select CCHASM when you purchase your ticket on line. See the directions on the bulletin board to follow when ordering at www.lifeandfaithtour.com.

Intercessors

Have you thought about praying for your church family? Well, you can. Our intercessory group is looking for a few good men or women. It requires praying everyday for 15 to 30 minutes. Have questions or wish to volunteer, call Mary Lynne Switzer, 520-5618.

**July/August
Archangel
Deadline**

Monday, June 21st, 9:30am



Help Wanted

D. Eugene Atkinson, a member of the Historic Petersburg Foundation, has undertaken to write a book on "Industry in Western Petersburg 1925-1975." If you have individual or family knowledge of this subject, please call Mr. Atkinson, 804-861-1001. First hand accounts, information and memorabilia from former workers, managers, or owners of prosperous Petersburg industries during this time period are being sought.

***The Common Purpose of St. Michael's
Episcopal Church is:***

We're growing to be who Jesus wants us to be and do what He wants us to do.

Coming This Summer...

July 4th - Patriotic Potluck Picnic
Hot Dogs Provided
Bring "Sides" and "Pies"

August 1st - Potluck with Ice Cream Social
Bring regular potluck dishes
Ice Cream and toppings provided

August 15th - Sabine's "Watermelon Spitting Contest"
Watermelon and seeds provided

An Opportunity Finger Food Donations For Summer Light

Our hostesses at Coffee Hour could always use another food donation – only two hostesses scheduled per Sunday, sooo if you have a favorite recipe, feel free to let us sample it. Homemade or purchased, it will be consumed! Just bring it and leave it on the kitchen counter. Beverages such as soft drinks or tea also welcome.

THANK YOU, Bill Mason, for making the cabinet for the ice maker. It's a welcome addition to the kitchen!



Summer Coffee and Conversation

Starts June 27
9:00-9:30am (so choir can practice)

No agenda
No subject too small. Each week different. Some weeks just conversation!
Come when you can.

Join us

Episcopal Church Women

The ECW will gather for their summer outing on July 22nd at 11:30am at Ruby Tuesday's. We will resume regular meetings in September 2010. Any questions, call Mary Lynne Switzer at 520-4618.

Bishop's Visit Confirmation June 20, 2010

8:00am – Worship
9:00am – Question and response time with the Bishop
10:00am – Worship, Bishop Hollerith will confirm the candidates and preach
Reception to honor confirmands and Bishop Hollerith

Candidates for Confirmation



Guy Allen
Joseph Gay
Larry Lewis
Tammy McKeown
Cady McDonough
Brandon Peet
Tricia Peterson
Sarah Wilkerson

David Warriner

went through confirmation classes here at St. Michael's and was confirmed on May 2, 2010 at Washington and Lee Memorial Chapel, Lexington, VA, by the Rt. Rev. Neff Powell, Bishop of Southwestern Virginia.

Order of Deacons

The Right Reverend Herman Hollerith IV
Bishop of Southern Virginia
will ordain

Robert Freeman Coniglio
Leslie Clark Ferguson
Kenneth Nicholas Forti
Willis Renard Foster
Julia Weatherly Messer
Anna Catherine Christian Noon

to the Sacred Order of Deacons,
Saturday, June 12th.

Please be in prayer for them.