

# The Archangel

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

January 2010

## Holy Confirmation

Our Bishop, Holly Hollerith, will be with us on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, to celebrate our life together in Christ and for the Confirmation of five St. Michael's members. Confirmation is an early rite of the Church. The book of Acts, chapter 8, records likely the first Confirmation by the church community. When it was learned in Jerusalem that many in Samaria had received Jesus as Lord through the missionary Philip and were baptized, the apostles Peter and John went to pray and lay hands on them that the newly baptized receive the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit blessed all who the apostles touched by prayer and hand.

The sacrament of Holy Confirmation has a two-fold purpose. The church anticipates that people who were baptized at a young age ratify or confirm their promises made in their name at baptism. In the sacrament of Confirmation, we state before God's people, and in the presence of our Bishop, that we truly believe and accept Jesus as our Savior and Lord; following solid formation and instruction in the faith of the Church.

The second purpose of Holy Confirmation is that we are confirmed (made firm) in our faith and given the commission of God to do His will. We receive this commission by asking for it. We received the Holy Spirit in baptism and believe His work in us begins then. However in Holy Confirmation, we need to let His presence flood our entire lives. For many Christians the process of releasing the fullness of our lives to the presence, guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, in order to do God's will, may move forward as we continue to grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord. In Holy Confirmation the Bishop serves as a successor of the apostles in prayer and laying on of hands, seeking the commission and fullness of presence upon the confirmand.

"Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day." (BCP 386)

Pray for our confirmands:

Guy Allen  
Joseph Gay  
Cady McDonough  
Brandon Peet  
Tricia Peterson

Your Brother in Christ,

Tige Newell, Rector

## Conversation and Coffee

Conversation and Coffee (or Tea) Hour begins Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:15 –10:15am and will meet in the Parish Hall. This is an opportunity to join with others and share our questions and thoughts about various topics concerning our Christian faith, its traditions, and significance. It's also an opportunity to address "What you have always wanted to know about...and the Church." My hope is that the first session or so we will list ideas and questions you bring. Topics might be covered in one session or more. See you Sunday morning.

Tige

# Confirmation

January 31

We will be honoring 5 confirmands with a get-together following the service. Our new Bishop will be here for his first visit to St. Michaels.

Since those being confirmed are all teens we are having a teen friendly reception with subs and things that go along with that menu. Cake will be provided and a basket will be available for donations towards the food.

Let's all make this a red letter day and fill the church to give our blessings and good wishes to the newly confirmed.

The names of those being confirmed are listed elsewhere in the *Archangel*.

Dear Friends,

Don and I want to say "Thank you" to the Vestry and all the members of St. Michael's for your most generous Christmas bonus. We are most grateful to be able to spend this time with our family.

Sincerely,  
Sue and Don

## January 2010

We hope you will be able to join our the residents at Dunlop House, 235 Dunlop Farms Blvd., at the events listed below:

Jan. 12 at 11 a.m. Jerry the Harmonica Man

Jan. 12 at 2:30 p.m. Zack Artis provides Jazz guitar music

Jan. 12 at 3:30 p.m. Piano with Claire

Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. Homeward Bound gospel music

Jan. 15 at 2:30 p.m. Frank Carley performs on the accordion and piano

Jan. 19 at 2 p.m. The Smiths perform a variety music show of old time favorites

Jan. 26 at 3:30 p.m. Piano with Claire

Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. Alzheimer's Association Support Group

## Church Directory

We are scheduled to have pictures taken for our new Pictorial Directory on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m., and then again on the following Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Appointments for families of 4 or fewer take approximately 10 minutes, those with 5 or more are scheduled for 20 minutes. Picture taking and proof viewing take place on the same day.

Please plan to have your photo taken for our new directory!



## Steve Hood Update

Delays in Steve's case began (yet again) the day before Thanksgiving, when the Attorney General's office filed Motions asking the judge to reconsider his decision (granting Steve's Habeas) and to vacate that order. Thankfully, the judge didn't vacate his order but did suspend it for the time being. The AG's office (in my opinion) is basically playing a game of cat and mouse: although their motion quoted "Leave ... shall be liberally granted in furtherance of the ends of justice," it essentially went on to cite, whether correctly or not, various rules, regulations and precedents that allow the ends of justice to instead be ignored.

Steve fired his lawyer and requested that the judge appoint a replacement. To date, no one has been appointed, but neither has the lawyer removed himself or done any further work for Steve. Steve therefore files motions and requests *pro se* (on his own behalf), and the AG's office asks the judge to disregard them all because they're not being filed by his attorney.

Please continue to hold Steve in your prayers, as well as the judge. Some of us who normally hear from Steve on a weekly basis have heard nothing in recent weeks. Please pray for his well being, physically, spiritually, and emotionally. The holidays were sure to have been even more difficult for him this year than in past years. And thank you for your generosity towards him during the Christmas season.

Blessings, Lynnice Randolph

P.S. Soon after I submitted this, Steve called. In the 12/18 storm, the prison lost power, water and phone service, as well as much of their mail service. He sounds good and seems to be doing well.

## Kitchen Organization

A BIG thank you for Patti Christmas and her undertaking of getting the kitchen in the best shape it has been in for a long time--she even bought containers for coffee and other items to get them out of boxes. Everyone who uses the kitchen can help to keep it looking presentable since so many of our guests and members use the kitchen door!!

## Thanks to All

December 20<sup>th</sup> was a special morning at St. Michael's. The snow, the ice, and the cold were outside our windows. Inside the sanctuary, it was warm and toasty. What a perfect day for the Christmas Pageant!

Many thanks to the children and the youth of our church who participated in "The True Story of Christmas." Mary and Joseph, the stable animals, the angels, the shepherds, the star and the wise men all came to welcome the baby. The special music with "Away in the Manger" and "Silent Night" added so much to the telling of the story. Thanks also to the two adults who participated in this event as the Innkeeper and the Narrator.

It takes many hands to get ready for any pageant. Thank you to everyone who helped. Thanks to the teachers who came to practice, and those of you who helped in any way with music, costumes, props, photography, and prayers. The "Birthday Party for Jesus" was delicious, too.

Finally, thank you to the people of St. Michael's who always support our children and youth. We love you and appreciate all that you do for us and wish you God's peace and love and joy in the New Year and always.

Heidi McMurdo and Lisa Horne



## Christmas Family "Thank You"

Once again, thanks to all who helped provide a special Christmas for the family the church sponsored through the Christmas Mother program. Our sincere thanks and appreciation to Jane Elliott and Julie Wilmarth for heading up this ministry – they organized your gifts, shopped, wrapped, and delivered them all to the Christmas Mother headquarters.

## Thank You

Thank you one and all for helping to make our Christmas celebration a very festive one. Some gave their time, some their wise counsel, some gave flowers or funds for whatever came along and all came and enjoyed God's bounty and beauty.

That was not all folks, the on the spot, after church volunteer team did a smashing job in record time in removing our lovely flowers and decorations from the sanctuary. Thanks again one and all; you saved me hours of time.

Stay tuned. I may need you again before you know it. Easter is on the way!

Wishing you a very Happy New Year.

Carolyn Mason  
Altar Guild

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Dear Members of St. Michael's,

Your prayers, cards, flowers and the lovely reception you provided after Ann's funeral have sustained us through this difficult time. Many thanks for the numerous ways you have supported our family, especially the past six months.

Blessings for a healthy and happy New Year.

Jim Henderson  
Carol Peterson  
Pat Traylor

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Thank you all for the generous Christmas gift. I am so thankful for all of my friends here. I am also grateful for the way all of you have welcomed all the new additions to my family this year.

Kristi Renshaw

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Dear Friends,

Thanks to you for your cards, gifts, Merry Christmas greetings and each way you express love and appreciation for me! Also, thanks to St. Michael's for the generous Christmas gift. I am adding it to my "Stand-Mixer Replacement Fund"!

My wishes for a happy, healthy 2010 for each of you and your families.

Harriette Evans

## Thank You, St. Michael's

The Christmas gift you presented to me and my family was most generous and very kind. Courtney and I continue our status as intermittent "empty nesters" as our three continue to move towards their fuller independence, so we continue to be surprised by calls requesting urgent assistance. Even so, I plan to use your generous gift to replace our "dinosaur" home computer. I thank you, Courtney thanks you, Grady our dog thanks you and our three will have one less piece of technology to tease and badger their parents about.

Your Brother in Christ,  
Tige



## Youth Ministry News

We give thanks to God for a wonderful year. I pray that God blesses us in our daily lives for this upcoming year.

We will need your prayers for our upcoming event to 'Acquire the Fire' in Richmond. We have 10 youth attending this January 29-30 weekend. I pray that the Holy Spirit will come and fill the youth that need Jesus in their life that weekend.

Praise be to God,

Your servant, Michael

## Episcopal Church Women



The January meeting of St. Michael's ECW is on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, at 11:00am in the Fowler Room. We will have a short Bible study, a business meeting and then go to a local restaurant for lunch. Any questions, call Mary Lynne at 520-4618.



## Celtic Evensong and Communion

Christ and Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 S. Sycamore St., Petersburg, invites you to a Celtic Evensong and Communion Service at 5:30pm on Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Harpist Louise Daniel will be the featured musician. Pre-service music begins at 5:15 and child care is provided. Please call 733-7202 for further information.



Birthday

party will be on

January 17th,  
after the 10:30am worship service .

### JANUARY

- 4 Sarah Erickson
- 7 Hank Graeser
- 9 Sara Dickerson  
Derrick Hudson
- 10 Barbara Smith  
Phyllis Cheely
- 13 Becky McDonough
- 14 Dick Condit
- 15 Whit Spivey  
Idear Mayes
- 21 Irene Barnes
- 22 Joseph Gay
- 24 David Creed
- 25 Kristia Vasiloff
- 27 Melissa Bottoms  
Kerry Hudson
- 28 Mary Lynne  
Switzer  
Catherine Noakes
- 30 Thomas Rainey

### Anniversaries

#### JANUARY

- 4 Tom and Cookie Wicker
- 6 Ken and Mary Lynne Switzer
- 14 Tom and Lynnice Randolph
- 16 Torsten and Carol Peterson



### Pancake Supper

The EYC will be holding our annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 16 from 5:30 to 7:30. We are asking for donations from those who attend. Invite your friends. It's all you can eat!

## "Souper" Bowl Pot Luck Sunday February 7

Needed--about 10 different soups to "kick off" Super Bowl Sunday. Sign up on the big sheet in the parish hall any of the next three Sundays with your name and the kind of soup.

You who are not soup makers may bring salad or dessert or some loaves of yummy bread.

*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.*

### Summary of Vestry Minutes Regular Meeting, December 7, 2009

- Approved the proposed 2010 Budget, to review it every month and to have the intention to pay the Diocese \$25,647.
- Bishop Hollerith will be at St. Michael's January 31 for a parish visit and the 10:30 service with Confirmation.
- Maria Gardner is chairman of the Photo Directory. Photos will be taken on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 19 & 20.
- Voted to allow a Cub Scout troop to meet at St. Michael's once a week for a six month trial period.
- Youth will be attending "Acquire the Fire" in Richmond in January.
- Youth will have Shrove Tuesday pancake supper.

### New Street Sign Committee Meeting

Monday, January 25th, 7:00pm, in the Fowler Room. Anyone interested is invited to attend the meeting.

**January Archangel Deadline**  
Monday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am

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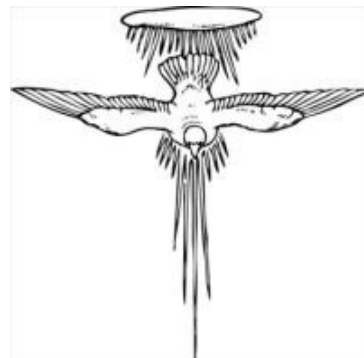
# **Confirmation**

**Sunday, January 31, 2010**

We will have one worship service at 10:30am.  
 Bishop's Visit and Confirmation

**We welcome**

The Rt. Rev. Herman "Holly" Hollerith, IV  
 Bishop, Diocese of Southern Virginia



## **Vestry News**

At its meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup>, the following assignments were made for wardens and ministry liaisons:

- Lynnice Randolph ..... Sr. Warden
- Bob Wilson ..... Jr. Warden
- Patti Christmas ..... Communication and Hospitality
- Jane Elliott ..... Outreach
- David Noakes ..... Prayer and Worship and Spiritual Formation
- Kristia Vasiloff ..... EYC Representative

