

# The Archangel

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

February 2009

## Vestry Saturday Session January 17, 2009

The Vestry asked Jane Elliott to serve as a vestry member, and she accepted, Sunday, January 11, 2009.

The Vestry members met on Saturday, January 17, 2009, to work on an agenda for Year 2009.

Four areas were designated as important to the Vestry. They are as follows:

1. Internal and External Communication

- Web Site improvement – It was pointed out that many people use the Internet as an information source, especially young people, and our web site is an important way to impart information to members and those seeking a church.
- Archangel
- Phone tree – members call to convey information about upcoming church events or cancellations, etc.
- Church business cards with a place for a member's name to hand out to new people. New people can then call for further information.
- Tri-fold brochures with information about membership at St. Michael's, weddings and memorial garden.
- Church news posted in Suburban Shopper and other print news sources.

2. Signage

This would include a two-sided St. Michael's sign on Eilerslie, legible at 40 mph, as well as signage for events such as the EYC yard sale.

3. Events

The Vestry decided on two events; one in the spring and one in the fall:

- Spring – a music event under a tent, with groups and format to be decided.
- Fall – A St. Francis Day blessing of the animals.

4. Building maintenance and improvement – several areas have been identified as important and necessary to look into soon.

- Second front entrance, where the old furnace was.
- Fencing around the trash cans – can be done during a Blue Jean Sunday
- Kitchen finished cosmetically to look more attractive to new and continuing members.
- Bathrooms renovated, look into plumbing being done by members or outside plumbing company.
- Sanctuary pews refinished, either internally or by outside company.
- Sanctuary kneelers and book racks need attention.
- Need for new folding chairs (padded). Would be easier to move than current chairs.
- Replacement windows in the Sunday school wing; can be done by members.

**Please contact your Vestry members with your ideas and thoughts about these projects. Help the Vestry set priorities:**

**Jane Elliott  
Jay Horne  
Cindy Moore**

**Lynnice Randolph  
Tom Thompson, Sr. Warden  
Bob Wilson, Jr. Warden**

**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 25, 2009**



**Service and Imposition of Ashes**  
**Noon and 7:00pm**

The Wednesday evening Lenten series will be the continuation of the Alpha Course, 7-9pm. Please join us.

**Iron Sharpens Iron**  
**2009 National Men's Conference**

This will be our third year of conference ministry in Central Virginia. We are looking forward to a powerful 2009 Conference Season involving hundreds of churches who will mobilize their men to be impacted by national speakers, equipping seminars, masculine worship and a variety of ministry partners.

Our lineup for 2009 is:

**Colonial Heights**  
Saturday, February 28, 2009  
**Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church**  
On Greenwood Ave.  
Featuring Carey Casey and  
Stephen Kendrick

**Fredericksburg**  
Saturday, March 28, 2009  
**Grace Church of Fredericksburg**  
On Heatherstone Dr.  
Featuring Dan Britton and  
Eric Redmond

**Richmond**  
Saturday, April 25, 2009  
**Wet End Presbyterian Church**  
On Quioccasin Rd.  
Featuring LTG. Jerry Boykin and  
Dr. Larry Mercer

The format schedule for each conference is the same but the speakers and seminars are unique. These conferences are for men of all ages: Emerging Men (13-19), Pioneering Men (30-29), Full Throttle Men (30-55) and Seasoned Men (55+). These men's conferences are about more than exhortation and a spiritual high, they are about equipping men for godly living and spiritual leadership.

Registration information on the hall bulletin board. Registration fee starts at \$39 per man. See [www.noblewarriors.org](http://www.noblewarriors.org).

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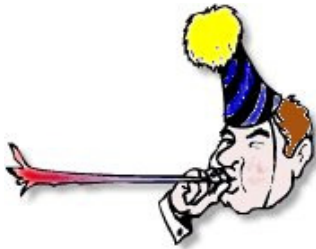
**1st Sunday Pot Luck  
February 1  
after 10:30 worship  
Y'all Come!**

## Happy Birthday

Birthday party will be on  
February 15th  
after the 10:30am worship service .

### FEBRUARY

- 2 Lisa Erickson
- 6 Christian Kaseloo
- 7 Judy Arehart
- 8 Lynnice Randolph
- 12 Shanon Cole
- 14 Marta Janauschek  
Susan Creed
- 15 Carolyn Mason  
Keith McMurdo  
Judy Kaseloo  
Fred Moore
- 16 Cindy Cole  
Courtney Newell
- 19 Cindy Moore  
Woody Woodfin
- 20 Reggie Snell
- 21 John Barnes
- 22 Paul Flexon  
Torsten Peterson
- 23 Jan Condit
- 24 Oreda Schabilon
- 25 Peter Devereaux  
Tom Wicker
- 27 Justin Snell



## Anniversaries

### FEBRUARY

- 11 David and Lynette Dickerson

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**St. Michael's Vestry and people,  
Thank you for the generous bonus you  
gave us for Christmas.**

**Don and Sue Strach**

## Important Dates

### Feb.

- 2 Vestry, 7:00pm
- 4 Alpha, 7:00pm
- 11 Alpha, 7:00pm
- 13 Williamsburg, Bishop Consecration, 7:30pm
- 13-14 Diocesan Council, Williamsburg
- 18 Alpha, 7:00pm
- 24 Shrove Tuesday
- 25 Ash Wednesday, Services at Noon and 7:00pm  
Alpha, 7:00pm

### March

- 1 First Sunday of Lent
- 4 Alpha, 7:00pm
- 7 Alpha Day at Chanco, 8:30am
- 11 Alpha, 7:00pm
- 18 Alpha, 7:00pm
- 25 Alpha, 7:00pm

### April

- 1 Alpha, 7:00pm
- 5 Palm Sunday
- 9 Maundy Thursday
- 10 Good Friday
- 11 Holy Saturday, Quiet Day
- 12 Easter Sunday
- 16-17 Communion Partners, Houston, TX, Clergy

December 21, 2008

My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

This week I was overwhelmingly blessed to receive the Christmas package you so lovingly provided. Thank you, and praise His Holy Name. I have already been blessed by being able to prepare a meal for my cell-mate and I who was not so blessed. He is a "babe in Christ" and as we ate dinner we rejoiced in God's grace and mercy that we could eat such a taste filled meal at peace; without the vile nature at the "chow hall." We prayed giving thanks to God and we thanked God for your charitable heart.

Knowing how difficult the present state of the economy has made life for everyone, I can't help but appreciate this glorious gift all the more. The Body of Christ at St. Michael's continues to demonstrate to me the indescribable agape love of God. It gives new meaning to Titus 2:11 "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men." You continue to display the manifestation of the love God through Christ intended us to understand and to do. Words are insufficient, nevertheless, THANK YOU!

Love, Your Brother in Christ,  
Steve Hood