

# The Archangel

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

May 2009

## Easter Challenge

Several people told me our most recent Easter Sunday worship and celebration was our best ever, and I agreed. The music, voices, flowers, prayers and overflowing pews were all a great joy for me, and even more I took in the greatness of God's love revealed in the resurrection of His Son, Jesus and it so joyously reflected in the faces of so many. All those glorious flowers have wilted away and are gone, but the new life of resurrection Jesus conveys to us, continues to compel us with Easter challenges.

Easter, far beyond a day of worship and celebration, is the challenge to embrace those good things which develop the new life in Christ and greater fulfillment in our Easter journey. Easter asks us to embrace with heart and head the Risen Christ as both Savior of our soul and Lord over all our life. We are challenged to embrace that in Jesus which has revealed the very nature of God who knows the challenges and temptations of this world because He has journeyed with us. We are challenged to embrace the very nearness of God's love which calls us to be His people, Easter people, who are sent forth to live Christ's kingdom purpose which is the work of reconciling the world to the true and perfect love of God revealed in Christ's cross and resurrection. Easter's empty tomb is the immeasurably powerful extension of God's love which conveys strength in our own weakness to live and share His love for all. We are challenged by Easter to step out beyond our own comforts for Jesus' sake using our hands, feet, hearts and prayers to be His embrace in this broken world for His kingdom purpose. It means living more openly and vulnerable so that God may use us as a proclamation of love, His love in us shown forth to all the world.

This Easter challenge is well beyond our strengths, and can only be met in the challenge of our surrender, and our surrender to the grace of God's love. As Easter people let us challenge each other to in new ways the new life Christ Jesus conveys to us that His kingdom and His love continue to be poured into all creatures and creation.

Your Brother in Christ,

Tige Newell, Rector

## Shrine Mont 2009

*Remembering, Resting and Rejoicing*

July 26-30, 2009

**Keynote Speakers: Jean Rutherford and  
Randolph Charles**

This is the "last hurrah" for the annual Shrine Mont Adult Formation Conference, after 36 wonderful years. We will share memories, spend time with friends, and joyously commemorate the history of the Shrine Mont Conference.

See the bulletin board for a brochure and information.



## Tastefully Simple

Come to the historic Folly Castle Inn, Petersburg on Sunday, May 3, to enjoy Tastefully Simple treats and raise money to **support the St. Michael's women's retreat**. Jackie Graham has invited us to use her beautiful bed and breakfast to enjoy each others company and sample some of the unique gourmet products designed to promote a simple lifestyle. Priced from \$4.49 to \$9.99, you can purchase Parmesan Biscuit mix to Blushing Cosmo Drink Mix and English Toffee Mocha Drink Mix and Butterscotch Brickle Cheese Ball Mix. The mixes make wonderful gifts and Mother's Day is coming

Plan to join us and bring a friend after our pot-luck luncheon at 1:30pm on May 3. If you aren't able to be there, you can still place orders through the St. Michaels event either on-line or through Cindy Devereaux, and the same portion of your purchase price will be credited to St. Michael's. Please RSVP to Cindy at 732-3289 so we can plan for you.



## Camp Wakonda Needs Our Help June 19-21, 2009

Camp Wakonda is a project of the Norfolk Urban Outreach Ministry of the Diocese of Southern Virginia. The one-week camp is offered free of charge to children who are suffering from, or have a family member who suffers from AIDS/HIV. To ensure the campers get the most of every day's experience, your help is needed to provide three meals each day, along with fresh fruit, snacks, juice and water. On Saturday, the campers will be at Chanco. A church is needed to provide lunch or a cookout for the campers at Chanco. Paper Products, suntan lotion and bug spray are also needed. These items along with liquid and powdered drinks may be delivered to the Diocesan office in Norfolk where they will be stored until needed. You may reach the camp food coordinator, Anne Brockenbrough, by email at [abrocken@nps.k12.va.us](mailto:abrocken@nps.k12.va.us) or by phone 757-423-5684.

### KOMEN RICHMOND

## RACE FOR THE CURE May 9, 2009



Kim Williams and Hannah Roberts will be running on the "Colonials for a Cure" team and would love any support through prayer, cheers or donations you would like to offer. The race will raise funds to support Komen's Promise to save lives and end **breast cancer** forever by empowering people, ensuring quality of care for all and energizing science to find the cures. Please join in the fight by pledging in support of Kim and Hannah's participation in the race. Your tax-deductible contribution can be sent to Richmond Affiliate, Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Suite 209, 4905 Radford Ave., Richmond, Va 23230.

## Steve Hood Update

Steve was doing well in all respects when recently visited by a couple of St. Michael's parishioners. He was healthy in body, mind and spirit.

The Richmond City District Court currently has a hearing date posted for his case for May 20; however, his new lawyer has assured him that he's asking for a later date instead, most likely July 9. As soon as the date is determined with any degree of certainty, a further announcement will be made.

Meanwhile, please continue to keep him, his family, his lawyer and his eventual hearing in your prayers.

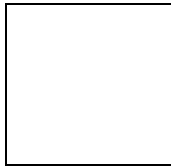
### Participants of the just completed Alpha:

**Your love, concern, friendship and  
prayers are more appreciated than I can say.**

**Thank you,  
Rob Elliott**

## It's a Boy

Mitzie and Joe Lyman are most pleased to announce the birth of their grandson, Mason Tyler Lyman, on April 13, 2009. He weighed in at six pounds, five ounces. Mother and baby are doing well. The proud parents are Joseph and Kim Lyman of Colorado Springs, CO. They now have two boys to carry on the Lyman family name: Reilly – eighteen months of age, and Mason. Thanks be to God for His many blessings.



## “New” in the Pew

**(Editor’s Note)** *Hopefully, this idea will mature into a new (no pun intended) monthly column for our “Archangel” newsletter. A church reporter (and we use the term loosely) will be on the prowl for new or recent additions to our St. Michael’s family, solely for introductory purposes. As we all know, St. Michael’s has been blessed since its inception with straight A’s in the ecclesiastical curriculum of “Welcome 101.” Now it’s time to ensure that this warm and fuzzy trademark not only survives, but thrives, into the far distant future by our combined efforts (and those of a few good snitches).*

The **Hudson family** is our newest in the pew. **Derrick, Kerry and their 12 year old son, Jonah**, currently hail from our neighboring military reservation, Fort Lee (but originally from the Clarksville area of Tennessee). Kerry is a cradle Episcopalian, while Derrick was confirmed into the Episcopal Church during an earlier tour (career Army with 19 years service) in Honolulu, Hawaii. Having been exposed to the “Bible Belt influence” in our country, Derrick describes himself as a “recovering Southern Baptist.” Both husband and wife have vocations in the medical field: Derrick in the Behavior Health discipline and Kerry as an X-ray technician. Son Jonah discovered our EYC immediately (with a little help from Mike V.) upon his first visit to St. Michael’s. Derrick and Kerry say that Jonah is happy here “and that makes us happy too.”

Welcome to the Hudson family! We are thrilled and honored that you have chosen to worship and fellowship with us.

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**Sarah Wilkerson** is a lovely young lady (18+ years of age), who resides in the Church Road vicinity with Clinton and Linda Ramsey. Her immediate family consists of an eleven year old sister (Mary) and a civil service father, who is currently stationed in Afghanistan. (Tragically, Sarah lost her mother about three years ago.) A well kept secret (about to be exposed) is that Sarah studied music – the piano – for 13 years and possesses a wonderful singing voice (Sue and Debbie, are you listening?) She graduated from Richmond Home School program and is presently completing her first year at John Tyler Community College. Sarah is a voracious reader of all types of literature from Shakespeare to poetry and the classics, with a few novels thrown into the mix (we suspect). So what moved Sarah to attend St. Michael’s (1) in the first place and (2) why has she chosen to remain? The short answer to question one is: “Ryan Ingram.” Question number two’s response is a bit more involved: “I have been very impressed by the warmth and friendliness shown to me by the member of St. Michael’s.” In this instance, making an impression is a two-way street: Thank you, Sarah, for being so open and willing to share yourself with us whenever asked to lend a hand – the gift of *Helps*. We are indeed blessed to have you in the pew.

## Ladies of St. Michael’s

If you have not already done so, please turn your calendar to October and write in **Women’s Retreat** on the weekend on Oct. 9-11<sup>th</sup>! We already have reservations at Roslyn Center and think the theme will be “Wellness: physical and spiritual”. If you have any ideas on this subject or can offer your expertise, please let me know.

- Peggy Graeser

## Episcopal Church Women

May is a busy month. It is the last ECW meeting until September, UTO Sunday is May 17<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday before Ascension Day. Ukrop’s gift certificates also come in May. Please give them to Hilda, Mary Lynne or put them in the ECW box in the hall before May 31<sup>st</sup>. Colonial Heights has asked for monetary donations to the shoe fund. ECW will be contributing and if anyone else wishes to give, please see Mary Lynne or Ida.

In May our meeting is Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at 11:00am in the Fowler Room. We will be studying chapter 6, Job 18 & 19. After a short business meeting we will go to lunch at a local restaurant.

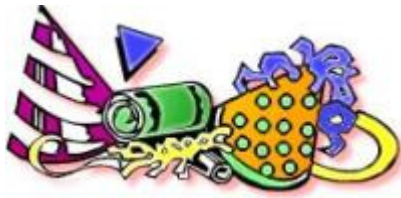


**Happy Mothers’ Day**  
**May 10, 2009**



## Reminder

**1st Sunday Pot Luck**  
**May 3<sup>rd</sup>, after 10:30 worship**  
**Y'all Come!**



## Happy Birthday

Birthday party will be on  
May 17<sup>th</sup>  
after the 10:30am worship service .

### MAY

- 1 Thomas Noakes  
Bob Wilson
- 2 Savannah Couch
- 3 Bo Bottoms  
Troy Hashbarger
- 5 Brandon Williams
- 6 Kevin Erickson
- 7 Bill Bray
- 13 Louise Mann
- 14 Bill Mason
- 17 Randy Mason
- 26 Tom Moore  
Bob Forte

## Anniversaries

### MAY

- 2 David and Susan Creed
- 3 Wayne and Melanie Scruton  
Mark and Debbie Roudabush
- 8 Paul and Maria Gardner
- 18 William and Patti Christmas
- 20 Bob and Linda Chamberlain
- 21 Michael and Sharon Vasiloff  
Frank and Margie Ditri
- 26 John and Irene Barnes  
Bruce and Connie Thornton

## About Pot Luck Sunday

Pot luck SUNDAY is always the first Sunday of the month and we want you to eat with us whether or not you remembered!!! God provides BUT we could help HIM with a few more main dish casseroles and fewer desserts!!!!

This is a good day for fellowship and making a new friend--we are good but let us strive for GREAT.

--Blessings from the Hospitality Committee.

## Hospitality

Christlike hospitality is an open heart and an open home.

We all are pretty good in our TLC of each other but here are a couple of suggestions to make us even better:

- + Talk to someone at coffee hour besides your best friend.
- + Sit beside someone you have never talked to before.



Dear St. Michael's Family,

Our family is deeply touched by your expressions of sympathy when my mother Ann McKenzie died unexpectedly in Baltimore.

We appreciate all of your notes, calls and visits and especially your prayers during this sad time in our lives. We owe a special thanks to Lisa Horne and Heidi McMurdo for preparing a wonderful meal for us.

It is our faith in God and the loving care of our church family that helped us overcome our profound grief and have the courage to face the next sunrise.

Much love to you all,  
Herb & Paula Greene  
Paul Greene  
Boyd Greene

## Youth Ministry News

This past month Hannah Roberts led our first meeting. She did a great job! The last meeting of the month was movie night; we watched *Passion of the Christ*.

Guy Allen leads the first meeting this month. "Get Plugged In!"

The EYC Yard Sale will be held on May 16. We are accepting donations of your unwanted items. We will have tables for sale once again, \$15 for members of the church and \$20 for anyone else. This event was a major contributor towards our youth events last year and we hope to raise just as much this year. Tell your friends and neighbors and start clearing out those closets, garages, and storage areas. Contact me or Kelly at 768-8664 if you have questions.

Thanks be to God,  
Michael

## Music Notes

Debbie and I would like to say a great big thank you to all the choir members for their wonderful good works, during the Lenten season, and especially Holy Week. Thank you Aaron Bottoms for playing the trumpet Easter Sunday. Every person who participates in the music ministry at St. Michael's certainly blesses us all.



Joyfully singing,  
Debbie and Sue

## We Need You!

Prayers (people to pray) are needed for the Intercessors. We are under 10 members and need one or two more members. You commit to 15 - 30 minutes a day and pray for 10 - 15 members of the church and 5 - 6 ministries of the church. See Mary Lynne Switzer or call at 520-4618.

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