



*St. Michael's Episcopal Church
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI*

*Weekly Newsletter
June 25, 2017*



Interim Rector - Father Ed Hunt

*The Consequences of not having
faith in God*

As we hear of violence committed in the Name of God on an almost daily basis, I would direct your attention to the reading from Genesis from the lectionary for this Sunday. It is the foundational story which explains the cultural hatred that exists between Arabs and Hebrews. See, Sarah did not believe that God would fulfill his promise, and forced Hagar, the Egyptian handmaid, to procreate with Abraham, despite the fact that the Angels had said that she would have a son herself. Hagar and Abraham conceived a son: Ishmael. Then Sarah did indeed conceive and bore a son afterwards: Isaac. Sarah's jealousy prompted Abraham to send Hagar and her young child into the desert to face certain death. All this because Sarah and Abraham did not trust in God. But God saved Hagar and Ishmael. And he grew strong, skilled with the bow. He is the father of a race living in the shadow of Israel.

Ishmael is the father of the Arabs just as Isaac is the father of the Hebrews. Both claim Abraham as their father. One chose the life of a hunter, the other one of a farmer. Just like Cain, and his brother Abel. And we all know how that ended.

And now, here we are. Brothers and sisters of the field against brothers and sisters of the untamed places. How will this end? When will

the bloodshed cease? When will the killing become a memory?

When we trust in God and learn not to be anxious about our future.

I don't see that happening anytime soon. But we do need to try to trust in God. For the love of God, and all of God's children.

God's peace
Fr. Ed

Summer Study Series

A summer series, led by Richard Simonds, will explore **Christianity and World Religions**.

This course will look at comparing Christianity to Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Judaism. Here are some of the questions we will explore: How should Christians view other religions? How is God at work in other religions?

We will meet in the Lounge from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., every other Thursday on June 22nd, July 6th, July 20th, August 3rd, and August 17th. The cost of the book, **Christianity and World Religions** is \$6.

Please sign up in Yeoman Hall. Any questions can be directed to Richard Simonds or Elaine Backhurst. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



Grosse Pointe Crop Walk

The results of the GP Crop Walk donations from St. Michael's was \$1,343.00. A grand total of donations were \$13,457.00. Thank you to all walkers and sponsors.

The Little Thrift Shop News

The Thrift Shop is nearing the end of the quarter and would like all unpaid merchandise taken care by June 30th. Thank you.

The Little Thrift Shop is accepting summer merchandise through July 14th. The Shop will also be open the fourth Sunday of each month: June 25th, July 23rd, August 27th, and September 24th.

Sign-up for Altar Flowers

Do you have a special person or celebration you would like to dedicate altar flowers to? You can now sign up for any Sunday. The cost is \$37.50 for one vase or \$75.00 for both vases. Sign-up sheet is in the Office, or call 313-884-4820 or email stmichaelsgpw@gmail.com.



Pastoral Care or Emergencies

Father Ed may be reached by phone or text at 315-335-2912 for any pastoral care or emergencies and his email address is frhunt2002@gmail.com. Also the Church's voicemail and website have been updated and will have Father Ed's information as well.

St. Michael's Calendar

Just a friendly reminder, please call the office to schedule any and all events in the church.

Upcoming Events at St. Michael's Save the Date!	
Thursdays	Summer Study Series (until Aug 17 th)
July 2 nd	Crossroads Soup Kitchen (Hot Dog Lunch)
Sept. 24 th	St. Michael's Feast Day

Prayer for New Rector

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer List

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| Mike Bamford | Star Gilezan | Don Kalso | Dottie Steiger |
| Barbara Bangs | Peter Gilezan | Jack Manko | Pam Stanley |
| Sterling Berry | Jan Graham | Dianne Pegg | Frederick Stringer |
| Ed Binder | Peter Groschner | Eileen Schmitt-Matzen | James Sutton |
| Chris Christopoulos | Vic Harper | Ronald Shulze | Margaret Taylor |
| Kathie Crook | Ruth & Beverly Hatcher | Scott Simon | Jim Thompson |
| Deacon John Fitzgerald | Jack Huckins | Jan Smith | Deacon Jack Trembath |

Assisting at our Services
Interim Reverend Edward Hunt

8:00 AM	June 25	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Acolyte	W. Rogers +R. Rhein	J. Zink	R. Rhein	J. Zink	W. Rogers	W. Rogers
Altar Guild	E. Backhurst K. McLeod D. Pegg	E. Backhurst K. McLeod D. Pegg	E. Backhurst K. McLeod D. Pegg	E. Backhurst K. McLeod D. Pegg	E. Backhurst K. McLeod D. Pegg	E. Backhurst K. McLeod D. Pegg
Chalice Bearer	C. MacDonald	J. Zink	J. Rhein	L. Schmitt-Matzen	C. MacDonald	J. Zink
Lector	Dianne Pegg	G. Gilezan +C. MacDonald	J. Rhein	G. McQueen	Dianne Pegg	L. Schmitt-Matzen
Ushers	D. Pegg, D. Pegg	D. Schmitt-Matzen L. Schmitt-Matzen	P. Gibson D. Backhurst	W. Rogers A. Grayr	D. Pegg, D. Pegg	C. MacDonald M. Miller

10:30 am	June 18	June 25	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Acolytes							
Altar Guild	M. Isenberg G. Davenport	L. Wood P. Wood	J. Graham K. Johnson	L. Wood P. Wood	M. Isenberg G. Davenport	L. Wood P. Wood	L. Wood P. Wood
Chalice Bearer	D. Lockhart M. Miller	C. MacDonald B. Davenport	S. Graham D. Ludlow	D. Ludlow B. Davenport	D. Lockhart B. Davenport	J. Zink C. MacDonald	S. Graham B. Davenport
Counters	D Scrace J Pattee	K O'Connor	G McQueen D Lockhart	J Graham B Pappas	F Twiddy B Barringer	L S-Matzen M Krawczek	D Scrace J Pattee
Greeters	E. Garzel M. Isenberg	B. Sheehy J. Sheehy	B. Thompson J. Thompson	J. Graham K. Johnson	G. Davenport B. Davenport	E. Garzel M. Isenberg	B. Sheehy J. Sheehy
Lector	M. Miller	B. Payton	M Krawczyk	F. Twiddy	R. Simonds	J. Zink	B. Davenport
Prayers	B. Payton	L. Gaskin	F. Twiddy	B. Davenport	E. Garzel	C. MacDonald	C. Hakim
Ushers	N. Hahn K. Hahn E. Garzel B. Greening	D. Scrace J. Graham K. Johnson	D.Zmyslowski S. Graham J. Sheehy B. Sheehy F. Stringer	B. Payton J. Payton G. Morketter J. Zink G. Peller	P. Dyble P. Groschner C. Skaff J. Saunders N. Saunders	N. Hahn K. Hahn E. Garzel B. Greening	D. Scrace J. Graham K. Johnson



*I am the True Vine
Abide in me...
He who abides in me,
and I in him,
brings forth much fruit.
Abide in my Love.
John 15:1-9*