



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

*Weekly Newsletter  
July 9, 2017*



**Kevin O'Connor**  
**Senior Warden**  
Our new path

This is our seventieth year. 70 years since we were a small group of dedicated folks taking communion in a caddie shack! St Michael's has come a long way in its day. Much further than the short drive off the course would suggest. Daughter church of a daughter church our heritage runs back. Built and intended as a mission church, in the wilds of Grosse Pointe Woods.

Over the years our numbers have waxed and waned. As have all of the churches around us. Many families have come and gone. Grandparents, fathers and mothers, children. We've had Adult choirs and children's choirs. Religious theatrics exploring our faith. Great adult religious education classes. Wide ranging book clubs. We had a basketball team! Square dancing. The Fireworks! Progressive Dinner...Then and now!

Volunteers! The people of St Michael's have always stood forth. Ready to take on every task. Crossroads, WTO, Our Kosovo Refugees. Fuzzy Tree...Comforters for College bound kids! The adults of Ya Ya. The Ladies of ECW and the Thrift Shop! Individuals who just spontaneously walk up to newcomers and say "Hi." Sometimes that means just being givers. Whether it's the roof, or the Skinner Organ. The courtyard, bell tower, carpeting, we give what we can. Windows, and doors when

needed...are provided. The Memorial garden or the Jane's Walk Labyrinth, spiritual gifts powered by donation.

We've channeled our people power to face all manner of heart ache too. We are a folk who reach out to each other. We've joined our strengths to survive. Through 4 different priests thus far, each who loved us as we loved them. Now onto our search for a fifth. Together.

We walk a path, in many ways, the same original path, although each step is new to us. I watched a few days ago, as an Eagle Scout, 4th generation member of St Michael's, labored in the sun. His gift to his church? A new path. A path to our labyrinth. But is it really new? Or perhaps just the latest steps in that path we started 70 years ago?

**Christmas in July Event**

TODAY! Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>

Today, July 9<sup>th</sup> at Noon, immediately following the 10:30 service, a BBQ meal and a concert featuring Christmas favorites by acclaimed gospel group, One Accord! The cost is \$5 per person or \$15 per family.

**We honor/celebrate today**

Happy Birthday to Dick Grady today! Enjoy your special day Dick!

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>, July 20<sup>th</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, and August 17<sup>th</sup>. 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!

## The Little Thrift Shop News

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

## Book Nook

The Book Nook is receiving new selections weekly for your reading pleasure/ Please donate only 2 or 3 books at a time when there is room on the cart. New fiction and biographies are preferred. Please do not drop

boxes or bags of books. There is no room for them, and they must be disposed of. St. Elizabeth Guild thanks you for your thoughtful assistance.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:frhunt2002@gmail.com). Also the Church's voicemail and website have been updated and will have Father Ed's information as well.

## Upcoming Events at St. Michael's Save the Date!

Today, July 9<sup>th</sup> Christmas in July

Thursdays Summer Study Series  
(until Aug 17<sup>th</sup>)

Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> St. Michael's Feast Day

## Prayer for a 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.*

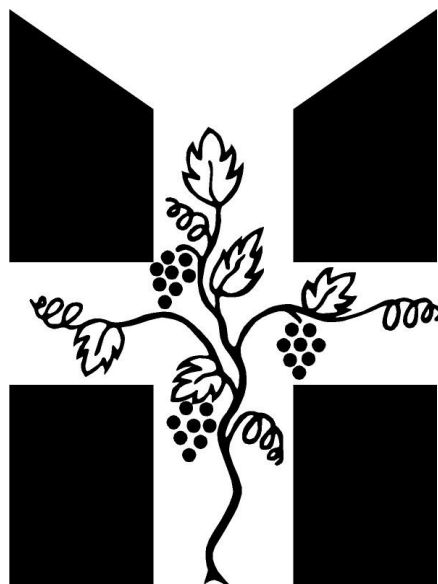
## Prayer List

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**

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

<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>July 9</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>July 23</b>	<b>July 30</b>
Acolytes				
Altar Guild	L. Wood P. Wood	M. Isenberg G. Davenport	L. Wood P. Wood	L. Wood P. Wood
Chalice Bearer	D. Ludlow B. Davenport	D. Lockhart B. Davenport	J. Zink C. MacDonald	S. Graham B. Davenport
Counters	J. Graham B. Pappas	F. Twiddy B. Barringer	L. S-Matzen M. Krawczyk	D. Scrace J. Pattee
Greeters	J. Graham K. Johnson	G. Davenport B. Davenport	E. Garzel +B. Payton M. Isenberg +J. Payton	B. Sheehy J. Sheehy
Lector	F. Twiddy	R. Simonds	J. Zink	B. Davenport
Prayers	B. Davenport	E. Garzel	C. MacDonald	C. Hakim
Ushers	B. Payton J. Payton G. Morketter J. Zink G. Peller	P. Dyble P. Groschner C. Skaff J. Saunders N. Saunders	N. Hahn +B. Payton K. Hahn E. Garzel +J. Payton 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*

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