



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

*Weekly Newsletter
July 30, 2017*



**Vestry Message
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

Beginning with this newsletter, your vestry will be writing a message in this space each week intended to keep you informed and involved in our progress toward calling our fifth Rector in our soon-to-be seventy year history.

This week was an important one in our history and because we want to insure you are fully informed, we are repeating here the essential points of a letter we sent you earlier this week by email. Quoting from that letter:

Father Hunt is answering a call to service in South Dakota and will be leaving us at the end of August. As disappointed as we are that he will not accompany us to the end of our transitional journey, we wish him well in this new endeavor.

There will be no interruption of the current process of our Rector search. We have called a new, well-qualified interim priest who will join us by October 1, 2017.

The new interim will be introduced to the parish after their current congregation is informed of the change, likely in August.

Further details are outlined in our letter to you, copies of which are available in the office should you need one.

Especially important for you to note:

- This does not alter our forward progress.
- We are continuing to hold Sacred Conversations and invite you to join the discussion if you haven't already.

Rest assured, God is working to move us into a new life for St. Michael's. Let your expectations be high. Let your confidence be deep, rooted in faith. Pray and prepare yourself, as your vestry prays and prepares. Share with us our unshakable conviction that God has great things in store for this beloved community if we will listen and follow Him.

Let us pray. May God bless us and keep us and make His face to shine upon us and be very gracious unto us, both this day and forevermore, Amen.

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. Our classes will meet on the following Thursdays and cover:

August 3rd Judaism
August 17th Christianity

Any questions can be directed to Richard Simonds or Elaine Backhurst. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

St. Michael's Book Group Saturday, September 16th

On Saturday, September 16th at 10:00 a.m., in the Lounge, we will be discussing Yesterday, I Cried: Celebrating the Lessons of Living and Loving by Iyanla Vanzant. "This bestselling author has had an amazing and difficult life - one full of great challenges that have unmasked her wonderful gifts and led to the wisdom she has gained. In this simple book, Iyanla uses her own experiences to show how life's hardships can be re-languaged and re-visioned to become lessons that teach us as we grow, heal and learn to love. Iyanla Vanzant is an example of how yesterday's tears become seeds of today's hope, renewal and strength."

Biking with St. Mike's

Grab your bike and join us to ride around our neighborhoods. If you are interested please see John & Denise Pattee (586- 855-0538) to schedule times & dates. All ages and skill levels welcome!

The Little Thrift Shop News

The Shop will be open the fourth Sunday of each month: Dates are 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.

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

Thursdays	Summer Study Series (until Aug 17th)
August 5th	Spirit of Hope Soup Kitchen
Sept. 16th	Book Group
Sept. 24th	St. Michael's Feast Day

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

Love abides at St Michael's!

(July 27, 2017)

Look around you at St Michael's. You will see parishioners engaged in working together to create a loving space for all of us. You can feel it in the service on Sunday morning as we pass the peace. It is present at the coffee hours where we exchange news of our lives. It follows us around in our community when we see each other unexpectedly.

It is present in the Thrift Shop as the ladies of the parish work to receive, price, ticket, sell and record donations and consignment goods. These ladies support and love each other as they try to show our shoppers, and others, Jesus's love and acceptance. This is the goal of this great outreach in our church family. Yes, making money for the many charities is important, but showing Jesus's love to everyone we encounter is a bigger goal.

If you serve on the vestry, belong to a committee, serve on the altar, read during services, study books or the Bible together, do you feel this love among us? It is definitely there affecting our conversations and decisions. We are stronger and wiser and better together because of this love. As we begin yet another chapter in our search for our new rector let us remember all we have accomplished together and the love we share.



Come & Play, Come & Pray
CELEBRATE
St. Michael's Feast Day
Sunday, September 24, 2017

12:00 Noon until 3:30 p.m.

Food — Games — *Caffe Far Bella*

Cake Walk — Themed Baskets

Live music by the John T Bone Paxton Trio

More to come...check back for updates

closing with Evening Prayer

Rain or Shine, all are welcome!!

**Assisting at our Services
Interim Reverend Edward Hunt**

8:00 AM Service code: + is sub

8:00 AM	July 30	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Acolyte	W. Rogers	J. Zink	R. Rhein	J. Zink	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
Chalice Bearer	J. Zink	J. Zink	J. Rhein	L. Schmitt-Matzen	C. MacDonald
Lector	L. Schmitt-Matzen	G. Gilezan +C. MacDonald	J. Rhein	G. McQueen	Dianne Pegg
Ushers	C. MacDonald M. Miller	D. Schmitt-Matzen L. Schmitt-Matzen	P. Gibson D. Backhurst	W. Rogers A. Grayr	D. Pegg, D. Pegg

10:30 Service code: + is sub

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Acolytes					
Altar Guild	L. Wood P. Wood	J. Graham K. Johnson	L. Wood P. Wood	M. Isenberg G. Davenport	L. Wood P. Wood
Chalice Bearer	S. Graham B. Davenport	D. Ludlow M. Miller	D. Ludlow K. Groschner	D. Lockhart J. Zink	S. Graham C. MacDonald
Counters	D. Scrace J. Pattee	K. O'Connor TBD	G. McQueen D. Lockhart	J. Graham B. Pappas	F. Twiddy B. Barringer
Greeters	B. Sheehy J. Sheehy	D. Zmyslowski K. Zmyslowski	B. Thompson J. Thompson	J. Graham K. Johnson	G. Davenport B. Davenport
Lector	B. Davenport	E. Garzel	K. Groschner	K. Groschner	C. Hakim
Prayers	C. Hakim	M. Krawczyk	B. Payton	J. Zink	R. Simonds
Ushers	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



*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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