



# The Archangel's Voice

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## A Message from Father Cal

**Come with me now**, he says, and the Fairlane rolls on middle-way down the long road through Lent—

The trunk barely closes and bags are roped on the roof to make room inside for you and me. Jesus throws his arm over the seat in front of us, squints a bit to see what we are bringing with us, then says **God knows, but are you leaving anything behind?** He's right, of course, for we are already just a breath away, just a yes away, closer perhaps than any of us imagines—

As it happens, we are not long on the road when we slow to a stop to help someone whose life is broken or maybe just run out of gas. Jesus leans out the window and says, **Get in, brother, we'll carry you with us.** Soon after, we fall upon an accident, a collision of apprehension and unrelieved suffering, and, one after another, these strangers, these people like us and not like us, our neighbors, all find healing and hope, find their way back on the road again. A little farther, just a mile or so, we pick-up a hitchhiker headed no place in particular, an immigrant, a Samaritan, a wandering Aramean ready to perish. Then, towards dark, we come upon 5,000 or so people, maybe more, all of them weary from the day, all of them hungering for good things. And leaning out the window again, Jesus is...*calling us all by name*—

Lent is a long road, purposefully so perhaps. What do you figure, St. Michael...are we there yet?

"Good things are happening at St. Michael. Come and see!"

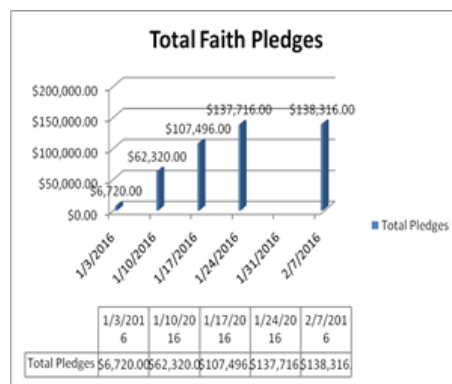


## A Stewardship THANK YOU

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church has been blessed in witness of the Lord's grace and deliverance during our 2016 Stewardship Program. Our *"Enriching Our Lives Through Hope and God's Treasures"* living stewardship program resulted in increased spiritual growth and involvement by many members of our congregation.

**Thank you St. Michael for your support, participation and prayers.** Your continued prayers are asked so that others may be inclined to pledge assistance toward the church's works as additional support of our time and talents commitments and faith pledges is needed to meet our operational projections. Please complete and return both a Faith Card and Time and Talent Inventory if you have not done so already, or see a member of the Stewardship Committee if you should need other Stewardship Program materials or information.

The charts below show the progress of our pledges as of February 7, 2016:



### 2016 Stewardship Committee Members

Father Cal Goodlett, Interim Rector  
J. Byron Greene, Senior Warden  
Alexis R. McMillan, Vestry Liaison

Linda Dilworth, Chair  
Charlie Clark  
Neil James

Elizabeth Humes  
Sam Oliver  
Edith Onyeozili

### KEY DATES

**March 20**

*Palm Sunday*

**March 24**

*Maundy Thursday*

**March 25**

*Good Friday*

**March 27**

*Easter Day*

**April 24**

*Bishop Howard's Visitation*

**Upcoming Events**

**February 10 thru  
March 16**

Shared Lenten Program

**March 6**

Annual Parish Meeting,  
12 pm  
Compline Service, 8 pm

**March 13**

Book Signing

**March 20**

Women's Day Celebration

**April 16**

Pretty Hat Tea

**April 22 - 24**

ECW Spring Retreat

**April 23**

Arts & Crafts Festival

**April 30**

Breakfast Service at  
Grace Mission

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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and  
Bingo

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**Around the Parish**

**Shared Lenten Program with Church of the Advent —** We will continue through Lent, alternating our meeting location each week. Remember to bring a covered dish to share and try to make arrangements to share rides.

**College Student Outreach —** Please invite ALL college students to join in Bible Study and a meal on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:45 pm. Students are invited to take part in our Shared Lenten Program on Wednesday, March 2 and March 16, 2016 at 6:15 pm. Please call Melanie Martin at (850)322-7516 for more information.

**Health, Wellness and Fitness —** Zumba Fitness is offered weekly on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. **No classes will be held on March 2 and March 16 due to Lenten activities.** Contact *Fitness with Leslie* at <http://www.zumba.com/en-US/profiles/14141> for more information.

**Sunday Morning Hospitality —** Our time together in fellowship after The Holy Eucharist on Sundays is a time for the family to continue the connection that is made during our worship service. We all know that food is one way to keep that connection going so please consider sponsoring a fellowship hour. Your sponsorship can be in honor of an anniversary or simply "so that..." Many opportunities remain during 2016. Please sign up on the chart posted on the kitchen door.

**Book Signing —** On **Sunday March 13**, renowned story-teller, award winning journalist, and Professor of Media, Journalism and Film at Howard University Judy Moore Latta, PhD, will be back home at St. Michael and will promote her new book "**God Ain't Sleep: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.**" This celebration of the human spirit is for anyone who has ever made a mistake, felt overwhelmed, considered quitting, abandoned hope, needed encouragement to follow a dream or questioned God. Among Dr. Latta's many awards is the George Foster Peabody award, which she received as senior producer of the NPR radio series, "Wading in the Water: African American Sacred Music Traditions." Dr. Latta grew up in Tallahassee and attended St. Michael with her parents, the late Dr. Oscar and Mrs. Laverne Moore. She lives with her husband, Dr. Joseph Latta, in Silver Springs, Maryland.

**Women's Day Celebration, March 20 —** Mark your calendars and plan to be in church on March 20, because not only is it Palm Sunday, but we will also celebrate Women's History Month with a special guest speaker, Dr. Ann L. Wead Kimbrough, dean of the School of Journalism & Graphic Communication at Florida A&M University.

**ECW Pretty Hat Tea —** The Episcopal Church Women's annual Pretty Hat Tea will be held on **Saturday, April 16** at the church. As always, it will be a great event with delicious food, the annual hat contests, and more than a little sisterly competition among table hosts. Information about ticket price and availability will be provided soon. Contact ECW President Melanie Martin at (850)322-7516 for more information.



**Diocesan Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Spring Retreat —** The Spring Retreat for the Women of the Church will be held **April 22 - 24** at The Episcopal Center. All women of the ECW, DOK, and Altar Guild are invited as well as all other women of the church. We hope to see you for this exciting weekend! Event information and registration forms are available in the office.

**2nd Annual Arts & Crafts Festival —** St Michael & All Angels will host its 2nd Annual Arts and Crafts Festival on **Saturday, April 23**, 2016 from 10:30am-4:30pm. This year, we have added a special segment titled "Historical Remnants" that will enable parishioners to share historical items (photographs, books, etc.) of family members. The exhibit will be located in the Brooks Room along with Tallahassee African American Genealogy Group (TAAGG).

**Diocesan ECW Winter Meeting, February 20 —** Here are scenes from the meeting, which was attended by three women from St. Michael.



**Lent**  
*Be foolish enough to believe that you can make a difference in this world.*

Join Episcopal Church of the Advent and St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church for our joint Lenten Program as we explore how the church interacts with the broader community.

Wednesdays at 6:15pm  
St. Michael and All Angels, 1405 Melvin Street, 32301  
Church of the Advent, 815 Pineview Road, 32312

Feb. 10 at Advent	Mar. 2 at St. Michael
Feb. 17 at St. Michael	Mar. 9 at Advent
Feb. 24 at Advent	Mar. 16 at St. Michael

*Bring a covered dish to share!*