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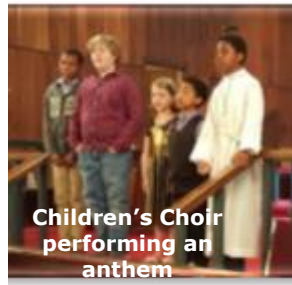


Spiritual Development of Our Youth

At St. Michael & All Angels, the spiritual development of our young people that begins with their baptism, is nurtured through our church school, participation in church ministries and attendance at diocesan events and activities. We view our church school as just the beginning of a lifelong, spiritual journey where children and youth are nurtured in their faith, as well as the teachings and traditions of the Episcopal church. In addition to learning from the Episcopal Church Curriculum developed by the Center for the Ministry of Teachings at Virginia Theological Seminary, our youth are involved in special performances during the year, including a Christmas Pageant, Easter Program and Father's Day recognition. Our young people also grow spiritually through serving as lectors, greeters and ushers, and singing with the children's choir at one Sunday service each month.



2015 Christmas Pageant



Children's Choir performing an anthem

The highlight of the summer for a few of our youth each year is to attend Summer Camp at Camp Weed, where they are able "to experience wholesome Christian fun in the great outdoors." As in 2015, two from St. Michael attended summer camp at Camp Weed this year: Daniel Erefah attended Session I for Rising 10th – 12th graders, and Phaedra Hyche attended Session III for Rising 7th and 8th graders. This visit is Daniel's second visit as a camper. Daniel says he "enjoyed the experience at Camp Weed – meeting new people, interesting activities, and the spiritual development" and is "interested in returning as a counselor either at Happenings or at Camp Weed." He adds: "Camp Weed has certainly made an impact in my life. Thank you, St. Michael family, for all your support."



From The Episcopal Calendar – The Two Named Mary

Mary Magdalene is mentioned in the Gospels as being among the women of Galilee who followed Jesus and His disciples, and who was present at His Crucifixion and Burial, and who went to the tomb on Easter Sunday to anoint His body. She was the first to see the Risen Lord, and to announce His Resurrection to the apostles. Accordingly, she is referred to in early Christian writings as "the apostle to the apostles."

The honor paid to **Mary, the virgin mother of Jesus Christ our Lord and God**, goes back to the earliest days of the Church. Indeed, it goes back further, for even before the birth of her Son, Mary prophesied, "From this time forth, all generations shall call me blessed."

Besides Jesus himself, only two humans are mentioned by name in the Creeds. One is Pontius Pilate, Roman procurator of Judea from 26 to 36 AD. The other name is that of Mary. The Creeds say that Christ was "born of the virgin Mary."

"Good things are happening at St. Michael.

Come and see!"

KEY DATES

July 4

Independence Day

July 22

Saint Mary Magdalene

July 25

Saint. James the Apostle

August 6

The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

August 15

Saint Mary the Virgin

August 24

Saint Bartholomew the Apostle

Upcoming Events

June 8 – August 17

Choir Book Study

July 30

Grace Mission –
Breakfast Service

August 12

Apalachee Region
Ultreya

August 14

Flip Flop Sunday at
Silver Lake

Community Outreach Activities

Handbags of Hope: 12 bags donated through Economy Drug Store (Alexis McMillan); four bags donated to the Kids Rock event through Ahmed Court #134 (Laurette Scott).

Good News Ministry: For the month of July, 10 bags of food items were donated to Good News Outreach Ministry.

Many thanks to all who have contributed handbags and/or essential supplies for the bags, and food items. Let's keep these vital ministries going!

Glory!

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Around the Parish

Search Committee Update — The search for a permanent Rector for our parish is, once again, in full swing. Information on the progress of the search will be shared as soon as it becomes available.

AA Humes goes to P.O.S.T. — From June 26-28, professional staff and office volunteers from across the diocese attended the Parish Office Staff Together conference at Camp Weed. St. Michael was represented by our own Administrative Assistant Elizabeth Humes, who filed this report:



I thank all those who made it possible for me to attend this year's conference, and all the wonderful ladies I met for their encouragement and support.

P.O.S.T. was established 30 years ago because of the need for support, education, collaboration and fellowship among colleagues. In addition, P.O.S.T. provides continuing education and enables parish staff to

connect, communicate, exchange practices and support each other.

Our activities, to mention a few, included: a session on "Building an online community, as well as a concert, banquet, yoga and swimming. I especially enjoyed the Holy Eucharist in Mandi's Chapel; it was uplifting.

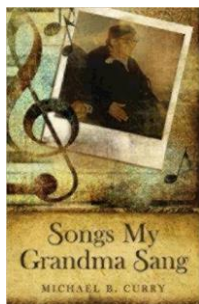
Regional representatives were nominated for the promotion of POST in their region. Present from Apalachee Region were: Mrs. Lindsay Hardy from St. John's Church, Mrs. Doty Winzel from The Church of the Holy Comforter, and myself. We elected Mrs. Lindsay Hardy to represent the Apalachee Region.

I am happy to say that I won the Grand Prize: Two Nights Stay at the Ritz-Carlton, Amelia Island.

I really had a fabulous time!

Grace Mission Outreach — St. Michael will help to serve breakfast at Grace Mission on Saturday, July 30th. Our parish has committed to providing this service on the fifth Saturday of the month, in months with five Saturdays. Please volunteer to take part in this ministry by contacting Melanie Martin at mmartin1124@hotmail.com.

Flip Flop Sunday — Our fourth annual church service at Silver Lake will take place on August 14, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The Holy Eucharist will be followed by fellowship; you can expect good food and lots of fun. Invite your friends to join us in prayer and fellowship. For more information, contact Pro Hruda at phruda1@embarqmail.com.



Our book study of **Songs My Grandma Sang** by Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry continues. Beginning on June 8, choir members and regular Bible Study attendees have read and discussed one chapter each week. There has been lively and insightful commentary surrounding Jesus' lineage and modern-day study of genealogy; Episcopalians reluctance to be witnesses; Jesus's family values (Join hands disciples of the faith whate'er your race may be. Who serves my Father as his child is surely kin to me); and the different meanings of the word, Glory! Join us each Wednesday through August 17, starting at 6:45 p.m. in the Brooks Room.



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Episcopal BRANCH
OF
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Jesus movement"
—Presiding Bishop Michael Curry