

# The Archangel's Voice

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#### **Our Rector Search Continues**

"Good things are happening at St. Michael.

Come and see!"

RECTOR WANTED:
We're flexible—full or part time?
Semi-retired?
Spirituality and dynamism required.

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#### **KEY DATES**

#### January 6

THE EPIPHANY OF THE
MANIFESTATION OF
OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST TO THE
GENTILES

#### January 16

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

#### February 2

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

### February 13

Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818

#### February 26

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

## The 2017 Stewardship Drive Begins

January 2017 is the key month of our Stewardship Campaign. This is the time when we encourage personal reflections on our faith, time, talents and the countless blessings bestowed upon each of us by the grace and mercy of Almighty God. Our Stewardship Committee's planned program extends from January 1st through 22nd with a purpose of spiritual enrichment and growth for all parish members.

Our scriptural focus for personal growth is Jeremiah 17:7-8 (NIV)

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."



Please keep in mind the following key dates:

- January 15 targeted deadline to return your faith card.
- January 22 all faith cards and Time and Talent inventories will be consecrated as we offer thanks to God for the many blessings of our church and parish.

Your church appreciates your active support and strong fellowship. With your help, good things will continue to happen at St. Michael!

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

#### Wednesdays, 7:00 pm

Bible Inspiration in The Brooks Room

#### January 13-14

Ministry Exploration Weekend. Conference Center

#### January 14

Lay Leadership Workship 2: Leading and Assisting at Worship, Episcopal Conference Center

#### January 20-22 Happening #133

#### January 21

Diocese of Florida Episcopal Church Women (ECW), Episcopal Conference Center

### February 3 **VOCARE**

#### February 11

Lay Leadership Workshop 3: Inspiring Generosity in Congregations, Episcopal Conference Center

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### **Around the Parish**

HANDBAGS OF HOPE - In 2016, your generous contributions allowed the Women of St. Michael to donate dozens of handbags filled with essential items and prayers of hope to women in our community. Thank you for your contributions. Let us continue this ministry in 2017.

We have many more handbags but not enough items to fill them. Your donations of the following essential items would be greatly appreciated: hand sanitizer, personal hygiene items (shampoo, soap, comb, brush, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste), disposable wipes, and small, non-perishable snack foods (cheese and crackers, chips, tuna). You may drop off your donations at any time in the church

GOOD NEWS OUTREACH MINISTRY - We would also like to continue this outreach ministry that helps to feed families throughout our community every week. Please remember to bring a food item from the following list: boxed pasta, grits, oatmeal, snacks, broths, soups, spices, baking mixes, flour, sugar, canned fruits & fruit cups. Your contributions should be p0laced in the Food Gift Box located in the parish hall.

MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES - Are you seeking guidance or discernment regarding your gifts for ministry? The Diocese of Florida offers many opportunities for church members to explore their unique gifts, in both lay and ordained ministry. At the Ministry Exploration Retreat, January 13-14, participants will engage in prayerful conversation about the call of the priesthood, diaconate, and laity, with members of the diocese sharing their own

The Bishop's Institute for Ministry and Leadership offers a series of workshops specifically for lay leaders. On January 14, Lay Leadership Workshop 2 will be held at Camp Weed Episcopal Conference Center. This workshop is geared toward those who volunteer to read in our services, Eucharistic Visitors, lay Worship Leaders, altar guild members and any other lay men and women who contribute to worship services in our churches. Lay Leadership Workshop 3 will be held on February 11 at the Episcopal Conference Center, and will focus on inspiring generosity and generous giving in our parish church. For information on registration and cost for these workshops, please click on the links above, or visit the Diocese of Florida website.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN** — It is time for The Women of St. Michael to elect new officers: President, Vice-President, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary. The term for all four offices began on January 1. Women of St. Michael, please consider volunteering to serve in one of these offices because without your commitment of time and energy, your organization will cease to function.

The Diocesan ECW Winter Meeting will take place on January 21 at the Episcopal Conference Center. The keynote speaker will be The Rev. Dr. Douglas Dupree, Rector of the Bishop's Institute for Ministry and Leadership and Emeritus Fellow of Balliol College, Oxford. You must advise the Registrar no later than January 16 that you will be attending even if you pay at the door. The cost is \$14; sign in at the door will begin at 9:00am, and the meeting will end after lunch in the Varn Dining Room.



KEEPING HISTORY ALIVE - SMAA members Colton Wasson and Mrs. Althemese Barnes during Colton's visit to the

> John G. Riley Center and Museum to gather information for his History Fair project. Mrs. Barnes the founding director of the Riley Center.

