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Season...Time...Purpose

*"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."
(Ecclesiastes 3:1, KJV)*

The week beginning on September 24 was a noteworthy one for the St. Michael and All Angels parish. It was a time for change, transition, celebration.

The Holy Eucharist on September 24 marked the final day as interim rector for our beloved Reverend Calvin Goodlett, whose tenure started in January 2014. Parishioners showed their love for and appreciation to Father Cal after the service, with a fellowship feast in his honor and a shower of cards. While September 24 ended Father Cal's season as interim rector, his three-plus years of ministry at St. Michael helped the congregation to develop a greater sense of community, thus ensuring a smooth transition to our new rector, who was present to meet and greet members of his new parish.

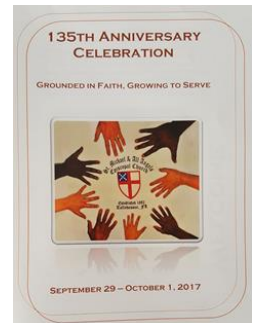


Sunday, Sep 24
Above: Fr. Cal prepares for The Eucharist.

Right: Fr. Cal speaks during the fellowship in his honor.

On Monday, September 25, the week during which St. Michael celebrated 135 years of ministry in

Tallahassee, we welcomed Reverend Hugh Chapman as our new rector. Father Chapman immediately immersed himself in parish activities: joining in bible study, attending choir rehearsal, and officiating at our 135th anniversary celebration events, beginning on September 29 with REVIVING SPIRIT FRIDAY, continuing September 30 with SATURDAY PRAYER BREAKFAST, and culminating on October 1 with a celebratory HOLY EUCHARIST and fellowship.



Father Hugh approaches his new ministry here at St. Michael with a purpose: preaching and teaching the gospel using language that is relevant to our time, and imparting wisdom and new insight in weekly messages to the congregation.



Each week in the Sunday bulletin, Fr. Hugh has shared a thoughtful and thought-provoking message. He has thanked the congregation for the warm welcome afforded his family, giving thanks to "our good and gracious God for blessing us with 135 years of work and witness!!" [October 1] He lamented the "unthinkable, murderous and mindless act of violence" that took place in Las Vegas, but noted that while we pray for those who mourn the loss of their loved ones, "our best thoughts and prayers, as sincere as they may be, will not be enough to console the many who are left asking, why?" [October 8]

Following his first vestry meeting, Fr. Hugh penned words of caution regarding how everyone regards members of the vestry and the work they do. He reminded us that those on the vestry "have responded to the call of God upon their lives. They took to heart the words that we all repeat when we renew our baptismal vows. We all should." [October 15] And he reminds us of why we must make room in our lives for prayer in his October 22 message. Prayer is "that all important conversation we must have with the creator."

If you are unable to attend service any Sunday, do go to our [website](#) to receive the message *From the Rector's Desk*. You will not be disappointed.

"Good things are happening at St. Michael.

Come and see!"

KEY DATES

November 1
ALL SAINTS DAY

November 2
All Souls Day

November 23
THANKSGIVING DAY

November 26
The Last Sunday after Pentecost

November 30
SAINT ANDREW
THE APOSTLE

December 3
The First Sunday of Advent

December 21
ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

December 25
CHRISTMAS DAY

December 26
SAINT STEPHEN,
DEACON AND MARTYR

December 27
SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE
AND EVANGELIST

December 28
THE HOLY INNOCENTS

December 31
New Year's Eve

Upcoming Events

Wednesdays, 6:45 pm

Bible Inspiration in
The Brooks Room

Thursdays, 6:30 pm

Choir Rehearsal

**November 1,
December 6**

Supper Service at
The Kearney Center

November 5

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
ENDS



November 5 and 12
United Thank Offering

November 5

Visual Art Presentation by
Claire Wasson

November 10-12

New Beginnings for
Grades 6-8 at
Camp Weed

November 13,

December 11

Vestry Meeting

November 18

Invite. Welcome. Connect
at Camp Weed

November 19

African American
Genealogy Meeting

December 9

Holiday Magic Concert
Ruby Diamond Concert
Hall

December 17

Service of
Lessons and Carols

December 30

Breakfast Service at
Grace Mission

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Around the Parish

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS — The month of October is recognized internationally as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Major charities hold a campaign to increase awareness of the disease and raise funds for research into its cause and prevention. *Making Strides Against Cancer of Leon County* held its annual walk on October 22 in Cascades Park. This event raises funds to help ensure that no one facing breast cancer walks alone. Nine members from St. Michael formed a team to participate in this walk.



ST. MICHAEL SERVING OTHERS — Jointly with St. John's, St. Michael continues to serve **supper at The Kearney Center** on the first Wednesday of each month. The Kearney Center provides temporary emergency shelter and supportive services to those experiencing or are on the verge of experiencing, homelessness.

St. Michael is committed to serving **breakfast at Grace Mission** Episcopal Church on the fifth Saturday, four times each year. Our team of cheerful and eager helpers will be deployed on Saturday, December 30 to fulfill our commitment for 2017.

If you have not volunteered to take part in either of these two service ministries, please consider doing so. You will receive God's richest blessings for blessing others with your time and service.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE — We will begin our Thanksgiving food drive on November 1 and continue until November 18, the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day, when we will assemble boxes in the Parish Hall for distribution beginning on Sunday, November 19. Your help is needed to: 1) donate generously to this food drive; 2) identify families who would like to receive a box; and 3) assemble boxes on November 20. Please [submit contact information for the families you identify to the office by Thursday, November 16.](#) Include their name, address, telephone number, and the number of adults and children.



Food that is not distributed before Thanksgiving will be blessed at the altar on December 3 and donated to Good News Outreach Ministry.

CLOTHING DRIVE — St. Michael will hold a **Fall/ Winter Clothing Drive** coordinated by Candice Billups. Clothing collection will begin on November 4 and continue until February 17, 2018. Please bring new/gently used coats, sweaters, socks, gloves, and pants and place them in the donation box in the parish hall. Thank you for your generous support of this ministry.



HOLIDAY MAGIC! CONCERT — The Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra will hold its Holiday Magic concert on December 9 at 2:30 pm (Matinee) and 8:00 pm at Ruby Diamond Concert Hall on the campus of Florida State University. Choirs from Chiles High School, St. John's Episcopal Church, First Presbyterian Church, **St. Michael and All Angels** (our church) and Trinity United Methodist Church. The concert will feature, among others, traditional carols by Shaw, Rutter and Wilberg, as well as A Holly and Jolly Sing Along arranged by Stephenson. Holiday Magic! concerts are guaranteed to bring the joy of Christmas into your holiday preparations. Please plan to attend.



CHRISTMAS HANDBAGS OF HOPE — For two years, the Women of St. Michael have assembled and donated dozens of handbags filled with essential items and prayers of hope to women in our community. As we approach Christmas, the season of giving, we would like to assemble a dozen more handbags, one for each day of Christmas. Your donations of new or gently used handbags, and items to fill them, would be greatly appreciated. The following articles (travel size or small) are needed: personal hygiene items (shampoo, soap, comb, brush, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste), disposable wipes, hand sanitizer, and small, non-perishable snack foods (cheese and crackers, chips, tuna). You may drop off your donations at any time in the church office.

