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## Presiding Bishop Michael Curry Visits St. Michael

by Kate Wasson

St. Michael and All Angels was honored to host Presiding Bishop Michael Curry on **Tuesday, February 5, 2019**, in a sold-out program at the parish hall. Attendees were treated to what the Bishop referred to as "a most sumptuous lunch" of gumbo, fried chicken and green beans, as well as outstanding musical performances from Mrs. Patrice Minor Floyd, Mr. Darryl Tookes, and St. Michael's own choir.



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St. Michael.

**Come and see!"**

Bishop Curry's inspiring remarks were the highlight of the luncheon. He spoke of hate: of Heather Hayer mowed down by an American Nazi last year. He told us of racing to Charlottesville to comfort those impacted, and reminded us that the white supremacists responsible for Ms. Hayer's death were marching with their torches to an Episcopal church the night before. But Bishop Curry also spoke of love: the love that's crucial to combating the malice and vitriol of those who will stop at nothing to keep the war against civil rights raging. We are the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement; we are that love. As servants of love and warriors for the Jesus Movement, we can make our country, and the world, a place welcoming of all God's people.



### KEY DATES

**January 1**  
THE MOST HOLY NAME OF  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

**January 6**  
THE EPIPHANY,  
OR THE MANIFESTATION  
OF OUR LORD JESUS  
CHRIST TO THE GENTILES

**January 18**  
THE CONFESSION OF  
SAINT PETER THE  
APOSTLE

**January 25**  
THE CONVERSION OF  
SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

**February 2**  
THE PRESENTATION OF  
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
IN THE TEMPLE

**February 25**  
SAINT MATTHIAS THE  
APOSTLE

At the luncheon's conclusion, Senior Warden Neil James announced the launch of the Michael Curry Scholarship to be awarded to students at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University who lead a Christ-centered life and promote the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement. Bishop Curry was clearly touched, and thanked St. Michael for its generosity and commitment to the Movement.



This truly special day could not have taken place without the dedication and efforts of the planning committee. The congregation and community owe much gratitude to the committee members who worked so hard to create an extraordinary memory for all in attendance. Good things keep happening at St. Michael – come and see!





## Around the Parish

**Sunday, January 6 — The Sunday School's group project on this day was to create crowns, in recognition of Christ, The King Sunday. They did a splendid job and wore their crowns well.**



### Upcoming Events



**Sundays, 9 am**  
Sunday School

**Tuesdays and  
Thursdays, 12:15 pm**  
Said Mass

**Wednesdays, 6:00 pm**  
Bible Study

**February 17**  
Annual General Meeting

**February 23**  
General Meeting of  
St. Michael ECW

**February 24**  
Black History Month  
Program

**February 26**  
Fourth Tuesday Supper  
Service at Grace Mission

**Ongoing**  
St. Michael Capital  
Campaign

### **Community Remembrance Project —**

The following is taken From the Rector's Desk, which was included in our Sunday bulletin for January 20<sup>th</sup>, the Second Sunday after the Epiphany:

*"On Saturday, January 12, 2019, St. Michael and All Angels opened its doors to close to a hundred persons who came from all walks of life, to be part of a dialogue that, hopefully, will result in the Remembrance Project. This effort originated more than two years ago at St. John's Episcopal Church. First Presbyterian Church joined in support of this laudable effort, and now there are some 14 organizations/churches that have signed on. In a nutshell, this is a project to create a memorial recognizing four victims of lynching here in Leon County. So, in addition to erecting a plaque/marker, the eventual goal is to conduct a service of remembrance and reconciliation, and also to maintain a program of education that will facilitate a continuing conversation regarding the issues of race and justice.*

*...I pray that the meeting will give further impetus to this project, for our community needs to confront this dark period of our shared history. Indeed, the resurgence of hate speech and white supremacy is evidence enough that as one of Faulkner's characters in Requiem for a Nun said, 'The past is never dead. It's not even past.'"*

The four men who are the focus of the Community Remembrance Project—Pierce Taylor, Mick Morris, Ernest Ponder and Richard Hawkins—were taken from the old Leon County Jail near Cascades Park between 1897 and 1937 and lynched.

In an aside during his Sermon the following Sunday, Fr. Hugh remarked that someone had asked why the church was bringing up such painful memories from the past, suggesting that we should just forget about it and move on. Well, as Faulkner wrote, the past is never dead. Faulkner's fictional novel was first published in 1951 but depicted events that occurred in 1937 and 1938. Yesterday, February 14, 2019, US Senators Kamala Harris and Cory Booker tweeted that the Senate had unanimously passed a bill to make lynching a federal crime. As Senator Harris noted, "It's absurd that Congress has tried and failed to do this dozens of times for the better part of a century." Undoubtedly, the past is not even past.



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**Sunday, February 10 —** Members of the Altar Guild received their commission from Fr. Hugh and were welcomed into this important ministry. Our offertory selection, I Surrender All, was performed on piano by EN Jackson, III, under the watchful eye of his piano tutor, Organist Monique Alleyne.

