

# THE TRUMPET

St. Michael's of the Valley...making an eternal difference in each other's lives and in the world

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Vestry and I are currently in the process of evaluating how to support existing ministries, re-establish some, and establish new ones. Among these ministries are Sunday school for children, ministry to youth, the Outreach and Parish Life committees, our relationship with the Wood Bridge Pre-School, our Music Ministry, paid staff, Holy Hikes, and the Theology Pub.

There is an important concept for all Christians to understand about serving God. It's called 'kairos', a Greek term which essentially means 'in God's time'. 'Kairos' is distinguished from 'chronos' which is measuring time from hour to hour, day to day, week to week, month to month, year to year, etc. Most of us live by the latter in terms of planning and expectation, and indeed, we must live this way for practical reasons.

However, with God, one day is like a thousand, and a thousand like one day. So, we pray, listen to God, try to discern His will, and trust Him. We discover that if something truly is God's will—and not our own, He will bless it. This often requires a bit of patience. Sometimes we move deliberately so as not to waste precious time and energy with things that are not timely. This is not to say that we cannot jump on a good opportunity that suddenly presents itself. Sometimes God works that way too.

It may seem that things are moving slowly at St. Michael's in terms of re-establishing Sunday school for children and youth, or launching a Theology Pub for young adults, but this does not mean things are not progressing behind the scenes. One of the greatest lessons I had to learn the hard way in my first years of ordained life was that 'every good idea doesn't necessarily have to happen right away'.

However, I believe we should offer Sunday school for children and youth in September. Re-establishing Sunday School will have to begin with those families who can be here regularly enough and with teachers who are willing to be prepared even when no children come. Teachers may have to check in with families every week to plan their lessons.

The first task is preparing the Sunday school rooms for use by the end of the summer. On June 15<sup>th</sup>, we hope to clear out the Sunday school rooms and keep the materials that might be useful. We need your help, please come to help us.

The second task is recruiting and training Sunday school teachers. If you are feeling called to ministry with our children, I assure you it will be one of the most rewarding experiences you can ever have. Recently, after months of teaching the pre-schoolers at Wood Bridge the Lord's Prayer, I became aware that they were so mimicking how was I teaching it to them that they were developing 'Southern' accents! So often we do not realize the impact we are having on the young people around us. Please let me or any member of vestry know if you would like to help with ministry to children and youth, or if you have questions or suggestions.

Peace be with you all.

Faithfully,

*Marjorie +*

Rector

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*Sunday, May 5, 2024 ~ Sixth Sunday after Easter*

First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Gospel: John 15:9-17

*Sunday, May 12, 2025 ~ Seventh Sunday of Easter*

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

Gospel: John 17:6-19

*Sunday, May 19, 2024 ~ Day of Pentecost*

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Second Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

*Sunday, May 26, 2024 ~ Trinity Sunday, First Sunday after Pentecost*

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Psalm 29

Second Reading: Romans 8:12-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

**SCHEDULE OF SERVERS FOR MAY**

Sunday, May 5th ~ 8 AM

Lay Reader: Bobbie Off

Usher: Joe Frederick

Sunday, May 12th ~ 8 AM

Lay Reader: Lisa Frederick

Usher: Jim Beck

Sunday, May 19, 2024 ~ 8 AM

Lay Reader: Joe Moravec

Usher: Ray Speicher

Sunday, May 26, 2024 ~ 8 AM

Lay Reader: Jan Carlin

Usher: Sam Pollina

Sunday, May 5th ~ 10:30 AM

Lay Reader: Laura Fisher

Usher: Rex Ashbrook

Sunday, May 12th ~ 10:30 AM

Lay Reader: Mary Whittemore

Usher: Carl Campbell

Sunday, May 19, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM

Lay Reader: Lisa Laskow

Usher: Rex Ashbrook

Sunday, May 26, 2024 ~ 10:30 AM

Lay Reader: Cindy Pompelia

Usher: Carl Campbell



**SCHEDULE FOR MAY SERVICES**

Sunday, May 5, 2024

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Children's Offering  
Adult Christian Education ~ 9:15 am  
Coffee Hour after the 10:30 am service

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 ~ 10 am  
Holy Eucharist & Healing Prayer Service

Sunday, May 12, 2024

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Adult Christian Education ~ 9:15 a.m.  
Coffee Hour after the 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, May 19, 2024

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Adult Christian Education ~ 9:15 am  
Coffee Hour after the 10:30 am service

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 ~ 10 am  
Holy Eucharist & Healing Prayer Service

Sunday, May 26, 2024

8:00 am Holy Eucharist Rite I  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
Adult Christian Education ~ 9:15 am  
Coffee Hour after the 10:30 am service

**OPEN ALTAR FLOWER MEMORIAL DATES**

The following dates are available to have memorial flowers on the altar at St. Michael's. The cost is \$55.00 payable to St. Michael's of the Valley.



Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>

Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

Call or email the church office to reserve one of the dates if you are interested.



### **LET'S TALK ABOUT "THE STOLE"**

April 20, 2024 was a very special day. After 35 years we had the installation of the sixth rector of St. Michael's of the Valley with the Celebration of a New Ministry service. This service involves vows taken, prayers said and gifts given.

Of the nine gifts given one was a stole. The stole is one of the oldest Christian symbols of ordained clergy and ours was made even more special with the collaboration of Trevor Floyd and Juliet Hemingway. When you get a chance take a close look at the stole and you will notice that all the symbols are an integral part of St. Michael's – the dogwood, the rainbow trout, the pheasant, St. Michael the archangel all are from the kneelers that are used every Sunday - of course we can't forget the Church itself.

This was a process that the committee began started back in June of last year with the final product being shipped to us in December. So how is this accomplished – first you find a contact, then there is a design idea, a lot of correspondence, a couple of “designs on paper”, color swatches, back and forth approval, placement of the order, send to the embroiderer and then wait.

In doing some investigation as to how to prepare a special stole I was put in touch with Trevor Floyd and Co. out of New Jersey and Juliet Hemingway Church Textiles in the United Kingdom. After my initial contact, I spoke to Trevor of our ideas then sent him photos of the church and the kneelers. He then started to put his ideas on paper and along with Juliet came up with a design. After the final design was approved, the order was placed and off to England it went and into the very capable hands of Juliet to embroider. After we received the stole the hard part was keeping it under wraps until the installation service when we would say the words:

“Marjorie, receive this stole, and be among us as a pastor and priest.”

Cindy Purnell  
Altar Guild Director



## VALLEY YOUTH NETWORK UPCOMING EVENTS

The Valley Youth Network (VYN) is a community of concerned people and organizations who seek to reach out to area high school students with the gospel of Jesus Christ. St. Michael's has supported VYN since its inception 30 years ago.

A number of events are coming up so please mark your calendars:

The annual fundraising auction is scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM with doors opening at 8 AM. The auction will be held at the VYN Barn at 20 Springer Road in Ligonier. Donations are being accepted as they are in need of household items, collectables, antiques, tools, etc. Pick-up of large items can be arranged by calling 724-238-9441.

The May Coffeehouse will be held at the Barn on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. For additional information, please visit the Ligonier Community Coffee House Facebook page or call (724) 422-9585.

The VYN annual golf outing will be held at Champion Lakes Golf Course on June 28<sup>th</sup>. It will be a scramble event with a shotgun start at 1 PM. This is always a fun event and golfer and sponsors are needed. Please contact Mick Pompelia if you have any questions on VYN or the calendar of events.

## HIRING NURSERY ATTENDANT & ORGANIST CHOIR DIRECTOR

St. Michael's is looking to hire our next Organist/Choir Director and an individual to serve as a nursery attendant on Sunday mornings during the 10:30 AM service and during special services or events.

If you know anyone who might be interested, please have them contact Rev. Marjorie Bevans at the church office.



## PARISH CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, St. Michael's is holding a "Parish Clean-up Day". We need teams of people to help clean out all the clutter that has accumulated in the Smith House through the years.





**PICTURES FROM THE INSTALLATION SERVICE  
OF THE SIXTH RECTOR OF ST. MICHAEL'S  
THE REV. MARJORIE BEVANS**

