

THE MESSENGER

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

July and August 2010

Sunday, July 4th*	10:00 a.m.	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
Sunday, July 11th*	10:00 a.m.	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
Sunday, July 18th*	10:00 a.m.	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
Sunday, July 25th*	10:00 a.m.	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
Sunday, August 1st	10:00 a.m.	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
Sunday, August 8th	10:00 a.m.	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
Sunday, August 15th	10:00 a.m.	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
Sunday, August 22nd	10:00 a.m.	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>
Sunday, August 29th	10:00 a.m.	<i>Holy Eucharist</i>

***Nursery care will NOT be available for this service.**

Two service schedule resumes on Oct 3rd

FROM THE RECTOR

The Rev. Dr. Pamela Redding

Hoarding is a word and concept, even an illness that people have come to understand in our time. It is about having more than enough and keeping it all to ourselves. Hoarding is about getting and saving good things to the point we do not even enjoy what we have and no one else does either.

I learned a little more about this last month when I was getting my stuff ready for our Community Parking Lot Sale. Those of you who know me know I am on the other side; I tend to be more of a minimalist and I do not like a mess. So, at first I did not think I had enough stuff to rent my own table. Fortunately, one of my children suggested the perfect opportunity to change my perspective, that being to spend an hour watching the A&E TV show "Hoarders." And so I did. "Hoarders" shows the most extreme cases of having too much and keeping it to ourselves. (I recommend this show also for losing weight because it is impossible to eat a snack and watch this program.) Starting with the first commercial, I could now see items large and small that I were taking up valuable real estate in my small apartment, and began to fill the trunk of my car in preparation for the sale.

All of this took place around the time I was planning for Pentecost Season and made me wonder whether we can also clog up the flow of the Holy Spirit in our lives by "hoarding" the abundance of spiritual gifts. We at St. Michael's are living proof that our God has been very generous with resources of happiness and beauty, making available to us incredible individuals with many talents and enough financial resources to make it through these hard times. But what if we are hoarding all this, so that these gifts are not part of our life as a Christian community? What if God's gifts to us never turn into the ministry that they were created for? And what if these gifts never make it out into the world to do their part in making the world a better place?

MORE FROM THE RECTOR

I like to think we are not really hoarders. But we all have more than enough to share. Fortunately we are in Pentecost and we have a whole season to get busy and see things from God's perspective. This is the time to be active in putting what we have to use.

As for me, I know it is time to get outside and plant that bag of seeds I found while I was cleaning.

Pam+

Stewardship Reflections

Last month I had the wonderful opportunity to attend a workshop on Public Narrative with Reverend Pam. We learned to tell our stories of faith in a focused, inviting and impactful way. I told the story of my family's finances....

I went from single, responsible only for myself to married with three children in a day. Needless to say, my focus changed and things I used to be right on top of started to slip – including paying attention to our finances. About a year ago, Ken and I got honest with ourselves and confronted the realization that if we didn't seriously do something differently, we would be in big trouble. We opened ourselves to mentorship, created a vision for how we wanted our family to be and are currently implementing our plan. We frequently need to refocus on our vision to help us make day to day decisions, but we feel that we live abundant lives.

As our lives slow down a little during the summer, let us each focus on the beautiful, abundant vision God has for us here at St. Michael's. Then we can concentrate on hearing and seeing the ways God will offer us to make that vision a clearer and clearer reality.

Erin Ramey

MUSIC CORNER by Joyce Pricco

HAPPENINGS AT ST. MICHAEL'S

JOINT SERVICES DURING THE SUMMER

As in the past two years, we will combine the 9 and 11 am services to one service at 10 am in the months of July, August, and September. It was determined that there are too many disruptions in September where we would have to break away from our 9 and 11 am services to meet for joint services. In addition, we have **Bishop Marc Andrus** coming this year on Festival Sunday, September 26th.

Normally we start 9 and 11 am services on the second week of September after Labor Day weekend and hold an ingathering service to start Sunday School on the third week then have a joint service during Festival Weekend. The addition of the Bishop's visit makes switching back to 9 and 11 am too confusing. The decision to continue 10 am services through the end of September was the wisest choice for the congregation. We will resume our 9 and 11 am services on October 3rd.

GODSPELL COMING TO ST. MICHAEL'S

I am pleased to inform you that during Festival Weekend on Saturday, September 25th in the evening and September 26th at 1:30 pm, St. Michael's will once again host **Mt. Diablo High School's Drama Department** production of *Godspell* by Stephen Schwartz.

Godspell, a musical based on parables from the Gospel of Matthew with some parables from the Gospel of Luke, opened a year after another popular rock musical, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, opened on Broadway. One of the musical's popular songs, *Day by Day*, reached #13 on the Billboard pop singles chart in the summer of 1972. **

** Information from <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Godspell>

MUSIC CORNER (continued)

Parishioner **Keith Coppage** has already started work on the musical and the cast has been set. He is excited to bring a traditional version of *Godspell* to St. Michael's. This will be Keith's fifth production of *Godspell* that he has directed. We look forward to this great event during Festival Weekend!

COME JOIN US

We are combining the Traditional and Contemporary choirs for the summer. If you would like to sing with the summer choir, our rehearsals will be held on Wednesday evenings. Right now they are scheduled for 7:30 pm, but the time will most likely change to an earlier time. For more information, please contact me, **Joyce Pricco** at 925/ 676-8203, mandjpricco@earthlink.net, or **Diane Loehr** at 925/ 825-5811, dianeloehr@yahoo.com. Because attendance is usually low during the summer, combining the choirs gives everyone an opportunity to relax and go on vacation at different times.

Have a great summer everyone!

God bless, **Joyce**

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR PARENTS WHO USE NURSERY CARE DURING CHURCH SERVICE

The Nursery will be closed for the month of July, due to vacations of the volunteers*. We will resume in August for the 10am service schedule.

*We will be doing our usual every three/four month deep cleaning during the month of July though and if you are interested in assisting please contact **Geri Quilici** before July 11th. The cleaning will take place some time during the week of the 11th.

DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR

- July 9** **Family Movie Night** **7:00 p.m.**
- July 11** **Pancake Breakfast** **8:30—10:00**
\$3.00/ person
- Sept. 19** **Sunday School starts**
- Sept. 20** **St. Michael's at Loaves & Fishes**

St. Michael's Festival Weekend

- Sept. 24th** **Opera in the Nave Friday evening**
- Sept. 25th** **Mt. Diablo Student Production**
Of "Godspell" Saturday evening
- Sept. 26th** **Visit of Bishop Marc Andrus to**
St. Michael's 10:00 am service
- Sept. 26th** **Mt. Diablo Student Production**
Of "Godspell" Sunday at 1:30 pm

St. Julia's Guild

St. Julia's will not be meeting formally during the months of July and August, we will resume our regular scheduled monthly meetings on Wednesday, September 8th at noon. I want to encourage anyone, man or woman to think about joining St. Julia's Guild. St. Julia's Guild in the past has done much to support the church and continue to do so today, if we are to carry on this very important work, we need more members to help us!

At the present time St. Julia's is considering, along with the Vestry, a new sign for the church. The new sign will be funded by St. Julia's guild from our Easter bake sale earnings. While we are yet in the planning stages, we are coming closer to a conclusion as to who will do the sign and how it will look when finished. We have Tom Svejda to thank for his tireless work in hunting down the various sign makers; it hasn't been easy for him to do this along with everything else he has going on in his life. Hopefully when the sign is finished and in place it will be something we can all be proud of and perhaps bring a few more people into our church!

In peace and love,

Alice McMillan, St. Julia's President

Dear Friends,

I want to thank you on behalf of my family for your prayers and well wishes for our little grandson, Brinston James Wilson. "Little B" (his nickname)is only 5 years old. In the last month, he has had to go through two surgeries: removal of a tumor and an operation on his bladder to remove the cancer that has viciously attacked him. Even though, he is home after almost a week in the hospital, his biopsy and what further treatments are needed have yet to be determined. Hopefully, we'll hear shortly. We would really appreciate your prayers through this trying time. Thank You! We thank God and Jesus for love and strength always, **Sue, George & Family**

**St. Michael's Community invites
you, your friends and family
to attend**

MOVIE NIGHT!!

7 PM on Friday July 9th

**FREE MOVIE
Suggested donation \$1**

**POPCORN AND DRINKS
\$1**



Come and see

"UP"

**A comedy balloon
adventure**

From Disney•Pixar comes Up, a comedy adventure about 78-year-old balloon salesman Carl Fredricksen, who finally fulfills his lifelong dream of a great adventure when he ties thousands of balloons to his house and flies away to the wilds of South America. But he discovers all too late that his biggest nightmare has stowed away on the trip: an overly optimistic 8-year-old Wilderness Explorer named Russell. From the Academy Award®-nominated director Pete Docter (Monsters, Inc.), Disney•Pixar's Up invites you on a hilarious journey into a lost world, with the least likely duo on Earth. [[Runtime](#) 1 hour 36 minutes. [Rated PG](#) for some Peril and Ac-

**The Men's Group will be hosting
a Pancake Breakfast
in the Parish Hall
before Sunday church
on July 11.**

**Come between
8:30 AM and 10:00 AM
for food and fellowship.
Skip cooking at home for
only \$3.00/person.**



St. Michael's Preschool News

The Summer Program includes some special community interaction events for the Pre-Kindergarten age group.

Sample of Summer Program Events

July 2nd	Cooking Project
July 5th	SCHOOL CLOSED— Independence Day
July 6th	Fire Safety Puppet Show
July 8th	Field Trip to Buchanan Airport
July 22nd	County Connection Bus Visits Us!
July 23rd	Sports Day
July 29th	Walking field trip to Baskin Robbins

July 15th Fundraiser at Chevy's ALL DAY!

Tell your coworkers, friends and family to support the Preschool by having lunch or dinner at CHEVY's in Pleasant Hill

August 10th	Concord Library and Park
August 17th	Chuck E Cheese
August 20th	BBQ on playground
August 23-27	Vacation Bible Week

The St. Michael's Men's Group

The next meeting of the Men's Group is **Wednesday evening, July 14th in the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m.** Bring some food to share and join us for a time of fellowship and service.

For more information, call **Rob Zazueta** at 925-246-5449

Food Bank

Hallelujah!. Not only have we the people of St. Michael's Church made our goal of giving 2500 pounds of food, but we have surpassed it. For the month of May, we had food donations of 58 pounds and cash donations of \$240.00, which total 778 pounds. This brings our yearly total to 2583 pounds that we donated to the Food Bank of Solano and Contra Costa Counties. Thank you everyone for being so generous to the Food Bank, which feeds over 140,000 people each month. Let's keep helping the Food Bank especially during the summertime, when their contributions slow down.

Have a great summer. May God Bless you and keep you safe.

Sue Brown
925.934.0245

Loaves & Fishes

We turned out Monday, June 21st to help feed hot meals at Loaves & Fishes. Only to learn that students & their mothers had already arrived in large numbers, therefore, L&F didn't need our help. I want to thank **Verena Won, Alice McMillan, Carol Brown and Lonnie Plain** for making the effort to help out. For the months of July and August, the students from local high schools & colleges will be donating their time and effort to help their neighbors at L&F. St. Michaels will not be needed until September.

Our next date will be the third Monday, September 20, 2010, 9am to 1pm. If you know anyone who needs a hot meal-Loaves and Fishes is open 11am to 12:45pm Monday through Friday at The First Baptist Church, 1802 Alhambra Ave., Martinez, CA (cross street & entrance on Robinson St.

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WEEKLY AT ST. MICHAEL'S

Mondays—Fridays, 6:15 am—6:00 pm
St. Michael's Preschool

Wednesday
10:30 a.m. **Eucharist** (in Chapel)
7:30 p.m. **Combined Choir Rehearsal**
(July through September)

Thursday
12:00 noon **Al-Anon**

SUNDAY SERVICES

For July and August and September

10:00 a.m. Combined Services

For the rest of the year:

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service
11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

TO:

FIRST CLASS MAIL

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