

THE MESSENGER

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

January 2011 at St. Michael's

Sunday, January 2 ***Second Sunday after Christmas Day***
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 9 ***Baptism of the Lord***
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 16 ***Second Sunday after the Epiphany***
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sunday, January 23 ***Third Sunday after the Epiphany***
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Followed by brunch and Annual Parish Meeting!

Sunday, January 30 ***Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany***
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

FROM THE RECTOR
The Rev. Dr. Pamela Redding

Happy New Year! As we step into 2011 I want to thank everyone for your continuing generosity to the people and ministries of St. Michael & All Angels. Around the world people have had a hard time in so many ways over the last year. St. Michael's is no exception but we are working together as a community and so far so good. But this is only because everyone is finding new ways to get things done around the parish and to bring in extra funding while reaching out into our community. In 2010 we became a church that people in Concord and beyond knew about, and we brought literally hundreds of new faces into our sanctuary for the first time through music and drama events.

The smell of the food cooking alone draws the neighborhood! Thank you all who made yummy food to empower our bodies. The pancake breakfasts are bringing in early risers from the neighborhood and parish members are careful to mark the date and never miss having pancakes and bacon. Thank you for coming to these events and for creating the hospitality that made people feel welcome when they came. Your participation and financial support week by week and month by month is the foundation to keep our parish stable. Your commitment allows our congregation to celebrate what we are already doing and be able to think creatively and move solidly into the future God is planning for us.

Thank you to everyone who created, produced and participated in all of our December services and special events. Probably, like me, you can say you took part in many special times in various roles and we had a lot of fun while creating Christmas memories for people of all ages. Looking back at the calendar I can hardly believe we did so many things. We kept our unique traditions like the Holly Berry Bake Sale and the heartfelt children's pageant and midnight candlelight services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. And for the first time we celebrated a Grant Street Christmas concert filling our sanctuary with youthful energy and talent once again. St. Michael's choir is always wonderful and it has been fun to watch and hear its membership expand with Grant Street voices. Christmas was truly a high feast for body, mind and spirit.

More from Rev. Pam

On January 23 we will come together for our Annual Meeting following a combined 10AM service and world famous potluck brunch. This meeting will be a celebration of my favorite year so far at St. Michael's. In 2010 we not only survived but we did some very different ministry. Our hearts were open to follow the Holy Spirit and be the church of the future and it was exciting. I had a good time in church and hope you did to. As I begin my 4th year as your rector, I can hardly wait to see what doors our God will open for us next.

Pam+

Notice of the Annual Parish Meeting

As announced at both services on Sunday, December 12th, **the Parish of St. Michael and All Angels will hold its Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, January 23, 2010, following the service at 10:00 a.m.**

Brunch (potluck) in the Parish Hall will follow the service and the meeting will begin soon after.

Yearly reports from ministry leaders are due January 17th. Please send by email to Rev. Pam or Carolyn Demler at cddemler@yahoo.com.

The St. Michael's Men's Group

The next meeting of the Men's Group is **Wednesday evening, January 12th in the Parish Hall at 6:30 p.m.** Bring some food to share and join us for a time of fellowship and service.

Music Notes from Joyce Pricco

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We made it through Advent and Christmas and are on our way to Epiphany on Thursday, January 6th. I hope you all had a blessed holiday and had some time to reflect on the ultimate gift to earth, Jesus' birth. Amid all the activity I had times of repose and as a result feel energy that has once again rejuvenated me for 2011. I pray you all had a similar experience. Many thanks to all those who decorated the church and participated in our Advent and Christmas events and services.

We have so much to be thankful for during 2010 at St. Michael's. Musically we had many wonderful events that took place: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and *Godspell* presented by the Grant St. Players and Drama Dept. of Mt Diablo High School, Opera in the Nave's presentation *A Celebration of the Music of Stephen Sondheim*, and a *Grant St. Christmas* presented by members of the Grant St. Players and alumni/present students from Mt. Diablo High School. Our services were consistent for 9 and 11 a.m. services and through summer with our combined services at 10 a.m. I thank our dedicated choir members for being faithful and working hard all year long.

Many of you have heard of the break in we had before Christmas Eve. I discovered my Roland keyboard and the Casio keyboard donated by the Anelli's were gone, along with other keyboard supplies and cords for the Casio.

Luckily my keyboard is covered by musical instrument insurance. My keyboard served me and this church well--my hope is that both keyboards are being put to good use. The holidays can be desperate times for many and unfortunate events can happen such as what happened on Christmas Eve.

More Music Notes from Joyce

However, there is a ray of light in all of this. The **Campbell family** had a keyboard that had not been in use and they have been so kind to donate it for use at the church. Thank you so much **Randy, Merrie Jo, Sam, and Abbe!** I know this keyboard will help tremendously for the preschool children's chapel services and any services we hold in the chapel.

As we go into the New Year, I pray we all give thanks for our lives in 2010 and look forward to another productive year in and around our community at St. Michael's in 2011. Thanks be to God!

God's blessings,
Joyce

Don't Miss the Pancake Breakfast! SUNDAY January 9th

The Men's Group will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast in the Parish Hall from 9:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Come between services for food and fellowship and skip cooking at home for only \$6.00/adult, \$3.00/child.

St. Julia's Guild

St. Julia's annual Christmas luncheon was well attended by all of St. Julia's ladies. We were pleased that Amy Waters, who is still recovering from back surgery felt well enough to be with us. We were honored to have as guests The Rev. Chet Watson and Doris, Bud Bloom, Joyce Pricco and Rev. Pam. The children from St. Michael's Pre-School came to bring all of the St. Julia's ladies and our guests little handmade gifts and to sing for us. In turn, as is St. Julia's custom, each child was gifted with a book.

There will be NO meeting of St. Julia's in January.

Alice McMillan, President

Hawaiian Club Crab Feed

Verena Wong from the Concord Hawaiian Club has announced their annual Crab Feed, to be held on **January 22, 2011**, here at St. Michael's Parish Hall. Tickets for St. Michael's members are \$25.00 (a \$10 savings from regular price). See Verena for tickets.

5:30—6:15 p.m. Clam time (optional)

6:15 Dinner—cracked crab, spaghetti, French bread

The evening includes entertainment and benefits the Diablo Valley Hui-O-Aloha Scholarship Fund

St. Michael's Preschool News

Come Join us for our Pajama Story Night

Thursday, January 20th @6:30pm. Wear your Pajamas and stay to hear our teachers read their favorite books. Refreshments will be served.

The Preschool will be closed Monday, January 17th to honor Martin Luther King Jr.

HOW WE CONNECT ELECTRONICALLY

Have you updated your St. Michael's email contacts information?

The email addresses for the church office and for Rev. Pam have changed:

Rev. Pam Redding: stmaa-rector@sbcglobal.net

Church Office: stmaa-office@sbcglobal.net

Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Concord-CA/St-Michael-and-All-Angels-Concord-CA/142351619139748?ref=ts>

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Lost after a St. Michael's event in the Parish Hall:

Serving Tray decorated with blueberries and peaches. Last seen in the kitchen.....If it wandered off to your house, please return it to the church office. Its owner wants it back.



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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)

6:30 p.m. **Contemporary Choir Rehearsal**

Thursday

12:00 noon **Al-Anon**

7:30 p.m. **Traditional Choir Rehearsal**

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

11:00 a.m. Traditional Service

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