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DEAR FAITHFUL PARISHIONERS,

A couple of weeks ago I received a letter in the mail. It was from me. I had written a letter to myself at a retreat on May 19, 2012, as part of the closing session from our journey together through Catechumenate. I wrote about the two words that best described my frame of heart and mind at that time: awe and gratitude. Part of my reflection was thinking that by the time I received this letter, Carrie and I would have had a beautiful ceremony to bless our union. I wrote about the excitement of such love and joy and light. The other part of my note to myself was reflecting on how overwhelmed I was with the difficult process of re-imagining stewardship and adult formation for St. Michael's. I wrote, "I've been so exhausted with very exciting and yet very tedious tasks of formation and stewardship. My hope is that these things have made a difference for the life of the parish and that we have taken a great leap of courage to reach the next level."

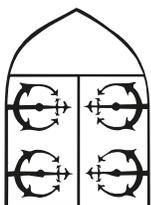
As I read this note—almost a year after writing it—I was able to breathe in another great breath of awe and gratitude. I am so grateful for the wonderful response we had with stewardship this year. We are only two months into a new year, and I am already seeing new life and excitement spark up from the commitment that this congregation made to stewardship. In Lynda Garner's few weeks here as Ministry Coordinator, she has begun the deliberate and intentional work of getting to know people and their gifts and discerning how best to match them with engaging ministry opportunities. And during her "off" time she has laminated, labeled and generally reorganized our front office—thank you, Lynda! CV Hartline started his ministry as our Young Adult Minister and has gathered a group for the Lenten book read of *The Last Week*. He is getting to know our young adults and looking for ways for them to get to know one another and God in new and profound ways. Our Children and Families Ministry has also benefitted from the enthusiastic response to stewardship. On Sunday, March 10, we were treated to a musical rendition of *The Parable of the Prodigal Child* brought to us by the children of St. Michael's, and Leslie Sackett has formed an advisory team of support and continues to creatively bring our families together.

The parish-wide book study has demonstrated to me the hunger that we have as a community to learn and to be together in small groups. After over a year of working to lay out objectives and goals for Adult Formation at St. Michael's, I was nervous to see what kind of response we would get from our first unveiling of a program that fits into our year-long theme, *Trust Steadily in God*. The encouragement and enthusiasm that has been sparked by our Forums and small-group discussions have set the bar for us to continue to inspire participation and growth through ongoing formation opportunities.

It is a strange feeling. While we have not slowed down, while we continue to have new ministries and conversations, while we always have the needs and hopes of the community with us, I have too much awe and gratitude to be exhausted.

Faithfully,

The Reverend Christopher Craun, Rector



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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

- + healing for Jim Gravengaard and Bob Tongue
- + the repose of the soul of Guenther Buechmann, who died March 3, and for his stepdaughter Shawna Gandy
- + the repose of the soul of Cornelia Lovejoy, who died March 4, and for her family and friends
- + our candidates for **Confirm not Confirm** and those in the **Catechumenal process** in their journey



ASSISTANT RECTOR'S CORNER

Questions come up every year about the shape and rationale of the Palm Sunday service as we enact the liturgy appointed for the day by the Book of Common Prayer. Why the palm procession and the Passion reading on the same day? Why the Passion so soon? Why not wait until later in the week when it seems more appropriate? Why the precipitous drop in mood—elation to betrayal? Good questions all!

Though it may often seem as if it has been “the same” since time immemorial, liturgy has history. The rites and words that we use to create a space to encounter the Divine change over time, reflecting cultural movements, changes in understanding, or just the desire for freshness. So let’s take a look at the history of the Palm Sunday liturgy to get a sense of what we’re up to and how we got to where we are today.

The earliest account we have of Christians doing something special the Sunday before Easter to commemorate Christ’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem is in an account by a tourist to Jerusalem named Egeria, who wrote down her activities on her visit to the Holy City in the late 4th century. In her account, she talks about a procession from the Mount of Olives to the site identified as Golgotha with palms, hymns, and antiphons, including ‘Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!’ The procession moved slowly to keep a steady but manageable pace for older folk and mothers carrying babies.

The custom spread to Spain and the rest of Europe. By the 12th century, the practice is attested almost everywhere. Where palms were not available, the procession waved branches and flowers native to the area. Readings varied widely, but in England, some of the earliest lectionaries (tables of readings) have the reading of Matthew’s Passion on Palm Sunday, reserving John’s Passion for Good Friday.

The first Book of Common Prayer, published in 1549, appoints Matthew’s Passion as the reading for ‘the Sunday next before Easter’ with no reference to palms or processions. The reformers had an aversion for many of the rites of blessing items and objects from the medieval church, viewing them as superstitious and wholly unnecessary corruptions of Biblical Christianity.

ASSISTANT RECTOR (CONT.)

Though the Anglo-Catholic movement revived the practice of a procession with palms in the mid-19th century, the various Prayer Books of the English and American churches had no such procession. It was only in 1960 that an approved ‘Book of Offices’ for the Episcopal Church had a form for the procession with palms, and in 1979 our current practice was set forth.

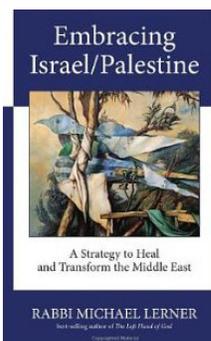
The threads of our current liturgical practice emerge from the depths of history but only recently come together in the practices of today. The ‘Palms to Passion’ service we currently have is characterized by certain pathos as we enact in a single service Jesus’ change in fortunes. We remember our fickleness when we move along with crowds and the way fervor and commitment can turn on a dime to become their opposite.

I hope this year’s liturgy accomplishes this roller-coaster ride, giving us that sense of being swept along in events larger than we are, in the rush and the fear and the hope. It also gives us room to remember the different accounts of those last days that are enshrined in our Scriptures, to see those events through more than one set of eyes and understandings, and to give depth and richness to the significance of Holy Week and Easter.

(Source: Marion J. Hatchett, *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*)

BOOK GROUP UPDATES ALL ARE WELCOME!

MONDAY DAYTIME BOOK GROUP



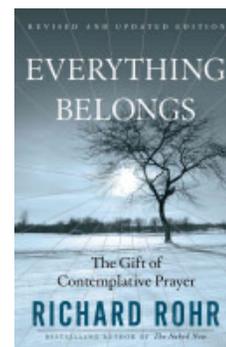
The Monday Book Group will resume its study of *Embracing Israel/Palestine: A Strategy to Heal and Transform the Middle East*, by Rabbi Michael Lerner, on April 1, so you have time to get the book and read the first seven chapters. We meet on the first and third Mondays of each month from 1:00-2:30 pm in the Raphael Room.

— Jana Gregory

THURSDAY EVENING BOOK GROUP

St Michael’s Book Group will meet on Thursday, April 11, at 7:00 pm in St. Michael’s House to discuss Chapters 1-3 (pages 13-92) of *Everything Belongs*, by Richard Rohr. This is about half of the book. We will then meet on May 9 to discuss the rest of the book.

— Caroline Litzenberger



MESSENGER DEADLINE

Please take note that Messenger articles are due by April 15 for the issue that will be mailed on April 25.

VESTRY CORNER

Your Vestry has been hard at work already this year. At the beginning of February, we had our transitional dinner in which we thanked the outgoing Vestry, welcomed the new Vestry, selected ministry areas and elected our Jr. Warden, Pete Miller.

On February 2nd, the Vestry spent a half day at the Bishop's Close with spiritual director Paula Franck to work on team-building and getting to know each other better. We discussed spirituality, tradition and our personal definitions of community and leadership; and we came away with the beginning of wonderful work together upon which we will build during this year.

The Vestry organized and led the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper which was a success again this year thanks to all the helpers and pancake consumers. ;-)



Our first official Vestry meeting took place February 21, and we had a wonderful and productive meeting. We signed the endorsement for Kerlin Richter to be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate this spring, and we began discussing the multitude of events taking place at St. Michael's in order to decide the ways in which your Vestry will participate and lead.

Keep your eyes open for the new Vestry board coming to a Parish Hall near you! The board will move from the Nativity Hall in the very near future. On the Vestry board, you will find photos of your Vestry, their contact information, minutes from the last Vestry meeting and the most recent Treasurer's report.

The 2013 Vestry was commissioned at the 9:00 and 11:00 am and 1:00 pm services on Sunday, March 3. The next Vestry meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2013. The Vestry meetings are open to all, so you are welcome to come and see your Vestry hard at work. And please contact any of the Vestry members with questions, concerns, ideas or feedback.

— Wendi Schaener, Senior Warden

FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT: SAVE THE DATE!

"HELP, THANKS, WOW: THE THREE ESSENTIAL PRAYERS"

Anne Lamott says so in a recent book. Is she right? Prayer is always worth thinking about. Do we sometimes make it too complicated? Plan to attend the St. Michael's Women's Retreat from October 18 - 20 at Menucha Retreat Center. The retreat will be led by Susan Long and Chris Craun and will include art projects, storytelling, songs and prayers. It's all happening in a beautiful wooded setting with delicious food and great women. WOW.

— Chris Craun and Susan Long

FROM THE VESTRY TREASURER

It seems the year has only just begun, but already so much is happening! On **Souper Bowl Sunday**, we collected **\$2,304 for the NE Emergency Food Program** thanks to your generosity. A check has been sent to help them continue feeding hungry Oregonians. And **Broadway Night** was another smash hit, raising \$6,053 from ticket sales and donations. After expenses, a profit of **\$4,100 is available this year for the benefit of our wonderful Music Department.**

Following is a summary of income and expenses for January. A complete Treasurer's Report is posted with the Vestry information in the Parish Hall.

Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2013

Income	Year to Date Balance	Budget Year to Date	Annual Budget
Pledge Offerings	\$34,171	\$43,130	\$517,557
Open Offerings	\$2,426	\$1,250	\$15,000
Seasonal and Rental Income*	0	\$1,333	\$16,000
Total Income	\$36,597	\$45,713	\$548,557
Expenses			
Personnel	\$29,505	\$28,881	\$346,530
Property/Utility	\$4,152	\$4,276	\$51,307
Parish Admin.	\$2,769	\$2,292	\$27,500
DPA	\$7,656	\$7,656	\$91,872
Programs/Outreach	\$1,459	\$2,613	\$31,348
Total Expenses	\$45,540	\$45,718	\$548,557
Net Income	(\$8,943)	(\$5)	0

*Seasonal income will begin with Easter offerings;
rental income is anticipated to begin in July.
Some figures are affected by rounding.

Finally, a handy tip from your Treasurer: We process a large number of checks each week, and it is not always simple to determine the intent of each one. To help us out, please use the **memo line** on every check you write to the church. Just indicate your **pledge number** (so we can include the information on your giving statement) and what the money is for (Souper Bowl Sunday, Broadway Night, Altar Flowers, Pledge Offering, etc.). If you don't know it, you can find your pledge number on your giving statement at the top of the far right column. This will help us to keep our records clean and will prevent errors on your giving statement. Thank you!

— Nancy Parker

OUTREACH & JUSTICES MINISTRIES

O & J MINISTRIES FAIR

It's always dangerous when creative and determined people put their heads together—wait and see how great April 21 is going to be! Be sure to come on that Sunday during the Forum hour to see all the wonderful things the Outreach and Justice Ministries have been doing. They have a surprise in store for you as well!

Of course, the best thing about the Outreach and Justice Ministries Fair is that we are able to showcase the work of the twenty-odd ministries being done by our parish, much of it quietly and invisibly. Come and learn about all of them and take this opportunity to see where you might want to lend a hand. Wonderful people. . . wonderful work being done . . . join us!

— Lynn Baker and the O&J Ministries team

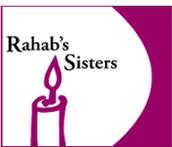
BREAD FOR THE WORLD

With all the talk of scarcity of funds and budget constraints, poor people here and abroad still need help. Be watching for a Forum time soon at which you can tell your representatives that we have a moral obligation to help. Bread For the World is an organization dedicated to reminding all of us that our priorities need to include those most in need.

MARCH OF DIMES WALK FOR HEALTHY BABIES

The March of Dimes gives special attention to the health of babies born too soon or with health issues. The money it raises goes to help them and to help expectant mothers have healthy babies.

The young women at White Shield, many of whom are young or expectant mothers, have worked for this organization every year raising funds. They plan to have a presence at the March of Dimes parade on April 27 and would appreciate your support. You can donate or sponsor their march, or come march with them! Thea Sanchez is accepting donations, or you can donate online. For more information, contact her at 503/284-6749 or theahome1@aol.com.



RAHAB'S SISTERS

Burgerville opportunities: Rahab's Sisters will be at the NE 82nd & Glisan Burgerville from 5:00-8:00 pm on April 10, May 14, June 11 and July 19. 10% of proceeds during "our" time are donated to Rahab's Sisters. If you would like to help serve the Burgerville guests, give Mary Dettmann a call at 503/794-223.

EL PORVENIR FUNDRAISER

As a major fundraiser for El Porvenir, the Clinton Street Theater is showing *Last Call at the Oasis*, a World Water Day movie, on Friday, March 22, at 7:00 pm. Tickets for \$10 and more information is available at <http://cstpdx.com/comingsoon>. Scroll down to March 22 to read Lani Jo Leigh's synopsis of this movie.

VILLAGE SUPPORT TEAM



The Shank Family is moved in! Thank you to everyone who responded to the call for household goods. The team was overwhelmed by the support from St. Michael's. Tina, Robbie and Mindy are very grateful for all the useful items! Check OregonLive.com on March 2 for a wonderful article about the Shanks and their connection to St. Michael's.

On Saturday, February 23, the St. Michael's Team helped celebrate Mindy's 17th birthday by providing cake and pizza and other goodies for her party. Friends of the family and some high-school friends of Mindy's were all part of the celebration. She was even able to have a sleepover with some girlfriends from school!

On March 3, the Shank family was introduced to the congregation at both the 9:00 and 11:00 o'clock services. It also just happened to be Tina's birthday! Thank you to Carol Ward and John Pedisich for picking them up and attending the services with them.

In March, the St. Michael's team will be helping with a "housewarming party." We will also be assisting with any help they may need for job searches.

Thank you all. We appreciate your continuing support.

— Thrina Parent, Carol Ward, John Pedisich, and Chris Craun

MEALS ON WHEELS



The mission of the Meals on Wheels People (formerly Loaves and Fishes) is to enrich the lives of seniors and the homebound elderly by assisting them to maintain independence. The Meals on Wheels People deliver and serve nutritious food, make social contacts, and provides access to other resources. To the extent possible, they also serve disabled and institutionalized individuals. The Meals on Wheels People's vision is that no senior go hungry or experience social isolation.

To benefit and help maintain this important program, St. Michael's will host a Wine and Cheese Tasting with a Silent Auction (Nativity Hall) followed by a Flute and Piano Charity Concert in the Nave on Friday, April 12, 2013, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 in advance and may be purchased online, at www.mealsonwheelspeople.org. To make auction donations, buy tickets, or to volunteer, call Mary at 503/281-8109. Please mark your calendars to attend!

— Amy Valentine

GREEN TEAM REPORT: GREENFAITH CERTIFICATION PROGRAM UPDATE



The Green Team has completed the initial training provided by the GreenFaith Certification Program and is moving on to next steps. Over the next several

months, the Green Team will complete stewardship, spirit, and environmental justice audits. In addition, with input from the parish, the Green Team will complete a mission statement for its specific work that is consistent with our parish mission statement.

The *stewardship* audit encompasses every aspect of our buildings and grounds use, including water conservation, energy conservation, waste minimization, recycling, toxic-materials assessment and reduction, and transportation. The *environmental-justice* audit analyzes education at all levels—adults, youth, and children—along with advocacy and efforts to build relationships with organizations and community leaders working in the environmental-justice space. Finally, the *spirit* audit looks at our worship practices and religious education and how we incorporate environmental and creation care themes into our worship and spiritual practices. The overarching purpose of the audits is to gather data about where we are now. This data will help us identify priorities for actions going forward.

The Green Team mission statement will create a parish vision to guide our environmental efforts over the two years of the certification program and beyond. The mission statement will articulate our religious-environmental values and publicly affirm our commitment to be a leader in this area.

At the April 14 Forum, members of the Green Team will provide further explanation of the certification program and address questions from the community regarding it. We will also lead a discussion on the mission statement to help discern key concepts to be incorporated into the final mission statement. We look forward to seeing you at the Forum as the parish moves forward with this exciting program.

— Peter Sergienko

SUCCESS STORY

Edgar Cedeño Luevano poses here with his permit to work and remain in the United States for two years and renewable after that. He obtained it through President Obama's *Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals* program. Edgar says, "Having the 'work permit' card takes a lot of weight off of my chest and already has opened work application doors for me."

— Gabe Lamazares



ADVOCACY ACTION COMMITTEE

Advocacy Action members have been reading and contributing to our Facebook page, expertly crafted by Peter Sergienko. Once on Facebook, you can search for Advocacy Action at St. Michael's, and it will come up. Or just Google *Facebook Advocacy Action St. Michael* and you'll be there. There are many articles of interest to our social justice mission such as the Presiding Bishop's testimony on gun violence to the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee. See also the link to the powerful article *The New Abolitionists: Global Warming is the great moral crisis of our time, and why the climate-justice movement must embrace its radicalism to fight it*. Also, check out the link to *One*, which provides easy ways to connect with members of Congress.

On the weekend of November 16-17, we will be blessed with a visit from Sr. Simone Campbell, famous for her leadership last fall of the *Nuns on the Bus*, protesting the meanness of the Paul Ryan budget and the need for awareness of the rampant poverty and injustice in our nation. Sr. Simone's visit will include one large public meeting on Saturday, November 16, in which she will discuss the spiritual foundations of advocacy for social justice. She will talk on related themes when she preaches at St. Michael's at the 11:00 am service on Sunday, November 17.

The Advocacy Action Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Raphael Room. All are welcome.

— Alice Hardesty

TEN DAYS OF FAITH & HOSPITALITY WITH THE PEOPLE OF MEXICO

In 2013, John and Alice Scannell are again welcoming travelers to join them on two experiences to Mexico. The first trip is from October 25-November 3 and will include the celebration of *The Day of the Dead*. The second trip, from December 6-15, will include the *Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*.



John and Alice will escort both trips, and the hosts will be a community of Benedictine Sisters—*Misioneras Guadalupanas de Cristo Rey*. Most of each experience will be based at the Sisters' retreat center in the hills above the city of Cuernavaca, an hour and a half over the mountain from Mexico City.

For more information, please see westonpriory.org and click on *Latin American Experience*. To join one of these 2013 experiences, please first contact the Scannells at jssannell@gmail.com, auscannell@aol.com, or 503/284-2618 in order to sign up. Space is limited, and flyers with more information are available in the Gallery.

— John and Alice Scannell

UPCOMING MUSICAL OFFERINGS

As Easter approaches, you can look forward to several special musical guests and varied musical offerings in addition to the usual choir and organ leadership. Here are some highlights:

Sunday, March 17 – This St. Patrick’s Day, musical guests at both 9:00 am and 11:00 am services will be Chad Southwell and his Irish band playing traditional jigs and reels on fiddle, pipes, and other Irish instruments. Expect Irish-flavored hymns as well!

Sunday, March 17 – The St. Michael’s Singers lead a special sung Evensong service at 6:00 pm. The short service will feature Charles V. Stanford’s Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in C and will be directly followed by a performance of Gabriel Fauré’s magnificent Requiem, an important work of sacred choral literature.

Saturday, March 30 – Back by popular demand and last heard at St. Michael’s at Bob Spiers’ retirement dinner last year, the Latin American folk music group *Ecos del Sur* will be playing two sets in the Gallery after Saturday evening’s Easter Vigil service, helping to promote lively conversation and festivities on this popular night at St. Michael’s.

Sunday, March 31 – The Easter brass is back! Enjoy the festive energy of trumpets and horns at the 9:00 and 11:00 am Easter morning services as the Portland Brass Quintet joins us in worship.

Sunday, April 7 – Our own Takes the Fifth Choir and Band led by Melissa Parkhurst takes the 11:00 am service as usual on this first Sunday of the month. If you’ve been longing for more gospel-inspired musical selections and contemporary flavor, try this service.

Sunday, April 28 – The Shared Joy BRingers Community Handbell Choir, led by Christine Weber-Kearney, will offer its talents this Sunday morning. Come hear them celebrate the Easter season and ring in some warmer weather!

— Hannah Brewer

CIRCLE OF LIFE

Thank you, thank you, thank you, St. Michael’s community, for your enthusiastic and indispensable support of our music program! *Broadway in Hollywood IV*, aka *Circle of Life*, played to nearly full audiences at both the Friday night open dress rehearsal and the Saturday night full performance. Our cast this year was bigger than ever, with 28 people performing!

Full audiences translate not only to a great evening for all but also to Easter brass and other offerings that make our music here at St. Michael’s lively and inspiring. The two evenings brought in about \$4,100 after expenses, all of which will be put to good use helping us provide the most beautiful music we can for our shared worship here at St. Michael’s.

— Lynda Garner and Jennifer McBratney

INTRODUCING CV HARTLINE



Hello, St. Michael’s & All Angels Church Family! My name is Clyde Vernon Hartline, III, but my friends and family all call me CV. I grew up in Texas and moved to the Pacific Northwest in ‘99 and have been a Portland resident since ‘04. I’m married to Stacy, who is a registered nurse practitioner in adolescent psyche. I spend most of my time being a stay-at-home dad of 22-month-old twins Daphne and Conrad. I like to surf, even on the Oregon coast.

You may want to know my credentials are for the position of Young Adult Minister, which I’ve recently begun at St. Michael’s. I hold a Master’s Degree (MDiv) in Theology from Baylor University in Waco, Texas. I am currently a Doctoral student at George Fox University in Leadership and Spiritual Formation and hope to graduate this fall with my Doctorate (DMin).

Prior to the arrival of our twins, I was a church planter/beginner and pastor of a congregation known as Vibrant Covenant (Swedish Lutheran background) Church which was comprised of (mostly) an under-40 crowd. My family and I have been a part of St. Michael’s since the summer of 2011, and it has become our church home. I am honored to be present with you as we journey together.

I’d like to meet each of you face-to-face (especially if you fit the 20-30-40’s “young adult” category) and hear your story and any thoughts or ideas you may have about what you’d like to see at St. Michael’s.

Here’s what’s in the works in the near future:

- 1) We are considering having a Young Adult Coffee Hour at Hollywood’s Panera Bread on Sunday mornings at 10:10 am as a way for us to begin connecting as a group before and after our regular worship gathering services.
- 2) We are going to attempt to camp as a group sometime during the middle of the summer.
- 3) We will be planning a series of class/type offerings specifically geared towards “YAs” this fall.
- 4) We hope to offer a Spiritual Retreat for Young Adults next January.
- 5) Activities (bowling, wine-tasting, snow sports, hiking, surfing, sporting events, etc.) will be offered periodically.

It will be an honor for me to walk with you as we journey together with Jesus.

— Aloha and Mahalo, CV Hartline, III,
Young Adult Minister, 503/473-487, cvhartline@gmail.com

YOUTH NEWS

What's going on with our youth? I'm so glad you asked! We have an array of programs, so there is something for everyone. I also hope to offer more in the following year. This year's main focus has been our CnC (Confirm Not Conform) confirmation classes.

CnC classes are held usually every other Sunday evening. Thirteen sessions have already taken place. Classes end in May when Bishop Michael will be at St. Michael's. There are 12 youth in the class, ranging in age from 12 to 18. The participating youth have homework, field trips, and mentors to help

THE JOYFUL NEWS SPRING 2013

THE JOINT IS JUMPIN'!

It's springtime, and new life surrounds us! And it's not just baby chicks and little bunnies that are doing the hopping! Check out the Childcare Room almost any Sunday and you will find a room full of lively, creative, beautiful children and the wonderful adults and youth from the St. Michael's worshipping community who serve as their caregivers.

One of the ways we answer the baptismal question, "Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?" is through our commitment to the children entrusted to our care. **Childcare providers, Sunday School teachers, Youth Group leaders, Vestry members, and Eucharistic ministers at St. Michael's are expected to attend the diocesan-sponsored training, *Safeguarding God's Children*** which addresses issues of sexual misconduct in the church and how we can work together to create a safe place for all God's people to gather for worship, education and fellowship.

The next SAFE Church training in Portland will be at St. Matthew's on Saturday, April 27, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Please make attending SAFE Church a priority if you have not taken the training or if it has been ten years since your last training. Registration is available online at www.episcopaldioceseoregon.org.

New Advisory Team for Children & Families

A new Children & Families Ministry Advisory Team has begun its work to help discern and support the goals of our ministry. Mandy Davis, Tonie Esteban and Brian Wagstaff will partner with Leslie Sackett in reviewing the programs currently in place and identifying new opportunities for ministry, leadership and engagement in the St. Michael's community.

Sharing clothes, paying it forward!

Got kids? Got clothes they've outgrown but that are in such good shape you'd like to pass them on? **Bring clean, gently used clothing for kids** to the mural room on the lower level (just outside of Childcare) **on Sunday, April 14.** Clothing can be dropped off after 8:45 am. The clothing exchange will begin at 10:00 am and last until after the misa at approximately 2:45 pm. Any unclaimed clothing will be donated on Monday!

— Leslie Sackett, Associate for Children & Families Ministries

guide them along. Our most recent adventure was to a Baptist church in North Portland.

Youth Space is alive and well. Our teenagers look forward

to the doughnuts on Sunday morning. We play games, talk about what's going on in the world, and even throw in some Christian education. Shh...don't tell the kids that they are learning! Please encourage your kids to join us in St. Michael's House after the 9:00 am service.

Please encourage your adolescents to join us every Sunday for *Grupo Juvenil* as well. Grupo is held in the Nativity Hall after the 1:00 misa. We've had some great conversations so far—lots of laughs, advice, and did I mention good food?

Once a month, we plan a fun activity known as First Friday, which include activities such as bowling, lock-ins, laser tag, movie night, and more. We're starting to talk about the Youth Variety Night—always a great time, or so I've heard.

Please contact Erin Hess at erinjhess@gmail.com if you are not getting the emails about these events. You don't want to miss a thing!

— Erin Hess, Associate for Ministry with Youth



CHILDREN & FAMILIES MINISTRY CALENDAR:

March 16 Music Makers (4:30 pm) Family Worship Service & potluck dinner (5:00 pm)

March 17 Godly Play & Sunday School/Music Class at 10:10 am

March 24 Palm Sunday: Godly Play & Sunday School/Music Class at 10:10 am

Childcare is available for all services during Holy Week.

Maundy Thursday: Agape Dinner at 5:45 (great for families!) Liturgy at 7:00 pm

Good Friday: Liturgy at 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil: Liturgy at 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday: No Godly Play or Sunday School today

April 7 Godly Play & Sunday School/Music Class at 10:10 am

April 14 Kids' Clothing Exchange 10 am (see article above)
Godly Play & Sunday School/Music Class at 10:10 am

April 20 Music Makers (4:30 pm), Family Worship Service and potluck dinner (5:00 pm)

April 21 Godly Play & Sunday School/Music Class at 10:10 am

April 28 Godly Play & Sunday School/Music Class at 10:10 am

Questions about baptism or any of the programs at St. Michael's for children and families? Please contact Leslie Sackett, Associate for Children & Families Ministry at leslies@stmaa.org.

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- MAR. 16 9:00 am Church clean-up day
 4:30 pm Music Makers, Family
 Worship and Potluck
- MAR. 17 9:00 & 11:00 am liturgies—
 music with Irish band
 6:00 pm Evensong
- MAR. 24 Palm Sunday/Sunday of the
 Passion
- MAR. 28 Maundy Thursday - Agapé
 Supper at 6:00 pm; Liturgy of the
 Last Supper at 7:00 pm
- MAR. 29 Good Friday (church opens at 7:00
 am; primary liturgy at 7:00 pm)
- MAR. 30 Easter Vigil (8:00 pm) followed
 by dinner and party
- MAR. 31 Easter Day (9:00, 11:00, 1:00 pm)
- APR. 7 Cake Auction

PLEASE SEE YOUR EASTER
LETTER FOR A DETAILED
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE.



EASTER SEASON ADULT ED OFFERINGS "TRUST STEADILY IN GOD"

Hurray - it's Godly Play for Grown-ups!

Join Leslie Sackett and Susan Long on Saturday, April 20, in the Nativity Hall from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and encounter sacred stories through the wonder and beauty of Godly Play. Give yourself a treat this Easter Season and experience Godly Play storytelling with plenty of time for personal reflection and the opportunity to try a variety of art responses. We will conclude our time together with a brown-bag lunch beginning at about 12:30 pm. Sign up in the Gallery or call the church office to reserve your spot. A \$5 fee is requested to offset the cost of materials. We hope to see you there!

Adult Education doesn't end after Lent!

Episcopal 101 returns on April 11 at 7:00 pm. This is an excellent way for newcomers to learn more about the Episcopal Church. The St. Michael's clergy will lead this course and will also hold teaching **Sunday Forums on the Nicene Creed** on April 28 and May 5 and 12. And don't miss **Parish Movie Nights** beginning on April 5 with *Chocolat* and continuing on May 3 and June 7. We will gather in the Nativity Hall at 8:00 pm.

PLEASE SEE THE WEBSITE, BULLETINS, AND KIOSK FOR
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS.