

# SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## THE MESSENGER

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### DEAR FAITHFUL PARISHIONERS,

It occurred to me during our recent Broadway Night that perhaps it was time that I communicate my thinking behind the current setup of the altar and choir seating. It was the comment from Emcee Sarah Hauser that the congregation and choir have been anticipating the Rector's next liturgical *Ouji*-board maneuver, which prompted this thought.

Our explorations began in Lent when we removed the screen behind the altar and set the choir seats in an arc. The altar was moved slightly forward, but everything else remained in the same place. This configuration was somewhat congested and not conducive to allowing space for our acolytes and lay eucharistic ministers to sit by the altar. Very positive feedback, however, came from parishioners regarding being able to see the choir and hear them in a new way.

In preparing for the Easter Vigil, I took the feedback into consideration and tried to think of how to maintain the sight and sound of the choir but also open up the space and include room for our eucharistic ministers. Since Easter Season is a time in which we are invited to receive communion standing, we removed the altar rail, creating room for the altar to be moved down and space to open up behind it. There are still adjustments that may need to be made, but it speaks to an inclusive and open table and has made our verbal invitation match our physical space.

I will be holding a town-hall-style Forum on Sunday, June 3, to hear what you have enjoyed—or not—about our worship space during the Easter Season and communicate our next steps for the summer. It has been wonderful sharing this exploration with you!

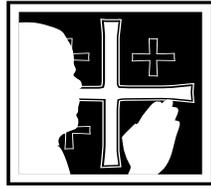
Faithfully,

The Reverend Chris Craun

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## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED . . .

- + for healing for Jean Morrison, Alice Scannell, Dick Schomburg, Brian Tierney, Emily Smith, and Jerry Vannice
- + in thanksgiving for Rhiley Ann O'Brien, who was baptized here on April 22, and for her parents William and Rhiannon O'Brien
- + in thanksgiving for the birth of Brynn Hazel Burnett, granddaughter of Richard and Peggy Hartman, born May 14
- + in thanksgiving for the birth of Mavis Jan Zins, born on April 29, and her parents and brother Meg and Nick Zins and Augustus
- + in thanksgiving for all of the candidates who received confirmation, reception or reaffirmation at the Bishop's Visitation on April 29: Edith Arriaga-Flores, Holly Balcom, Hans Carter, Jana Gregory, Amy Geoffroy, Elizabeth Harrison, Sharon Kerns, Carli Mudd, Kyle Pelletier, Dustin Rapp, Johnathan Rogers, Mick Seidl, Robert Siegarth, Mary Tongue, Norine Meyer Weekly, and Ann Zeigler.



Ten days after Jesus ascended into heaven, the twelve apostles, Jesus' mother and family, and many other of His disciples gathered together in Jerusalem for the Jewish harvest festival that was celebrated on the fiftieth day after Passover. While they were indoors praying, a sound like that of a rushing wind filled the house, and tongues of fire descended and rested over each of their heads. This was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on human flesh promised by God. The disciples were suddenly empowered to proclaim the gospel of the risen Christ. They went out into the streets of Jerusalem and began preaching to the crowds gathered for the festival. Not only did the disciples preach with boldness and vigor, but by a miracle of the Holy Spirit they spoke in the native languages of the people present, many of whom had come from all corners of the Roman Empire. The apostle Peter seized the moment and addressed the crowd, preaching to them about Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins. The result was that about three thousand converts were baptized that day. The account can be found in the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-41.



## THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

Pentecost is the great festival that marks the birth of the Christian church by the power of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost means "fiftieth day" and is celebrated fifty days after Easter Sunday. The Day of Pentecost is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year in the Episcopal Church (BCP, p. 15), and is identified by the BCP as one of the feasts that is "especially appropriate" for baptism (p. 312).

The season after Pentecost, according to the calendar of the church year (BCP, p. 32), begins on the Monday following Pentecost, and continues through most of the summer and autumn. It may include as many as 28 Sundays, depending on the date of Easter. This includes Trinity Sunday which is the First Sunday after Pentecost. The Sundays after Pentecost, the "proper" Sundays, are numbered and designated for use on the Sunday which is closest to specific days in the monthly calendar, whether before or after. For example, Proper 3 is designated for use, if needed, on the Sunday closest to May 25. Proper 29 is designated for use on the Sunday closest to Nov. 23. Prior to the 1979 BCP, Sundays in this long period of the church year were identified and counted in terms of the number of Sundays after Trinity Sunday. This period is also understood by some as "ordinary time," a period of the church year not dedicated to a particular season or observance.



Red is the liturgical color for Pentecost Sunday. Red recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. The Season after Pentecost begins with an observance of Trinity Sunday when we remember and honor the Triune God revealed to us in and through the life of the Resurrected Christ. On this Sunday, white is the color of the day. From this Sunday on, the color will be green as we move into ordinary time and hear the lessons of Jesus' teachings and learn how to live the Christian life. The color for the season after Pentecost is green to symbolize the growth and life of the church. It is the longest season of the church year, from Trinity Sunday until the first Sunday of Advent.

A tradition of some churches in ancient times was to baptize adult converts to the faith on Pentecost. The newly baptized catechumens would wear white robes on that day, so Pentecost was often called "Whitsunday" or "White Sunday" after these white baptismal garments. Many Christian calendars, liturgies, and hymnals still use this term, and it is still used as a secondary name for this feast in the present Book of Common Prayer, or BCP.

— Adapted from Trinity Episcopal Church, Cranford, NJ

## VESTRY ELECTS NEW VESTRY MEMBER

Due to changes in Oscar Gutierrez's work schedule, the Vestry learned at the March Vestry meeting that Oscar would need to resign his position on the Vestry. We are sad to see Oscar go. In keeping with St. Michael's Policies & Procedures, the Vestry was given the task to seek out and vote for a new Vestry member to complete the balance of Oscar's term, which expires at the end of 2014. After a month in which each Vestry member was



given the opportunity to submit the names of parishioners to be considered, the Vestry voted at the April Vestry meeting to elect Richard Hartman to the vacancy. Welcome, Richard!

Richard spent his childhood in Kansas City, where he lived until he went off to college at Kansas State. He served in the Air Force flying B-52's from 1972-1979. After a brief stint as the City Manager for Deer Park, Washington, he became a commercial airline pilot and retired from US Airways last July. He also served in the Naval Reserve for 13 years and retired in 2002.

During this time, he met and married Peggy. This wasn't as easy as it sounds, though. Richard and Peggy met singing in the Spokane Chorale, in Spokane, Washington, but it wasn't until he wowed her with his country/western dancing that she agreed to go out on a date with him. The rest, as they say, is history.

Richard and Peggy moved to Portland in 1994 to be closer to Peggy's sisters and friends with whom she grew up. They visited St. Michael's and truly felt that the spirit of God could be felt here. Since joining St. Michael's, Richard has sung on and off (as his pilot's schedule allowed) with St. Michael's Singers. He has been a member of the prayer chain for many years; and, now that he has retired, he has become active in the Men on Wednesdays (MOWs).

This is not Richard's first time on the St. Michael's Vestry. Unfortunately, his attendance during his first term on Vestry was inconsistent due to his piloting schedule. Now that he is retired, Richard looks forward to being able to be present at Vestry meetings! He also looks forward to serving on Vestry as a way to contribute to St. Michael's. Richard's experience working in large organizations (both civilian and military) has given him strong leadership skills and consensus-building abilities. Richard is looking forward to bringing his time and skills to the Vestry of the church he calls home.

— Susie Silva-Strommer, Senior Warden

## ST. MICHAEL'S BUDGET 101

Are you interested in learning more about the 2012 budget? Nancy Parker, St. Michael's Treasurer, will present a detailed almost-mid-year budget report in June. Nancy, Chris Craun, and your Vestry representatives will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about this year's budget.



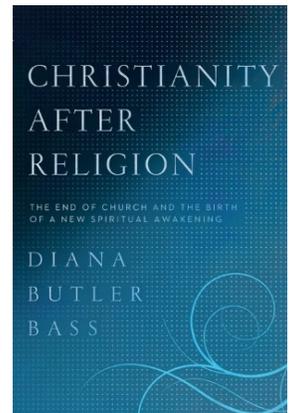
This meeting will take place on Sunday, June 10, at 12:15 pm in the Nativity Hall.

— Susie Silva-Strommer, Senior Warden

## NEW SELECTION FOR ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK GROUP

St. Michael's Book Group will discuss *Christianity after Religion: The End of Church and the Beginning of a New Spiritual Awakening* by Diana Butler Bass when it gathers in June. In the opening chapter of this book, Diana Butler Bass says, "I believe that the United States ... is caught up in the throes of a spiritual awakening, a period of sustained political and religious transformation, during which our ways of seeing the world, understanding ourselves and expressing faith are being, to borrow a phrase, 'born again.' ... A new 'Age of the Spirit' has dawned." This book is about this transformation. It is divided into three parts following the introduction: *The End of Religion, A New Vision* and *Awakening*. Others rave about this book. Brian McLaren describes it as "substantive, provocative and inspiring;" Parker Palmer says it is "important and life-giving;" and Marcus Borg uses the words "interesting, insightful, impressive and important" to describe it.

Diana Butler Bass is an insightful and provocative theologian, a respected historian of American religion, and an eloquent writer. In this book, she calls for a new spiritual awakening in Christianity grounded in "relational community (belonging), intentional practice (behaving), and experiential belief (believing)."



Copies of this book are available for purchase in the church office for \$14.50. We will gather to discuss it on Thursday, June 14, at 7:00 pm in St. Michael's House. Newcomers to the book group are welcome. Caroline Litzenberger will lead the discussion.

— Caroline Litzenberger

## DAYTIME BOOK GROUP UPDATE

The St. Michael's Monday Daytime Book Group has finished reading *Healing the Heart of Democracy* by Parker Palmer and will continue to meet on the first and third Mondays of each month from 1:00 – 3:00 pm in the Raphael Room. The first Monday meeting (the next one is June 4) will be used for learning skills in how to have conversations about difficult issues based upon Palmer's book. On the third Monday meeting (the next one is May 21), we will discuss the first two chapters of our new book, *Christianity after Religion*, by Diana Butler Bass. See Caroline Litzenberger's article on the previous page for more information about this book. We are reading the same book but at a slower pace to allow for more discussion.

We invite new folks to join us. You can come to both meetings each month or only the one that interests you.

— Jana Gregory

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## DIRECT ACTION EDUCATION & TRAINING

On June 23, 2012, from 1:00-4:00 pm in the Nativity Hall, members of St. Michael's Outreach & Justice Ministry will host a three-hour session that combines team-building, historical information, and practical skills training concerning direct action (non-violent civil disobedience and protest). The session will use video clips and a facilitator to provide current context, explore the history of direct action, and build teams and skills through group exercises.

Although the current context of the training is focused on economic justice, the history explores desegregation and other struggles for human rights. The skill-building is applicable to any issue. Peaceful, non-violent direct action is part of our tradition as Christians. Everyone is welcome to come and learn more, even if you feel you might never be called personally to take direct action. We do need at least 10 people to participate in the training to make it work. To sign up, please email [petersergienko@gmail.com](mailto:petersergienko@gmail.com).

— Peter Sergienko

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## HOLLYWOOD EAST INGATHERING

The Outreach & Justice Council is holding another ingathering for our neighbors who live in Hollywood East. Most of the 144+ residents there experience hunger and/or food shortages at some point during the month. Please bring nonperishable food items to St. Michael's and leave them in the green bin next to the piano in the Gallery. They also have need for small kitchen appliances (toasters, coffee pots, microwaves), kitchen utensils (plates, cups, eating utensils, etc.), and DVDs. The collection bin will be in the Gallery from May 17-June 10. For more information or to donate larger items, please contact Hjalmer at [lenabl6769@gmail.com](mailto:lenabl6769@gmail.com).

— Hjalmer Lofstrom

## OUTREACH & JUSTICE MINISTRIES

### BREAD FOR THE WORLD: EXPANDING THE CIRCLE OF PROTECTION

Be sure to add your voice to our pleas for fairness as we write let-



ters to Congress on May 20 as part of the Bread for the World program. Opportunities for us to participate will be available after the services at 9:00 and 11:00 am as well as after the 1:00 pm Misa. The theme this year focuses on protecting funding for domestic and foreign assistance programs that benefit poor and hungry people. There will be specific information available to help us focus our thoughts, and materials for writing to our congressional representatives will be provided.

### MARCHING WITH PRIDE ON JUNE 17

Save the date! Dig out your St. Michael's t-shirt or just don a bright and colorful one! St. Michael's is again marching



in the Gay Pride Parade with other Episcopal churches in the area. We'll be joined by Bishop Michael Hanley. Step-off is 11:30 (but usually later) from NW 13<sup>th</sup> and Burn-

side. Our meeting place is yet to be determined—watch for further information.

### L'ARCHE PORTLAND

L'Arche is an international organization of developmentally disabled and -abled people living together and finding common bonds of friendship and humanity. We are fortunate to have two such residences in Portland and will be able to hear more about them when members join us at the Forum on June 17. St. Michael's has participated in one of their fundraisers, selling Christmas trees in December. Come and hear more about this unique group in which a number of St. Michael's parishioners are now involved.

— Lynn Baker, Outreach & Justice Ministries

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## MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS

Are you interested in following up on the Forum presentation last month about working with the homeless? Please join us for a quick meeting on Thursday, May 17, to find out more about the possibility of St. Michael's sponsoring a homeless family. We will meet from 5:30–6:30 pm at the church. Please call one of us for more information: Bob Tongue at 503/239-7041; Andy Phelps at 503/539-7481; or Martha Pérez at 971/207-4792.

— Bob Tongue, Vestry Liaison to Outreach & Justice

## 2012 GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGES

Two Guadalupe Pilgrimages in 2012 are being hosted by The Rev. John Scannell. Each guided visit to Mexico includes learning about life in Mexico, visiting people living on the edge of society, experiencing communities of faith in ministry, exploring archeological sites, and being sustained by beautiful worship.



Those who attend will gain an intimate experience of the realities of Mexico—the hope, the sorrow, the beauty, the tragedy. When they return home, they will see the people in our own communities with new eyes. The pilgrimage on October 25–November 3 will include the observance of *The Day of the Dead*; the December 6–15 trip will include the celebration of *Our Lady of Guadalupe*. These pilgrimages are sponsored by the monks of Weston Priory in Vermont and are led by a community of Benedictine Sisters based in Mexico City and Cuernavaca. It is not necessary to be a Spanish speaker to fully participate.

The cost is \$800 for 10 days and includes all meals, transportation in Mexico, and lodging at the Retreat Center. Airfare is extra. For full details, see [www.WestonPriory.org](http://www.WestonPriory.org), at *Latin American Experience*. For more information and/or to register (space is limited), please contact The Rev. John Scannell at [503/284-2618](tel:5032842618) or [JSScannell@gmail.com](mailto:JSScannell@gmail.com).

— The Rev. John S. Scannell, Rector Emeritus

## DÍA DE LOS NIÑOS

April 29th was Día de los Niños (Children's Day) here at St. Michael's. A tradition in Latin America as well as in many other nations throughout the world, it is a day to honor and celebrate children. At St. Michael's, it began with the children at the 1:00 pm Misa gathering at the front of the church for a special blessing from Bishop Michael Hanley. Following the Misa, the children headed to the Nativity Hall for a brief presentation on the history of Children's Day followed by storytelling, traditional party games, cake and, of course, piñatas! Thank you to Dora Montes for organizing this special event.

— Susie Silva-Strommer



## STEWARDSHIP SMALL GROUPS UPDATE

Thank you to the over 100 parishioners who attended the various small-group gatherings during the months of April and May. Led by Chris Craun and assisted by members of the Vestry, participants were asked to comment on the following questions:

*\* If you were talking to a friend or someone unfamiliar with St. Michael's, what would you highlight as one or more of our strengths?*

*\* What would say is an area of ministry that you would like to see strengthened?*

*\* What is one way you have been touched by a ministry at St. Michael's – either by being involved or having been served by it?*

*\* Imagine our church three to five years from now: Who are we serving, what does that look like, where is it happening, how is it funded and who is involved?*

Participants reported feeling very positive about the gatherings as an opportunity to reflect and share how St. Michael's is doing God's work in their own lives, in the community of St. Michael's, and in the greater community. Notes of these conversations will be compiled by the Vestry as a starting point to the conversation about priorities for St. Michael's and its ministries, and how these are reflected in our budget. Look for a summary of these notes on the Vestry bulletin board in June.

The last event is on Tuesday, May 22, at 6:00 pm. If you were unable to attend one of these gatherings but would like to give input, we want to hear from you. Please feel free to contact Chris Craun or any of your Vestry members via e-mail or phone, or fill out a comment card and drop it off in the church office.

— Susie Silva-Strommer, Senior Warden

## CAMP & RETREAT MINISTRIES

Joining God in a shared mission is what distinguishes our Camp & Retreat Program from other types of camps and conference center programs. Camp & Retreat Ministries consistently draws persons into deeper connection with God and offers prime faith-formation experiences. Camp is not just for kids! There is a wide range of adult events to choose from, including Shakespeare Camp, Handbell and Choir Camps, Quilting retreats, Birding & Natural History—as well as just kicking back and relaxing.

Family Camps and Grand Camps are a great way to spend time together. Head over with the family to Wallowa Lake Camp for Chief Joseph Days or a Salmon River trip. Enjoy the coast at Camp Magruder over Memorial Day or Fourth of July. The choices are many! With more than 200 events to choose from, there is something for everyone. Check the website for more details: [episcopaldiooceseoregon.org](http://episcopaldiooceseoregon.org)

— Beth Dieker, Missioner for the Diocese of Oregon

## YOUTH VARIETY NIGHT THANK-YOUS

The Youth Variety Night was a musical score! We grossed almost \$2,600 and had a lot of fun appreciating the many talents of St. Michael's youth.



The fun ranged from a classy dinner entertainment from our brass duet to improvisation, musical acting numbers, our very own musical quartet composed of siblings, and a beautiful spoken-word performance of a powerful letter from Martin Luther King, Jr.

Thank you to all who supported this event by coming or by making a donation if you were unable to witness the joys of the evening. I



want to say a special thanks to all parent volunteers, particularly Al Burns, who facilitated a delicious dinner of red beans and rice, and Sue Quanbeck, who headed up the decorating team. I also want to thank David Berkson, who arranged the talent for the evening. His talents in coordinating youth once again made a positive impact on St. Michael's community. Thank you again for all of your support and making our mission trip possible!

— Adrienne Godschalx

## MUSINGS FROM ADRIENNE

The desert brings out my raw joy. My clear peacefulness, my present existence, my desire for adventure all naturally flow from within me in the desert. But even stronger than the scent of the blooming Russian Olive lacing the warm air I breathe here is the fullness and contentment I find in existing as me: my backyard, my vacation spot, my journey, my safe haven, my home, my dream, my symbol, my reality—my evidence, the roots of my faith, my spirituality, and where I met God.

And when I'm in this place, this home, I feel God in the way I feel the desert in myself. Red dirt runs through my veins, lizards and ravens allow my spirit to bask in the warmth of the sun and soar along the canyon walls. The rocks, cliffs, and creeks know my soul. The moonlight clouds are my fort, and red cliff sunsets mark my here and now, moving through time. Hiking to a familiar waterfall, I felt as though I was exploring the caverns of my own heart.

I write about the joys of my recent visit to Moab to describe my goal and hope for each of our youth (of any age) to feel God as close as the breath that fills their lungs in a familiar, personal way—in a way that allows him or her to know themselves more deeply. A self-confidence through faith: this is my mission.

Speaking of mission, I want to thank all who have supported the youth programs on our journey toward the mission trip this June. I pray that as our youth learn and serve others in New Orleans, they will grow spiritually and gain confidence in themselves and in God.

— Adrienne Godschalx, Interim Associate for Ministry with Youth

## BROADWAY NIGHT SOARS

What an evening! Preliminary estimates show the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Broadway Night raising over \$4,000 for the Music Program here at St. Michael's. Over 100 parishioners and friends enjoyed antipasti, salad, lasagna, and strawberry shortcake Italian-style while being entertained by St. Michael's Singers and friends.

Thank you to everyone who pitched in to make this evening a success, especially Lynda Garner and Amy Valentine, Bob Tongue and his kitchen crew, Daryl Cole, our very own *Three Little Maids*—Jen McBratney, Caitlin Stave, and Kaeli Porter—Michael Berkson, Hannah Brewer, Josh English, all of the talented performers, and the St. Michael's community who once again stepped up to support a cherished ministry.

— The St. Michael's Music Team



## THE JOYFUL NEWS MAY 2012

### PENTECOST: CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT AND THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH!

One of our most delightful and treasured traditions at St. Michael's happens on the Feast



of Pentecost when the church is filled with red, yellow and orange balloons! We celebrate the day the apostles were empowered to go into the world and spread the good news of God's love to all humankind, the day we remember as the birthday of the church with all the trimmings—cake, colors, banners and balloons!

On Pentecost, everyone in the congregation is invited to wear the festive colors of red, yellow and orange, and every household is asked to bring a cake (without icing) to help build the **World-Famous St. Michael's Pentecost Cake!** The Pentecost Cake will be assembled Sunday morning in time to be enjoyed during the 10:00 am coffee hour and directly after the 11:00 am liturgy. The variety of cakes we bring represent the gifts and diversity of our community, the layers of whipped cream that hold the cakes together represent the power of the Holy Spirit, and the fresh strawberries that top the cake remind us of the Tongues of Fire that danced on the apostles' heads.

### ACCORDING TO THE PRAYER BOOK GUIDE TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

*The Feast of Pentecost celebrates the day that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples as they were gathered together in Jerusalem. The Book of Acts tells us that the Holy Spirit was like the rush of a mighty wind, with tongues of flame that rested on each person. After Easter, Pentecost is the second most important feast of the church.*

*"Pentecost" is from the Greek, meaning "fiftieth day." It was the Greek name for the Hebrew Feast of Weeks, which fell on the fiftieth day after Passover. Christians took this name because this was the same day that the Spirit descended upon the apostles. The Feast of Weeks celebrated the calling of the Hebrews into a covenant relationship with God at Mt. Sinai. With the coming of the Holy Spirit, the church realized a new covenant proclaimed by the prophet Jeremiah years before: "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts (Jer. 31:33)."*

*Another traditional name for the Feast of Pentecost is Whitsunday. This name probably comes from the white robes worn on the day of baptism (White-Sunday).*

**At St. Michael's, we recognize and celebrate the variety of ways** in which the Holy Spirit empowers each of us to spread the Good News of God's love in the world. Our individual ministries at home, at school, in the workplace, and in the wider community all add up to what it means to be the healing hands, the loving heart and the creative mind of Christ in

the world. Just as the first century Christians were entrusted to carry the message, so are we called to reach out in love and reconciliation to those around us. We come together as a community each Sunday, (and especially on Pentecost!) to ask the Holy Spirit to empower us for the work God has given us to do.

**As we approach the Feast of Pentecost, may our words and actions reflect our best intentions,** and may we too be empowered by the Holy Spirit to listen as well as speak to our neighbors, near and far, in truth and in love.

— Leslie Sackett,

Associate for Ministry with Children & Families

### Mark your calendars....

- May 13** Godly Play & Sunday School 10:10 am  
**The Circle of Holy Eucharist**
- May 19** Music Makers & Family Worship Service  
Saturday, 4:30 pm Nativity Hall (potluck dinner, too!)
- May 20** Godly Play & Sunday School 10:10 am  
**The Story of Pentecost**  
Joyful Noise Choir rehearsal (10:00 am)
- May 27** The Feast of Pentecost! All-parish receptions  
after the 9:00 and 11:00 am liturgies  
No Godly Play or Sunday School classes
- June 3** Godly Play & Sunday School Party 10:10  
am, with games, yummy snacks, and fun!

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## ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

\* The next Messenger will be mailed on June 28, with a deadline of June 18. After that, the Messenger will be on vacation till the end of August. Also, if you now receive the Messenger in the mail, would you like to receive it electronically (and in color)? Contact me by email or phone to make that change.

\* Many of you have received notification of the key and lock changes happening on Thursday, May 24. If you have a key and code and have NOT received this notification, please contact me at [glorio@stmaa.org](mailto:glorio@stmaa.org) or 503/284-7141 to find out more. Please make note that your present key and code WILL NOT WORK as of Friday, May 25.

\* If you lead a group at church and have an altered schedule for the summer months, please let me know that as soon as possible so I can update our calendars.

\* Speaking of summer, it's always a good idea to call first before making a special trip to the church. We want to be sure someone is here to greet you.

\* Did you borrow the extra key from the office? It lives on a big wooden spoon. If so, please return it as soon as possible.

— Gloria Orellana, Associate for Administration

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### CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 19	9:00 am	Catechumenate Retreat
	4:30 pm	Family Worship
MAY 20		Bread for the World Sunday
MAY 22	6:00 pm	Last Stewardship Small Group (Parish Hall)
MAY 27		The Day of Pentecost Festive Eucharists and Receptions
JUNE 3	10:10 am	Forum: Worship Space Update
JUNE 10	10:10 am	Forum: Stewardship Small Group Findings
	12:15 pm	Budget Discussion
JUNE 16		Youth leave for Mission Trip
JULY 15		Parish Picnic

SEE THE WEBSITE AND BULLETINS FOR DETAILS  
OF UPCOMING EASTER EVENTS AND SERVICES  
[WWW.STMAA.ORG](http://WWW.STMAA.ORG).

### PENTECOST AT ST. MICHAEL'S

*When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.*

— Acts 2:1-4

Here are some ways in which you can help make the Feast of Pentecost special at St. Michael's:

- \* Dress in the colors of fire: red, orange and yellow
- \* Speak the phrase *Let the peoples praise you, O God, let all the peoples praise you!* in another language.
- \* Bring an unfrosted cake on Saturday or Sunday
- \* Blow up balloons with the youth on Sunday morning
- \* Help out with receptions after the 9:00 or 11:00 liturgies



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