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DEAR FAITHFUL PARISHIONERS,

On June 1, it was announced that I was granted a fellowship through the Beatitudes Society. I am honored to be part of an extraordinary group of young leaders and am anticipating a year of learning and inspiration.

Since part of the fellowship requires quarterly workshops in Berkeley, California — which will mean that I will be away four times in the next year — I wanted you to be aware of what the fellowship provides so that you, too, can look forward to the benefits!

The Beatitudes Fellowship provides each Fellow:

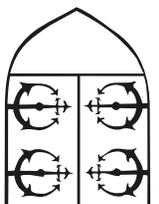
- A \$10,000 award toward the social-justice project I will undertake
- A year-long series of quarterly Fellows' gatherings in Berkeley, California
- Customized resources and advisors: how to choose and work with coaches, mentors and other leaders in a widening network of resources
- Evaluation and strategic planning: how to figure out what each Fellow needs for their project, from the tangible (people, money, time) to the intangible (faith, hope, courage)
- Preaching, storytelling and media workshops: how to tell the story of your innovative ministry project
- Community-building workshops: how to engage your congregation in change
- Sustaining spiritual practices: how to lead from within, incorporating the practices and principles of deep listening, creating hospitable spaces, developing a spirit of inquiry
- Peer community with other young leaders: time to relax and connect

The project that I presented in my application is based on the work we have begun as an Immigrant Welcoming Congregation. I proposed that we create a *Center for Immigrant Welcoming* that would help break down the stereotypes and shame associated with legal status and teach about the need to be a place of safety and support for our brothers and sisters in Christ.

I am eager to begin this journey with you and am grateful for your support. You may read more at the Beatitudes website, www.beatitudessociety.org

Faithfully,

The Rev. Christopher Craun, Rector



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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR . . .

- + healing for Juned McCauley, Rich Connor, Denny Lien, Brion Kimmel, Robert Lockwood, Lucretia Gardner, and Mary Tongue
- + safe travels for Gabe Lamazares as he transitions to his new position at St. Luke in the Fields in New York City, and for all who will be traveling over the summer



All are invited to a Celebration of Life for Annette Alexander on Saturday, June 22, at 11:00 am followed by a reception.

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Please take note that our summer office hours begin June 17 and continue through Labor Day. The church office will be staffed from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. A staff person or volunteer will frequently be here before or after those hours, but please call before stopping by to possibly save yourself a trip.

EBLAST/MESSENGER

Are you not receiving the eblast but would like to? Maybe your email address has changed? Please send any email, snail mail and/or phone number changes to glorio@stmaa.org so that we may update your contact information. If you receive a hard copy of this Messenger and would like to receive it electronically, please send me that information as well. You may also remove yourself from any or all contact lists by sending me an email.

LOST AND FOUND

Please visit the little shelf in the Gallery to reclaim your left-behind items. There are a number of dishes left over from Pentecost, Sunday Lunch, and other events. After the end of the month, all unclaimed and unlabeled items will be given to charity.

REMINDERS FOR KEYHOLDERS AND OTHER LEADERS

If you meet here at St. Michael's and/or are responsible for a key, please use extra care this summer to **be sure all windows and doors are secured before leaving the building**. Check around the space for groups that may still be using a room, and let other groups know if you have left and are expecting that they will be responsible for closing up the building. If you have any questions at all about this system, please call or email Gloria.

SUMMER TRAFFIC ALERTS

There are two traffic situations which may affect your travel to St. Michael's this summer. The first is the Northeast Sunday Parkways, which takes place from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on June 23 and will involve a number of closures. You can see details at www.PortlandSundayParkways.com. Also, I-84 will have direction/lane closures over several weekends (July 12-15 and 19-22 and August 3-5) between I-5 and I-205. Please check the ODOT website, www.i84paving.org, for more details.

— Gloria Orellana, glorio@stmaa.org

ASSISTANT RECTOR

One of my mentors once said to me that the grand majority of good pastoral care is being present and supporting each other in learning to say hello and learning to say good-bye, each at the right time, fully present, and well. His words have come to mind the last few days as I approach leaving St. Michael's, a place that has nurtured me so much.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you at St. Michael's for your love, your good will, your hard work, and your good humor. I can't imagine where I might have had a better first experience in parish ministry. I have learned so much and had such fun while doing it! You all constantly help me become a better pastor, a better Christian, a better person.

I will never forget the joy of my ordination to the priesthood here two and a half years ago nor the good times and hard times you've trusted me enough to share. I have been honored and humbled to preside at your weddings and baptisms, quinceañeras and funerals. This community is so rich with affection and talent. I will miss you all terribly and hope you will keep me and Terry in your prayers as I will certainly keep you in mine.

I invite you to stay in touch, if you'd like. I'm back on Facebook, and you can always follow what I'm up to on <http://www.stlukeinthefields.org>

SUMMER READING

RECTOR-LED BOOK STUDIES

What are *you* reading this summer? To continue with our theme of *Trust Steadily in God*, Rector Chris Craun is suggesting two books, with Forums to discuss each of them. On Sunday, July 14, she will lead a forum to discuss *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand. On August 18, Chris will lead a discussion about *Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail* by local author Cheryl Strayed. All are welcome in the Nativity Hall at 10:10 am on July 14 and August 18!

MONDAY BOOK GROUP SUMMER PLANS

This summer, instead of reading a full book, we have scheduled a variety of stand-alone gatherings. All are welcome in the Raphael Room at 1:00 pm. Come check us out!

- **June 17** Jane Jones will lead a poetry session. Bring a favorite poem or two to share with the group, or come just to listen. Do you have a poem that you've written to share?
- **July 1** Virginia Malone will lead the group on a topic to be revealed later.
- **July 15** Leslie Sackett and Susan Long will lead the group in Godly Play for Adults.
- **August 5 & 19 and September 2** Summer break
- **September 16** We will resume our regularly scheduled gatherings on the first and third Mondays of each month.

— Jane Jones and Jana Gregory

SENIOR WARDEN'S CORNER

Greetings! As always, your Vestry has been very busy since my last Messenger article.

At the April Vestry meeting, the Immigrant Welcoming Congregation Committee joined us to discuss the Immigrant Welcoming Congregation Declaration for Vestry's approval. The Vestry unanimously voted to approve the Declaration committing St. Michael's to deepening the connection between immigrant and non-immigrant families here, educating ourselves and our community about immigration-related issues, advocating for comprehensive immigration reform, and supporting immigrants and families at hearings/meetings or when seeking change in their immigration status.

On May 18, the Vestry hosted a dinner for all the youth who went before the Bishop upon completion of the Confirm Not Conform program together with their mentors, families, friends and many supportive parishioners (approximately 150+ people). This delicious dinner was prepared by Bob Tongue and Daryl Cole. It was a wonderful night for everyone involved. Thank you, Vestry!!

At the May meeting, the Vestry voted to approve the Children's Ministries Personal Information Questionnaire and Ministry Covenant for everyone working with our children and youth, which involves the promise to complete SAFE Church Training, agreeing to a criminal records check, abiding by the Policies & Procedure Manual, and promising to report any inappropriate behavior immediately to Leslie or a member of the clergy.

Also during the May meeting, the Vestry voted to approve \$400 grants to the parishioners participating in the El Porvenir mission trip to Nicaragua in January 2014. There are currently eight members signed up, but up to 11 may participate.

The Vestry will be hosting small-group meetings in June to assist this year's Stewardship Committee with their planning. There will be several gatherings to accommodate as many folks as possible, and signup sheets are available in the Gallery. We encourage everyone to sign up, attend one or more of the meetings and lend your voice, ideas, dreams, and hopes to the Stewardship discussion. **Please see the following page for a list of dates, times, and locations for the gatherings.**

The Vestry is organizing the annual Parish Picnic taking place this year on Sunday, July 21, at Laurelhurst Park. Be sure to save the date on your calendar, and stay tuned for more information.

As always, please contact any member of your Vestry with concerns, comments or questions. We are always available, we are here to serve you, and we would love to hear from you!

— Wendi Schaener, Sr. Warden

FROM THE TREASURER

After a slow start to the year, our income figures are looking up. As of the end of April, we had collected 35% of our budgeted income for the year. Since April marks one-third of the way through the year, that's a great place for us to be!

Thank you for keeping current with your pledges. It really helps us to keep the budget on track when we regularly collect the pledge income. With the summer months upon us, we generally see less regular attendance at the weekly services, and income often goes down as a result. If you don't already do so, now would be a great time to consider paying your pledge automatically from your bank account on a regular basis. No more checks to write and remember! If you are interested in this, please email Linda Royal at lindar@stmaa.org. She can get you set up for the remainder of the year.

Below is a summary of income and expenses as of the end of April. A complete Treasurer's Report is posted on the Vestry board in the Parish Hall.

Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2013

Income	Year to Date Balance	Budget Year to Date	Annual Budget
Pledge Offerings	\$182,511	\$172,520	\$517,557
Open Offerings	5,869	5,000	15,000
Seasonal and Rental Income*	3,779	5,332	16,000
Total Income	\$192,159	\$182,852	\$548,557
Expenses			
Personnel	\$119,894	\$115,524	\$346,530
Property/Utility	22,339	21,432	51,307
Parish Admin.	8,629	9,168	27,500
DPA	30,624	30,624	91,872
Programs/Outreach	8,735	10,452	31,348
Total Expenses	\$190,221	\$187,200	\$548,557
Net Income	\$1,939		

*Seasonal income began with Easter offerings; some figures are affected by rounding.

You may notice that we are no longer anticipating that we will collect the rental income included in the 2013 budget. CAUSA had been planning to rent space at St. Michael's House during the second half of this year, but their circumstances have changed and they will not be renting this space after all. We budgeted \$6,000 in income from them; and in order to balance the budget this year, we will need to either collect additional income through fundraising/special offerings or reduce expenses by that amount.

— Nancy Parker

STEWARDSHIP SMALL GROUPS

Please check the schedule below and see which gathering may work for you. More information is in the Senior Warden's article on the previous page, and addresses are in the Gallery.

Wednesday, June 19, 7:30 pm

Hosted by Richard Hartman at his home (10 people)

Saturday, June 22, 10:00 am, Parish Hall

Hosted by Katie Reitel (20 people)

Saturday, June 22, 5:00 pm, Miller home (bilingual gathering)

Hosted by Pete Miller, Edith Arriaga-Flores & Martha Pérez (15 people)

Wednesday, June 25, 5:30 pm, Rouffy home

Hosted by Elizabeth Rouffy (20 people)

Thursday, June 27, 6:30 pm, Schaener home

Hosted by Brooks and Wendi Schaener (20 people)

— Wendi Schaener, Sr. Warden

UPCOMING FORUMS

**Praying
in color**

Prayer is at the heart of our individual and our communal religious life. Though prayer is not unique to Christianity, it is an essential practice

for Christians. One strategy to help us practice prayer is to use color to create, develop and enhance our thoughts as we pray or as we review and remember our prayers. Two Sunday Forums, on June 23 and 30 at 10:10 am, will provide an overview of prayer and will also introduce the idea of using color to pray. Facilitator Pete Schmidt will share how he uses color to “pray” the Psalms, and he will give participants an opportunity to reflect and perhaps practice using color to enhance their prayer life. As a follow-up to the Sunday Forums, “hands-on” workshops will be held on the following Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm to allow participants more time to practice praying in color. All are welcome!

— Pete Schmidt and Chris Craun

ALL SAINTS ART SHOW: CALLING ST. MICHAEL'S ARTISTS OF ALL AGES!

St. Michael's is hosting an All Saints Art Show on the first weekend of November using this year's Adult Formation theme, *Trust Steadily in God*. Whatever your age, whatever your medium (photography, painting, sculpture, collage, fabric art, woodworking, poetry, music, etc.), and however you relate to the theme, please bring your creation to share with the whole congregation at this special all-parish art show and celebration!

The art show is in the early planning stages, but the Adult Formation Team wanted to get the word out early so that all the St. Michael's artists (you know who you are!) can begin thinking about what you would like to show. Stay tuned!

ST. MICHAEL'S CREED



Over the course of three and a half Forums, Rector Chris Craun and Assistant Rector Gabe Lamazares looked at the historical context of the Nicene Creed and the decisions that were made regarding its wording. They also led participants in a discussion of how we might write it differently today. The following is what the group agreed upon for now.

*We believe in God,
God the Creator and God of Love,
who continues to create with us.*

*We believe in Jesus,
truly God, truly human,
who meets us where we are and leads us to God.
Through his compassionate companionship,
he transforms us to be people of justice and non-violence.
We believe he was a teacher who was sacrificed
in an act of fear, domination and violence.
Through his life and resurrection,
we were given saving grace.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the light within us and around us,
who comforts, guides and sustains us.*

*We believe in the community gathered as the body of Christ.
We seek healing and wholeness in drawing closer to God.
We look for the transformation of our life after death,
and we trust in the mystery of our union with God.*

Amen.

FALL WOMEN'S RETREAT

“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.



The cost for the retreat is \$150; some scholarship funds are available, so please contact Chris if interested. The deadline to sign up is July 15, with a deposit of 50%. Look for a signup sheet soon in the Gallery.

— Chris Craun and Susan Long

SUMMER SUNDAY MUSIC

Now that the St. Michael's Singers are on their much-deserved summer break, you might think — for better or for worse — that you are going to hear strictly organ music at our Sunday morning worship services until the fall. Think again! Takes the Fifth choir and band, led by Melissa Parkhurst, will continue to offer their musical talents on the first Sundays of July, August, and September at 11:00 am.

Additionally, there will be a variety of soloists throughout the summer chosen from our musical youth and adult congregants. You may hear violin, flute, clarinet, piano, solo voices, small vocal ensembles, and perhaps a surprise or two. There will be something for everyone, even those among you who are organ enthusiasts!

— Hannah Brewer

A PHOTO DIRECTORY IS ON THE WAY...

... but first we need you to have your picture taken! Help us build the best photo directory yet. You will receive a free 8"x10" photo and a directory. Although you will have the opportunity to purchase photo packages, **there will be absolutely no obligation or pressure to do so.** So bring the kids, the grandmother and the dog and say cheese!



Photos will be taken July 17-20 here at St. Michael's. For more details, check out the information posted in the gallery or call Gloria at the church office. If you miss this photo session, another will be offered at the beginning of October.

— Susie Silva-Strommer

EPISCOPAL PEACE FELLOWSHIP/PDX

A hiatus of several years has finally ended for Episcopal Peace Fellowship in the Diocese of Oregon. New membership in the Portland metro area has renewed and restored us. The Portland chapter has been reconstituted and now meets on the fourth Saturday of each month at 11:00 am at the Red and Black Café, 400 SE 12th Avenue in Portland. Each member of the Portland chapter of EPF has committed:

In loyalty to the person and teaching of Jesus Christ, my conscience commits me to the way of redemptive love: to pray, study, and work for peace, and to renounce, as far as possible, participation in war, militarism, and all other forms of violence. In fellowship with others, I will work to discover and create alternatives to violence and to build a culture of peace. I urge the Episcopal Church in accordance with our baptismal vows "to renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God," and to wage peace across all boundaries, calling upon people everywhere to repent, to forgive, and to love.

ST. MICHAEL'S RECOVERY MINISTRY

Join us in celebrating Recovery Sunday on July 28th. With hope, faith and courage, we who have been so freely given the gift of sobriety in recovery wish to share the joy of *The Twelve Steps of Recovery* with all of our community. Phillip Blomberg is to preach, and the Recovery Ministry will be inviting a special guest speaker to share their experience and gratitude at the Forum to follow at 10:10 am.

Join us also in the continued celebration of recovery in sobriety with St. Michael's Recovery Ministry's *Month of Forums*. Beginning July 28 and continuing through August 18, St. Michael & All Angel's Recovery Ministry will be inviting guest speakers from Al-Anon, AA, NA and other anonymous organizations to share "what it was like, what happened, and what it is like now." All are invited to show support to those who are called to share their experience, strength and hope. This will be an opportunity to learn more, share in experience and fellowship. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the *Month of Forums*.

St. Michael and All Angels Recovery Ministry exists to support those who desire a renewal of faith and life through recovery and understanding of drug, alcohol, and other addictions. Through education and trust building, we work to develop an environment where support, hope, and understanding are available to all.

— Kevin Warren, St. Michael's Recovery Ministry

St. Michael's hosts a number of independent recovery/anonymous groups' meetings, most of which are open to all:
Women's NA (Narcotics Anonymous), Mondays at 11:00
Recovery International (mental health), Tuesdays at 7:30 and Thursdays at 6:30 pm
Al-Anon, Thursdays at 6:15 pm and Saturdays at 7:00 pm
AA (Alcoholics Anonymous), Thursdays at 8:00 pm
CA (Cocaine Anonymous), Sundays at 6:30 pm

Upcoming Events:

- Our next meeting will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday, June 22. Join us for refreshments, conversation, and planning.
- St. Michael's will host an EPF Movie Night on June 28, showing *In a Time of Siege* about Kathy Kelley in Iraq during the first Gulf War as she breaks the U.S. embargo. Watch for details in the bulletin and eblasts.
- A planned weekend conference on *Creating a Culture of Peace* was postponed and will be held in mid-October at Grace Memorial Church.

Please join us at our monthly meetings, movie nights, or at the conference. We'd love to meet you there. If you're 'just curious,' I'd be glad to talk.

Choose to be peace,
— Letty Phillips

CELEBRATE OUR SENIORS!

We have enjoyed watching these young people grow up and flourish. Now they are ready to take the next steps in their lives, but we hope they will come back frequently to visit!

Thank you to Holly Denniston, Erin Hess, Sue Quanbeck, and Susie Silva-Strommer for doing such a fine job of interviewing these graduates!

GLADYS ALVARADO



Gladys is graduating from Madison High School. Gladys has been very busy for the last four years. During her freshman and sophomore years, she played basketball before trying soccer during her junior year.

Her real passion is singing.

Gladys has been a member of the *Top Notes Choir* for all four years. If all of this didn't keep her busy enough, Gladys has also been part of the Leadership program for the last two years, and this year she organized the first-ever Hispanic Heritage Month school-wide assembly.

In addition to her school activities, Gladys has been a volunteer at the Latino Network, leading classes for children. She facilitated a young leaders program, *Lidercitos*, for kids ages 8-11 which focused on topics such as preserving the environment, bullying prevention and goal-setting. She has also volunteered with preschool-age children in a program called *Junto Aprendemos*. She helped them become school-ready by working with them to learn their alphabet, colors and numbers.

When she's not in school or volunteering, Gladys likes to hang out with friends, sing, spend time with her family and her cat, Romeo. Gladys is an outgoing young woman who enjoys people. In the fall, she will attend Warner Pacific College, where she plans to major in Social Work and Psychology. Gladys plans to use her college degree to work for a nonprofit organization focusing on Latino youth and their families. In Gladys' words, she would like to work to "bring the Latino community out of the shadows and help them build a better future for themselves and society."

MICHAEL JOSEPH

Michael Joseph is a senior that St. Michael's will miss dearly. Michael graduated from Cleveland High School on June 4. Although he will no longer be walking the halls at Cleveland, he surely left his mark there. He was a lead player in the Speech and Debate Team. For two out of his three years, Michael served as captain for the team.

ELLIE MCRAE

Ellie McRae is graduating from Grant High School this spring with a wide variety of interests and options open to her. Although many of us remember her as a talented soccer player, a broken ankle in her sophomore year sidelined her. She still enjoys volunteering in a summertime soccer camp, though, and so is able to share her knowledge and skill with upcoming players, an activity which she says is a lot of fun. In high school, she participated in the Gay-Straight Alliance. A favorite class was Forensics, which is something she may want to pursue further.



Ellie is an experienced traveler, having made family trips to Taiwan to visit the families of exchange students who have stayed with her family in Portland. Visiting the orphanage where she came from led to an interest in possibly pursuing work at orphanages in China. In July 2011, Ellie went on the *El Porvenir* mission trip to Nicaragua. Ellie says it was "amazing." She enjoyed helping on the work brigade, and the experience gave her greater appreciation of all that she has.

Ellie is both excited and nervous about attending Western Oregon University in Monmouth next fall. With her variety of interests, it's no surprise that she hasn't decided on a major yet; however, returning to her interest in forensics, she will possibly pursue medical studies and criminology.

Michael also started the first sustainability club at Cleveland, called *Cleveland SWAG*. The club participates in monthly service projects such as helping Habitat for Humanity. Last summer, he and 20 other students attended the World Student Conference at the University of British Columbia.



Michael's passion for 'thinking green' has led him to Evergreen State College in Washington. In the words of his loving sister, "The college that he is going to is perfect for him, and I'm sure that he's going to go far with his hippie. . . I mean, alternative and forward-thinking education." Michael wants to study — that's right, you guessed it — sustainability and urban planning.

We consider that maybe St. Michael's helped to plant that seed. He went on both the Yakima and New Orleans mission trips. Michael says he loves the church because the mission trips allowed him to meet people he would have never otherwise met.

STEVEN WALRAVEN

Steven Walraven graduated from Grant High School on June 12. He and his family have been members of St. Michael's since 1990 (his mother Audene since the mid-1980s), and all three boys were baptized here.

Steven has been involved in many activities over the years. He is a dedicated acolyte, and last year he played on the Dragonslayers, St. Michael's softball team, with his mom and one brother. Steven most recently has been active in youth group, including participating in last year's mission trip to New Orleans. Steven has a ready smile and is very welcoming to others, especially new youth as they join St. Michael's. When he talks, he is engaging and his excitement is contagious.

Steven is excited about graduating and plans to work at Amalfi's Italian Restaurant in Northeast Portland after graduation, following in his brothers' footsteps. This summer, he's looking forward to visiting family and friends in California, mostly near Big Bear. His long-term goal is to become a mechanic, and this fall he hopes to begin work on his general education credits at PCC. Steven is focused on each day as it comes, just enjoying everything.



KENNETH SERGIENKO

Contemplating his past four years at Metropolitan Learning Center, from which he is graduating this spring, Kenneth Sergienko feels like it was a time and place where he was really able to grow and become a better person. In addition to academics, Kenneth continued to nurture his interest in drama and theatre by participating in the *Arts After Hours* program three afternoons a week after school. Active in theatre since his grade-school Theater Brigade days, he has portrayed a wide variety of roles over the years, from Shakespeare to a recent comedy, *Moon over Buffalo*.

Kenneth was also able to pursue his interest in drama at St. Michael's, particularly when David Berkson encouraged the youth to try various theatre games and improv activities. Many will remember the Youth Variety Nights featuring the game *You're Fired* in which Kenneth participated and eventually led. On the more serious side, Kenneth also read the part of Jesus one year in the bilingual Passion Play on Good Friday.

Kenneth is off to the University of Oregon next fall where he plans to study political science with an eye to attending law school in the future. He remembers St. Michael's as a great community and appreciates how caring and accepting everyone is, noting that we need more of that in the world.



HANNAH JO TOOLEY



Hannah Jo has been a member of St. Michael's her whole life! Hannah is graduating from Oregon Episcopal School. Since her sophomore year in high school, she has been active in the theater department as a stagehand, assistant stage manager, and eventually the lead stage manager in three full-length plays and a Broadway musical.

Her favorite experience as a stage manager was working on the play *Little Women* which she says posed many challenges.

In addition to her behind-the-scenes work in the theater, she has been upfront as a member of the Oregon Repertory Choir since middle school. She has also been a member of the OES Choir, which took 2nd place in the 3A State Choir Championships earlier this school year.

Aside from her involvement from school, Hannah has helped with the Summer Reading Program, a counselor for a couple of summers at Camp Westwind (YWCA), and has helped with the Community Meal. In 2011, Hannah participated in an El Porvenir service trip to Nicaragua.

Next fall, Hannah will be attending the University of Oregon. She doesn't know what she wants to major in, but she is looking forward to going from a small school to a school of almost 20,000 students. For fun, Hannah enjoys skiing, photography, making videos, drawing, and listening to music. Hannah believes in living each day to the fullest: *Carpe Diem!*

COLIN PHELPS

Colin Phelps is one of our bright young adults leaving for college in the fall. While attending Central Catholic High School, Colin was very involved in an array of activities.

He enjoyed playing trombone in both the jazz and pep bands. Colin contributed to the musical accompaniment of two musicals, *Good News* and *Bye Bye Birdie*. But music wasn't Colin's only talent. He finished his high school racquetball career ranked 12th in Oregon. Wow! Colin is musical, athletic, and let's not forget about his passion for working with kids. He completed five weeks of Outdoor School as a student leader and will be working at Camp Collins for a second year. It's no wonder Colin gravitated towards the kids during the Yakima and New Orleans mission trips.

In the fall, Colin will be attending Gonzaga University. Colin's only worry is that he has too many academic interests. Like many freshman, he has not declared a major. He claims that his major could range from psychology/philosophy to business/marketing. Colin obviously has a bright future ahead of him. He thanks this parish for all the love and support.



LIVING INTO BEING AN IMMIGRANT WELCOMING CONGREGATION

It's official! The Immigrant Welcoming Congregation Declaration of St. Michael & All Angels Church was unanimously approved and signed by our Vestry on April 18, 2013.

WHAT DOES THE DECLARATION SAY?

Here is the essence of our commitment as a faith community:

Moved by our consciences to stand in solidarity with our immigrant brothers and sisters and their families, we declare ourselves an Immigrant Welcoming Congregation (IWC) and commit to the following: 1) Deepen the connection between immigrant and nonimmigrant members and families of St. Michael & All Angels Church; 2) Educate ourselves and our community about immigration-related issues; 3) Advocate for justice and comprehensive humane immigration reform; 4) Accompany and support immigrants and their families at their request when facing immigration-related hearings and meetings or seeking change in their immigration status. Moreover, we support the IWC team's leadership in the undertaking of these commitments, and the presentation of this Declaration for review and reaffirmation by the Vestry every three years.

To read the full IWC Declaration, please go to the St. Michael's website, www.stmaa.org.

HOW DID ST. MICHAEL'S BECOME AN IWC?

Our journey began in December 2011 when two events intersected. We were invited by the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice (formerly the Oregon New Sanctuary Movement) to join six other faith communities in Portland in a year-long process to become an Immigrant Welcoming Congregation. Simultaneously, an immigrant family well known at St. Michael's revealed that they were facing their final appeal hearing of deportation orders. The family had been too scared and embarrassed to share this information openly until they realized that they might simply disappear from our lives. Members of St. Michael's responded by filling the federal court room for the hearing and, in part because of the Holy Spirit working through our presence, the deportation orders were rescinded. We were overjoyed by this outcome but at the same time saddened that an immigrant family in our community had felt so alone among us, a stranger in our midst. How had this happened, since we saw ourselves as welcoming and extending hospitality?

And so we embarked upon a year-long journey to deepen the connection between members who attend the English-language services and members who attend the Spanish-language Misa at St. Michael's. A small group of parishioners, who felt called to form the IWC team began a series of one-on-one conversations with other members across all services to listen to their immigration stories, from long ago and very recently, and to ask what an IWC would look like or mean to them. We also explored how other faith communities in the

country advocated for and supported immigrants vulnerable to exploitation and deportation. The ideas generated by these conversations led to a four week series of two-hour presentations and discussions with the congregation to shape our vision of being an IWC. Six weeks later, a draft of the IWC Declaration that incorporated participants' input was presented to the congregation for comment. The revised final version of the Declaration was then presented to and approved by the Vestry.

WHAT DOES THE DECLARATION MEAN FOR ST. MICHAEL'S?

Each of the four areas in the Declaration include specific commitments that we are making as a faith community. In essence, the Declaration is our road map for the next three years. The IWC team will hold a retreat in mid-June to develop an action plan that addresses the four areas and the commitments therein. But how we live into truly becoming an IWC depends on all of us at St. Michael's. We hope each of you will feel called to join us in deepening connections, learning more, advocating for justice and supporting immigrants and their families in our community.

Thank you to all who participated in the conversations and discussions over the past year. We feel truly blessed to have had so many members of the congregation involved in the process of developing the IWC Declaration. If you are interested in becoming active in this ministry, or being part of the IWC team, please contact Bev Hoeffler, hoefferb@msn.com or any member of the IWC team.

— Bev Hoeffler, for the IWC Team

HOLLYWOOD EAST INGATHERING

Throughout June and July, our ingathering for the residents of Hollywood East, the high-rise building to the south of St. Michael's which serves disabled, senior, and other needy folks, will be for canned and dried food items; teeth hygiene items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss; and disposable razors. The residents' units do include kitchenettes for storing and preparing food. You may put items in the large blue bin in the Gallery.

— Hjalmer Lofstrom

GAY PRIDE PARADE

Put on your walking shoes (the Bishop's will be purple!) and join people of faith on June 16th for the Gay Pride Parade! We're walking with Integrity and other Episcopalians again. We are #78 in the lineup and will be assembling on NW Everett between Park and 8th. The parade begins at 11:00 am, but our group will step off between 12:00 and 12:30 pm. Come to the early service, celebrate Gabe in his new venture, and then head downtown! Let's take the MAX from the church as a group. We'll have our parish banner and if you have a St. Michael's t-shirt, be sure to wear it!

THE JOYFUL NEWS SUMMER 2013



Children & Families Ministry happens at St. Michael's because of the love and dedication of our Childcare Providers, Godly Play Teachers and Liturgy of

the Word Leaders. As a community, these are just some of the ways that we demonstrate to our children that they are beloved members of the Body of Christ and that we delight in walking with them as they grow in mind, body and spirit.

We give special thanks to Steve Walton and Carol Ward who, for the last sixteen and twenty-five years respectively (wow!) have served as Childcare Providers for the children at St. Michael's. Steve and Carol are exceptional examples of parishioners who embody what it means to be the hands, feet, and heart of Christ in the world. If you or your children have been cared for in St. Michael's Childcare Room over the past two decades, chances are Steve or Carol were there to love and serve you. Please join me in thanking Steve, Carol and all the St. Michael's parishioners whose ministry is to serve our youngest members and their families by teaching and caring for our children on Sunday mornings. We thank you and we love you!

Watch for more Children & Families Ministry news in the weekly eblast and the St. Michael's Google Group for parents of young children. Not part of the Google Group yet? It's easy! Sign up in the Childcare Room, or contact Leslie Sackett, Associate for Ministry with Children & Families, at leslies@stmaa.org.

Whatever your vacation plans, we hope your family will make St. Michael's part of your family's summer fun! Every Sunday, there is Childcare and Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 9 and 11 o'clock services, plus a wonderful mid-morning activity or Godly Play class for children in pre-k through fifth grade.

Happy Summer, Friends and Families!

— Leslie Sackett,
Associate for Ministry with Children & Families

Children & Families Ministry Summer Highlights

June 16: Gabe's last Sunday (parties at 10:00 am & 2:30 pm)

June 23: Surprise Sunday! 10:10 am

June 30: Godly Play for all Ages 10:10 am

July 7: Bubble Sunday (4th of July weekend)

July 14: Music Sunday with Audrey at 10:10 am

July 21: Parish Picnic in the Park

July 28 - August 18: Intergenerational Godly Play 10:10 am

August 25: All Parish Packing Party 10:10 am
Backpacks & school supplies for local children in Foster Care

YOUTH GROUP SUMMER PLANS

Attention, all middle-and high-schoolers!! We have two very fun summer activities planned. Please join us for a potluck and a Youth vs. Parents/Adult kickball game at Wilshire Park on July 28. The start time is still pending. Then on August 11, I will be bringing to St. Michael's a youth-group tradition for me: Ice Blocking! Look for all the future details in upcoming eblasts and emails from me. If you are not on my email list yet, let's get that fixed: erinjhess@gmail.com. Don't miss out!



— Erin Hess, Associate for Ministry

YOUNG ADULT GROUP GATHERINGS

Hello, St. Michael's & All Angels Church Family! Our first YA Sunday Lunch was on May 5th (Cinco De Mayo!) at Baja Fresh. This informal meet'n'greet was a great start to being present in our life together. We also had a game night at Chris and Carrie's house Friday the 24th of May. We had a good time and made connections with one another as we shared game-time together.

Dessert and Discussion night (May 30th) was helpful for those of us who are new to "this episcopal life." Our discussion focused on the differences and similarities between an evangelical and the Episcopal view of worship. We used excerpts from Anglican and Episcopal authors to spur our discussions. Please join us for our next Dessert and Discussion on Tuesday, June 25, at St. Michael's!

On 2:00 pm on Sunday, July 14, we'll meet at Pix Pâtisserie on E. Burnside and 22nd to celebrate Bastille Day together. Our YA camping trip to Lost Lake has moved out of the busy summer season to (tentatively) September 20-22. Look for an *Evite* with details for our time together coming soon.

Have a Wonder-Filled Summer! Aloha's and Mahalo's

— CV Hartline, III, cvhartline@gmail.com; 503/473-7487

PENTECOST THANK-YOUS

A spirit-filled thank-you to all who participated in our joyous Pentecost receptions on May 19! We had a super-abundance of cakes this year, thanks to all of your delicious contributions. The multitude of cakes was assembled into one large cake decorated with whipped cream and strawberries by teams led by several of our enthusiastic and creative youth-group members. Thanks, too, to all of the gracious volunteers who helped prepare the strawberries on Saturday and the many who helped on Sunday in so many ways to make the receptions festive for the community. The spirit truly is alive and well at St. Michael's in the hospitality we share with each other.

— Sue Quanbeck

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- JUNE 14 **Friday Film Series (7:30 pm) with
*To Kill a Mockingbird***
- JUNE 16 **Gabe's last Sunday here; parties at
10:00 am and 2:15 pm
Gay Pride Parade**
- JUNE 23&30 **Forums: Praying in Color +
workshops on June 25 & July 2**
- JUNE 28 **EPF's showing of documentary *In
a Time of Siege***
- JULY 14 **Forum: Discussion of *Unbroken***
- JULY 17-20 **Directory photos**
- JULY 21 **Parish Picnic**
- JULY 28 **Recovery Sunday**
- AUG. 18 **Forum: Discussion of *Wild***
- AUG. 25 **Backpacks for foster kids**

PLEASE SEE THE BULLETINS AND EBLAST FOR
MORE INFORMATION ABOUT
UPCOMING EVENTS.

SUMMER STAFF OUTINGS

As in the past couple of summers, St. Michael's staff members are leading summer outings to some of their favorite Portland-area spots. All are welcome to join us; no RSVP necessary! Some of the outings are still in the planning stages, but here's what we have so far. Watch your eblasts and bulletins for more details.

Sunday, June 23, Northeast Sunday Parkways with Gloria Orellana and her family. Meet in the parking lot near the community garden at Rigler School, 5401 NE Prescott, at 12:00 noon. The Sunday Parkways are family-friendly bike rides through areas of Portland with streets closed to cars and connecting with several parks with lots of food and activities.



Saturday, July 27, a hike with Chris Craun

Sunday, July 28, a youth v. adult kickball game in Wilshire Park with Erin Hess

Sunday, August 4, Opera in the Park's presentation of *Otello* at Concordia University with Leslie Sackett

Sunday, August 18, a birding trip with Lynda Garner to Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge

August, *Trek in the Park* with Scott Tuomi, date and details tbd