

# SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# THE MESSENGER

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### DEAR FAITHFUL PARISHIONERS,

I am writing to you from my inflatable mattress on the floor of a New Orleans church. I've been here with twelve of the most incredible youth I have ever encountered and three selfless chaperones. I want to take this front-page opportunity to thank you all for making this trip possible. Whether it was by your donations or by your willingness and enthusiasm about your rector taking part in this adventure, your support and prayers were felt all week. In our closing circle prayer tonight, each of us shared one thing we were thankful for this week and one thing we hope to take back with us. One youth asked if we could include just a moment of silence to let the week sink in—it was that kind of week. I will be forever indebted to these youth for making me want to work harder at making St. Michael's accessible and inclusive of their passion and insight.



Drew giving the blessing

Faithfully,

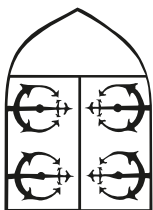
The Rev. Chris Craun



St. Michael's mission trip gang in New Orleans



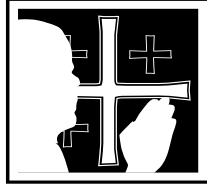
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## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED . . .

- + for healing and comfort for **Gloria Fitzpatrick, Alice Scannell, Carroll Hutchinson, Jerry Vannice, and Carlos Nuñez.**
- + for the repose of the soul of **Laura Lien**, who died on May 30, and for her son and daughter-in-law **Denny and Sandi Lien** in their sorrow.
- + for the repose of the soul of **The Rev. Donald Eaton**, who died on June 12, and for his daughter **Carolyn Eaton** in her sorrow.
- + for the repose of the soul of **Phyllis Murray**, who died on June 25, and for her son **David Burgess** in his sorrow.
- + in thanksgiving for the retirement from Portland State University of **Caroline Litzenberger.**
- + in thanksgiving for **Paul and Pamma LaCroix**, who were married at St. Michael's on June 23.



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## SUMMER FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### APPLE PIE SUNDAY

Do you like apple pie? Come on, who doesn't? Join us after the 9:00 and 11:00 am and 1:00 pm liturgies on Sunday, July 8, for apple pie and all the fixins'.

### SUMMER CONNECTIONS ARE BACK!

Again this summer, your St. Michael's staff members will lead outings in the Portland area to help build connections. All of these outings are free (or cheap) and are something that the staff member enjoys doing and would like to share with others. Watch your bulletin for outing details. Here are this year's offerings in brief:

**Chris Craun**—*Goonies*, at Lents Park on Sunday, July 29

**Gabe Lamazares**—Roller-skating at Oaks Park, Saturday, July 14 at 7:00 pm

**Gloria Orellana**—Bike ride through the "Twin Tunnels" between Hood River and Mosier, Saturday, July 28

**Leslie Sackett and Hannah Brewer**—*Opera on the Green*; see Page 7 in this newsletter for more details.

### PARISH EUCHARIST AND PICNIC

Mark your calendars for our Parish Picnic happening on Sunday, July 15, in Rose City Park, NE 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and Tillamook. Services will take place at 7:30 am at St. Michael's, but there will be no 9:00 or 11:00 am or 1:00 pm services at the church. **Instead, we will celebrate the Eucharist in the park at 11:00 am**, followed by a potluck picnic, games and piñatas! So bring a dish to share and, in our effort to reduce, reuse, and recycle, please bring your own plates and utensils. We hope to see all of you there.

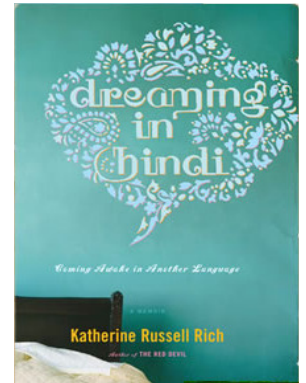
— Susie Silva-Strommer, Sr. Warden

## ASSISTANT RECTOR'S CORNER: SUMMER READING PART I

The arrival of summer always finds me hankering to dive into a good book or three. These books are on my list for 2012. Perhaps some of you would like to join me in a virtual book club?

*How God Changes Your Brain* by Andrew Newberg, MD, and Mark Robert Wildman. This book continues from where Dr. Newberg's last book (*Why God Won't Go Away*) left off. Newberg is one of the foremost researchers on the neuroscience of belief. The chapters include explorations of how our images of God shape our way of being and how spiritual practices work in the context of our growing knowledge of the brain.

*Dreaming in Hindi* by Katherine Russell Rich. As a native bilingual individual, knowing two languages the way people who learned them as children do, I have always been interested in linguistics and how my experience of the world is shaped and mediated by language. *Dreaming in Hindi* is an engaging memoir by a magazine editor who goes to India for a full-year immersion course in Hindi to explore just how adults can acquire a new language and how that new language can alter their perceptions of the world by introducing a different way of seeing and naming.



*Black Battle, White Night: The Authorized Biography of Malcolm Boyd* by Michael Battle. Malcolm Boyd is an Episcopal priest whose story of engagement with social issues from the 1960s to now has no equal. In this book, he is interviewed by another Episcopal priest, The Rev. Michael Battle, Canon Theologian in the Diocese of Los Angeles. Battle is younger than Boyd, he is black while Boyd is white, he is straight while Boyd is gay. I can't wait to listen in on this conversation, while I'm also getting a clearer picture into the remarkable life story of an amazing and inspirational person.

Please let me know if you read any of these this summer. I'd love to exchange impressions with you!

— Gabe Lamazares

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## TAIZÉ PRAYERS THIS SUMMER

Summertime is a great time to join in the Taizé Prayers. Gather from 7:00-8:00 pm in the Nativity Hall for quiet moments, mediation, prayer and singing the chants of the Taizé Community. Come join us for moments of refreshment and peace, and bring your friends along. Taizé Prayers will happen on July 9 and August 11, the second Monday of each month.

— David Perry

## CHANGES TO CHOIR LEADERSHIP

Recently, Scott Tuomi talked with Chris about taking the upcoming program year off from leading the St. Michael's Singers to attend to family issues. Scott suggested that asking Brian Tierney to fill in for him would create the least disruption to the music program. Brian is greatly improved and is willing to step in as a temporary replacement. Chris approved this change, and an announcement was made at the choir potluck a couple of weeks ago. This transition will need to be approved by the Personnel Committee and an agreement drawn up.

At this point, the plan is that Brian will begin working with Hannah and the Worship and Music Committee in August and be ready to lead the choir in early September. We're looking forward to Brian's return to St. Michael's Singers and wish Scott all the best during his time off.

— Chris Craun and Susie Silva-Strommer

## SUMMER LITURGIES

As discussed in the Forum gathering on June 3, we are exploring ways to make the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Sunday services distinctive this summer. The 9:00 am services will remain "traditional," with music and liturgy from the 1982 Hymnal and the Book of Common Prayer, supported by the



organ. Most of the 11:00 am services in July and August, however, will have a distinctly Celtic flavor. In the past, the Celtic liturgies at St. Michael's have been very successful and popular, so we have decided to expand on these throughout the summer in order to provide an alternative worship service. Expect to hear plenty of Irish and Scottish tunes and alternative readings as we explore this engaging but contemplative style of worship.

On a related note, if you have a hidden talent or interest in Celtic music and would like to be involved in these liturgies, please feel free to contact Hannah Brewer at [hannahcbrewer@gmail.com](mailto:hannahcbrewer@gmail.com) or Scott Tuomi at [scottt@stmaa.org](mailto:scottt@stmaa.org).

— Hannah Brewer

## ST. MICHAEL'S RECOVERY MINISTRY

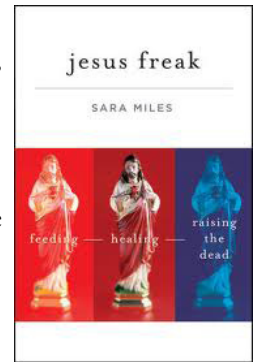
Join us in celebrating Recovery Sunday on July 22. With hope, faith, and courage, we who have been so freely given the gift of sobriety in recovery wish to share the joy of the Twelve Steps of Recovery with all of our community. Phillip Blomberg is to preach, and the Recovery Ministry has invited Neil L., addictions counselor, to share his message of gratitude and experience at the Forum which will take place in between the services, at 10:10 am.

Then join us in the celebration of recovery and sobriety with St. Michael's Recovery Ministry's *Month of Forums*.

## ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK GROUP: SUMMER READING PART II

St. Michael's Book Group will be meeting twice this summer before another Messenger is published: on July 12, the group will gather to discuss *Jesus Freak* by Sara Miles; on August 9, we will discuss *The Soul of Christianity: Restoring the Great Tradition* by Huston Smith. We will gather on each of those evenings at 7:00 in St. Michael's House.

In *Jesus Freak*, Sara Miles (the author of *Take this Bread*), aims to inspire her readers "to be Jesus and to take up Jesus' work in the world." This is, as the book jacket notes say, "a radical call." Using "real stories of giving, mercy, love, forgiveness, service and generosity in the midst of the messy, sometimes difficult and painful life of Miles and her community," she asks us to set aside "abstract theology or doctrinal moralizing" and focus on living into Jesus' teachings.



Copies of this book will soon be available for purchase in the main office for \$14.00. Gillian Butler will lead the discussion; Caroline will be in Indianapolis for General Convention.

Huston Smith's *The Soul of Christianity* will be the focus of our discussion on Thursday, August 9. This book is divided into three parts: *The Christian Worldview*, *The Christian Story* and *The Three Main Branches of Christianity Today*. In his preface, Smith declares what this book is *not*: "it is not a complete account of its subject;" "it is not a scholarly treatise," and "it is not combative." He continues, "I have tried to describe a Christianity which is fully compatible with everything we now know, and to indicate why Christians feel privileged to give their lives to it."

— Caroline Litzenberger

Beginning July 22 and continuing through August 12, the St. Michael & All Angel's Recovery Ministry has invited guest speakers from Al-Anon, AA, NA and other anonymous organizations to share with us "what it was like, what happened, and what it is like now." This will be an opportunity for all to learn more and share in experience and fellowship, and all are welcome to all of the Forums.

*St. Michael & 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

## OUTREACH & JUSTICE MINISTRIES

### PRIDE NORTHWEST PARADE

It just gets bigger and more fun every year! A great cloud of witnesses were on hand for the Pride Parade on June 17, showing God's loving face for all. Over a hundred Episcopalians walked together with signs showing each parish's name and led by our own Edgar Cedeño, with Bishop Hanley, who juggled



a ball along the route in his purple tennis shoes. It was a great time to meet or reconnect with friends from other churches, many of whom came from out of town, and be recognized as a church where all are welcome.

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### MDGs: PLANNING AHEAD

At the turn of this century, the world's leaders helped to formulate what has become known as the **Millennium Development Goals** (MDGs). These goals provide a framework for giving aid to underdeveloped countries as well as helping eradicate poverty in our own country.

The Goals are listed here:

1. Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
2. Provide universal primary education
3. Promote gender equality and empower women
4. Reduce child mortality
5. Improve maternal health
6. Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases
7. Ensure environmental sustainability
8. Develop a global partnership for development

With these goals in mind, over the past few years the Outreach and Justice Ministry has put together the Alternative Gift Catalog in time for Christmas giving. We hope to encourage all of us to be thoughtful in our giving and to put our money where it can do the most good.

Following are the agencies that we included in the catalog last year: Altrusa Foundation; Central City Concern; Community Transitional School; Good Samaritan Ministries School in Zambia; Habitat for Humanity Women Build; Kapanga Nutrition Program; Loaves and Fishes Hollywood; NE Emergency Food Program; Sisters of the Road Café; and Sustainable Harvest International.

Are you involved with, or do you support an agency or organization that you would like to see included in the catalog? If so, you can call me or email me so that the Outreach & Justice Ministries can include it in a discussion about the catalog for 2012. Your input is appreciated.

— Ann Smith, 503/284-9829, sraannsmith@gmail.com

### JULY IS PICNIC MONTH

The 3rd Annual Integrity/St. Michael's picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 28, and will be held again in Laurelhurst Park, Picnic Area A. Be sure to stay for the Pop-Up Eucharist led by The Rev. Karen Ward. We are on the hunt for the loan of a portable gas grill to use for the delectable grub. Watch the bulletins for more details; and if you have questions or can help with the grill, contact Michael Sagun at [michaelsagun@comcast.net](mailto:michaelsagun@comcast.net).

### PORCHLIGHT/STREETLIGHT

The Porchlight/Streetlight Ministry is in need of a few more good cooks in order to feed the large number of homeless and street teens who rely on the shelter for a meal. Many of these children have been thrown out of their homes because of sexual orientation or home difficulties, and the shelter is a safe place to eat and get help. Contact Meg and Jonathan at [linruby@teleport.com](mailto:linruby@teleport.com) if you can help with this once-a-month ministry.

Outreach & Justice does not stop meeting during the summer. Join us at 6:30 pm on July 5 in the Parish Hall.

— Susan Barnett and Lynn Baker, Co-coordinators

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### ADVOCACY ACTION

A new group is forming out of the enthusiasm generated by the recent *Bread for the World* letter-writing campaign. The group's tentative name is *Advocacy Action*, and the first meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 23, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Raphael Room. At that meeting, we will establish a regular day and time for future meetings.

The purpose of the group is to get together once a month and discuss issues in need of advocacy, and to support each other in our advocacy efforts. These efforts would include calling or emailing public officials, writing letters or postcards, or even visiting our elected representatives. Members of the group would be free to pursue their own issues and interests. The meetings would provide an informal space to discuss these issues and an opportunity to circulate letters for those who might want to sign on. All are welcome.

There's an oft-quoted statistic that for every letter or phone call to a public official, there's at least 100 people who would do likewise if they had the time, energy, or know-how to do it. We're here to help! For further information, please contact Alice Hardesty at [ahardesty88@comcast.net](mailto:ahardesty88@comcast.net) or 503/206-7770; or Jim Anderson at [retpas@gmail.com](mailto:retpas@gmail.com) or 503/284-1228.

— Alice Hardesty

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### GOT SAUCE?

You are encouraged to bring spaghetti sauce in jars or cans (any brand, any flavor, any size) to St. Michael's during the month of July. Our well-attended Community Meal takes place every last Saturday of the month at 11:30 am and relies heavily on donated sauce. You can place your sauce on the chancel steps as you come in.

## CONVERSATIONS ABOUT IMMIGRATION: SHARING OUR STORIES

During the last several months, members of the Immigrant Welcoming Congregation (IWC) team have been holding conversations with fellow parishioners at St. Michael's to hear our diverse immigration stories and our desires for deeper connections with one another and interest in advocacy for more just immigration policies. We hope that a clearer picture of what it means to be an immigrant welcoming congregation will emerge through this process.

As part of this effort, several IWC team members joined Misa members at their May 6 convivio to share our own immigration stories and life experiences that have influenced our desire to work towards these social justice goals. Besides sharing a delicious meal with us and listening, 15 members of the Misa congregation expressed interest in meeting individually with members of the IWC team for one-on-one conversations to share stories and interests and to deepen connections with each other! We will have these conversations over the next couple months with an interpreter present when needed.

On May 13, we had our first opportunity to work together in common mission by participating in the Oregon and Washington New Sanctuary Movement's 4th Annual Interfaith Mother's Day Vigil at the ICE Northwest Detention Center in Tacoma, Washington, the holding facility for all persons facing deportation orders from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Montana. Nine members of our St. Michael's community—including three from the Misa—joined about 70 others from Oregon and Washington for this event. If you would like to have a conversation about immigration issues or to become involved the IWC process at St. Michael's, please let one of us know. We would love to talk with you!

— Bev Hoeffler, for the IWC Team

## O & J SPECIAL SUMMER PROJECT

### BACKPACKS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES SEND LOVE AND HOPE TO FOSTER CARE CHILDREN

St. Michael's enjoys a special partnership with the NE Portland DHS office that serves local children in the foster care system. One of the ways we love to support kids in foster care is through the **Back to School Backpack Project** which provides backpacks and school supplies to children who otherwise would have to start the school year empty-handed. For most children, going back to school in September includes the joy of a "back-to-school shopping trip" for new clothes, school supplies and backpacks—something many of us take for granted.

**During the month of August, St. Michael's will collect new backpacks and school supplies for children in foster care.** At 10:00 am on Sunday, August 19, parishioners will meet in the Nativity Hall to assemble the backpacks with the

## EMPLOYMENT NETWORK UPDATE

The St. Michael's Employment Network, led by two human-resource professionals, has been meeting every Monday at noon for over two years. During that period of time, over 30 folks participating in the group have found jobs. But it's time for a break! Monday, June 25, 2012, was the last meeting of the Employment Network for the rest of the summer.

There are three reasons leading to the decision to go on hiatus. Summer is the slowest time of year for hiring; group members need time to travel, go camping, and participate in family reunions; and then there is the good news that Portland's unemployment rate is dropping and there are fewer people joining the ranks of the unemployed.

In September, we will reassess the need to restart the Employment Network. If unemployment continues to be an issue, we will start meetings mid-month after school is back in session and hiring again begins to rise. Employment opportunity listings, new job postings, company expansion announcements, etc., will continue to be forwarded to all group members on the email list. If you would like to be added to that list, please email Carol at the address below.

During the next two months, anyone needing assistance with his or her job search, resumés, cover letters or other employment issues should feel free to email Carol Ward at hrserv@aol.com.

— Carol Ward and John Pedisich



school supplies, and those backpacks will be delivered to children in time for the first day of school.

For last two years, we've had an incredible outpouring of support for this wonderful project, and we hope to do the same this year! Thank you, St. Michael's, for helping to make that important first day of school a happier one for foster-care children who especially need the love and support of their friends, family and their community.

### Recommended School Supplies for K-5 Students

12 #2 pencils	8 broad-tip markers
2 packs wide-ruled loose-leaf paper	1 pair of scissors (for elementary-age children)
2 glue sticks	12-count box colored pencils
1 box tissue	1 wide-ruled bound notebook
1 pencil case	1 pink eraser
24-count box crayons	4 pocket folders

Thank you for your assistance in this very worthwhile project.

— Leslie Sackett

## THE JOYFUL NEWS SUMMER 2012



**St. Michael's is the Place for Summer Fun from A – Z for Children and Families!** We begin the month of July creating our own Alphabet Books and sharing our picks for favorite books and authors.

July 15<sup>th</sup> is the Parish Picnic which will include Worship in the Park, lots of yummy food, and fun games for kids! Also, be sure to check out the four weeks of inter-generational Godly Play classes beginning July 22. Open to all ages 4 and up, this summer's Godly Play class is a wonderful opportunity for kids and parents to experience Godly Play together and it's a great time for anyone interested in learning more about Godly Play to join the circle. And, of course, there is childcare and Children's Liturgy of the Word each and every Sunday, too!

**Wherever your summer takes you, we hope you will make Sundays at St. Michael's a regular part of your family's adventure!** Check out all we have planned and be sure to watch the weekly *eblast* for the most up-to-date information about what's happening at St. Michael's.

— Leslie Sackett, Associate for Ministry with Children & Families

**July 1 Summer Fun From A - Z!** Come to the Nativity Hall and get inspired! Pick up some nifty craft supplies to get started creating your own Alphabet Book about a favorite subject or something you want to learn more about this summer. What will fill the pages of your book? *Animals? Olympic sports? Lego creations? Famous artists, composers or maybe the farmer's market?* ABC books are a great project for elementary-age students and a wonderful summer project for families with young children.

**July 8 Apple Pie Sunday!** In honor of our nation's birthday we'll enjoy apple pie during the 10:00 hour and directly after the 11:00 liturgy. Supplies available for ABC Books, too!

**July 15 Parish Picnic 11:00 am** at Rose City Park, NE 62<sup>th</sup> & Tillamook

**July 22 & 29 Inter-generational Godly Play class** 10:10 am (Godly Play classroom)

**August 5 & 12 Inter-generational Godly Play class** 10:10 am (Godly Play classroom)

**August 19 Back-to-school Backpack Project!** Assemble backpacks with school supplies for children in the foster-care system.

**August 26 Game Day!** What's old is new again! Join us in the Nativity Hall at 10:00 am to play your favorite board games, eat some yummy snacks, and listen to classic oldies from the 50s & 60s for some good old-fashioned FUN.



## SENIOR MOMENTS

St. Michael's has been blessed with a fantastic cohort of graduating high school seniors, but we're now in the unenviable position of having to say good-bye as they stretch their wings and move on to colleges both near and far, to work and to other pursuits. They have shared their gifts, energy and enthusiasm with the St. Michael's community by being ushers, acolytes and choir members, and they have participated in a variety of service activities as well.

**Edgar Cedeño Luevano**, a graduate of David Douglas High School, plans to attend Warner Pacific College in Southeast Portland. He plans to study sociology, with maybe a little psychology thrown in, and is interested in pursuing social activism for the LGBT community. Because he'll be living at home, he plans to continue attending St. Michael's and serving as an acolyte and a lay Eucharistic minister for the Misa. He's been an acolyte for nine years and is presently the only LEM for the Misa. Edgar received an honors award from the American Sign



Language Honor Society upon graduation and plans to increase his proficiency in what will be his third language.

The language of music has been a long-time passion of **Duncan Tuomi**, who just graduated from Cleveland High School. He was active in music and drama at Cleveland and sang in several choirs both at school and city-wide as well as with the *a cappella* group Cloud Nine, which has performed at St. Michael's. Duncan will attend St. Olaf College in Northfield, MN, which is well known for its music programs and many choral groups. At St. Michael's, Duncan enjoyed singing with the choir and Takes the Fifth as his schedule allowed. He also participated in the choir's Broadway night, as videographer the first two years and turning in a stellar performance this year singing *C'est Moi* from *Camelot*.

**Liliana Gomez Rodriguez** is a graduate of Franklin High School. At Franklin, she played soccer for a couple of years and liked hanging out with friends. Lili started working at the Aeropostale store in Clackamas Town Center a few months ago, which she enjoys. She will start classes at Portland State University in the fall but is not sure yet of her area of study, although she is considering pre-law. At St. Michael's, she ushered occasionally and participated in Grupo Juvenil.

**Keven Maldonado Pérez** is looking forward to a summer break from school and would like to work for a few months. Keven graduated from Thomas Edison High School and says that when his brain is rested up, he plans to attend Portland Community College. In high school, he participated in the ride-along program with a Portland Police Department officer which he enjoyed and which may lead him to a career in law enforcement.

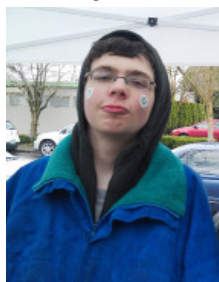
Portland Community College is the destination of **Lisa Meneses Zurita** as well, a graduate of Madison High School. Lisa is in the process of joining the Army National Guard, during

which time she will attend PCC and then transfer to Pacific University to study optometry. Lisa has been a very active member of St. Michael's. She has been an usher for the past couple of years and participated in the youth mission trip to Yakima in 2010. One of her favorite memories at St. Michael's is of the Shrove Tuesday pancake dinners.

Being an usher was just one of the several activities that **Aidan Orellana** participated in at St. Michael's. Aidan just graduated from Madison High School and plans to attend Loyola University in New Orleans, LA. In addition to being a seven-year ushering veteran, Aidan also participated in Sunday Lunch cleanup for a couple of years and in the Trader Joe's food pickup at 11:00 am every Saturday for the past two years. He is also an avid mission-tripper, having worked with Habitat for Humanity on trips to Wyoming, New Orleans and Modesto, CA, with Westminster Presbyterian Church.



**Sam Kowash**, a Cleveland High School graduate, will be off to the Oregon State University Honors College in the fall to study physics and mathematics. Already thinking ahead to graduate school, he plans to pursue either astrophysics or particle physics as a researcher. While at St. Michael's, he was an acolyte for two or three years and later enjoyed participating in the High School Confidential movie nights. Sam is in his third summer as a lifeguard, this year at Creston Pool.



St. Michael's has been so fortunate to have these young people growing up in our midst and sharing their many gifts with us and with our community. Hoping that they always know that our thoughts and prayers are with them, we now give them our blessings as they move out to share their gifts with the world.

— Sue Quanbeck

## SUMMER MUSIC CAMP FOR KIDS!

Join teachers Audrey Sackett and Paige Whaley for **American Music Summer Camp, August 13 – 17, from 8:30 am – 3:00 pm**. This week-long exploration of the magic of American music will introduce students to four distinctive musical genres, plus some of the leading figures in American musical history. **The American Music Summer Camp is for students ages 5-7 and 8-12 (separate groups)**. Students will awaken their creativity in multi-sensory-based, age-appropriate workshops while participating in stories, art, dance, choir and music-appreciation classes.

Special performances presented by local musicians will showcase famous musical works for the campers. Daily camp assemblies focused on dance, music history and music games will round out the week of fun and learning. A celebratory performance for family and friends will be held Friday, August 17, at 3:00 pm.

## OPERA ON THE GREEN!

### LESLIE AND HANNAH'S SUMMER CONNECTION

A picnic dinner with friends on the lawn of Concordia University on a warm summer night, the air filled with the delightful music of Johann Strauss' comic opera, *Die Fledermaus* presented free in concert version by world class opera singers—*what could possibly be better?* That's the question Hannah Brewer and Leslie Sackett asked themselves as they planned to co-host their Summer Connection: *Opera on the Green* for St. Michael's parishioners. Their answer? A pre-performance class to learn more about the opera, taught by distinguished actor, director and lecturer Michael Berkson, of course!

This year, we are thrilled to announce that as part of our Summer Connection, St. Michael's parishioner Michael Berkson will offer a class about *Die Fledermaus* on Wednesday, August 8, in the Nativity Hall at 7:00 pm. If you are new to the world of opera, or if you just want to learn a little bit more about *Die Fledermaus* and what to listen for when you attend the performance, then Michael's class is for you! Having taught similar classes in conjunction with the Portland Opera for well over fifteen years, we are extremely grateful that Michael is sharing his expertise with us this summer.

*Die Fledermaus* is being presented on Saturday, August 11, at 6:00 pm on the beautiful lawn of Concordia University in NE Portland. Hannah and Leslie invite you to join them for Michael Berkson's class on Wednesday, August 8, at 7:00 pm and for the free, outdoor performance of *Die Fledermaus* on Saturday, August 11, at 6:00 pm. It's best to arrive early at Concordia (2811 NE Holman St.) for easy parking and best seating. Sign-ups for this summer connection can be found in the Gallery outside the church office, or email Leslie Sackett, [leslie.sackett@comcast.net](mailto:leslie.sackett@comcast.net) or Hannah Brewer, [hannahbrewer@gmail.com](mailto:hannahbrewer@gmail.com). Please let us know you are coming so that we can be in contact with you before the event. Tra, la, la, la! We hope to see you there!

— Leslie Sackett

Tuition is \$140 per student, and a \$40 materials fee is requested with registration (includes craft supplies, snacks, and take-home materials). Registration forms available online or in the church Gallery. Questions? Please email Paige or Audrey at [americanmusic2012@gmail.com](mailto:americanmusic2012@gmail.com) for more information.

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— Audrey Sackett

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# St. Michael's PARISH PICNIC



Bring your family and your friends!

**Sunday, July 15, at 11:00 am**

**Rose City Park, at NE 62<sup>nd</sup> and Tillamook**

Plan to arrive early for this bilingual liturgy with music and Eucharist.

## EUCHARIST & POTLUCK

After the service, we'll enjoy camaraderie and good food – provided by all of you!  
Please bring one or more of the following items: main dish, salad, dessert, or snack.

Come equipped with your own table service, beverages, chairs, and blankets.

Water will be available.