

# SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### DEAR FAITHFUL PARISHIONERS,

There's a reason we don't call it "Welcome Back Sunday": it feels like we never went away! While there is a wonderful ebb and flow, a coming and going, to our summer months, with vacations and trips and breaks throughout, there was a constant sense of community here. So instead of saying "Welcome Back," it is time to "Get on Board!" On Sunday, September 16, our traditional ministry fair returns with most of our 70+ ministries on display, eager for new volunteers, interested in new thoughts, and ready to embark on another program year.

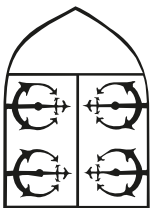
The summer months had some particular highlights that will continue to be part of conversations, celebrations, and formation experiences. I found myself preaching in a multi-part series—parts one and two, so far—around how we, as Episcopalians, talk about Jesus. This topic arose from my response to recent editorials about how the Episcopal Church is identifying itself. The feedback I have received has indicated that many would like further dialogue around this topic, and I look forward to finding the right format to facilitate these conversations.

Members of our Adult Formation Planning Team, who collected information via *Survey Monkey* in the spring and have been meeting for the past year, were able to give a report to the Vestry in July around what surfaced as goals and objectives in our vision of Adult Formation at St. Michael's. That news and information will be shared with the congregation at the Forum on October 21 as the Adult Formation Implementation Team begins to put the plan into action.

And on a personal note, celebrations! Bishop Michael Hanley has offered to preside at a service to bless the union between Carrie and me on Sunday, September 30, at 4:00 pm at St. Michael's, with a reception to follow. We hope that you can be here as we offer our gratitude to this incredible community of love and support.

Faithfully,

The Reverend Christopher Craun +



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## YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED . . .

- + for healing and comfort for **Gloria Fitzpatrick**, **Ed Rouffy**, and **Carlos Nuñez**.
- + for the repose of the soul of **Andrew Rollins**, who died on Aug. 23, and for his daughter **Suzanne** in her sorrow.
- + for the repose of the soul of **David Alan White**, who died on Aug. 29, and for his sisters and brothers-in-law **Nancy and Rick Parker** and **Karen and Mitch Oglesby** in their sorrow.
- + in thanksgiving for the birth of **Mckinley Davin Long**, first grandchild of **David and Susan Long**, on Aug. 27.
- + in thanksgiving for the birth of **Ewan Rankine Barnett**, born on Aug. 9 to **Andrea Lampman and Christopher Barnett**.
- + for all those suffering the effects of recent natural disasters, including drought, forest fires, and hurricanes.



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## ALL ABOARD!

Don't miss **Get on Board Sunday** at September 16 at 10:10 am and 12:15 pm. Come and learn about the many ministries at St. Michael's. Do you like to spend time with children? Maybe you would enjoy helping out in the childcare area one Sunday a month. Are you pressed for time but still want the opportunity to participate in a ministry from time to time? Consider volunteering at the Foster Kids Holiday Party in December. Would you be willing to include people in need



in your prayers? Perhaps the Prayer Chain ministry is for you. Representatives from many areas, including Adult Formation, Pastoral Care, and Music, Youth and Family Ministries, will be present.

Wherever your interests lie, come and find out about the many ministry opportunities here at St. Michael's. We look forward to speaking with you!

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## SAFETY REMINDER

At St. Michael's, the staff works very hard to keep our church safe for everybody. Unfortunately, we live with the realities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Several members of an outside group that uses St. Michael's as a meeting space recently experienced a theft. Although rare, this unfortunate event serves as a reminder that even here at St. Michael's we need to be mindful of our personal belongings. If you have any questions or safety concerns, please be sure to talk to Chris or a Vestry member.

— Susie Silva-Strommer, Senior Warden

## ASSISTANT RECTOR'S CORNER

While Portlanders were wandering around in a daze enjoying our first few solid days of sunshine in July, the 77th General Convention of the Episcopal Church was meeting in Indianapolis. For those who might be new to the Episcopal Church, General Convention is our triennial legislative convention, empowered to consider matters and make decisions for the whole church. GenCon is a delightful combination of legislature, trade show, and family reunion. The legislative part of the proceedings takes place in two chambers: the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies. Both houses must concur on resolutions in identical language for the resolutions to take effect.

Here are just a few highlights of actions taken by the 77th General Convention:

A062—*Amend Canon II.3.5* Allows the Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer to offer translations of the Standard Book of Common Prayer in other languages using a style that reflects the idiomatic and cultural contexts of such languages.

D016—*Church Center Location* Expresses the will of the Convention that the Church Center be moved away from the Episcopal Church Center building at 815 Second Avenue (in Manhattan).

A050—*Create Task Force on the Study of Marriage* Authorizes the creation of a task force on the study of marriage to identify and explore dimensions of marriage, and directs it to consult with the Standing commission on Constitution and Canons, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music, other churches in the Anglican Communion, ecumenical partners, couples living in marriage and other lifelong committed relationships, and single adults.

A017—*Monitor the Use and Ethics of Drone Warfare* Commends the Bishop Suffragan for the Armed Forces, and urges monitoring of the continued use of remotely-controlled aircraft and their ethical implications for reporting to the 78th General Convention.

D067—*DREAM Act* Supports pathways of citizenship for undocumented youth and young adults in the United States of America and educational scholarships for such persons to have access to higher education.

That's only five of over a hundred resolutions passed. The Episcopal Church is taking strong ethical stands, making important decisions, and guiding its constituent dioceses and congregations towards the future. I urge all of us to take a moment to download the Summary of Actions of the 77th General Convention from <http://generalconvention.org> and have a look at what this church is up to on a national scale. There is a lot there to make us proud!

— Gabe Lamazares

## STEWARDSHIP NEWS



The long warm and lazy days of summer are beginning to wane, and as we begin to enter another fall season and recommit to the normal activities associated with this season—back to school, piano or other lessons, extracurricular activities with our children, and so on—let's not forget about our church community. This is also a time of year to recommit to our church community.

At St. Michael's, we encourage our members to become active in the life of the church. For those of you who may not know, we have some 74 different ministries here, and all of them would love an infusion of new people bringing gifts of new ideas and new energy. These ministries need our financial support to continue to thrive. Many of these ministries support and aid people outside our church community and beyond our borders. We are thankful that we can share our gifts, and it is our aim to continue to strengthen and grow these ministries and add new ministries as we are called to do so.

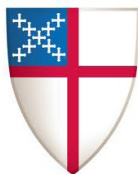
Last spring, we began a series of home gatherings designed to encourage all of us to look at what we are doing at the present time and what we might want to do in the future to align ourselves to God's call for us. Out of these small-group gatherings, three priorities for our community came to light: to fairly compensate our staff and expand our present staff positions to better serve our children, youth and young adults; to support the coordination of our volunteer and outreach efforts; and to improve our facility management.

These priorities are God's call to action. As committed members of this body of Christ—St. Michael & All Angels Church—let's move forward with these goals for 2013 and beyond, trusting in all that is good and just and true. *Never resist a generous impulse.* Together, we can move mountains.

— Dan Bagwell, Chair of the Stewardship Committee, with Edith Arriaga, Holly Denniston, Rob Downer, Gabe Lamazares, Jen McBratney, Jim Robbins, and Vestry Liaison Ann Hargraves

## EPISCOPAL 101 RETURNS

The St. Michael's clergy—Rector Chris Craun, Assistant Rector Gabe Lamazares, and Priest Associates Caroline Litzenberger and David Perry—are offering four sessions of Episcopal 101 again this fall. If you are new to the Episcopal Church or to St. Michael's, or if you have some questions about why we do what we do, please join us. Classes will be held on Tuesdays in October, beginning October 2, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Hall, and will cover many aspects of the Episcopal Church. You are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions, as each one stands alone.



— Chris Craun

## ST. MICHAEL'S SINGERS UPDATE

Please extend a warm "welcome back" to the St. Michael's Singers on Sunday, September 9, as well as to our Acting Music Director Brian Tierney. The St. Michael's choirs are gearing up for a great-looking season of worship and song.

As many of you may know, Scott Tuomi is taking a sabbatical this year so that he can help develop a new program out at Pacific University as well as focus on family matters. In his absence, Brian Tierney, our own tenor section leader, has stepped into Scott's role and is looking forward to leading the singers in the upcoming season.



Brian has not only been a member of the St. Michael's Singers for four years, but he has sung professionally around the Portland metro area and across the country. He has both a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Music and is looking forward to introducing the choir to some beautiful music both old and new.

— Brian Tierney, Hannah Brewer, and Chris Craun

## MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND

September is Mission Endowment Fund month. The Fund principal is an accumulation of legacy gifts at St. Michael's. Grants from Fund income support outreach and other missions that are not part of parish operations or the operating budget. These grants help us as a Christian community to go beyond our responsibility to ourselves as a parish. In the past few years, Endowment Fund grants have been used for Godly Play training, technology and computer updating, scholarships for St. Michael's children attending Latino summer camp, contributing toward the cost of those working with El Porvenir in Nicaragua, Circles of Trust training, and many more.

All are welcome to contribute to the Endowment Fund this month or at any time during the year. St. Michael's Day, which we celebrate on Sunday, September 30, is traditionally a time to give to the Fund, and pledging members of the parish who use envelopes will find one marked for the Fund in their packet. We strongly encourage everyone to help our fund grow so its good work can continue. If you would like to know more about requesting a grant or contributing towards the Endowment Fund, please contact one of the committee members: John Pedisich, Ruthanne Bullock, and Rick Grimshaw.

— John Pedisich for the Fund Committee



## OUTREACH & JUSTICE MINISTRIES

### L'ARCHE PORTLAND FORUM

Plan to attend the Forum on September 9 at 10:10 am when L'Arche Portland will join us to speak about their organization. It was necessary to reschedule them from last spring, and we want to have lots of folks on hand to hear what they have to say. L'Arche is a family of able-bodied and disabled folks who support each other and work together. One of their projects is to sell Christmas trees in December, which St. Michael's actively supports. Benefits for L'Arche's work coming up include a 7:00 pm Taizé Prayer service on September 13 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and a concert on September 22. We'll hear more about these events when we welcome L'Arche to St. Michael's on September 9. Don't miss it!

### GET ON BOARD!

Feel the excitement of learning about how very many ministries exist in our church and how you can get involved. On September 16, the Forum hour will showcase ministries of all sorts, including our many outreach opportunities. From putting on receptions to furnishing food to working with children to advocacy, there is a niche or two for you.

### AIDSWALK IS COMING SOON!

Plan to join the fun on September 23. Sign up to walk with the *A Team* in an easy 5K walk with thousands of participants and feel the energy! If you can't join the walk, donate today. Our own Alazar Manning is spearheading the *A Team* and last year won an award for his efforts and donations. Recently, Alazar earned the *Youth In Philanthropy* award for his 2011 CAP Walk fundraising achievement from The Association of Fundraising Professionals (Oregon and SW Washington). Alazar has earned our congratulations, and he is hard at work doing it again. Let's help him out! Kids are welcome at the walk; there is a Kids Korner in Pioneer Square before and after the race with balloons, face-painting, and more. Go to the Cascade AIDS Project website and learn how to get involved. The festivities begin at 9:00 am; step-off is at 11:00 am.

### THE TRADER JOE'S MINISTRY WANTS YOU!

Have a car and a strong back? Don't mind getting up early? Want to help feed your neighbors? We are looking for some alternate volunteers to help out when our regular volunteers are unavailable. This is also an excellent community-service opportunity for teens and their parents to do together. Contact Pete Miller at [petem574@aol.com](mailto:petem574@aol.com) for more information.



— Lynn Baker and Susan Barnett, Co-Coordination of Outreach & Justice Ministries

## REPORTING FROM AFRICA

St. Michael's Outreach & Justice Ministries hosted a Forum just before Advent led by The Rev. Roddy Rowe and his wife Dr. Alice Rowe, who spoke about their involvement with the Kapanga Nutrition Program. The program will appear again this Christmas season in the Alternative Gift Catalog. The Rowes returned in July after two months in the Democratic Republic of Congo and send this (excerpted) letter of thanks.

*Dear Friends,*

*We are so grateful for your support of this new program sponsored by Hope for the Children of Africa to help severely malnourished children in The Democratic Republic of Congo. A few weeks ago Alice and I returned from Masumba Village in the south-central area of the country confident that we had witnessed the planting of a seed of hope in the midst of so much poverty, disease and hunger.*



*Because of your generous gifts, we saw kids go from death to life. By the end of this year, 191 children will have gone through a four-week program in which they receive this high-potency peanut-based supplement made by our nutrition team in the village while their families receive a short course in good nutrition.*

*The startup period went so well and holds out such promise that we are considering doubling the number of children we are serving by Christmas of this year. Your continuing generosity will allow us to help begin to turn a whole village from a past of hunger to a future of promise.*

*Our website, [rodyrowe.com](http://rodyrowe.com), has been completely redone to tell the story of this new mission of hope in pictures and stories. On the Welcome Page, you can actually see one of the children your giving offered a new chance at life.*

*In gratitude, Roddy and Alice Rowe*

## PASTORAL CARE UPDATE

This fall, four families in our St. Michael's community are expecting new babies. Welcoming newborns and supporting their parents has always been an important part of our pastoral-care outreach. Currently, this area is without a leader. Would you be interested? Please contact the clergy or pastoral-care Vestry leaders Richard Hartman and Elizabeth Rouffy for more information.

Our meal-delivery ministry needs have decreased recently. We're glad that folks in our community appear to be well and healthy. However, if you or yours should fall on hard times and need a meal or two, there is a group in the parish wanting, waiting and willing to help you out. Please make your needs known to the office or to the clergy.

— Richard Hartman

## THE WHOLE ENCHILADA

### SUMMER PARTY COOKS UP RECORD NUMBER OF ENCHILADAS FOR HOMELESS YOUTH SHELTERS

It was a hot night on August 15, but the St. Michael's kitchen was the place to be for a party—an intergenerational cooking party to make a whole lot of enchiladas, rice, and brownies for the homeless youth served by the Janus Porch Light and Street Light shelters.

Accompanied by a playlist from Izzy's iPod, youth and adults chopped onions and garlic, cooked rice, grated cheese, shredded chicken, and made brownies. In the end, we made over 160 Santa Fe-style chicken and cheese enchiladas, which were delivered to the shelters and will be served with rice, refried beans, lettuce, sour cream and chopped tomatoes.

Many thanks to our cooking-party volunteers, including Nate Johnson, Jeffrey Seidl, August and Alex Lindgren-Ruby, Cristina Flores and her mom Edith Arriaga, Brian Gardner and sons Nate and Gabe, Peter and Sanya Cowal, Chris Craun, Izzy Thiele and her mom Susan Marie, Carolyn Moreno, Audene Walraven, and Meg Ruby.

## LETTER FROM ADRIENNE

*Dear Youth of St. Michael & All Angels,*

*This month I urge you to welcome Erin, a new and exciting leader for St. Michael's youth programs.*

*I recently had the opportunity to participate in the national Ecological Society of America conference. As I was attending sessions and listening to famous ecologists, I realized I was actualizing what I wanted to do when I "grew up." I felt a spark, an inner flame, a passion for being a part of something.*

*This is the gift I wish I could give to each of you, but I know you each can or already have found something to be passionate about on your own. Find that spark, let yourself shine in your own way, just as you already do.*

*Thank you for sharing your time with me. Whether that time was spent waking up early to come to church, collecting Styrofoam in the rain, playing laser tag, fundraising, and playing trombone or other musical instruments; whether it was talking about comfort zones, judgments, and values, jumping on trampolines, eating doughnuts, making a difference in New Orleans, playing kickball, studying genetics for a biology test, challenging limits on the rock-climbing wall, praying, or singing together, I thank you.*

*I have a few specific thank-yous for those that spent a week of their lives invested in helping other people on our mission trip. I wrote these on the plane ride home and was waiting for a moment like this to share them:*



For many years, St. Michael's volunteers have gathered nutritious meals and treats in the kitchen to be delivered to youth staying in shelters run by Janus Youth Services. The **Porch Light Shelter** provides emergency housing for 30 new-to-the-streets youth ages 13 to 20. The **Street Light Shelter** provides short-term housing for 30 youth, ages 13 to 20, who are attempting to make changes in their lives.

For more information, contact Meg at [megruby@gmail.com](mailto:megruby@gmail.com) or August at [alindgrenruby@gmail.com](mailto:alindgrenruby@gmail.com), or visit [www.janusyouth.org](http://www.janusyouth.org) to read more about this organization.

— Meg Ruby and August Lindgren-Ruby, Co-coordinators

### *Who Dat?*

**Colin**—*Thank you for your mentorship as a positive role model for the younger members of all youth groups, and for your honesty and sincerity.*

**Steven**—*Thank you for your questions, your leadership, and your positive attitude.*

**Cristina**—*Your unique style and introspection shows me how much you care. Thank you.*

**Drew**—*Your care for the folks at Kingsley House showed me how invested you are, and those relationships along with the prayer you led for us at City of Love church were beautiful.*

**Michael**—*Your gentle spirit and positive attitude set you up as a leader, and I thank you for using it for good.*

**August**—*Your smile lights up a room. Thank you for really caring for the kids at APEX.*

**Taney**—*Your willingness to help people is an example to others. Thank you for listening and playing.*

**Michaella**—*Your lightness and cheerful spirit helps me remember to laugh. Thank you for working so hard.*

**Peter**—*Your integrity to yourself and opening up in questions and discussions really augmented the experience for our group as a whole. Thank you for staying active in yourself.*

**Nate**—*Thank you for your sincerity and willingness to serve. I was repeatedly told how nice you are (but I already knew that).*

**Christian**—*Thank you for opening up to this group and sharing your truly kind-hearted nature with us. You really have a gift for working with kids.*

**Jeff**—*Your fun-loving participation and willingness to engage helped me connect to the program in New Orleans. Thank you.*

**Holy Divine**, please be with all our youth as they begin a new school year with confidence in themselves. Help them remember that you are as close as the breath in their lungs, and help them find that spark of joy and passion in whatever they choose to devote themselves to. Be with Erin as she shares her passion for youth ministry with all of the beautiful middle- and high-school students that find their spiritual home at St. Michael's. Amen.

*With love, Adrienne Louise Godschalx*



## INTRODUCING ERIN HESS

Here at St. Michael's, we have been very blessed to have two amazing young women step in and serve as interim youth leaders this year, and we thank Melissa Miller and Adrienne Godschalx for their excellent leadership. This month, we welcome Erin Hess, our new Associate for Ministries to Youth, to St. Michael's.



Erin comes to us from St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in Beaverton, where she grew up and was very active with the youth group, and where she has

been serving as a volunteer youth group leader since 2009. In addition to her work at St. Bart's, Erin has been part of Diocesan youth activities such as the *Bishop's Ball*, the *Episcopal Youth Event*, and *Teens Encounter Christ*. She is passionate about getting kids involved, and she's very excited about her new position at St. Michael's.

Erin loves the outdoors, panoramic photography, and music of all sorts (lucky for us, she's also a guitar player), and she's a huge Timbers fan. Erin bought her first house a few months ago in Hillsboro and shares it with her two cats, Dude and Buddy.

— Susie Silva-Strommer, Senior Warden

## THE JOYFUL NEWS SEPTEMBER 2012

### ST. MICHAEL'S IS MAKING A JOYFUL NOISE WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES!

One of the great joys of being part of a faith community is sharing the milestones of our lives—the birth of a child, baptisms, graduations, new jobs, birthdays and anniversaries. Big life moments are often signposts for transitions, and they can help show us the way to the next step along our journey and the road that lies ahead. What are the signposts in your family's life, and where might they be pointing?

This September, as we transition to the reality of a new school and program year with all the hope and promises that it brings, I encourage you and your family to recognize and celebrate your life together. Celebrate BIG THINGS and little things. Mourn losses and give thanks for blessings. *Did someone begin kindergarten or ride a bike without training wheels? Was a new child added to the family? Did a beloved friend move away, did mom or dad get a new job, or has someone in your household started music lessons?*

Find time to be silly and time to be silent. Laugh and cry together, sing and pray together, work and play together. Hold each other, love each other, and rejoice in each other! It's all the little moments of our lives that make up those big moments when the ordinary becomes the sacred and we are blessed by one another and strengthened for the work God has given us to do.



I look forward to our shared journey this coming year. Following are a few highlights of some upcoming events at St. Michael's you won't want to miss!

— In joyful anticipation,  
Leslie Sackett, Associate for Children and Families Ministry

**September 9: Enjoy refreshments and a chance to reconnect with other families** as we share our summer stories at 10:10 am in the Mural Room, lower level. *So, how was your summer?*

**September 16: Get on Board Sunday!** Sign up for Godly Play Classes (grades Pre-K to 5th grade) Joyful Noise Choir, Acolyte Ministry, Music Makers, Family Worship Service, Childcare Ministry and more!

**September 23: Experience Music Makers!** Join this delightful half-hour class of song and movement for children and families. Meet in Mural Room at 10:15 to experience Music Makers and learn first-hand why it's so much fun to make music with friends and family!

**September 30: St. Michael's Day** is our parish feast day! Festive reception in the Parish Hall during the 10 o'clock hour. (Bubbles in the courtyard—weather permitting.)

**October 7: Godly Play Classes begin today!** This year we have two classrooms: Godly Play Pre-k to 1<sup>st</sup> and Godly Play 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades. Classes meet at 10:10 am in the lower level.

**Don't forget our St. Francis Day celebration! Pet blessings in the courtyard at 12:15 pm**

**October 14: Joyful Noise Choir** rehearsal today from 1:00-2:00 pm! All singers grades 2-5 welcome!

**Saturday, October 20:** Music Makers at 4:30 pm. Family Worship at 5:00 pm followed by potluck dinner at 6:00 pm. Everyone welcome!

**Sunday, November 18, 12:30 – 4:30 pm. SAFE Church Training** (see article next page).



## SAFE CHURCH TRAINING

### ALL PERSONS WORKING WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

*SAFE Church Training: Safeguarding God's Children* is being offered at St. Michael's on Sunday, November 18, from 12:30 to 4:30 pm. *SAFE Church Training* provides workshops that build awareness in the areas of sexual conduct and sexual abuse issues for both employees and volunteers working within the congregations and organizations of The Diocese of Oregon.

You should attend *SAFE Church Training: Safeguarding God's Children* if you are:

- \*Clergy, whether stipendiary or non-stipendiary
- \*An intern or person in the ordination process
- \*A paid employee
- \*A warden or Vestry member
- \*A lay minister (age 16 and over) who works with children or youth. This includes all childcare providers, Godly Play teachers, Liturgy of the Word leaders, and youth ministers. Volunteers age 12-15 are welcome to attend if accompanied by a parent. We do not recommend this training for young people under age 12.
- \*If it has been ten years since your last training

### Why does St. Michael's value *SAFE Church Training*?

It is with great joy that St. Michael's works to nurture the spiritual life of all our children, youth and adults. As we strive to live out our baptismal promises to respect the dignity of every human being and to seek and serve Christ in all persons, *SAFE Church Training* is one of the tools we use to create a safe place for our worshipping community to learn and grow in the love of Christ.

Please register for *SAFE Church Training* online at The Diocese of Oregon website, [www.episcopaldioceseoregon.org](http://www.episcopaldioceseoregon.org). *SAFE Church* is found under the Commissions & Ministries tab at the top of the Diocesan home page, or contact Leslie Sackett at [leslie.sackett@comcast.net](mailto:leslie.sackett@comcast.net) for more information.

— Leslie Sackett, Associate for Children & Families Ministries

## FREEZER BURN

Numerous groups use our crowded freezer, which is being cleaned out at this time. Please do not put anything in the freezer without dating it and indicating who or what it is for. Unmarked items will not be kept. Also, there is not room in the freezer to store bags of ice, and partially used bags of ice will not be kept. Please contact me with any questions at [gardnerpoet@gmail.com](mailto:gardnerpoet@gmail.com) or 503/722-4010. Thank you for your consideration.

— Lucretia Gardner

## COOKS ARISE! AKA SUNDAY LUNCH UPDATES

The ministry of Sunday Lunch confirms our commitment to hospitality by providing fellowship, outreach within our congregation and community, and opportunities for involvement by numerous volunteers.

But Sunday Lunch cannot happen without you! There are many ways to help, and Lucretia may be contacting you soon. Terrie will not be able to participate every week, and Lucretia is able to continue with coordination but not with the more physically demanding kitchen work. Volunteers are needed for:

- \* Shopping for needed items
- \* Decorating and setting of tables on Sundays
- \* Sunday morning kitchen coordination, including food prep and setting out food
- \* Sending out thank-you notes

And, of course, we're looking forward to your tasty dishes! Please consider how you can help make this wonderful ministry of hospitality happen. The first Sunday Lunch of the program year happens on October 28, so we have lots of time to get ready!

— Lucretia Gardner and Terrie Ingram, Co-coordinators

## KITCHEN CHANGES

As many of you are probably aware, we have made some changes in managing our trash and recyclables. There was an unfortunate incident about a month ago with clogged drains, frantic calls to Mitch Oglesby—our Junior Warden for Properties—and Roto-Rooter arriving to save the day on a Saturday morning. They fixed the immediate problem (coffee grounds in the sewer line 40 feet from the kitchen sink), but they also reported that our lines are fragile and unable to handle another cleaning-out.



As a result, our garbage disposal is out of commission for now. We have taken this opportunity to implement some new policies regarding our trash and recyclables. We now have a designated can for compostable items, which is where the old trashcan under the dishwasher area used to be. That receptacle is for all of those items which can go in your compost bucket at home, including food waste, coffee grounds and filters, tea bags, paper towels and napkins, and plant debris. Those bags are compostable and should be placed in one of the blue bins in the parking lot labeled "Yard Debris."

All recyclables will continue to go into the bin under the dishwashing area. Please make sure those are rinsed out, and discard all lids and screw tops in the trash. The only kitchen can which is for actual trash is the one at the end of the long island.

We've made signs indicating what goes where, so please take the time to put items in the correct spot. Thank you for helping us to become better stewards of our resources.

— Mitch Oglesby and Gloria Orellana

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Monday-Friday  
9am to 5pm



**CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS**

- SEPT. 9            **10:10 am Forum: L'Arche  
Portland**
- SEPT. 10           **7:00 pm Taizé Prayers**
- SEPT. 16           **Get on Board Sunday**
- SEPT. 21-22       **Youth Group lock-in retreat**
- SEPT. 23           **10:10 am Forum: Mission trip  
presentation (Nativity Hall)**
- 10:10 am Music-makers practice  
for families (Mural area)**
- SEPT. 30           **St. Michael's Day  
Festive Eucharists and Receptions**
- 4:00 pm Blessing of Chris Craun  
and Carrie Struss' union**
- OCT. 7             **10:10 am Forum: VoteSmart**
- St. Francis Day and Blessing of the  
Animals**

**SEE THE WEBSITE, BULLETINS, AND KIOSK  
FOR DETAILS OF UPCOMING EVENTS.**

**FEAST DAY OF ST. MICHAEL  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>**

St. Michael's Day is Sunday, September 30. There will be receptions after both the 9:00 and the 11:00 am services. **To make our feast day truly special, volunteers are needed in two areas:**

\* Would you be able to bring something scrumptious for the buffet table? The menu for both receptions is salads (vegetable or fruit), bread, and sweets (cookies, candy or cake).

\* Would you be able to help on that day to keep the buffet tables full and attractive? We also need a clean-up crew.

Please consider helping out. Look for volunteer signup sheets in the Gallery, or call Kathleen at 503/477-6426. Share your talents! Enjoy the fun!

— Kathleen Rose, Receptions Coordinator

**UPCOMING CURSILLO WEEKEND**

A Cursillo weekend for men and women will take place from Thursday evening, October 11, to Sunday afternoon, October 14—three days of listening, learning, singing, praying, eating, and laughter, recommended by Bishop Michael Hanley himself! It will be held at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Northeast Portland. For more information and registration, visit [www.oregoncursillo.org](http://www.oregoncursillo.org).