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Dear Faithful Parishioners,

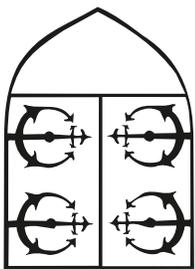
On Sunday, October 14, we kicked off our four-week focus on the 2019 pledge drive. You may not have noticed, because I was still mentally and physically returning from my five-day trek through the Paria Canyons of Southern Utah and Northern Arizona and forgot to mention it! So while I did not tie together the Gospel message with the weekly stewardship theme of “Abundance” in my sermon, nor did I mention anything about pledge cards, what I did talk about specifically is Mark 10:21. This verse, which reads, “Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me,’ meant many different things for me along the 38-mile journey.

At the onset, I believed that my backpacking adventures would teach me a lesson on how little we really need to get through life. Food, shelter, clothes – these can be carried in one’s backpack and sustain one for a week. This lesson was indeed learned. As the week progressed, I began to understand more deeply the theme of abundance in the drastic difference between a spring that had to be dug out of the ground to reach water versus a spring that gushed water out from the rock. But the message that most profoundly impacted me was hearing Jesus say, “You lack one thing.” With everything stripped away, with the awareness that my life was in the care of those who had the gifts to see us through the challenges, with storms that showed how little control we have – the one thing that I lacked (before this wild adventure) was an utter dependence on God and the people around me.

I hope that the work of Team L.I.F.E. over the past two years has shown that there is no such thing as a “Stewardship Season;” rather, there is year-round awareness of how we give and receive L.I.F.E. – Labor, Influence, Finances and Expertise. Yet, as we enter this time of prayerful discernment around making a financial commitment for 2019, I am reflecting on how my pledge can continuously make me aware of my dependence on God and the community of faith that gathers at St. Michael’s. Please join me in making this commitment. Pledge cards will be distributed Sunday, November 4, as part of our All Saints Day celebration and returned with blessings and celebration on Sunday, November 18.

Faithfully,

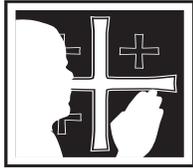
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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED . . .

- + for healing and comfort for **Ray Baker, Scout Mauldin, Katie Reitel, Michael Sagun, Alice Scannell & Bob Tongue.**
- + for the repose of the soul of **Philomena McGill**, who died on June 15.
- + for the repose of the soul of long-time parishioner **Juned McCauley**, who died on September 17.
- + for the repose of the soul of **Jim Gish**, who died on October 6, and for his sister **Diane Walker.**
- + for the repose of the soul of **Bladimir Arriaga Vasquez**, who died on October 10, and for his daughter **Edith Arriaga-Flores.**
- + for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Stevenson**, who died on October 15, and for her daughter **Gloria Orellana.**
- + in thanksgiving for the baptisms of **Carlos Javier and Analiya Ku López** on September 1; **Daelyn and Rafael Gallardo Cruz** on September 15; and **Caspian, Beatrice and Clementine Smith** on St. Michael's Day, September 30.
- + in thanksgiving for the XV Años on September 15 of **Leilani Gallardo Cruz.**



JAMES JOINER, ASSOCIATE RECTOR

Many members of St. Michael's are fortunate enough to have connected with some other small group within the parish. Whether it's a book group, an advocacy group, a family group or a service group like one of our meals or one of the teams who help prepare Sunday morning worship, places to connect at St. Michael's abound. Usually, when someone is in need of care we hear about it through the connections made in these groups. This doesn't always happen, however. Sometimes the nature of a personal crisis or time of trouble is that it cuts us off from others. At St. Michael's, we'd like to begin building up a structure where there are even more opportunities to connect outside of our usual groups – connections which can keep us present to one another and build up sources of support for when they're needed.

The priority of my work at St. Michael's this season is implementing a new system of care which will help foster these connections. Right now, I'm working with a team of folks connected to different care ministries at St. Michael's to help bring all of us into closer touch with each other. We imagine one simple system in which every member of St. Michael's belongs to a group of a dozen or so members whose single task is to check in with one another once a week by email to ask, "How can we pray for each other this week?" We believe this will help generate connections across different groups of our parish and ensure that no one gets left out of our reach of care.

Praying for a small group of fellow parishioners can seem both simple and daunting. In the face of all that takes place in our world, taking a few moments to hold our fellow pilgrims on the way with us in the light of God can bring peace and perspective to our own lives. Our prayers for one another do not have to add extra time, and they can add stillness and reflection. They can also alert us to when a member of our community is suffering a hardship which may need the attention of the broader parish.

Keep your eyes peeled for more information on how St. Michael's can connect in this way. During several Sundays in the fall and during Advent, we'll have a table in the Gallery where you can learn more about this effort and join in making our community more closely knit together in God through prayer.

us. You are invited to participate in a special All Saints reception by bringing a favorite dish of food of someone from your life who has passed away. Along with the dish of food, you can also bring a small framed photograph of your loved one and/or a small card naming your loved one or sharing a story about them or about the food. During the time between the 9:00 and 11:00 am services and after the 11:00, we'll gather together in the Parish Hall to share these foods with each other along with stories about the loved ones who we're remembering with them.

— St. Michael's staff

A note from Lucretia Gardner:

Dear St. Michael's friends,

Thank you so much for all your prayers and support during my recent times of troubles. The surgery went well, and my recovery is progressing apace. As I was entering the operating room, I was carried on a wave of prayers, and I felt supported on a cushion of love. God bless you all. Love and peace,

Lucretia

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

All Saints Sunday is November 4, and it's a time to remember our departed loved ones. On Sundays, October 21 and 28, please fill out the Book of Remembrance to the right of the chancel and put an asterisk next to those who've died this year. Please be sure to write clearly! A change this year is that we're asking you to bring in a framed, freestanding photo on October 28 (or on All Saints Sunday) of your loved one and place it in front of or next to the altar, and label the back with your name. Our Misa community will help to decorate the altar using some of the Altar de los Muertos traditions.

We will also continue a new tradition of ours at St. Michael's which helps us honor our loved ones who have gone on before

VESTRY NOTES



Have you ever wondered about serving on the Vestry? When Chris asked me if I would be interested in serving three years ago, I also wondered. I wondered about what serving would be like, and I became excited about the idea. I became excited about the chance to serve my church family – all of you. I was excited for the responsibility of working with a great team of Vestry members to look out for the well-being of our building, financial state and community. Having the opportunity to serve on the Vestry has deepened my love and respect for our church and our family.

Like the changing seasons, it will soon be time for four Vestry members to rotate off of their three-year terms. With that time approaching, the call is out for new members to begin the journey. I invite each of you to search within yourselves for the call to serve our blessed family and say yes to serving on the Vestry. In my experience, it was a very rewarding three years spent in service. With your support, my love for the St. Michael's family has grown deeper through my term on the Vestry.

If you feel the call to be a Vestry member, please reach out to Chris or any of the Vestry members about your desire to serve. You can find their names on Page 2 of the Sunday bulletin and on the Vestry board in the Gallery, and their contact information in the directory or through a call or email to the church office.

— Tim Shields, Sr. Warden

CHOIR NEWS

The choir season is off to a great start! The Choristers (our youth choir open to grades 3 and up) is rehearsing every Wednesday at 4:45 pm followed by sung Evensong at 6:30 pm. The Saints & Singers Choir is on for the first Sunday of each month at 11:00 am. They sing next on All Saints Sunday (November 4), while the Choristers will join the St. Michael's Singers that morning at the 9:00 am service. It's not too late to join any of the choirs; just email Brian or Hannah or speak to one of them on Sunday.

We are eagerly anticipating a newly finished choir room any week now, one that is no longer moldy or smelly or with an inconvenient proclivity to flooding and ruining music. Thank you to the community for your flexibility in allowing the choirs to invade the Nativity Hall with robes and music cubbies and warmup routines while our space downstairs has been off-limits during construction and plumbing.

Here are some upcoming music events to look forward to this fall, many involving our busiest choir, the St. Michael's Singers:

Wednesday, October 31, at 6:00 pm - *Haunted Pipes and Poetry: A Halloween Organ Spooktacular*

Don't feel like staying home and handing out candy but want to get into the spirit of the holiday? Come to St. Michael's for some spooky organ music, scary poetry, candy and costumes. What more could you want?? Kid-friendly but geared toward adults, and costumes highly encouraged! It'll end before 7:00 pm so you can get to your Halloween party or home to watch a scary movie.



Sunday, November 11, at 6:00 pm - *Choral Evensong for Veterans/Remembrance Day*

The St. Michael's Singers present this lovely, traditional service in honor of our veterans. Musical highlights will include Stanford's *Magnificat & Nunc dimittis in C*, Stephen Paulus' extremely moving *The Road Home*, and a poignant setting of the elegiac WWI poem *In Flanders' Fields* by Canadian composer Alexander Tilley.

Saturday, November 17, at 2:00 pm - *Cascadia Chamber Ensemble concert*

This group features Elizabeth Doty (violin), Leslie Hirsch (viola), Tom Graves (cello), and Hannah Brewer (piano) and will be performing Beethoven's *Piano Quartet in E-flat Major*, Op. 16; Joaquin Turina's *Círculo*, Op. 91, an early 20th-century Spanish suite for piano trio; and Dvorák's "*Dumky*" *Piano Trio*, Op. 90, a classic Slavic work in six sections. Suggested donation: \$10-15.

Sunday, November 18, at 5:00 pm - *Diocesan Evensong at Trinity Cathedral for William Temple House*

The St. Michael's Singers join with the choirs of Trinity Cathedral and St. Paul's, Salem, for another choral Evensong, this time at Trinity (147 NW 19th Avenue) and conducted by our own choir director, Brian Fairbanks. Music includes Jane Marshall's *Of Hospitality* and Edward Elgar's expansive *The Spirit of the Lord is Upon Me*.

Saturday, December 22, at 7:00 pm - *Advent Service of Nine Lessons & Carols*

The St. Michael's Singers' annual celebration of the stories and songs surrounding Advent and Christmas features the Choristers as well this year, joining forces for that most favorite of all seasonal carols, Harold Darke's *In the bleak mid-winter*. There will be a wide variety of other choral works in Italian, Latin, and Yoruba (Nigerian), classic Anglican tunes, an African American spiritual, and all the seasonal hymns you could wish for.

— Hannah Brewer, Music Director & Organist

FALL ADULT EDUCATION & FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY FORUMS

This fall, the Sunday Forums in October continue to explore different aspects and themes important to various ministry areas at St. Michael's. November Forums will include a teaching series on prayer led by Associate Rector James Joiner. December Forum time will be dedicated to a second iteration of the Advent Café, an interactive prayer space set up in the Nativity Hall.

October 21: A panel of members from various liturgical ministries will speak about their ministry areas

October 28: Rector Chris Craun and Treasurer Jeff Swart will discuss the budget.

November 4: All Saints Sunday – please see Page 2 for all the details.

November 11, 18 and 25: Back to Basics: Prayers of Thought and Word and Deed

In November, James will return with his *Back to Basics* teaching series, this time highlighting the theme of prayer and how it can impact our daily lives lived in faith. This three-part series will draw on several prayer traditions such as the meditative reading of scripture, contemplative prayer and the liturgical prayers of the Church. We will explore the relationship between contemplative prayer and a life of action. Divided among the themes *Thought*, *Word* and *Deed*, these segments will explore how we rest in the presence of God in our hearts and minds, how we speak to God and listen for God's response to us, and how we embody our prayers with actions and ways of being in the world.



December 2, 9, 16 and 23: Advent Café



During the season of Advent, we will continue our new tradition of offering an interactive prayer space in the Nativity Hall between the 9:00 and 11:00 am services, known as

the *Advent Café*. This space is a collaborative effort between many members of our community who help set up different stations in the Advent Café to offer opportunities for engaging prayer and meditation through various mediums. In the past, these mediums have included poetry, visual images, art-

making and space for quiet reflection. These stations change and evolve in special ways as the season progresses. You can spend as much time in the space as you wish. Anyone with an interest in helping plan one of the stations can contact James for more information.

WEEKDAY OFFERINGS

Bible Lab (continuing)

Mondays evenings, 5:30 to 6:30 pm, October 22; November 5, 12, 19 and 26; and December 3, 10 and 17:

Bible Lab is led by James and is a follow-up to *Bible 101* and *Reclaiming Jesus*. During the spring series of Bible 101, we distilled our learning into a set of seven essential questions. During these Bible Lab sessions, we'll work in small groups to apply these questions to the texts for the coming Sunday. You can join in for any or all sessions as you are able.

Episcopal 101

Tuesday evenings in November, 6:30 to 8:00 pm, November 6, 13, 20 and 27

On Tuesday nights in November, we'll answer your questions about all things Episcopalian. What makes our branch of the Christian family tree unique? Why do we worship the way we do? How do we understand our relationship to the Bible? How did we come to be this way? How are we connected to others around the country and globe? We will answer these questions and more with special sessions covering History, Worship and more. This can be an especially good class for anyone who is new to the Episcopal Church but has proven equally beneficial to old-timers who still have questions (don't we all?) and want to remember what we're all doing here in the first place. It will be led by James and other clergy from the parish.

Catechumenate

Tuesday evenings starting in December, 6:30 to 8:30 pm (likely), December 4, 11 and 18, continuing in January and through the bishop's visit

The Catechumenate is a dynamic journey of spiritual inquiry and growth – a process of faith formation with roots in the early church. In weekly gatherings on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, Advent to Pentecost (December to May), the catechumenal process is an invitation to faithful discipleship.



All are welcome, wherever you are in your spiritual journey, to this experience of deep community. Adults preparing for baptism, newcomers to St. Michael's, and baptized persons seeking to deepen their faith and commitment come together in a lay-led, Gospel-centered process of reflection and formation. Contact James or a team member (call the office) if you're interested in learning more or participating.

— James Joiner

MONDAY BOOK GROUP

At the October 22 meeting, we will continue discussing Jesmyn Ward's novel, *Sing, Unburied, Sing*, one of the 10 best books of 2017 as selected by the editors of *The New York Times Book Review*.

Our November book is *The Most Beautiful World Our Hearts Know Is Possible* by Charles Eisenstein. From the Amazon reviewer, "... a revolutionary and interactive book...inspires the reader to think out of the ordinary." All are welcome to discuss this special book on November 12 and 26. Then our December book, a good choice for Advent, will be Brian D. McLaren's *The Great Spiritual Migration: How The World's Largest Religion is Seeking a Better Way to be Christian*.

All are welcome to join us on second and fourth Mondays at 1:00 pm whether you have read the book being discussed or not. Come for stimulating conversation, laughter, and friendship.

— Mickey Harnage

THE ALTAR OF THE DEAD

An *ofrenda* (offering) is a collection of objects placed on a ritual altar during the annual and traditionally Mexican *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) celebration. An *ofrenda*, which may be quite large and elaborate, is usually created for persons who have died and is intended to welcome them to the altar setting.

The Aztec culture considered souls to continuously live and enter different realms when a body would die. During the Spanish conquest of the Aztec Empire, when the two cultures mixed, the Aztec view of the journey of the soul commingled with the Christian belief that the soul is eternal.

A common format for an *ofrenda* contains three components. One identifies the dead person who is being invited to the altar, frequently with photos of the deceased along with images of various saints, the Virgin Mary, crucifixes, etc. The second component is made up of items placed to encourage the dead to feel at home and welcome: the deceased person's favorite food items, including such things as *mole*, *dulces* (candy), *pan* (bread), and especially a sweet bread called *Pan de Muerto y Calaveras*. For deceased adults, the *ofrenda* might include a bottle or poured shot glasses of tequila or mezcal, while if the deceased is a child a favorite toy might be placed here. The third component almost always contains lit candles, water, incense, fruits and grains, representative of the four elements.

Throughout the altar are placed calaveras (decorated candied skulls made from pressed sugar) and bright orange and yellow marigolds (cempazuchitl), an Aztec flower of the dead. *Ofrendas* are constructed in the home as well as in village cemeteries and churches.

— The Rev. Beto Arciniega

THE JOYFUL NEWS: CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MINISTRY

"You have been my friend," replied Charlotte, "That in itself is a tremendous thing."

E.B. White, *Charlotte's Web*

Godly Play classes have begun for the fall, and we are so excited to welcome the children back into the circle where we share sacred stories and deep wondering about God and many of life's BIG questions. **Classes are held on the lower level and begin promptly at 10:10 am.** Thank you, parents, for making the effort to get your children to Godly Play in plenty of time to "get ready" so that the class can begin on time with all the children welcomed into the circle.

Music Makers & Family Worship is happening on Saturday, October 20, and Saturday, November 17. We encourage all families with young children to come to Family Worship so that your entire family can sing, dance, pray and eat together! **Families gather in the Nativity Hall at 4:30 pm for Music Makers** with Audrey Sackett followed by a Worship Service specially designed with young children in mind. Then it's on to a very friendly potluck dinner in the Parish Hall with good food and great company! Dinner is usually over between 6:30 and 7:00 pm, when we bid everyone good night and sweet dreams!

Childcare is available all morning on Sundays from 8:45 am through the end of the 11 o'clock liturgy. We are thrilled to welcome a new friend to our Childcare Ministry, Alessandra Genovese, who will work in the Childcare Room on Sundays alongside parishioners who serve in Childcare on a monthly basis. Alessandra has lots of experience working with children, and we are so lucky to have her with us! Her presence will add consistency for children and parents, helping St. Michael's to provide the excellent and loving care we know that all children need and deserve.

— Leslie Sackett, Associate for Ministry to Families & Children

October 20: Music Makers & Family Worship at 4:30 pm – Charlotte's Web potluck dinner

October 21: Godly Play at 10:10 am - The Great Family

October 28: Godly Play at 10:10 am - Exodus

November 4: All Saints' Sunday – No Godly Play today
Choristers sing at 9 o'clock liturgy; baptism at 11 o'clock!

November 11: Godly Play at 10:10 am – The Ten Best Ways

November 17: Music Makers & Family Worship at 4:30 pm

November 18: Godly Play at 10:10 am - Circle of the Church Year

November 25: Advent Fair – No Godly Play today

OUTREACH & JUSTICE

SAVE THE DATE!

On Saturday, November 3, the annual benefit for *Quilts for Empowerment* will be held at the Wine Country Barn in Newberg. A hosted food and wine gala will raise funds to help survivors of obstetric fistula. Come and hear Norah, the Kenyan program director, and bid on one of her beautiful quilts or other silent auction items. Tickets are \$30; go to www.quiltsforempowerment.org for more information.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Watch for the Advent Giving Tree in the Gallery! It will be displayed by the first Sunday in Advent, December 2. The ministries chosen for inclusion this year are those the Outreach & Justice Council believes are most in need of what we can provide. Tentatively, they include the Community Transitional School for homeless children; David Douglas and Parkrose School Districts' clothing closets, which are both in need of winter wear; and gift cards for older foster children, who love to shop with friends. The tree will be up throughout Advent.

— Susan Barnett and Lynn Baker, Co-coordinators

ADVOCACY ACTION TEAM UPDATE

During September, the Advocacy Action Team helped prepare our community for the upcoming November election. We disseminated information supporting Oregon's Sanctuary State status (No on 105), and hosted a Forum featuring a speaker on Portland's Clean Energy Fund (City Measure 26-201). Voter registration forms were also distributed to those who needed them, and we will continue to make voter information flyers available. The best way to ensure the health of our democracy is to vote, so please be sure to return your ballots by November 6. Thanks to those of you who stopped by our table to take a yard sign for the PCEF and for joining us in working to defeat Measure 105.

Thank you, also, to those who signed postcards urging President Trump not to end the Temporary Protective Status program. This important program provides immigrants a path to citizenship. More recently, we collected your signatures on letters to U.S. Representatives Earl Blumenauer and Suzanne Bonamici asking them to show leadership in Congress for maintaining the United States' historic commitment to the people of Palestine. The current administration has withheld 2017 and 2018 funding that has already been approved by Congress, leaving millions of people in the West Bank and Gaza facing starvation. Our letter supported the resolution passed by the General Convention of the Episcopal Church to restore funding to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, which serves more than 5 million people, as well as USAID programs aiding the Palestinian people.

WALK FOR IMMIGRANTS

On Sunday, September 30, I joined with other travelers for seven days to demand the end to the ICE contracts at FCI Sheridan and at Norcor in The Dalles and to call on our neighbors to vote NO on Measure 105. Our vision is to declare Oregon an Immigrant Welcoming Community, a sanctuary which repeals laws making immigration a crime and dismantles systems of detention and deportation.

There are many groups throughout Oregon and Washington working to support detained immigrants through *pro bono* legal advice; transporting and housing just-released immigrants; assisting families separated due to detention; offering spiritual support of detainees; and participating in the efforts of churches and communities such as IMIRJ, Gorge ICE Resistance and Rural Organizing Project (ROP). All of these groups need financial and volunteer support.

We marched, sometimes in the rain, along Hwy 18 and canvassed door-to-door in neighborhoods. We met up at rallies and vigils in McMinnville, Dundee, Newberg, Forest Grove, Cornelius and Hillsboro; at the ICE facility in Portland; in congressional offices in Hood River; and ended in The Dalles at the NORCOR facility. Unsurprisingly, we met with some resistance along our journey, but we found strength in each other and in the truth of our message. We would often break into song, including *This Little Light of Mine* and *Put One Foot in Front of the Other* and *Lead With Love*.

In silence, we surrounded the Washington County Court House in Hillsboro right after ICE had taken two young immigrant men in custody as they were leaving the courthouse. At the Portland ICE detention facility, we turned towards ICE to say "No!" to the messages of racial intolerance, profiling, intimidation, injustice – all promoting fear and hatred against immigrants. Then, turning outwards toward the world, we all said "Yes!" to promoting justice, to keeping families together, to dignity, to compassion, to loving our neighbors as ourselves.

At The Dalles, standing outside the fence at NORCOR, with a much larger group, we shouted and sang. The response from those imprisoned upon hearing us was to pound on doors and walls.

Somos Uno. We are One.

Hjalmer Lofstrom, lenabl6769@gmail.com

If you would like to get involved, you are welcome to attend our meetings. The Advocacy Action Team meets at 7:00 pm on the fourth Wednesday of the month. For more information, talk with co-chairs Cheryl Braginsky or Marili Reilly or any of our team members: Kathleen Park-Lindsay, Peter Sergienko, Joan Meyerhoff, Gillian Butler, Faye Powell and Becky Mikkelsen.

—Marili Reilly

IWC: NO ON MEASURE 105

You have, or will soon be receiving, your ballots for the November 6 election. Most of you will be joining St. Michael's Vestry and Immigrant Welcoming Congregation (IWC) in voting No on Measure 105. Thank you for that important vote!

Please take some time to talk with your friends, neighbors, and family about why you are voting No on Measure 105. Here are some points you can make in your conversations:

- Measure 105 seeks to undo Oregon's 30-year-old sanctuary law.
- If Measure 105 passes, local law enforcement could enforce immigration laws and participate in deporting our friends and neighbors.
- Measure 105 would put Oregon in the company of states such as Texas and Arizona where "show me your papers" has become a new reality for immigrants or those perceived to be immigrants.

Here's just some of what we could see:

- Local police could stop, detain, or interrogate someone simply because they suspect them to be an undocumented immigrant. This could open the door to serious civil rights violations and more racial profiling of Oregonians.
- Local police could be asked to use personnel, funds, equipment, and facilities to locate, arrest, and jail people suspected only of violating federal immigration law.
- Law-abiding immigrants could live in fear of the police and may not report crimes, seek help if they have been victimized, or provide information to the police to help solve cases for fear that doing so could lead to arrest, deportation or separation from their families. Measure 105 would harm, not help, local law enforcement. Law enforcement needs the cooperation of all parts of the community, both citizens and non-citizens.

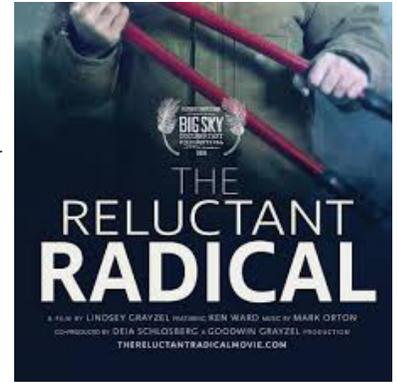
Our current sanctuary law does not mean harboring criminals. Oregon's "sanctuary" law does not protect people who commit crimes or harm others, whether or not they are immigrants. Under the current law, Oregon law enforcement can arrest and prosecute anyone who commits a crime. What local and state police are not able to do is stop, detain, or interrogate someone simply because they suspect them to be an undocumented immigrant.

St. Michael's is an Immigrant Welcoming Congregation and a Sanctuary Church. We are called to welcome the stranger as if we were welcoming Jesus. Measure 105 moves Oregon in the wrong direction.

— Dave Reilly & Gillian Butler

"THE RELUCTANT RADICAL" SCREENING + GREEN TEAM UPDATE

SAVE THE DATE! On Friday evening, November 16, St. Michael's will host a screening of the documentary film *The Reluctant Radical*. This moving story of Portland-area resident Ken Ward follows Ken's journey from an environmental organization staffer to a citizen activist who chooses to engage in non-violent



civil disobedience with other "valve turners" to call attention to the urgent need to prevent dangerous climate change. Ken and filmmaker Lindsey Grayzel plan to attend the screening in person to host a post-viewing discussion about their work and their responses to the climate crisis. The event will be free. However, we are encouraging all who can afford it to make donations at the screening directly to the legal defense fund for Ken and his fellow activists and to offset the costs of production for the film.

In order to track space and to meet seating demands for this event, please email Peter Sergienko at petersergienko@gmail.com if you plan to attend with the number of guests in your party. If we have to limit admissions, we will eventually issue tickets on a first-to-reply basis. We will also prioritize admissions to St. Michael's members and friends and family first. If we still have room at the beginning of November we will open the event up by inviting fellow Episcopalians and other people of faith from the Portland metro area to attend. Please RSVP soon. You won't want to miss this powerful film!

In other news, our grant application to Pacific Power to help fund solar at St. Michael's sailed through the initial screening process. We will be interviewed about the application on October 18. After that, there will be a long wait to hear whether or not the grant application has been approved, with a final decision to be issued in February 2019. Prayers welcomed!

The Green Team is currently meeting on the first Thursday of every month at 7:00 pm at St. Michael's. However, we are looking for another day/time to meet so that some who are interested but who cannot meet on first Thursdays can attend. If you would like to participate on the Green Team but it is inconvenient for you to meet on first Thursdays, please let Peter Sergienko know. We'll continue our search for a day and time that works for everyone. Finally, to keep our carbon footprints low and to allow for those who need to be at home to also participate in our meetings, we are looking into using Zoom meeting or a similar platform to meet. If you would like to join us via computer, please let Peter know.

— Peter Sergienko for the Green Team

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- OCT. 20 **Music Makers & Family Worship**
- OCT. 21 **Forum: Liturgical Ministries**
- OCT. 25 **Open Table dinner gathering**
- OCT. 28 **Forum: Rector, Treasurer & budget**
- OCT. 31 **Organ Spooktacular**
- NOV. 4 **All Saints Sunday**
- NOV. 6 **Episcopal 101 begins**
- NOV. 11-25 **Forums: Back to Basics**
- NOV. 12 **Taizé Prayer Service**
- NOV. 16 ***Reluctant Radical* screening**
- NOV. 25 **Advent Fair**
- DEC. 2 **1st Sunday of Advent**
- DEC. 22 **Lessons & Carols**

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STMAA.ORG & DISPLAYS IN THE GALLERY FOR MORE
INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS.

BACK FROM SABBATICAL

I am back after three months away from St. Michael's, excited to continue working with the community that has been supporting me. My goals were Rest, Reset, and Reboot, and I am happy to say I accomplished all three!

The most difficult for me was Rest. This was my first sabbatical, and it took two weeks to allow myself to just sit and enjoy a cup of coffee in the morning without checking emails or talking on the phone. After that, I got the hang of Rest quickly! Next was the time for Reset – reset priorities, goals, challenges, dreams, life. Two weeks before the end of my sabbatical, I felt the Reboot, and I'm now energized by these new priorities and goals and looking forward to re-engaging with St. Michael's community life.

Thank you, everyone, for making my sabbatical possible!

— Beto Arciniega+

NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE

Please note that the next Messenger will be mailed/emailed on Thursday, December 6. The deadline for articles is Monday, November 26. Articles may be emailed as attachments or in the body of an email to glorioa@stmaa.org. Please contact Gloria at that address or at 503/284-7141 if you have any questions.