

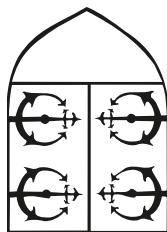
SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE MESSENGER

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Dear Ones,

Thank you for such a wonderful Holy Week and Easter. Ritual and tradition mixed with creativity and community can make for moments that overwhelm the soul with joy. I am so grateful to all of you who provided hospitality, sang your hearts out, washed your neighbor's feet, lit a candle, sat in awe during our Vigil readings, boogied on the dance floor and gave generously to the community in a plethora of other ways.

I hope you have heard that we are sending our Associate Rector, James Joiner, away for his sabbatical. You can read all about it on Page 2. As I was reflecting on his sending, I was reminded of the importance of the community doing its own work when clergy are away on sabbatical. In 2016, when I was away, there was a theme called *Faces of Family*. My hope is that we focus on part of a model that I have learned and taught with the College for Congregational Development. The model is called *Gather-Transform-Send*. In years past, our newcomer committee has worked on how we gather through intentional invitation, greeting, orienting and incorporating new people. During our Dream Weaver vision process, we did a lot of data-gathering around ways we are transformed. This summer, I would like to engage in **SENDING**.

“Send us out to do the work you have given us to do...” Sound familiar? Every Sunday, we are sent back out into the world to be God’s loving presence. We are sent into relationships, communities, roles and occupations. Where you go and what you do is important and influences what you need in your spiritual life, and I would like to know about it! One of the ideas that was discussed at the CCD was ‘bring your Rector to work day!’ I would like to broaden this to ‘invite your Rector to a place where God sends you.’ This could be sharing a hobby, your day as a parent or grandparent or your work as a volunteer somewhere. Introduce me to your neighbors, friends, people that are important to you. Whether it is your family life, work life, civic duty or even something that you do at church(!), I want to experience where God sends you.

James will be gone from May 8th to August 24th. Please feel free to email me at chrisc@stmaa.org with dates and times that would work for you. I look forward to learning more about where you go when you depart in peace to love and serve God.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Christopher Craun +

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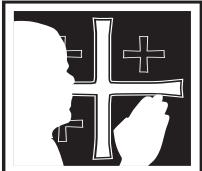
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YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED . . .

- + for healing and comfort for **Tia Lidstrom, Glen Martin, Scout Mauldin, Katie Reitel, Alice Scannell and Bob Tongue.**
- + for the repose of the soul of **Ugo Raglione**, who died on February 15, and for his son **Bill Raglione** and good friend **Julie Grandfield**.
- + for the repose of the soul of **The Rev. Carlos Nuñez**, who died on March 25, and for those who mourn him.
- + in thanksgiving for the baptisms of **Ruth Adeline Hatfield** on February 10; **Savannah Sheeley** at the Easter Vigil on April 20; and **Henry Joseph Goddard** on Easter Day, April 21.
- + in thanksgiving for all of our **mothers and grandmothers** and in memory of those who have died, and for all other women who have touched the lives of our children.



COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Spring is here and summer is close by, when folks want to get away to recharge! I wish everyone a great summer; but in the meantime, those of us here need Sunday coffee hour! Perhaps there are some of you who might want to get involved only for a summer stint, or you would maybe like to sign on for the coming year. The work is not hard, you will meet many grateful people and you are finished by 11:00. You can be reimbursed for the treats you bring. You are generally scheduled for once every two months, but if we have more helping hands, it could be less often!

Please contact Sheri O'Brien if you are interested, at sherri@oregondollhouse.com. I hope to hear from you.

— Sheri O'Brien, Coffee Hour Coordinator



NEXT MESSENGER DEADLINE

Please note that the next Messenger will be mailed/mailed on Thursday, June 27. The deadline for articles is Monday, June 17. Articles may be emailed as attachments or in the body of an email to gloriao@stmaa.org. Please contact Gloria at that address or at 503/284-7141 if you have any questions regarding Messenger submissions.

ASSOCIATE RECTOR

I am deeply honored that I get to engage a period of sabbatical this summer. I'm grateful to the community for affording me this opportunity, and I hope that my time of rest and renewal will be some benefit to others. Recently, a member of our Catechumenate Formation Team gave me a helpful metaphor for this break. He compared it to the way a computer has to restart after downloading a new operating system. This rings true to me. I feel like the past two years have been a barrage of "downloads" from life that I've really only just begun to register and process. I want to come back from sabbatical with the disparate parts of my life even more integrated.

Among the changes I am seeking to integrate are some around my marriage. Nathan and I decided to enter a trial separation from our marriage last year, and I have been living alone since December. Nathan and I love each other very much and feel that we will always be family to one another. We've also realized that the best way for us to honor our vows of care for one another may be to be free from one another. For me, this has meant centering friendships as the primary source of love and family connection in my life. Even with the pain of change, I am beginning to find joy and peace in this shift.

Another set of learnings for integration come from my work in the drag community. One of the surprising consequences of this work has been conversation with people who have been deeply hurt by the church or are continuing to experience hurt from the church. I am newly aware of how secluded I've become in my bubble of the "right" kind of Christians. I find myself in frequent conversation with folks for whom that kind of Christian does not exist. I've come to understand gender as existing beyond the binary system we are inculcated with, and I have seen what great violence this system can do to trans-femmes and women in general. I hope to become even more visible in my advocacy for this work.

Most of all, I've learned a lot about what religious life and parish ministry are really like upon leaving seminary. Knowing what I know now about how our system works and what it expects of me, I'd like to start again with a beginner's mind. I hope to connect with a number of colleagues across the country and world to see how they are faring with this work. I hope to steep myself even more deeply in the routines of meditation, prayer and study which is the source of everything good in my life. I hope to return more grounded in reality than I was when I started this journey, and even more in love with God and serving God's people.

My last Sunday before leaving is May 5th, and my first upon returning is August 25th. Your prayers during this time will be most helpful and I look forward to connecting on my return!

God's peace,

James

TREASURER'S REPORT

As most of you know, 2019 is a financially important year for St. Michael's. Here's a summary of how we're doing through the first quarter.

Operating income is over budget by over \$14,000. Thank you for staying current on your pledges, increasing your initial pledge and contributing one-time gifts! Especially for this year, it's important that we stay on budget throughout the whole year and don't have a drop-off in giving over the summer months. Keep up the generosity! Stay tuned for announcements from Team L.I.F.E. about ways to contribute to the community with your *Labor, Influence, Finance, and Expertise*.

Spending on operations is pretty much where we expect it to be at this point in the year according to the budget. The finance committee and vestry review spending each month. For detailed financial reports, check out the posted reports on the Vestry Board outside the Nativity Hall. Updated financial statements are posted monthly.

Thank you to everyone who gave money toward last year's building projects! Gifts are still needed to cover the cost of those projects. The Building Fund is currently carrying a negative balance of \$68,000. Let's make it a goal to bring that fund up to a positive balance by the end of 2019. The 2019 Cake Auction is coming up soon, and Team L.I.F.E. will also organize an event centered around the Building Fund later this year.

If you have questions or want clarification on anything finance-related, please let me know. I'm most accessible via email, at swart.jeffrey@gmail.com. I'm gratefully yours,

— Jeff Swart, Treasurer

RETURN OF THE CAKE AUCTION!

As Jeff mentioned in his article just above, we're looking forward to the return of the St. Michael's Cake Auction next Sunday, May 5, at 10:10 am in the Nativity Hall. The MOW/WOWs (Men & Women on Wednesday) are hosting this fun and fabulous event and invite all of you to come support the refurbishment of the red doors. There will be items to bid on for every budget, and cash, checks and credit cards will all be gladly accepted. This is your opportunity to enjoy a delicious home-made dessert and take part in keeping our building ship-shape!

To make this auction a success, the MOWs invite any parishioner to bring a cake, pie and/or cookies by about 9:30 am to the Nativity Hall. Please include a note with your name, description of and any family history about your item, and be sure to label the container or plate if you'd like it to be returned.

— the MOWs/WOWs

MUSIC PROGRAM UPDATES

Our three choirs had quite a workout over Holy Week, singing seven anthems between them! The St. Michael's Music Program has no intention of slowing down until after Pentecost on June 9, the last Sunday of the choir season until September. Over the next several weeks, get ready for choral anthems ranging from J.S. Bach and Thomas Tallis to favorite local composer David Nelson Miller, to traditional gospel spirituals, to a selection in Spanish from the lively *Misa Criolla*, and much more!

Coming up, we present Choral Evensong on Wednesday, May 29, at 7:00 pm, the Eve of the Ascension. The St. Michael's Singers and St. Michael's Choristers will join together to sing David Hogan's *Washington Magnificat* and Nunc Dimittis, William Mathias' grand anthem *Let the people praise thee, O God* (composed for the marriage of HRH The Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer at St. Paul's Cathedral in London in 1981), Ralph Vaughan Williams' *The Call from Five Mystical Songs* and more.

Stay tuned for a TBD date some time this summer when St. Michael's Singers' alto section leader Becky Yakos (who is really a soprano) will give her senior voice recital here. It will be completely FREE and open to the public, and is a nice way to show support to one of our awesome soloists whose voice you've loved hearing on Sunday mornings these past two years while she's been a student at PSU.



The Cascadia Chamber Ensemble returns on Saturday, June 22, at 2:00 pm for some more cello and piano duets while our regular violinist continues to recover from a stroke. On the program are cello sonatas by Chopin and Beethoven as well as a string trio arrangement by Mozart of a Bach prelude and fugue. Please join us! The suggested donation is \$10-15, but all are welcome regardless of cash in hand.

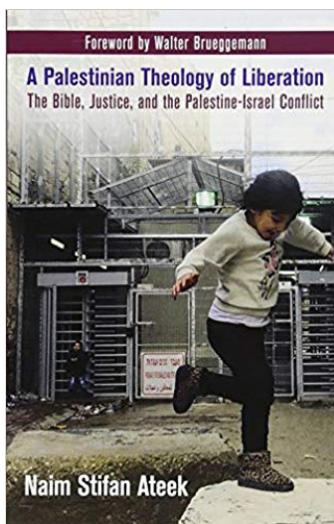
The basement choir room is finally slated to be completed sometime this summer – thank you, Amy Valentine and the entire facilities team for working tirelessly to jump through all the (re)construction hoops, hiccups, and setbacks (including tools stolen during a security breach and continued leaking from the kitchen down to the basement). We'll get our choir paraphernalia out of the upper rooms and hallways soon enough for our start of the choir year in September!

Finally, please feel free to reach out to me (hannahcbrewer@gmail.com) if you would like to offer your musical talents this summer while the choirs are on break. I love the company, and the congregation appreciates the musical variety during the summer. Also, if you are interested in becoming a choir member, come talk to me for more information!

— Hannah Brewer, Music Director & Organist

MONDAY BOOK GROUP IN SPRING & SUMMER

Our book choice for May involves an issue currently in the news. We will meet on May 13 and June 10 to discuss *A Palestine Theology Of Liberation: The Bible, Justice, And The Palestine-Israel Conflict*



by Naim Stifan Ateek. The following meeting on June 24 will feature a guest speaker who will share his story, answer our questions and discuss how we as Christians can work for peace in the region.

From an Amazon review: "Addressing what many consider the world's most controversial conflict, Naim Ateek offers a succinct primer on liberation theology in the context of the Palestinian struggle for freedom and self-determination."

Our *Summer Book Lovers' Extravaganza* begins on July 8 with a poetry reading by Annie Lighthart and continues through July and August. Follow us in the church bulletin to discover special events that may include a one-day road trip; a garden party; a music, art and books event; and a sharing of members' favorite books.

In September, we will return to our regular discussions of books chosen and facilitated by members. Everyone is welcome to all MGB meetings. Come and join our spirited but always friendly discussions. Reading the book ahead of time is not required.

— Mickey Harnage



THE PARISH PRAYER CHAIN

If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please contact Marie Bagwell at marielorenabagwell@gmail.com. Marie will be tending to the Prayer Chain while James+ is on sabbatical. Your prayer requests can be sent to Marie and will be sent confidentially to our dedicated prayer group. If you would like prayers said during *Prayers of the People* on a Sunday morning, or if you would like to become part of the Prayer Chain, please contact Chris Craun+ at chrisc@stmaa.org.

— Chris Craun+, Rector

INTRODUCING THE REV. WENDY DAWSON CLIFF

CHRIS' NOTE:

Please welcome Wendy and Butch to our church community. They have been attending church regularly, and Wendy has already served as a volunteer over Holy Week. We are very fortunate to have Wendy as a new associate clergy at St. Michael's! Wendy will preach on May 19 and preside on a couple of other Sundays during the summer.

WENDY'S NOTE:

After walking the Camino de Santiago in Spain last spring, my husband Butch and I decided to move to Portland last fall so Butch could work at his company's new Portland office. We love our new city and our new church community!



My first career was in marketing and publishing until I followed a lifelong dream to become a middle-school teacher. A cradle Episcopalian, I left church as a young adult but returned as a parent and was eventually employed full-time as a layperson developing youth and family ministry programs in the Diocese of California. I strongly resisted

the call to the priesthood but ultimately conceded to the Holy Spirit's pull and went to seminary part-time over six years while raising our two children.

During seminary, I especially enjoyed interfaith chaplaincy work in hospital, prison and hospice settings. I was very active in the historically African-American community in Marin County where I worked for equity in education. I was also very active in the Marin Interfaith Council and look forward to having the same sort of interfaith interactions in Portland.

When we moved to Portland, I had to leave a cherished job as the priest and interfaith chaplain at a retirement community in San Francisco; but I continue to work with Braid Mission in San Francisco, a church plant that builds community around youth in foster care, one mentor team at a time. We're exploring the possibility of starting Braid in Portland, so if you think you might be called to be a part of that venture, please let me know.

In my free time, I love to hike with Butch, make books and cards, and cook gourmet meals. We deeply love our two young-adult children and are comforted and confounded by our sweet but neurotic dog.

— Wendy Dawson

THE JOYFUL NEWS – CHILDREN’S MINISTRY AT ST. MICHAEL’S

MUSIC MAKERS & FAMILY WORSHIP – THAT’S ME LOVING YOU: SIGNS OF GOD’S STEADFAST LOVE



Join the circle of families on Saturday, May 18, at 4:30 pm for Music Makers & Family Worship in the Nativity Hall. Grandparents, godparents and friends always welcome! After worship, we will share a rainbow-inspired potluck dinner in the Parish Hall. We'd love to see everyone as we sing, dance, pray and give thanks for God's love!

SUNDAY MORNINGS IN MAY

Godly Play classes continue (10:10 – 10:55 am) through the month of May and the first week of June. Classrooms are located on the lower level around the corner from the Child-care Room. Game Day on Memorial Day weekend will happen in the Mural Room or courtyard.

Godly Play 1 (pre-k through 1st grade) will hear these stories: *Good Shepherd and World Communion, Synagogue and the Upper Room and Circle of Holy Eucharist.*

The Godly Play 2 classroom concludes this year's *Shining Hearts Ministry* with a three-week focus on Islam on April 28, May 5 and May 19. Many thanks to Catie Macauley for her leadership and inspiration for this new series that introduced our 2nd – 5th grade students to the Abrahamic Traditions and paths to being peacemakers in the world.

— Leslie Sackett, Associate for Ministry to Children & Families

LABYRINTH

Are you looking for a prayerful ministry that is meaningful to many folks but does not include lots of meetings? Do you look forward to the days when we are able to walk the labyrinth? Would you like to have a Forum or retreat day to learn more about the history and meaning of the labyrinth?

Please consider joining the Labyrinth Guild. You didn't know there is a Labyrinth Guild, you say? Well, it has not been active for a long time and is down to one member: me! Please

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO 2020

We had a wonderful group of four who joined this past Saturday for the inaugural group meeting for a Camino trip in 2020. We shared our dreams about the journey and worked through some collective thoughts.

We all agreed for the most part that a full Camino (764 km) might be too long of duration. We tended to be more interested in a shorter route, which would involve a total trip time of about two weeks. We showed interest in the Portuguese Route of 230 km. We also talked about a fall trip in September or October 2020. We had a lively discussion about accommodations and whether to have the trip organized by a tour company or to just set out on our own.

There is clear interest for the trip from four people at this time, and I would expect others to follow. The plan at this time is to connect and come to a group agreement on the choice of the route and then pick the date. At this point, nothing is set in stone, and we are all open to input from participants or interested parties.

I am excited to be connected with other friends with the same dream. With a little cooperative planning, this journey will become a reality in 2020. Our goal is to have a route and a date in place by June 2019. Then the fun can begin with the plans and training!



If you are interested please let me know and I will add you to the group email list for future trip updates.

— Tim Shields, (503) 970-1100, tims@kodiakco.com

contact me today. You can reach me at Sheri@OregonDollhouse.com, or call or text me at 503-706-2620.

— Sheri O'Brien



ADVOCACY FOR ACTION COMMITTEE

Since the first of the year, the Advocacy Action Committee has been busy writing letters to our state and federal senators and representatives asking them to support bills relating to climate change. Topics have ranged from efforts to repeal the administration's decision to allow drilling in the Arctic to promoting clean energy. The most recent action took place on April 14, when we gave everyone an opportunity to sign postcards asking Senators Wyden and Merkley to support the Green New Deal.

In May, we turn our attention to gun control. We will be giving everyone an opportunity to sign letters asking our state legislators to support bills currently before the legislature. HB3223 and HB 3265 would regulate assault weapons and ban large-capacity magazines.



We will also invite everyone to participate in a national art project by creating "soul boxes." Like the AIDS Quilt project of a few years ago, these small paper boxes will be used in art installations all across the country. Each box will honor one of the more than 168,000 people

killed or wounded by guns in the United States in the years between 2014 and 2017.

Please stop by our table in the Gallery on Sunday, May 12, to support gun control on Mother's Day.

— Cheryl Braginsky for the Advocacy Action Committee

OUTREACH & JUSTICE

Thirty years ago, a woman was so concerned about homeless people, particularly families, that she began handing out sandwiches on the streets of New York City. That began her work which now is known as *Family Promise*. It is a rotational shelter network of congregations housing homeless families with children which would like to start a network in Portland.

St. Michael's has been contacted by the organization to see if we would be interested in becoming a support congregation, which would entail four weeks a year (every 13 weeks) of supplying meals, activities and our presence for a family being hosted elsewhere. If this is of interest to you, let the office know. For more information, watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CgA> or google Family Promise.

And it's never too early to mark your calendars for Gay Pride on June 16th. Fun times!

— Lynn Baker & Susan Barnett, Co-convenors

RED DOORS ARTISAN FAIR

Did you miss the Red Doors Artisan Fair last December? We invited artisans and crafters from around the area to come on the first Saturday in December for a fun time of buying, selling and meeting new people. The proceeds from the RDAF have benefitted the youth program and the solar-panels project. In 2017, members of the Misa community served lunch.



You have heard of Christmas In July! If you would like to see the Christmas Bazaar, also known at the **Red Doors Artisan Fair** return, please come to a meeting in July to start the planning process. Email Sheri O'Brien at Sheri@Oregon-Dollhouse.com, or you can call or text her at 503/706-2620. The date and place of the meeting will be determined when we ascertain interest.

— Sheri O'Brien

NAMETAGS

We encourage you to wear your nametag every Sunday you're at St. Michael's. Visitors and newcomers as well as forgetful people of all ages appreciate the help in remembering names. Don't have one? Can't find the three you already have? If you've searched your purse, car and junk drawer and still can't find it, you can simply order a new one. There are three kinds of backs to choose from: the clip, which can hang from a collar or a jacket pocket, the magnet back, and the traditional pin-back. Wherever you wear yours or what kind of back you choose, it is appreciated when your name slips the mind.

— Sheri O'Brien

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN EVENT

On Saturday, May 18, all women of the church are invited to the Episcopal Church Women's Spirituality Day 2019: *Nourishing Body & Soul*. The workshop will take place at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Oregon City, 822 SW Washington St. It will begin at 8:15 am and finish at 3:45 pm. The nine workshop choices include *Nurturing your Soul*, *Bread of Life*, *Yoga for the Soul* and *Nourishment in the Church Garden*, among others. The \$25 registration fee includes breakfast, snacks and lunch. Please check www.ecw-dioregon.org/spiritualityday2019 for more information and to register.

EASTER VIGIL



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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

MAY 5	Cake Auction
	James' last Sunday before sabbatical
MAY 10-11	Women's Retreat
MAY 13	Taizé Prayer Service
MAY 18	Music Makers & Family Worship
MAY 21	Open Table dinner gathering
MAY 29	Choral Evensong
JUNE 2	Bishop's Visitation
JUNE 9	The Feast of Pentecost
JUNE 22	Cascadia Chamber Ensemble
JUNE 29-30	ViVoce concerts
JULY 28, AUG. 11 & 18 Recovery Forums	
AUG. 4	Parish Picnic

PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN, EBLAST, WWW-STMAA.ORG & DISPLAYS IN THE GALLERY FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS.

PARKING REMINDERS

Several visitors to St. Michael's on Easter experienced the unfortunate towing of their cars from the Hollywood East parking lot (east of the Leibert & Leibert parking lot). Please remind any friends or family members who may be visiting St. Michael's and not familiar with our parking situation to *never* park in that lot.

Also, please review the parking guidelines that are listed in the eblast every week. Note that now that tax season is over, we are able to park on the *left side* of the Liebert & Liebert Accountants' parking lot after 5:00 pm on weekdays and all day on Saturday and Sunday. We can park on the *right side* as well as all of the Broadway Medical Clinic lots after 5:00 pm weekdays, after 12:00 noon on Saturday and all day on Sunday.

The Broadway Medical Clinic operates three lots in addition to the right side of the accountants' lot. Those lots are to the east of the clinic, directly to the south and also across the street to the south and around the Chevron station.

We agree that the system is complicated, but we are fortunate that some of our neighbors are willing to share their parking lots with us!

— Gloria Orellana, Associate for Administration