



St. Michael's Newsletter

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From the Rector

“Alleluia. Christ is risen!” Easter Sunday was glorious at St. Michael's. At the 8:00 a.m. service nearly 30 parishioners and friends celebrated the resurrection as the morning sun illuminated the sanctuary. The church was filled at the 10:00 service. Some 230 people lifted their voices singing “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” and buoyed spirits even further with the glad acclamation, “The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!” I, for one, was deeply moved by the joy present.

As people of faith we now move forth into the 50 days of the Easter season, rediscovering the power the resurrection, aided perhaps by the unfolding of spring season. The emergence of renewed life can inspire us to rekindle our mission and service with God and relationships with others. On Monday, April 4, Linda Smidt, Marilyn Day and myself will fly to Port-au-Prince Haiti to visit St. Michael's Partnership parish, St. Thomas, Archaie. We will meet with Fr. Max Accime, the priest-in-charge of St. Thomas. (Many will remember meeting Fr. Max at our 300th Michaelmas celebration in 2014.) Later in the week Linda, Marilyn and I will participate in the Haiti Connection conference, joining with others who are in relationship with parishes and service organizations in Haiti. We are looking forward to the trip and what will unfold in our partnership with St. Thomas.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

While we seek to deepen our connection with St. Thomas, we are also mindful of the needs facing many in Massachusetts. After much reflection and conversation, the St. Michael's Leadership Development Initiative (LDI) team has discerned a call to address the issue of homelessness for families and children on the North Shore. The Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless reports on their website: “As of June 2, 2015, there were approximately 4,300 families with children and pregnant women in Massachusetts' Emergency Assistance (EA) shelter program. 1,296 of these families with children were being sheltered in motels.

This number does not count those families who are doubled up, living in unsafe conditions, or sleeping in their cars. During 2014, 6,562 families were assisted with emergency shelter and/or HomeBASE household assistance, out of the 13,115 families who applied for assistance [in Massachusetts].”

On Sunday, April 10, following the 10:00 worship service, the LDI team invites you to an informal conversation to further discern how St. Michael's may proactively engage to help families and children who are homeless. The LDI team has some ideas to share, but this is very much open conversation. We hope you can join us.

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Worship & Music

Evensong, Sunday, April 3 at 5 pm

With the beautiful singing of the choirs and the congregation still ringing in my ears, I want to thank everyone for their wonderful contribution to the music for Holy Week at St. Michael's. We are all proud and honored to be able to keep the tradition of excellent music at our church - it doesn't happen without commitment, skill and enthusiasm, all of which we have in abundance!

Evensong on Sunday April 3 at 5 pm will feature Katie Hoyer as soloist singing Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Easter", set to a beautiful text by the seventeenth-century Welsh-born English poet and Anglican priest George Herbert (1593–1633). The canticles are sung to music by American organist and composer Harold Friedell. Please join us and bring a friend!

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The great 50 days of Easter lead to the Day of Pentecost, the day when a substantive dose of Holy Spirit infused the disciples and early church. That Spirit remains with us today as we set forth into this new season. It is strengthened in our care and relationship with one another and our Lord. May we be renewed in God's grace as we proclaim, "The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

—Fr. Andrew

Discussion on Assisting Homeless Families and Children Sunday, April 10

All are invited to participate in a conversation regarding how St. Michael's may engage in and assist homeless families and children. This special "cottage" or "house" meeting is offered by St. Michael's "Leadership Development Initiative" (LDI) team. This team has been working together for the past months considering ways St. Michael's may more fully engage in issues that face our society today. While the list of concerns and issues we face are many, the team has focused on homelessness, especially for children and families.

All are invited to join in this conversation and eventual action steps at an informal meeting Sunday, April 10, following the 10:00 service. The LDI team includes Karin McCarthy, Steve Clay, Brian Fizer, Annette Nicolas, Frances Nilsson, Patty Reilly, and Fr. Andrew.

Barbara Bruns

Organ Concert

Sunday, April 17 at 5pm

On Sunday April 17 at 5 pm we will again host our favorite organist Barbara Bruns, who will be playing works by Bach, Brahms, Bohm, Bruhns, Byrd and Finzi. My dear friend and colleague Barbara is responsible for introducing me to St. Michael's Church in 2002, where I have happily made music for the last 13 years. Thank you Barbara!



Wishing all a blessed and joyful springtime.

— Doug Major, Music Director

St. Michael's to the Unitarian Church Covenant Exchange Sunday, April 3 at 3 PM at the UU Church, Mugford St.

Each year the Covenant of the Marblehead Ministerial Association is passed from one house of worship to another. The Covenant was formed twenty-fives years ago in the aftermath of graffiti sprayed on the walls of the Temple Emmanu-El and the Jewish Community Center. Members of churches and synagogues across Marblehead immediately came together in support of the Temple community and against such acts of bigotry. A Covenant was developed and signed by leaders of houses of worship, Christian and Jewish, across Marblehead.

St. Michael's has held the covenant for the past 1 1/2 years, honoring our 300th Anniversary. We now pass it to the UU Church as they celebrate their 300th Anniversary.

Attend the Covenant Exchange and then walk down to St. Michael's for evensong at 5 p.m.!

See page 7 for an invitation to hear historian Herb Belkin's talk on Golda Meir's journey from Russia to the United States to Prime Minister of Israel.

Church School & Youth

Church School in March



Church School members on Palm Sunday , March 20th.

Church School Looking back we have had a very busy month! In March we learned about the season of Lent, Jesus Entering Jerusalem, the Last Supper, Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection at Easter. We had fun making our traditional Lenten pretzels and weaving palm crosses.

On Good Friday we were also able to participate in the Stations of the Cross. This ceremony was followed by a delicious luncheon. Thank you so much to Kelley Callahan and Sue Cool for hosting this meal for us.

First Communion Class



Father Andrew and I enjoyed meeting with our First Communion group each Thursday afternoon in late February and March. We had a focus on the Last Supper as we learned about the Eucharist. We had fun and learned through exploring the items in our Church and Sacristy.

Ask a First Communion Group Member to name the items used on the altar, they can tell you many of the terms we use. The children also had a chance to share a snack each week reminiscent of the Eucharist, hear a bible story, and participate in a craft. A highlight was exploring St. Michael's Bell Tower and seeing our Paul Revere bell. All of our preparation culminated with a beautiful First Communion shared with our Families and Parish community on March 20th.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- April 3 Church School 9:45am
- April 5 Supper Club Celebration
- April 10 Church School 9:45am
- April 17 No Church School (School Vacation Week)
- April 24 Church School 9:45am
- May 1 Church School 9:45am
- May 8 Intergenerational Service
- May 15 Rogation Sunday (Planting)

April Highlights

In April we will focus on the lives of Saints including St. Julian of Norwich, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Augustine, and one of the Easter People, Mother Teresa of Calcutta.

Supper Club News



Supper Club Members build a tent and climb inside to read Bible stories about Paul, Evangelist and Tent Builder .

Supper Club will be having its year-end celebration on Tuesday, April 5th, from 6-7pm at Fen Yang House on Atlantic Avenue in Marblehead. All students entering

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Church School continued and Parish Outreach

grades 6, 7, or 8 in the fall are welcome. Please join us as we celebrate with food, fellowship, and fun. We will look back on a terrific year, recognize those who are moving on, and welcome the new members who will be joining Supper Club in the fall. Please RSVP to Kelley at Kelley@stmichaels1714.org if you are able to come.

Michael's. We really need your help!

Please consider volunteering, and sign up on the St. Michael's Sign-Up Genius or contact Kelley at kelley@stmichaels1714.org

—Kelley Howells

Volunteers Needed!

Now is the perfect time to join us as a Church School volunteer if you haven't before. Please consider this worthwhile opportunity to share your gifts, and be part of the children's religious education experience here at St.

Congratulations, Tim and Lilly!

Two of our Youth Choir members, Tim Clay and Lilly Callahan, have been accepted to the Massachusetts All-State Treble Chorus!

More Invitations!



*Golda Meir, 1898—1978.
Photo: Levan Ramishvili, Flickr.com*

Herb Belkin on Golda Meir at St. Catherine's Guild Thursday, April 7 at 6:30 PM

All are invited to hear Herb Belkin talk about the life and career of Golda Meir from her childhood in Czarist Russia, her youth and adulthood in the United States to Prime Minister of Israel. Mr. Belkin will follow this extraordinary woman as she rises in the Zionist movement and the importance of her role that enabled the new-born Israel to survive. Her story is one of dedication to the re-birth of Israel, and the price she paid in her personal life. Following the talk, there will be a question and answer period.

St. Michael's Thrift Shop

St. Michael's friendly Thrift Shop at 26 Pleasant Street, next to the Church, NEEDS fashionable Spring (not Summer) clothing and accessories for men and women. Decorative items for indoors and out are also in demand. Please look around your home and in your closets for recycling opportunities. We NEED your help.

Please pay The Thrift Shop a visit, Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 4 PM. We will welcome you. Thanks to all who heed our call! .

—Liz Grader

Mr. Belkin is an historian from Swampscott who lectures and writes on the epic events of Jewish history of the last 200 years. He has taught courses on modern Jewish history at Brandeis University and the Explorers at Salem State University, and writes a column on Jewish affairs for the Jewish Journal and for his blog, Zionist Dialogue. He also serves as a speaker for the Israeli Consulate of New England. He and his wife, Sylvia, are longtime residents of Swampscott and enjoy watching their two grandsons grow and learn.

Please come and hear about this extraordinary woman at the St. Catherine's Guild dinner on Thursday, April 7th at 6:30. Menu will be chicken broccoli ziti, salad, and dessert. Cost of the dinner is \$5.00. Please R.S.V.P. to Jennifer Oliveira .

- Marilyn Day, Guild President



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April 3, 2016

**3 PM
Covenant Exchange
Unitarian Universalist Church
Mugford St., Marblehead**

**5 PM
Sunday Evensong and
Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
St. Michael's, Marblehead**

April 17, 2016, 5 PM

**Organ Recital
Barbara Bruns
Minister of Music
Christ Church, Andover**

**Performing Works of Bach, Brahms,
Bohm, Bruhns, Byrd and Finzi**

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Officers: Stephen Clay, Sr. Warden; Karin McCarthy, Jr. Warden; Sue Cool, Clerk; Diane Christian, Treasurer; Kristin Carlson, Asst. Treasurer.

Vestry: Sarah Bates, Kelley Callahan, Jennifer Davis-Oliveira, Ellie Doyle, Brian Fizer, Rory Gaunt, Justin Hintlian, William Miller, Octavia Moniz

Delegates for Convention: Brian Fizer, Denise Shea. **Deanery Delegates:** Brian Fizer, Frances Nilsson, Denise Shea

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		Office Hours Monday – Friday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm	Thrift Shop Hours Tuesday-Saturday 1pm – 4 pm		1 11:00 am Wisdom & Friendship	2
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