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St. Michael's Newsletter

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November Calendar

Happy November

Birthday to

Julia Christian

Oliver C. Reigle

Conrad Kleykamp

Elizabeth R. Ayer

Finley T. Capshaw

From the Rector

Life is short and we have not too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are traveling the dark way with us. Oh, be swift to love. Make haste to be kind.

Since September, I have been using slight variation of this quote as part of the final blessing at the end of our worship services. It was written by Henri Frederic Amiel, a Swiss poet and professor of aesthetics and philosophy at the academy of Geneva in the 1800's.

I first heard it last summer while I was staying at St. Deiniol's Library, Hawarden, Wales. One of the chaplains, a retired Methodist minister from Philadelphia, used it regularly to conclude the daily Eucharist service. It moved me. I told myself that I should write it down. As with many other good ideas, I didn't. I have to admit that it vanished from my mind once I embarked on my travels from St. Deiniol's.

Back in Marblehead in August I had the opportunity to visit other Episcopal around the North Shore. To my surprise and delight, one of my colleagues blessed the congregation with this same saying. I thought, "God is trying to get my attention!" So I took note, and finally wrote it down when I got home.

Through our modern research vehicle of the internet I was able to look up the passage. I discovered its author, Mr. Amiel,

and many other quotes of his. He died in 1881. His thoughts survive through his monumental work, *Journal Intime* (yes, one word), including this passage. *Journal Intime* was a private journal he kept from 1847 and published after his death.

**Be swift to
love.
Make haste
to be kind.**

At the moment I do not know much more about Mr. Amiel, such as his spiritual or faith background. Yet this particularly saying seems to capture the gospel of Christ and Jesus instructions to his disciples. I often leave out "the dark way"

when I say it, in favor of simply "the way." I am reminded, however, that through those dark patches, like the passion and the cross, love and kindness emerge even more brightly.

There is much activity these days at St. Michael's. We have a new mission and vision statement, a strategic plan for the next five years, and new and re-energized commissions and committees. Sometimes it is dizzying to keep up with all that is going on. Like life itself, parish life gets a little confusing. In the parish and out in the world Mr. Amiel's words can come back to us, Christ-like, to help keep our feet on level ground: Be swift to love. Make haste to be kind.

- Fr. Andrew

From the Music Director

Mark your calendars for November:

Sunday November 1 at 5 pm
Choral Evensong and Benediction

Sunday, November 15 at 5 pm
Organ Recital— Doug Major

I would like to offer a special thank you to those who have stepped forward and hosted our receptions during October, for Evensong and for the wonderful recital by Mark Dwyer. We appreciate your help very much.

Thanks also to those who have subscribed to the Recital Series for this season, and some of you have made contributions over and above the subscription fee. Your generosity helps greatly to make this series a success.

- Douglas Major, Music Director

St. Michael's Episcopal Church Marblehead, Massachusetts

Our Mission is to seek transformation in God's grace by worshipping God in prayer, song, and study; loving and serving our neighbor in and outside our parish Community; and being good stewards of God's creation.

Our Vision is to be a Mission-driven Episcopal congregation that by 2014 will be widely recognized as a vibrant, open, and inviting community, known for liturgically-centered worship and music, for lifelong learning, for pastoral presence and service to communities near and far, for good stewardship of our resources, and for celebration of our legacy as an historic church.

**To deepen relevant discipleship
 to transform lives**

Church School Schedule

Date	Special Event	Middle School Youth	Godly Play I	Godly Play II
Sunday, November 1	All Saints	Lunch with Fr. Andrew 11:45	Origins of Halloween 9:30	The Story of Joseph 9:30
Sunday, November 8			The Great Family 9:30	The Great Family (as told by the students) 9:30
Tuesday, November 10		Dinner & Class: A New Beginning 6pm		
Sunday, November 15			The Exodus 9:30	The Story of Moses 9:30
Saturday, November 21	Craft Day 9:30-11:30	Assist Church School with Craft		
Sunday, November 22			Children's Chapel 9:30	The Communion of Saints 9:30
Tuesday, November 24		Dinner & Class : Gratitude 6pm		
Sunday, November 29	One Room School-house			

Church School - Aileen Ryder

Classroom Musings

In October, we celebrated National Children's Sabbath, a day to celebrate the special place of children. For the Church School, this became an exciting day to participate in our weekly service in a special way. Youth who serve as acolytes also participated as lectors, child leaders, and sharing their experiences with Fr. Andrew for the sermon. We were reminded of the ways our children and youth enrich our community.

In the Church School, this is a day of great learning. One of my favorite Godly Play stories, "The Circle of the Eucharist," explains how we worship and why we worship as we do. The children of Godly Play I heard this story just a two weeks before this celebration, and the older children have heard this story several times throughout their Church School career. Yet, the chance to celebrate the whole service is infrequent. National Children's Sabbath afforded the Church School a chance to put into practice a favorite story.

To prepare for this celebration the children of the Church School met before the service to review this story and discuss the special roles they will play. The excitement was palpable. I hope the day was as enjoyable for the congregation as a whole, as it was for the students who took part!

The Holidays are Quickly Approaching!

Please mark your calendars and join us for these Holiday Events.

Craft Day
Saturday

November 21
9:30-11:30am

In Preparation of the Christmas Fair, the children of the Church School are invited to a Craft Day. We will be making a special "gift box" to sell at the Craft Fair. The morning event will be full of fun, food and holiday cheer!

New Group!!!

We are trying something new with our Middle School Youth. Community is so important in Christian life. In this group, we will share a meal, discuss faith and play some games! I am excited about this opportunity to try something new.

Entering the Story

The children of Godly Play I are exploring the love God. In the Creation Story, the children are reminded that God saw creation as "very good." Just sit with that for a moment...to God YOU are "very good." You do not need to do anything special to be loved by God, you are already are!

In the Hebrew Scriptures we see God sharing that love. We see Abraham and his family chosen for special favor...yet we know that this "choice" is a symbol for each and every human being "chosen" by God. In being chosen we are invited to a "holy" life. To be holy is to be set aside for a special purpose. We are invited to live as people special to God.

In what ways is your life a special gift to God?

Special this month!

Middle School Youth have a lunch with Fr. Andrew on All Saints Day.

Fr. Andrew is joining Godly Play for a Children's Chapel on November 22.

Christmas Pageant

December 20

Rehearsals:

December 6

December 13

December 19



Orlando and Sarah A. G. R. Davenport

In January 1915, St. Michael's Church and four other institutions learned that Orlando Henry Davenport had left most of his estate, valued at nearly \$500,000¹ in trust to his wife Sarah A.G. (Reynolds) Davenport to be divided among the five groups after her death. Why would this couple from Roxbury give their money to St. Michael's in Marblehead?

Orlando Davenport was the son of a Newton blacksmith, the next to the youngest child of seven. He and his siblings had a daily task to perform, and as an adult Davenport felt strongly that every child of 6 or 7 should have some useful daily chore.² At age 7, Davenport went to work, the beginning of several two year stints: in the spinning room of a textile factory, with the village butcher, in a livery stable, as an apprentice to a blacksmith, and then in work with his father. In winters and evenings he obtained some schooling. He then worked 5 years for the Boston water department from 1849 to 1855, when he was offered a job with the Boston Directory Establishment.

It was at this point that Orlando Davenport married Sarah Ann Glover Reynolds. The Vestry minutes of Sept. 7, 1915 have a testimonial to Davenport that states: "He married Sarah A .G. Reynolds of Marblehead, who in her early days was an attendant of St. Michael's, and to whose influence the church is indebted for the gift in his will." Sarah herself is not listed in St. Michael's records, but family members can be found.

Sarah was born 15 Nov. 1834, the youngest child of William Hooper Reynolds (1788-1854) and Eliza T. Glover of Marblehead. Her oldest brother William Hooper Reynolds (1811-1853) was 23 and married that same year. Sarah's grandfather William Hooper Reynolds (1753-1808) served in Capt. Nicholas Broughton's company in General Glover's Regiment in the Revolutionary War. Her father was an officer in Maj. Benjamin T. Reed's Marblehead regiment in the War of 1812. Sarah's mother, Eliza T. Glover, was the daughter of Samuel Glover, the granddaughter of Gen. John Glover, and thus first cousin to John Glover Hooper. Sarah was six when her mother died, and 20 when her father died.

An 1834 accounting of the 1833 renovations in the Vestry Records lists \$95.10 paid on July 13, 1833 to W.H. Reynolds, perhaps Sarah's father, a mason, or her

brother. In 1850-1851, the Rev. Ballard added as communicants Eliza and Mary Reynolds, probably Sarah's older sisters who would have recently turned 21. And in 1859, her cousin Henry P. Reynolds was confirmed and all his children baptized at St. Michael's. Perhaps Sarah attended St. Michael's with her sisters and kept in touch with St. Michael's during visits to Marblehead. When she and Orlando married, though, the Rev. Dutton of the Universalist Church of Marblehead performed the ceremony. Orlando attended the Warren Street Universalist Church in Boston, 1850-1857.

Orlando and Sarah had only one child, Orlando Hooper Davenport who died of the "hooping cough" at age 10 months.

Within a year and a half of joining the directory business, proprietor George Adams gave Davenport and George Sampson partnership in the firm then renamed Adams, Sampson & Company. Davenport then began expanding the business into New York adding Albany, then nearby cities and eventually the directory for New York state. The Davenports lived in Albany some of this time, and then returned to Roxbury. After the death of Adams in 1865, the company became Sampson, Davenport & Company, a name that continued until Davenport's retirement in 1883.

Orlando Davenport joined the Masonic order in 1860 and two beneficiaries were the Gate of the Temple Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (then in South Boston) and the Grand Lodge of Masons. He also served on the boards of several organizations, including the MSPCA, another beneficiary. The fifth beneficiary was the Methodist Episcopal Church Society in Newton, possibly the church of Mr. Davenport's youth. His funeral was held at his home. Mrs. Davenport died quietly in January 1923. By 1925, St. Michael's endowed income was \$9851, up from \$700 in 1922. Thank you, Sarah and Orlando Davenport!

- Frances Nilsson, Historic Church Committee.

¹ *Proceedings of the most worshipful Grand lodge of ancient free and accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the year 1915 (1916) p. 326-7.*

² *Eliot, Samuel Adkins. "Orlando Henry Davenport" Biographical history of Massachusetts: biographies and autobiographies of leading men of the state, Volume 2. Massachusetts Biographical Society, 1909.*



Orlando H. Davenport 1830-1915
Biographical History of Massachusetts, V.2

Time, Treasures & New Ideas

**St. Michael's
Heart of Christmas Fair**

Time, Treasure & New Ideas Wanted!

Mark you calendars! The St. Michael's Christmas Fair is scheduled for the first weekend in December, to coincide with the Marblehead Christmas Walk.

Friday, December 4
Evening Preview & Supper

Saturday, December 5
Fair with Morning Goodies & Lunch

Our coordinating committee includes Lesley Tracy, Sarah Bates, Vivian Bennett, Carol Davidson, Pam Opelet, Lissa Simard, and Linda Smidt.

Many thanks to all who are lending a hand!

**St. Michael's Archives
Needs a Carpet**

The Historic Church Committee encourages parish-ioners to view the beautiful new floor in the Archives Room. Due to a leak in the dehumidifier's drainage system, the carpet incurred substantial water damage. After examining the carpet, the Committee decided to replace it with the new wood flooring. The flooring and plumbing problems have been resolved thanks to Ed Nilsson and David Bittermann. The expenses have been paid for out of the Howie Archives Fund.



Now, in order to further enhance this room, the Committee would be most appreciative if someone would donate an 8 X 10 oriental rug. Please contact Dana Denault, Chair of the Committee, if you have a rug you are not using and would like to donate it the church.

- Dana Denault, Chair, Historic Church Committee

**"Rich Uncle"
Antique and Collectables Room
Wish List**

It is Autumn and time to prepare for the Christmas Fair!

We have been asked what are you looking for in donations for "The Rich Uncle" Room? The "Rich Uncle" Antiques and Collectables Wish List follows:

- Elegant furs of all varieties
- Sparkling Crystal
- Shiny Silver Anything, Gold likewise!
- Garden ornaments, bird baths, and statuary for the garden
- Pottery of distinction
- Paintings and prints of local interest
- Unique items of charm and character
- China in perfect condition – no chips, or cracks, please
- Antique anything, dolls, small pieces of furniture, etc.
- Small appliances that work, no frayed cords or missing parts

Other suggestions are welcomed. If it is unique and beautiful, or functional, we are interested!

Please leave items in the Parish Library.

Please leave jewelry in the office with Jane Maihos for the Jewelry Table led by Connie Denault and Linda Smidt.

Eternal thanks,

- Pat Spaberg, Aileen Day, & Peggy Bittermann

Nominating Committee Seeks Suggestions

The Nominating Committee is considering candidates for leadership positions in the church. Each year at the Annual Meeting of the parish, St. Michael's elects

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|------------------|-------------------------|
| Senior Warden | Junior Warden |
| Treasurer | Assistant Treasurer |
| Clerk | |
| 3 Vestry members | 2 Convention Delegates. |

If you know of a good candidate, or if you are interested yourself, please contact any member of the Nominating Committee: Barbara Miller, David Bittermann, Jack Attridge, and Vivian Bennett.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2010.

Important Dates

Jerri Pratt on a Healthy Lifestyle St. Catherine's Guild's Speaker

Thursday, November 5th at 6:30 pm

St. Catherine's Guild will meet on Thursday, November 5th at 6:30 pm. Our guest speaker will be Jerri Pratt, Director of Health and Wellness at the Greater Boston YMCA.

In her position at the YMCA, Jerri is responsible for the weight loss program, cancer survivor's exercise program, and the diabetes program. She has a degree in nutrition from the University of Massachusetts, and National and Massachusetts certification in massage therapy. Jerri has also completed 14 Boston marathons and 6 ultra marathons (50 mile runs), and an iron man. She is active in the FRAXA Research Foundation—Fragile X is the most common cause of inherited mental impairment.

Please join us at St. Catherine's on November 5, at 6:30PM. Doris Bartlett will call you for your reservation. New members are welcome and should call Doris if you would like to attend the November meeting.

The dinner committee includes co-chairs Mary Williams and Frances Nilsson, Cheryl Conrad, Marjorie Fogg and Peggy Bittermann.

Bring food for the Food Pantry!

*Minds are like parachutes -
They only function when open.*

**Parish Aid Luncheon
Tuesday, November 17
12:00 Noon**

**New Members
Welcome!**

Soup and Dessert Fellowship & Nourishment



**Tuesday, November 10
12:00 Noon**

Parish Hall, St. Michael's Church

On the 2nd Tuesday of each month, the Pastoral Care Group hosts a Soup and Dessert luncheon. You provide the fellowship!

Soup Chef of the Month: Aileen Day.
Peanut butter brownies: Lissa Simard.
Kitchen management: Walt Haug,
Set up: Sylvia Johnson and Lou Zumstein,
Service: Ann Davis and Louise Hunt.

Please join us. There is never a charge.

- Sue Cool & Pat Spaberg

**Centering Prayer
The Contemplative Christian Tradition**

St. Andrew's Church in Marblehead is offering classes on centering prayer on 6 Wednesday nights in November and December. The course will be lead by Robert Wall, M.Div., MSN. The classes will be held from 7:30 to 9:00 PM, on November 4, 11, 18 and December 2, 9, and 16. More information is in The Chimes newsletter at the web site www.standrewsmhd.org.

Marblehead Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Wednesday, November 25 7:30 PM Unitarian Universalist Church

Join your Marblehead friends in an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Marblehead, 28 Mugford Street. This service led by the Marblehead Ministerial Association provides an opportunity for people of all faiths to come together and give thanks for our many blessings. The thank offering benefits the Marblehead Food Pantry.

Give Generously!

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Evensong
Sunday, November 5
5 pm

Organ Recital
Sunday, October 15
5 pm
Douglas Major
St. Michael's Church, Marblehead

Marblehead Interfaith
Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 25
7:30 pm

Unitarian Universalist Church
of Marblehead
28 Mugford St.

St. Michael's Church

Officers: *Barbara Miller, Sr. Warden; David Bittermann, Jr. Warden; Laurence Pierce, Treasurer; Sarah Bates, Asst. Treasurer; Walter Haug, Clerk.*

Vestry: *Jack Attridge, Vivian Bennett, Susan Cool, Louise Hunt, Anna Onishi, Paul Pruett, Avery Russell, Linda Smidt, Richard Wood.*

Delegates for Convention: *Jan Barnett, Denise Shea.* **Deanery Delegates:** *Jan Barnett, Frances Nilsson, Denise Shea*

Staff: *The Rev. Andrew J. Stoessel, Rector; Dr. Douglas Major, Music Director; Aileen Ryder, Church School Director, Jane Maihos, Parish Administrator; Ron St. Pierre, Sexton; Donna Hingston, St. Michael's Nursery School.*

Saint Michael's Church

November 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1) ALL SAINTS' DAY 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 12:00 pm Rite 13 Lunch with Fr. Andrew 5:00 pm Choral Evensong & Benediction	2)	3) 7:30 pm Property Meeting	4) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist, 10:30 am Bible Study 10:45 Devereux House Nursing Home Visitation 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA Meeting	5) 6:30 pm St. Catherine's Guild 7:30 pm Adult Choir	6) 9:00 am Polarity Exercise Class Diocese of Massachusetts Convention-Boston Celebrating 225 Years	7) Diocese of Massachusetts Convention Boston
8) 23RD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST PROPER 27 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I Rev. Franklin E. Huntress preaching 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II Rev. Robert D. Landreth preaching	9) 6:30 pm CPR training	10) 12:00 pm Soup & Dessert 6:00 pm Middle School Youth Meeting 7:30 pm Wardens Mtg.	11) VETERAN'S DAY Office Open 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 8:00 pm AA Meeting	12) 7:30 pm Adult Choir	13) 9:00 am Polarity Exercise Class	14)
15) 24TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST PROPER 28 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II 5:00 pm Organ Recital, Dr. Douglas Major, P erforming	16)	17) <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 12:00 pm Parish Aid Luncheon 7:30 pm Vestry Meeting	18) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm Marblehead Garden Club Presentations 8:00 pm AA Meeting - Downstairs	19) 6:00 pm Marblehead Festival of the Arts Logo Judging 7:30 pm Adult Choir	20) 9:00 am Polarity Exercise Class	21) 9:30 – 11:30 am Craft Day for Church School
22) CHRIST THE KING PROPER 29 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	23)	24) 6:00 pm Middle School Youth Meeting	25) 9:30 am Holy Eucharist 10:30 am Bible Study 11:45 am Staff Meeting 7:30 pm Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Service, Unitarian Universalist Church 8:00 pm AA Meeting	26) THANKSGIVING DAY Office Closed	27) Office Closed No Polarity Exercise Class Time t-b-d Set-up for Rich Uncle Table	28)
29) 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Begin Year C) 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I 9:30 am Church School- One room schoolhouse 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II	30)	St. Michael's Heart of Christmas Fair Saturday, December 5th with Friday night preview & dinner Set up all week.				