

ST. MICHAEL CONNECTIONS



Special Points of Interest
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Discovering St. Michael

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May 20, 8:00 PM
Church Council

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Church Offices Closed

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You Make a Difference

As I write this article for this month's newsletter it is Volunteer Appreciation Week. One of the strengths of the ministry we share here at St. Michael Lutheran is the large number of volunteers who so willingly give of their time, talents and love of the Lord in so many and varied ways. To God be the glory!

As St. Paul writes in Romans 12:6ff, *"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."*

St. Paul also discusses the use of spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:4 ff, *"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service,*

but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men." Our gifts and the opportunities to serve our Lord and fellow man come from God. After speaking of gifts throughout 1 Corinthians 12, Paul then segues into 1 Corinthians 13, *"And now I will show you the most excellent way."* This is the way of love, Biblical love. Love is God's greatest gift!

When we use our gifts, whatever they may be — teaching, mercy, helping, faith, leadership, knowledge, hospitality, etc. we can share the love and kindness of the Lord that He has first showed to us. On occasion, perhaps, we struggle with does it make a difference — teaching a class, ushering, greeting, tending to the flower beds, serving on a committee, helping in the nursery, preparing a meal, etc. By God's grace, power and love, it does make a difference in the hearts and lives of those we care called to serve here at church, in our homes, neighborhoods, schools, work places and community at large. God provides us many avenues to put our faith into action.

Some of you may be familiar with the "StarFish Story." A young man is walking along the ocean and sees a beach on which thousands and thousands of starfish have washed ashore. Further along he sees an old man, walking slowly and stooping often, picking up one starfish after another and tossing each one gently into the ocean. "Why are you throwing starfish into the ocean," he asks. "Because the sun is up and the tide is going out and if I don't throw them further in they will die." "But old man, don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and starfish all along it" You can't even save one-tenth of them." In fact, even if you work all day, your efforts won't make any difference at all." The old

man listened calmly and then bent down to pick up another starfish and threw it in to the sea. "It made a difference to that one."

Each of us are called to live a life of service to our Lord, utilizing our gifts and talents to serve our Lord and our fellow men and women, in response to the tremendous love and grace that God has first shown us. There are so many "starfish" out there that do not know the Lord, who can use a word of encouragement and help, who need to hear the good news of what Jesus Christ has done for us. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to make a difference as we live out our lives, to even just one person, that they may become connected to the one true Living God. A most blessed and service-filled Spring to each of you!

In Jesus,
Pastor Tim



ASSOCIATE PASTOR

PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATIONS

A Matter of the Heart

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much" ~ Luke 16:10. Jesus is saying that a faithful person will handle God's gifts faithfully regardless of whether they have few or many gifts entrusted to them. Faithfulness is not determined by the amount entrusted but by the character of the person who uses it.

A faithful person will do the small thing well. One day a young man went to a bank to apply for a job. After his interview, he was leaving the bank and happened to notice some small trash on the floor. He picked it up and put it in the waste paper basket. Seconds later, he helped an elderly lady out the door. Unknown to the young man, the man who had interviewed him for the job was observing him. The young man

was promptly summoned back and given the job. The employer's comment: "Anyone who pays attention to the small things as you just did needs to work here."



Unfortunately, we Christians may incorrectly think that small things aren't important to God. We may have the attitude

that God won't be concerned with the small amount of money or other gifts that we have been given. In the Bible, God spoke mightily through the little that people had. God used the widow and her two mites to teach us a lesson about sacrificial giving. He used the small amount of flour and oil that the Widow

of Zarephath had to demonstrate obedience. Jesus used the loaves and fish of a young boy to reveal how God can magnify a small gift. God commended their faith with small things, and He didn't overlook what faithful people did with small things.

Through God's Word, we understand that small things do count. Because we understand our need to be faithful with all things, we should ask ourselves how we are handling the seemingly small things in our lives. Are we handling small things well in our homes, jobs, and churches? Can others see a difference in us? With God's help, we can be faithful with ALL that we've been given. Through our faithfulness, God will be glorified.

"Faith is to the soul what life is to the body. Prayer is to faith what breath is to the body. How a person can live and not breathe is past my comprehension, and how a person can believe and not pray is past my comprehension, too." — J.C. Ryle

National Day of Prayer

The 64th annual National Day of Prayer, May 7, 2015, will have profound significance for our country. It is an unprecedented opportunity to see the Lord's healing and renewing power made manifest as we call on citizens to humbly come before His throne.

The theme for 2015 is *Lord, Hear Our Cry*, emphasizing the need for individuals, corporately and individually, to place their faith in the unfailing character of their Creator, who is sovereign over all governments, authorities, and men. To further highlight this theme, 1 Kings 8:28 has been chosen as the Scripture for this year: *"Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day."*

For the May 7th observances, Dr. Jack Graham, the 2015 Honorary Chairman, wrote a special prayer to be simultaneously read throughout the nation at noon (EDT). This recitation will create a huge wave of prayer, flowing from one coast to the other, illustrating the unity of God's people and acknowledging His dominion over the

circumstances facing us. May the Lord's peace fill your heart as you rest in Him throughout the days ahead.



Heavenly Father,

We come to You in the Name that is above every name—Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Our hearts cry out to You.

Knowing that You are a prayer-answering, faithful God—the One we trust in times like these—we ask that You renew our spirits, revive our churches, and heal our land.

We repent of our sins and ask for Your grace and power to save us. Hear our cry, oh God,

and pour out Your Spirit upon us that we may walk in obedience to Your Word.

We are desperate for Your tender mercies. We are broken and humbled before You.

Forgive us, and in the power of Your great love, lift us up to live in Your righteousness.

We pray for our beloved nation. May we repent and return to You and be a light to the nations.

And we pray for our leaders and ask that You give them wisdom and faith to follow You.

Preserve and protect us, for You are our refuge and only hope.

Deliver us from all fears except to fear You, and may we courageously stand in the Truth that sets us free.

We pray with expectant faith and grateful hearts.

In Jesus' name, our Savior. Amen.

— 2015 National Prayer by Dr. Jack Graham

The Sanctuary of St. Michael Lutheran Church will be open and available for prayer from noon until 1:00 PM for the National Day of Prayer, Thursday, May 7, 2015.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH



ONCE A MONTH HELP NEEDED

Limited in time for volunteering? Here is an opportunity for you! St. Michael needs a person to serve as the liaison for Right to Life/Lifespan. The position involves receiving monthly emails from Right to Life and then passing this info on to be included in the Happenings or Newsletters. It also involves printing fliers for some events and posting them on the appropriate bulletin boards in the church.

Can You Step In?

If interested, contact Right to Life/Lifespan at 734.422.6230. If you have questions, you can contact Bonnie Connell at 734.358.2050.

Kids Against Hunger

Mark your calendars for 9:30 AM on Saturday, May 16, 2015 when St. Michael will again be packaging food for Kids Against Hunger (KAH). This year we hope to package over 25,000 meals exceeding last year's total of 21,000.

KAH food packets utilize nutritious, dehydrated products that are measured and packaged for simple cooking at a later date by just adding boiling water. KAH packets have a long shelf life and are used by Local Food Pantries, the National Emergency Food Bank, or International Relief. Our good friends and Mission Partner, Open Door Ministries, located on Michigan Avenue here in Canton, will receive the meals we package.

There are three ways you can support Kids Against Hunger. First of all pray. Pray for the people who will ultimately receive this food, for the KAH Coalition and for our Church's efforts for the May 16th event. Secondly, please consider signing up to volunteer to help with the food packing on May 16th. We need up 135 volunteers. Families and individuals of all ages are encouraged to come out for a couple of hours to serve the Lord. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the Parish Life Bulletin Board in the Narthex beginning April 11th. (A nursery for children 4 years and under will be available).

The third way to support KAH is with your personal donations to help cover the cost of purchasing food products. There will be special KAH donation envelopes on the Pastor's Bulletin Board. Please prayerfully consider taking an envelope and making a donation. Checks should be made out to St. Michael Lutheran Church – designated for "Kids Against Hunger" on the memo line.



We are off to a solid start with funds from Regular Benevolence and the February Barn Dance & Chili Cook-off, but your personal contributions and support is critical.

Each dollar contributed provides nearly four meals for needy families in our area. The Sunday School youth will be able to contribute as well. Special "Kids Helping Kids" banks will be placed in each Sunday school room.

"Lord when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothing or sick or in prison and did not help you? He will reply, I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me." Matthew 25: 44-45. (NIV)

If you have any questions, please Greg or Andrea Anderson, Chuck McCartney, Melva Parks, Rob Frysinger, Brenda Stilley, Bob Garrett or the church office ~ 459-3333.

Mission Bulletin Board

Check out the Mission & Outreach bulletin board for information about our mission partners. It is updated frequently with material from and about our mission partners!



Meals of Love – St. Michael Meals Ministry

Meals of Love offers an opportunity to focus on serving others through meal delivery. Our mission is to serve one another humbly in love. (Galatians 5:13)

Are you looking for a way to serve in our St. Michael family? We are looking for a few good women/men to help serve our St. Michael family with a meal or driving a meal to a family member when they are in need. It is not necessary to be a culinary genius to join the ranks of volunteer cooks! It's not even necessary to cook homemade meals. The meal can be store bought, home-made, frozen or just about anything. We are looking for help preparing meals and/or driving meals. It just takes a desire to serve

one another in love. You can serve as often or a little as you are able to. Simply sign-up with the Meals Ministry by emailing Candice Lamb and Beth Sisler at:

smlcmealsoflove@gmail.com

Or contact the church office (734) 459-3333. Our meals ministry communicates through the www.mealtrain.com website. You will be emailed a link to the family when you agree to bring a meal.



FOR AND ABOUT MEMBERS



Financial Update

During the first three months of 2015 General Fund receipts were up \uparrow 4.7% from last year and totaled \$205,854 but with expenses of \$217,403 resulted in a deficit of \downarrow \$11,549. The deficit is 5.6% of receipts or about \$1,000 per week. Salaries and Benefits during the first quarter in dollars are consistent with last year and totaled 61% of receipts. Comparing the first three months to the same time last year utilities increased \uparrow \$4,440. Council continues to monitor General Fund receipts and expenses. As was communicated at the Jan. Congregation meeting, Council will be basing several mid year decisions on these trends. Our church has been extremely blessed over the years and to that point Council is communicating the first quarter deficit to the members of our congregation.



Summer Bible Study

Wednesday Night Bible Study—a new Bible study begins at 7 PM in the Chapel on Wed, May 27. The study focuses on Jesus calling and training the disciples to walk in His footsteps when establishing the Early Church. Each session will feature a video message from gifted bible teacher and Historian Ray VanderLaan followed by open discussion. See the Bible come alive in unique faith lessons highlighting the historical, geographical, and cultural content of God's Word. If you regularly participate in bible studies — don't take the summer off. If you have been unable to find time during the school year, perhaps summer provides a unique opportunity. Come and give it a try. Call Greg Anderson 734-453-0861 for more info.

New to St. Michael?

If you have been visiting with us and want to know more about this church and our beliefs, you are welcome to attend the next Discovering St. Michael informational session on Sunday, May 3rd at 10:15 AM in the Library. One of the elders will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Visitor Information

Our next New Member class, known as the Bridge Retreat, will be held on Thurs, May 14 at 6:30 PM in the Sarah room.

Please call the church office at 734-459-3333 and let us know if you would like to attend. New members will be received into membership on Sunday, June 7.

Joy in Jesus! Joy in Life! Joy in Service!

St. Michael's Women's Ministry Leadership Team Presents Joy in the Journey



As women of the church, we want to connect with other women, grow closer to Jesus, share our God-given gifts with others, experience fellowship, serve those in need and have fun all to the glory of God. The Women's Ministry Leadership Team (WMLT) invites you to join us as we experience the joy that only God can bring! We are looking to hear your ideas, learn your desires for women's ministry and share with you our mission and ministry opportunities.

Please join us for a Meet and Greet on Friday, May 29, 2015 at 7 pm in the Koinonia Room for a night of fellowship, fun and joy as we strengthen the women's ministry at St. Michael. Appetizers, desserts and beverages will be served. Professional childcare will be provided.

Free tickets will be available between services from May 2nd through May 17th, in the church office at 734-459-3333 or by emailing gillespk@umich.edu. We look forward to seeing you there!!

"May the God of hope fill you with all JOY and peace as you trust Him."

~ Romans 15:13



"I Read It on the Internet so It Must be True!"

"Wikipedia defines one of our favorite subjects as follows: "Potluck dinners are events where the attendees bring a dish to a meal. Potluck dinners are often organized by religious or community groups, since they simplify the meal planning and distribute the costs among the participants..... The only traditional rule is that each dish be large enough to be shared among a good portion (but not necessarily all) of the anticipated guests.... Guests may bring in any form of food, ranging from the main course to desserts. In the United States, potlucks are associated with crockpot dishes, casseroles (often called hot dishes in the upper Midwest), dessert bars, and jello salads."

Great! When you come to the Sunday June 7 New Member Potluck luncheon, please remember to bring a dish to share that serves twelve people. Closer to the date, please look for an attendee signup sheet on the Parish Life bulletin board and tell us what you will bring.



Thanks for reading and God bless,
Marvin
the Church Mouse

FOR AND ABOUT MEMBERS



Help for the Homeless

The weather is turning, the sun is shining, but it's still tough for those who have no place to call home. The Friday Night study group is still collecting items to fill comfort bags for the homeless. A new season brings new needs and we are missing some key supplies. If you could please help with any of these items we would be very appreciative. Nail clippers, baseball caps, sunglasses, sunblock, chapstick, deodorant, small new testament Bibles, mini water bottles, light weight socks, combs/brushes, flip flops, granola bars, and fast food gift cards. Once we have our supplies we can start filling bags for distribution. Any questions, please call Erica Snyder at 734-846-4000.



Wednesday Evening Family and Fellowship

Our Wednesday evening Family and Fellowship activities draw to a close on Wed, May 20th. Many thanks to Linda Chupa and the faithful Kitchen Krew for keeping us fed and happy. Thanks to Amy Nichol for leading the delightful and unpredictable Leaping Lambs. Thank you to Andrea Anderson and Sue Lukasik for the many hours devoted to leading the children's choirs. And thank you to the many, many, MANY volunteers who have cleaned, taught,



led, entertained, and attended the Wednesday evening activities. See you all in the fall!

DME Loan Closet

The coat room on the left as you enter church has become a treasure room. DME is appearing there unexpectedly. A shower chair was needed, we were all out and the next day one appeared "out of nowhere." We needed a 4-wheeled walker with seat and brakes, we were all out and a family donated not one but *two* 4-wheeled walkers with a *third* one on the way! A piece of equipment is needed and someone who has been using that same piece of equipment calls to return it.

Please remember that if you have purchased any DME and donate it to the loan closet that you may claim a deduction on your federal income tax providing, of course, that you have proof of purchase.

Items always needed include shower chairs/seats, transfer tubs/benches, bedside commodes, transport wheelchairs, 4-wheeled walkers and standard adjustable canes. We are well-stocked with other types of walkers and with crutches. Currently needed also is an automated blood pressure kit. A large sized telephone and a phone

that can transfer voice into text (internet connection needed) are available.

Keep those donations coming. God is working.



DME

American Cancer Society Relay for Life

St. Michael is creating our own Team for Relay for Life!

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is the world's largest and most impactful fundraising event to end cancer. It unites communities across the globe to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action to finish the fight once and for all. Today, with the support of thousands of volunteers like you, the [American Cancer Society](http://www.americancancer.org) is helping save more than 400 lives a day. And we won't stop until we finish the fight against cancer! Please join us! The event is on Saturday, May 16 beginning at 10 a.m. and runs until midnight.

We are looking to fill our new St. Michael Wings for a Cure Team to help plan and make the event happen! Want to learn more? Role descriptions! Email Colin Campbell ckbthree@gmail.com for more information!

We also want to make sure that all survivors are recognized and we welcome you to join us as a Cancer survivor! Survivors get a special shirt, a lap to honor your fight against cancer, and a luncheon that is put on by Outback Steakhouse just for Survivors and 1 guest.



AAA Pregnancy Resource Center's RACE FOR LIFE

AAA Pregnancy Resource Center's RACE FOR LIFE – Saturday, May 16th

Get out and get some exercise and support life by participating in AAA Pregnancy Resource Center's RACE FOR LIFE on Sat, May 16th. The event includes a chip-timed 5k walk/run, 10k run and a 1-mile walk (strollers welcome). See our church liaison, Kathy Starosciak, for more information and join our SMLC team or visit www.aaarace4life.com. There is online registration and there are personal fundraising pages to help you ask friends, family, neighbors

and co-workers to sponsor you and be able to track your progress! It's a great cause and medals will be awarded to winners in each age group! AAAPRC is hoping our church will form a team for this event SO GRAB SOME FRIENDS AND LET'S GET OUT THERE AND SUPPORT LIFE!



MITCH MCVICKER

DOVE-AWARD WINNING SINGER-SONGWRITER



IN CONCERT

FREE CONCERT

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015

7:00PM

ST. MICHAEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Mitch McVicker

The Grey (When Black & White Fade)

FREE CONCERT, MAY 15 at 7:00 PM

Mitch McVicker is at it again. With his latest recording, *The Grey (When Black & White Fade)*, he points beyond our desire to make sense of everything. "The Love of God is beyond calculation," he says. "Yet, we tend to try to measure life in black and white."

His music career has consisted of 1500 concerts and 10 albums and with his latest project, McVicker looks towards the mysterious grey love of God. He says, "I hope the songs remind us that God's all encompassing love connects with us in all situations and through every circumstance."

After growing up in Kansas, McVicker began working with the late, great Rich Mullins. The two of them performed concerts together, wrote songs, and were roommates. Then, McVicker was in the car wreck that killed Mullins.

Shortly after Rich's death, and while Mitch was still deep in recovery, the two won the GMA's Dove Award for song of the year, for their writing of "My Deliverer".

After a lengthy recovery, he began his own musical journey. Rich Mullins has influenced Mitch McVicker's thoughts as much as he has influenced his music.

This can be heard as McVicker speaks of embarking on his latest concert tour, "At this point in my life, I am setting out to be guided by the Love of God. Being led by love is a lot more scary, ambiguous, and, yes, grey, than following steps simply for the sake of the steps."

He continues, "I want to live in the grey. That's not to say that anything goes, rather, that's to say that everything is included. Jesus seems to point out that the Kingdom of God is built upon a vast grey love."

The Grey (When Black & White Fade) is the deep-lyriced, folk-rock that McVicker's loyal listeners have come to love and expect. However, this self-produced endeavor is being lauded as his most artful and expressive project to date.

McVicker has possibly never sounded more intimate and beautiful than in "Being Held" and "Seashells". With "I'm-A-Goin'", McVicker combines lush strings, driving beats, and '60's story-telling. People from all walks of life relate to the raw and truthful hope found in the earthy authenticity and modern sounds of "In Other Words" and "Still Afloat". In the rock ballad "Into the River", McVicker tells a tale of painful peace with a gut-wrenching mix of this life's hopelessness and other-worldly hope.

Mitch lives in Atlanta, Georgia, and loves spending time with his wife, Paula, and their two children, Brooklyn (9) and Payson (4). McVicker, himself, wears all the hats required of a music career. He handles booking, creative and visionary management, publicity, tour management, recording, merchandise management, promotions, etc.

McVicker states, "For Jesus, life is lived from the heart, soul, and spirit. He speaks of life being fueled by grace and led by an all-encompassing love. So I think calculating, measuring, and keeping track of our actions, and everybody else's, just clutters the space in which love moves."

McVicker says he will continue to perform concerts and record albums "for as long as the Lord sees fit", and summarizes, "I have often colored within the lines simply because the lines were there. That's easy. That's comfortable. But that's not the call."

FOR AND ABOUT KIDS AND FAMILIES!!!



Aug. 3rd - Aug. 7th

Market Place!

Aug. 1st - Outdoor Movie
to Kick it off!

Aug. 8th Parenting Seminar
to tie it all up. (tentative)
Who will you invite?!



The Roller Coaster
Capital of the World!
New Ride this year:
Rougarou
the FLOORLESS coaster!
YIKES!

We hope to enjoy
lunch at the new
Lakeside Pavilions
this year!

June 16th

Families and teens invited to join us for a SUPER FUN day on rides, shows, food. All inclusive trip EASY for PARENTS – for one price you will get lunch and dinner and a comfy bus ride in a motor coach. We go on a weekday to avoid the lines! And it works! It's worth it to take a day off work and make some memories with your kids and church friends! Non-St. Michael members are invited too. This is a fantastic deal every year. You can't beat it. So if you wanted to hit the "Point" this summer anyway, this trip will save you money and make it easy for you! (Regular ticket would cost you \$45 per person. St. Michael Group Rate will be only \$37 per person) Then we will split the cost of the Motor Coach between all that attend. We bring our own delicious food and eat picnic style instead of buying the high priced food in the park. Don't miss this exciting day with us! Any questions contact Brenda Stilley brendastilley@connectingwithGod.org or call the church to reach her any weekday. Money is due by May 23rd. Cost to be announced.

FOR AND ABOUT KIDS AND FAMILIES!!!



ANOTHER FAMILY EVENT !! Kids Against Hunger Food Packaging Experience! It's like an assembly line with lots of high energy, fun! You really have to come an experience it to appreciate it. All Ages participate and families stand side by side filling bag of rice, spices and vitamins to feed the poor locally and across the globe. The representatives from Kids against Hunger do a short presentation at the beginning and then we dig in and get to it! Please sign up today or pledge your financial support. SEE YOU May 16th

UNSTOPPABLE – Elementary Age Youth Group. Next meeting – May 1st 7pm-9pm. Friends welcome. As the weather gets warmer we will be spending some time outside for our gatherings. Possibly a bike obstacle course and most definitely a scavenger hunt! We have a



steady group of at least 15 kids and there is room for more. What a great group of kids to be friends with.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

May 17th Spring Bling Party for all Sunday School Kids – We have a special guest coming to show us how to make balloon animals and do a Gospel presentation with balloons....Ya gotta see this! ThenPastor Dave has Challenged all the Sunday School kids to a Squirt Gun Battle! I don't know what will go down but it could be very exciting.

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on Memorial Day Weekend

MAY 31st – ADVENTURE LAND begins! Adventure Land is St. Michael's Summer version of Sunday School. NEW this year – Adventure Land will be held at the 9am and the 11 AM Services! So we can serve the families of St. Michael during the summer months and make it easy to get to church without worrying about when the children's program is offered. We are here for the FAMILY!



The nursery theme for May is "People at Church Help Me". Anyone interested in helping in the nursery, please contact Markita Gottschalk at 734-744-5016.



Family FUN in JUNE – Coming Soon –
Howell Nature Center trip to ZIPLINE –
June 20th or 27th. Watch for further
information!

Baccalaureate Service

Baccalaureate Sunday is May 31 at the 11:00 AM Service. If you or your student is graduating from high school or college this year, call the church office no later than May 25 to let us know that they will be participating in the Baccalaureate ceremony. They will be called forward during the service and extended a blessings and prayer. If you call the church office (734) 459-3333 and let us know by the deadline, their name will be printed in the bulletin. We ask that the students wear their cap and gown.



2nd Chance Prom

The 2nd Chance Prom, Saturday, May 30 at 7 PM in the Koinonia room. This will benefit the youth mission trip to Rochester, NY this summer. A freewill offering will be accepted. Live music! Refreshments! Time to get out those old bridesmaid and prom dresses. We have over twenty of our kids going on the mission trip and funds are needed! EVERYONE is invited, young and old! Your support is greatly needed and appreciated. Come on out and bust a move or two.



From Your Equipping Team

Are You A Volunteer Magnet?

Written by: Bob D'Ambrosio, Volunteer Leadership Consultant, Group Publishing

Alice couldn't understand why she was having so much difficulty getting volunteers to serve as Greeters. She had managed the front office at First Church for 15 years and knew everyone in the congregation. What Alice didn't know was that her volunteers perceived her as, well, let's just say, not very friendly.

Ministry leaders often focus on programs over people. There's always a fire to put out, a slot to fill, or an item on the infamous 'to-do' list. We get so caught up in task-mode that we forget ministry is built on our relationships with people. And volunteers are people!

Volunteer magnetic leaders know how to develop friendships with those in ministry. The relationship begins the process of inviting people to serve. We attract others when we demonstrate care, concern, and appreciation. For those with social styles that are more people oriented, this may come naturally. Those with more task-oriented styles will have to work intentionally to make this happen.

It's important for leaders to frequently evaluate themselves to see if their relationship with volunteers is affirming. We're often tempted to gauge our effectiveness by the success of our meetings, task completion, or the program outcomes. But the real test of ministry leadership may be on a more personal level. Years from now your volunteers won't remember the awesome meetings you led, but they will remember how your life impacted theirs.

Take this quick assessment to discover if you're a magnetic leader.

Give yourself 3 points for "Always"; 2 point for "Usually"; and 0 for "Never".

- I spend time with my volunteers in non-work related activities.
- I set aside time each week to pray for my volunteers.
- Volunteers approach me to enjoy personal conversations.
- Other people see me as kind in dealing with problems and disagreements.
- Most of my volunteers would say I'm patient.
- I'm flexible even when I've planned everything out.
- I maintain a balance between being fun and being serious.
- I respect the opinions of my volunteers even when they're different from mine.
- I partner with volunteers in planning events and activities.
- I regularly express words of affirmation and appreciation to those who serve.

Scoring

Use this score to celebrate your magnetic qualities and to examine ways to improve the quality of your leadership to volunteers.

21-30 Give yourself a standing ovation.

10-20 You're on your way. Keep looking for ideas to improve what you're doing.

Below 10 This assessment is a good beginning. Work on ways to improve.

Lois Beerbaum

Jim and Roxanne Davis

Suzi Deal

Pastor Tim Ewell

Markita Gottschalk

John and Lynn Seidelman

Doug Tomayko

Barbara Weide

Sharon Waterbury



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Pr. Joe Bonno, Visitation Pastor

Worship Saturday 5:30 PM

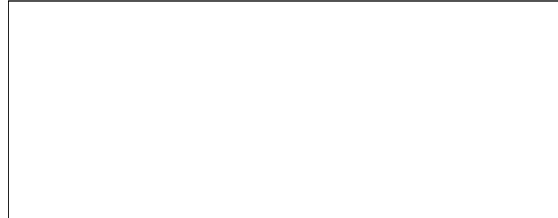
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 AM

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The Women's Ministry Leadership Team presents a Meet & Greet Open House on Friday, May 29 at 7 PM in the Koinonia room. This will be a night of fellowship, fun and JOY as we strengthen the women's ministry. Appetizers, desserts and beverages will be served.



MAY 2015

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| |  | | | | 1 6:30 Men's Bkfst/Bible Study 12:00 Alanon 7:00 Friday Night Study 7:00 Unstoppable 7:00 8 th Grade Overnighter | 2 9:00 St. Michael Losers 2:00 Wedding Rehearsal 2:00 Boy Scouts Ct of Honor 5:30 Worship |
| 3 9:00 Worship 9:30 Sunday School~all ages 10:15 Discovering St. Michael 10:45 Adult Bible Study 11:00 Worship/Communion 12:30 Parish Life 3:00 Wedding | 4 10:00 Alanon 1:00 CHEPA 5:30 Monday Evening Prayer 7:00 MOPS Steering 7:00 WMLT 7:30 Boy Scouts 9:00 MOPS Set Up | 5 9:00 MOPS 6:00 Boys' Basketball 6:00 Elders 7:00 AA 7:00 Beth Moore Study 7:00 Executive Committee 7:00 Property | 6 6:30 Men's Brkfst/Bible Study 9:00 Open Door Ministry 5:15 Youth Committee 5:15 Family Dinner 5:15 Teen Choir 6:00 Sonbeams 6:15 Kids' Kingdom Choir 6:30 Leaping Lambs 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Wed Evening Bible Study | 7 11:00 Seas Citizen Bible Study 6:30 Bell Choir Clean up 7:00 Crossways 7:00 The Forum 7:30 Adult Choir  | 8 6:30 Men's Bkfst/Bible Study 12:00 Alanon | 9 8:00 Brown Ministry 9:00 Scrapbookers 10:00 Deborah Circle 5:30 Worship/Communion |
| 10 MOTHER'S DAY 9:00 Worship/Communion 9:30 Sunday School~all ages 10:45 Adult Bible Study 11:00 Worship  | 11 10:00 Alanon 5:30 Monday Evening Prayer 7:30 Boy Scouts | 12 11:00 Plymouth Court 6:00 Boys' Basketball 6:30 Bell Choir 6:30 Plymouth Landing Brd 7:00 AA 7:00 Beth Moore Study 7:00 Mission & Outreach | 13 6:30 Men's Brkfst/Bible Study 10:00 Medilodge 5:15 Family Dinner 5:15 Teen Choir 6:00 Sonbeams 6:15 Kids' Kingdom Choir 6:30 Leaping Lambs 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Wed Evening Bible Study | 14 7:00 SSC 11:00 Seas Citizen Bible Study 6:30 Bridge Retreat 7:00 Crossways 7:00 The Forum 7:30 Adult Choir | 15 6:30 Men's Bkfst/Bible Study 12:00 Alanon 7:00 Mitch McVicker Concert 7:00 Friday Night Study | 16 9:00 Kids Against Hunger 9:00 Pre-Marriage Seminar 12:00 Bell Choir Practice 5:30 Worship 7:00 Teen Game Show |
| 17 9:00 Worship 9:30 Sunday School Wrap Up 10:45 Adult Bible Study 11:00 Worship/Communion 12:00 Baptism | 18 10:00 Alanon 5:30 Monday Evening Prayer 7:00 Book Club 7:30 Boy Scouts 9:00 MOPS Set Up  | 19 9:00 MOPS 6:00 Boys' Basketball 7:00 AA 7:00 Beth Moore Study | 20 6:30 Men's Brkfst/Bible Study 5:15 Family Dinner 5:15 Teen Choir 6:00 Sonbeams 6:15 Kids' Kingdom Choir 6:30 Leaping Lambs 6:30 Confirmation 7:00 Wed Evening Bible Study 8:00 Church Council | 21 11:00 Seas Citizen Bible Study 7:00 The Forum 7:30 Adult Choir | 22 6:30 Men's Bkfst/Bible Study 12:00 Alanon. | 23 9:00 St. Michael Losers 5:30 Worship/Communion |
| 24 9:00 Worship/Communion 11:00 Worship 31 BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY 9:00 Worship 11:00 Worship | 25 10:00 Alanon 5:30 Monday Evening Prayer | 26 9:00 Newsletter Staff 11:00 Plymouth Ct 1:30 Blood Drive 6:00 Boys' Basketball 7:00 AA 7:00 Evangelism | 27 6:30 Men's Brkfst/Bible Study 10:00 Medilodge 1:00 Waltonwoods 7:00 Summer Bible Study | 28 11:00 Seas Citizen Bible Study 7:00 The Forum 7:30 Adult Choir | 29 6:30 Men's Bkfst/Bible Study 12:00 Alanon 7:00 Friday Night Study 7:00 Women's Ministry Open House | 30 9:00 St. Michael Losers 5:30 Worship 7:00 Youth Prom Fundraiser |