



Saint Michael Herald

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

December 2007

Dear friends,

As we anticipate the celebration of the birth of our Savior, we are also engaged in the business of closing out the old year and preparing for the new. In our parish, we are looking to finish up the year's pledges and commitments, as we look toward the exciting prospects the new year presents to us. We have set out ambitious visions for our parish this year. We have accomplished much already. God is calling us to be the Good News for the people of the Mendocino Coast. Our commitment to this goal requires our time, our abilities, and our money.

I want to thank everyone who has renewed their commitment to the ministry of this parish in the coming year by making a pledge of time, talent, and treasure. Your gifts of labor, skills, and money will help our parish toward the goals we have set for ourselves. We have still not arrived at our financial goal for the next year, however. In fact, as the Vestry informed the parish in a letter last month, there is a very significant gap between the amount of pledges received and the amount of funds needed to operate our programs next year. The Vestry has proposed deep cuts in our budget, but still the funds pledged fall far short of the funds needed. It is time to remind those of you who have not yet made your pledge that your commitment is necessary for the goals we hope to accomplish next year.

As you consider your pledge, remember that the Vision Forum established as our goal that each of us would pledge at least 4 percent of our household income to God's work. The standard of giving in the Episcopal Church remains the tithe, or 10 percent of household income. Recognizing that not everyone can faithfully make that commitment, we are encouraging each of us to pledge at least 4 percent. The season of the birth of our Lord reminds us that we have much to celebrate. We have new ministries to middle school students. We have new members joining our community of faith. We are planning to reach out with worship services to the unchurched members in our community. God is active here at St. Michael's. Thank you for your commitment to the work of God in this place.

Your brother in Christ,
Bill

ADVENT CALENDAR OF MEDITATIONS FROM ALTERNATIVES FOR SIMPLE LIVING

December 2: Advent I - Read and meditate on Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24: 36-44.

3 - The best things in life are free.... The best things in life are not things.

4 - And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? - Micah 6:8.

5 - Live simply that others may simply live. -Gandhi

6 - One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions. -from Luke 12:13-34.

7 - I shop, therefore I am...? Shop till you drop...? If we don't need it, it isn't a bargain.

8 - I love, therefore I am. -Alan AtKisson

9: Advent II - Read and meditate on Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12.

10 - Become the change you wish to see. -Gandhi

11 - Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that I need. -Proverbs 30:7-9.

12 - You can never get enough of what you don't really need. -attr. to Alan Watts

13 - Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? -Matthew 6:24-33.

14 - We spend more on cosmetics each year in the U.S. than it would take to provide basic education to everyone in the world who lacks it.

15 - Care for all Creation... reduce, reuse, recycle, restore, respond.

16: Advent III - Read and meditate on Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 1:47-55; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11.

17 - The price of anything is the amount of life you pay for it. -Henry David Thoreau

18 - Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? -from Isaiah 55:1-5.

19 - There's enough for everyone's need, but not for everyone's greed. -Gandhi

20 - Just as you did it to one of the least of these... you did it to me. -Matthew 25:31-40.

21 - When a group of professional people asked a group of 4-to-8-year olds, "What does love mean?" one replied, "Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." -Warren McLaren

22 - Peace begins when the hungry are fed. -bumper sticker

23: Advent IV - Read and meditate on Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25.

24: Christmas Eve - Read and meditate on Isaiah 9:2-7; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14 (15-20).

25: Christmas Day - Read and meditate on Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98; Hebrews 1:1-4 (5-12); John 1:1-14.

26 - The work will wait while you show your child the rainbow, but the rainbow won't wait while you do the work. -Patricia Clafford

27 - Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has. -Margaret Mead

28: The Holy Innocents - Read and meditate on Jeremiah 31: 15-17; 1 Peter 4:12-19; Matthew 2:13-18.

29 - Blessed be God, Who is our Bread. May all the world be clothed and fed. -table prayer

30: Christmas I - Read and meditate on Isaiah 63:7-9; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23. reflection for this day in Alternatives' booklet "Whose Birthday Is It, Anyway?"

31: New Year's Eve - Most people eat as if they were fattening themselves for market. -Edgar Watson Howe

January 1: New Year's Day - The nation that destroys its soil - destroys itself. -Franklin Delano Roosevelt

2 - Those who trust in their riches will wither. -Proverbs. 11:28.

3 - Reflect on the Five Life Standards of *Living More with Less*

- Do justice
- Learn from the world community
- Nurture people, not things
- Cherish the natural order
- Non-conform freely

-Doris Janzen Longacre

4 - Do not store up for yourselves treasures on Earth. -Matthew 6:21, 19.

5 - We spend more on pet food in the U.S. and Europe than it would take to provide adequate nutrition and basic health care to the more than one billion people on the planet who lack these necessities.

6: Epiphany - Read and meditate on Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12. Offer the money you have been saving to the cause of your choice.



Holiday Party

Friday, December 7th
 Social hour 6 PM
 Dinner 7 PM

*Please sign-up in Larsen Hall or call us
 by December 5 if you are coming.*

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Giving a poinsettia is a terrific way to remember loved ones and/or to give thanks.

If you wish to give a poinsettia for Christmas please call Stella Martin 964-5242 by **Wednesday December 19**. Due to the Altar Guild's shortage of funds we ask that you please pay for your poinsettia when you order it. Checks should be made out to the Altar Guild. We ask that you tell us the name it is being given for.

Should you wish to purchase a poinsettia yourself please remember white or red only, and please have it at the church by noon Friday, December 21.

*Thank you,
 Stella*



**All Children Invited to the
 St. Nicholas Party!**



St. Nicholas will visit St. Michael's parish again this year on Saturday December 8 from 1 to 3 PM.

All children are invited to the party to meet the venerable saint. At the party, the children will have an opportunity to make Advent wreaths to take home to help their families celebrate the season of Advent. There will be supplies for one wreath per family.



**"Blue Christmas" Service
 December 15**

Not all of us experience joy at Christmas time. Particularly for those who have experienced loss due to death, disease, separation, or financial setbacks, Christmas can be a time of sadness. Constant images of happy people purchasing quantities of gifts, and stories of families coming together can only highlight the painful memories for people of what they have lost or have never had.

This year for the second time, on Saturday December 15 at 4 PM, St. Michael's will offer a "Blue Christmas" – a Service of Light for the Longest Night. We are inviting the community to join in a quiet service of healing prayers, Scripture, and music to acknowledge that God is present for those who mourn, and that God's light shines in our darkness. All are welcome to receive the healing presence of Christ. Please come and invite your friends.

DECEMBER EVENTS

Greening of the church
December 2, 11:15 AM

Holiday Dinner
December 7,
6 PM Social Hour
7 PM Dinner

St. Nicholas Party for young folk
December 8, 1- 3 PM

Blue Christmas
December 15, 4:00 PM

CHRISTMAS SERVICE SCHEDULE

**Christmas Pageant and family Christmas Eve Service
with Communion**
December 24, 4:00 PM



Christmas Eve Services
December 24

10:30 PM Hymn Singing
11:00PM Midnight Mass



Christmas Day Service
December 25, 10:00 AM



Lay Ministry Schedule St. Michael Parish December 2007

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE

St. Michael & All Angels Parish

	2007 Dec 2 1st Advent	2007 Dec 9 2nd Advent	2007 Dec 16 3rd Advent	2007 Dec 23 4th Advent	4pm Dec 24 Christmas Eve
Chalice 8 am	Marcia Waters	Georgia Frey	Marcia Waters	Karen McDonell	
Lector 8 am	Steve Conway		Steve Conway		
1st Chalice 10 am	Kathleen Johnson	Bev Bumstead	Kathleen Johnson	Kathe Charters	Kathleen Johnson
2nd Chalice 10 am	Dave Turner	Karen McDonell	Dave Turner	Georgia Frey	Sandi Smith
1st Lector 10 am	Carolyn Chernow	Mary Muto	Roy Falk	Carolyn Chernow	Pageant
2nd Lector 10 am	Dave Turner	Anne Blanton	Charla Thorbeck	Dave Turner	
Usher	Bev Bumstead	Anne Blanton	Sue Nowlin	Georgia & Rick	Anne Blanton
Coffee Hour 10 am	Kathe Charters	Stella Martin	Falks		
Money counters	Mary Dabel	Kathe Charters	Georgia F/ Ann T	Sue Nowlin/Connie M	
Altar flowers	Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Altar Guild	
Church Lock-up	All Vestry	Annie Dickson	Sandi Smith	Annie Dickson	
	12/24/2007 23:00 Christmas Midnight	12/25/2007 10:00 Christmas Day	2007 Dec 30 Christmas +1	2008, Jan 6 daytime Epiphany	2008, Jan 6 evening Epiphany Night
Chalice 8 am			Steve Conway	John Cinnamon	
Lector 8 am					
1st Chalice 10 am	Annie Dickson	Sandi Smith	Bryan Fairlee	Bev Bumstead	Sandi Smith
2nd Chalice 10 am	Bev Bumstead		Karen McDonell		Annie Dickson
1st Lector 10 am	Kathe Charters		Sue Makovkin	Carolyn Chernow	Bev Bumstead
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Please find your own substitute and call the office if any corrections need to be made. Thank you!

News from St. Veronica's Guild

Thanks to our parish family and the community of Fort Bragg our Holiday Bazaar was very successful!! A motion was made and passed authorizing **NET PROCEEDS** to be spent as follows:

Adopting needy families (min.2)	\$ 400.00
After School Cooking Class Supplies	125.00
After School Art Supplies	125.00
Gleanings Soup Kitchen	100.00
Project Sanctuary	100.00
Townsend Hall Shelving	110.00
Totes	75.00
Folding step stool	30.00
TOTALS	<u>\$ 1,065.00</u>

Thank you to the following contributors -- without you there would not have been a successful Bazaar:

Plants: Sandy Liljeborg, Julia Angelo, Sandi Smith, Sue Makovkin, and Don Thomas

Candy: Carol Romeri, Marge Fairlee

Crochet Table/Xmas Wreaths: Stella Martin

Handmade crafts: Anne Turner, Georgia Frey, Julia Angelo and the "After Schoolers"

Baked Goods: Pam Wiedenmeyer, Anne Turner, Charla Thorbecke, Bryan Fairlee, Barbara Thomas, Sandi Smith, Rita Hurley, Georgia Frey, Nancy Guthrie, Cynthia Channel, Gloria Blanton

White Elephant Table: The Britons, The Smiths, Sallie McConnell, Lynn Duncan (Stella's daughter), Marcia Waters, and the Liljeborgs.

Thanks to the Sales Staff: Julia Angelo, Gloria Blanton, Pat Karch, Georgia Frey, Sandi Smith, Stella Martin, Elisa Osborne, Beverly Bumstead.

Ticket Table: Judith Goodrich and Elisa Osborne

Cashier: Mary Dabel

The Luncheon staff: Toby Brazil, Sue Nowlin, Connie Mitchell

Our apologies if we have left any one out!!

Saint Veronica's invites you to come and bring a guest to their
Christmas Luncheon on
Wednesday, December 12th at Chapter and Moon.
Social Hr. 11:30 am



Please bring canned goods. For every can you bring you will receive a raffle ticket.

1st Prize \$25.00 gas (donated by North Coast Petroleum)

2nd prize "goodie basket"

We will keep the business meeting to a minimum.

THANKS AND A JOB WELL DONE DEPT:

Pat Karch provided coffee hour goodies on Nov 4- YUMMMMM!

Julia Angelo baked and she & Beverly Bumstead provided coffee hour treats November 11th

Kathleen and Marcia did the honors at a great spread on November 18th!

Sandie and Larry Liljeberg provided sandwiches, fruit and sweet treats after Nov 25th service.

AND JIM WATERS made coffee tea and decaf as he almost always does--THANKS JIM!

First 3 Sundays in December are taken, but get your name on the sign-up list for Dec 23rd or 30th.

Jim will be away those last December Sundays--could you be the one who makes coffee?



New coffee hour sign up list for 2008 will be coming out soon!



Things Not to Do During Advent:

10. Do NOT forget your rituals.
9. Do NOT add to the frenzy
8. Do NOT forget your Bible.
7. Do NOT try to be perfect for the holidays.
6. Do NOT overdo your schedule.
5. Do NOT overdo gifts.
4. Do NOT go into additional debt.
3. Do NOT expect the culture to follow your lead.
2. Do NOT forget the less fortunate.
1. Do NOT WAIT until Christmas Eve to come to church!!

The above "Top Ten List" by R. Leigh Spruill

If the World Were a Village of 100 People

(from http://www.familycare.org/news/if_the_world.htm)

If we could reduce the world's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all existing human ratios remaining the same, the demographics would look something like this:

The village would have 60 Asians, 14 Africans, 12 Europeans, 8 Latin Americans, 5 from the USA and Canada, and 1 from the South Pacific

51 would be male, 49 would be female

82 would be non-white; 18 white

67 would be non-Christian; 33 would be Christian

80 would live in substandard housing

67 would be unable to read

50 would be malnourished and 1 dying of starvation

33 would be without access to a safe water supply

39 would lack access to improved sanitation

24 would not have any electricity (And of the 76 that do have electricity, most would only use it for light at night.)

7 people would have access to the Internet

1 would have a college education

1 would have HIV

2 would be near birth; 1 near death

5 would control 32% of the entire world's wealth; all 5 would be US citizens

33 would be receiving --and attempting to live on-- only 3% of the income of "the village"



What's happening at St. Michaels

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE:

8AM & 10 AM Holy Eucharist
9:50 AM Sunday School

Greening of the church	11:15 AM	December 2
Holiday Dinner	6 PM Social Hour/7 PM Dinner	December 7
St. Nicholas Party for young folk	1:00 - 3:00 PM	December 8
Blue Christmas	4:00 PM	December 15
Christmas Pageant & Family Christmas Eve service w/ Communion	4:00 PM	December 24
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December Birthdays

3-Dec	Christopher Duncan
9-Dec	Deborah Bandele
10-Dec	Miguel Garcia
10-Dec	Alan Holmes
10-Dec	Dave Turner
11-Dec	Sean Dabel
12-Dec	Bridget Dabel
12-Dec	Lucy Russell
14-Dec	Carol Romeri
14-Dec	Macie Liljeberg
15-Dec	Sheri Wollman
16-Dec	Richard Crawford
17-Dec	Louise Eastman
18-Dec	Dezira Goodrich
19-Dec	Carol Ann Falk
20-Dec	Jaret Navarro
22-Dec	Jessie Jaques
22-Dec	Roy Kornmeyer
22-Dec	Pam Wiedenmeyer
23-Dec	Toby Brazill
23-Dec	Martha Poe
25-Dec	Karen-Ita McNeel
27-Dec	Michael Bandele
29-Dec	Justin Hatfield

December Anniversaries

16-Dec	Richard & Sue Nowlin
20-Dec	John & Dianne Skinner

St. Michael's Directory

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