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CHURCH

Good News for the Mendocino Coast

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What's happening at St. Michael's:

April 10, noon	“Urban” Stations of the Cross
April 10, 7 pm	Good Friday Taize liturgy
April 12, 6:30 am	Great Vigil Sunrise Service
April 12, 10 am	Easter Worship
April 17-18	Bishop's Conference/Anti-Racism Training
April 26	Earth Day Sunday/the Rev. Laura Toepfer visits
April 26, 7-9:30 pm	Swing Dance with the Dixie Devils
May 31	Pentecost Sunday and Father Bill's last day before Alaska trip

Sunday Service Schedule:

8 am & 10 am Holy Eucharist



St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

April 2009

Dear friends,

I write this in the midst of the events of Holy Week. I look forward to the celebration of our Lord's resurrection on Easter Sunday, and I am certain that this year's worship celebration will be especially joyful.

All of us are anxious about the economic downturn and wondering what the future might bring. As resurrection people, though, we live with the faith that God always has greater things in store for us than we can possibly ask or imagine.

We are living with the constraints of a very tight parish budget this year. Anticipating a shortfall in pledges, I offered to take a three month leave of absence this summer. As I and my family spend the summer as commercial salmon fishermen, St. Michael's will be well-supplied with the able preaching and liturgical leadership of the Rev. Laura Toepfer and our own Rev. Tansy Chapman, as well as the caring commitment of all of you.



Our congregation is finding other ways to tighten our expenses as well. We have reduced our printing of bulletins now that we have been projecting the liturgy on the video screen in worship. We are sending out fewer newsletters, and are communicating more by email and our web page. We are downsizing our garbage cans to reduce our monthly bills (which means we must recycle more diligently). All these efforts reflect similar efforts to economize that all of us have been making at home.

As we look to the future, I think it is time for us to refocus our vision. In 2006, shortly after I arrived here, we gathered together in a Vision Forum to ask what God is calling us to do and to be in our community. Some of

the visions that emerged from that conversation have yet to be realized, but others, by God's grace and with God's help, have come to pass. We refocused our vision again in a forum in 2007, when we dreamed of sponsoring an after school program for middle school youth. Again, by God's grace, we have done that.

Last year Bishop Barry Beisner asked us to participate in a Vision Process for the entire diocese, so the visions we saw last spring were focused on the future of the Diocese of Northern California. I believe now is the time to gather again to envision our *parish* future. I invite all of us to a Vision Forum after both services on Sunday April 19. I ask you to come with three (or more) responses to this question:

If resources were unlimited, what would you like to see St. Michael's doing in the next three years?

Be bold. Creative ideas from all members are the lifeblood of a healthy parish. Whether we can achieve our visions in the immediate future is not the issue. This is our chance to dream.

If you are unable to be present on April 19, please submit your visions to the church office. I will compile all the visions on newsprint, and post them in our parish hall. Then, following the successful practice from 2007, we will use colored "sticky dots" to discern our common vision on April 26.

We face challenges at home, at work, and in our parish community. But we are resurrection people, we believe in the abundance of God's grace, and we know that God is calling us forward in hope and love.

May the blessings of peace and joy fill your hearts and homes this Easter season, and may peace come at last to our community and our world.

Your brother in Christ, Bill+

A Note from the Senior Warden

We are 3 months into 2009, which is turning out to be every bit as tough a year as we imagined. Here in Fort Bragg our little church community is holding it own... a little lower in income than budgeted, but not off the cliff like we are hearing at other churches/communities/businesses and on the top of news. *(The quarterly financial reports will be available at the April Vestry meeting, and on line at www.eStMichael.org)*

What can we do? Think about your parish. Look over the directory. Do you see anyone you know that could use some help? A phone call or visit? An invitation for lunch? Mow their lawn? A prayer? What about

St. Michael's Directory

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9am-Noon

- Parish Office (stmike@mcn.org) . 964-1900
- Altar Flowers: Stella Martin 964-5242
- Altar Guild: Teresa Magaña (hectornteresa@aol.com)... 964-0953
- Bulletins: Marcia Waters..... 964-1900
- E.C.M.: Scott Dabel (scott@mendocinocoasteventss.com)..... 964-2654
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- Music/Organist: Blake Leighton..... 964-7417
- Pledges: Stella Martin 964-5242
- Prayer Chain: Connie Mitchell..... 964-3702
- St. Veronica's Guild: Kathleen Johnson (markjohnson@mcn.org). 961-0716
- Treasurer: Anne Turner (anne@flobeds.com)..... 961-0792

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- Church 964-1900; Cell 972-1499; Home 964-8721
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- Bob Crawford 964-5006
- Scott Dabel **Jr. Warden** (scott@mendocinocoasteventss.com).. 964-2654
- Pat Karch (pkarch@mcn.org)..... 937-0334
- Teresa Magaña (hectornteresa@aol.com)..... 964-0953
- Mary Muto (marynack@mcn.org)..... 937-2484
- Dave Turner **Sr. Warden** (davet@flobeds.com)..... 961-0792

Find up to date information at: www.eStMichael.org

April Birthdays

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| 1 Apr Henry Yeoman | 19 Apr Sandra Savidge |
| 2 Apr Ramon Savidge | 21 Apr Shelley Ovesen |
| 3 Apr Duffy Fairlee | 24 Apr Garret Conour |
| 5 Apr Mary Dabel | 27 Apr Rigel Navarro |
| 7 Apr Grant Conour | 27 Apr Lee Benson |
| 7 Apr Marilyn Ward | 28 Apr Justin Martin |
| 13 Apr Madeleine Melo | 28 Apr Anna Russell |
| 14 Apr Rachel Liljeberg | 30 Apr Patricia Dunbar |
| 15 Apr Pamela Culver | 30 Apr Nancy Guthrie |
| 16 Apr Heidi Liljeberg | |

April Anniversaries

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| 3 Apr Steve and Terese Roberts | 28 Apr Tom and Pamela Hudson |
| 7 Apr Ken and Julie Smith | |
| 8 Apr Dave and Sandi Smith | |

EASTER LILIES ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD by

Hector & Teresa Magana in memory of loved ones

Donald & Carol Romeri in loving memory of Tommy Romeri

Stella Martin & family in loving memory of John W. Martin

Jim and Marcia Waters in memory of loved ones

Devon Billings in loving memory of Victor Henry King, Degolia Earl King, Victor Scott King

Annie Dickson in loving memory of Rosemary Dickson

Rick Bonder & Georgia Frey in loving memory of their parents

Carolyn Chernow, Lila Romeri & Bill Joens in loving memory of Dorothea Joens

Paul & Barbara Clark in loving memory of Ray, Bonita, & Margaret Knudsen and of Darla Paoli

Frank & Beverly Engelhardt in loving memory of Mary Lou Engelhardt and Marguerite Longley

The Charters Family in loving memory of Father Richard Larsen, Morris Charters, and Jerrine Jeffrey

It's time to dance!!! Swing dance with the Dixie Devils - foot stompin' New Orleans music for your dancing and listening pleasure the last Sunday of the month (April 26) from 7-9:30 pm in Larson Hall. An \$8 cover charge gets you in for a FUN St. Michael's fund raiser. Invite your friends!!!

Lay Ministry Schedule

	Apr. 5, 2009	Apr.9, 2009	April. 12, 2009	April. 19,2009	April. 26, 2009
	Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday	EASTER	Easter 2	Easter 3
E.M. 8 am	Marcia Waters	Evening Service	Marcia Waters	Marcia Waters	Karen McDonnell
Lector 8am	Stella ++		Sunrise service	Marcia Waters	Karen McDonnell
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E.M. 10 am	Kathleen Johnson	Marcia Waters	Charles Wall	Kathleen Johnson	Annie Dickson
E.M. 10 am	Bryan Fairlee	Lector:	Georgia Frey	Bryan Fairlee	Kathe Charters
Lector 10 am		Georgia Frey	Roy Falk	Georgia Frey	Carolyn Chernow
Lector 10 am			Anne Blanton	Tommy Barron	Georgia Frey
Laying on Of Hands	Sandi Smith		Sandi Smith		
			Bryan Fairlee		
Usher 10 am	Sue Makovkin		Anne Blanton	Pat Karch	Rick Bondor
Coffee Hour 10am	Pat Karch			Georgia Frey	
Counter	Anne Turner		Kathe Charters	Georgia Frey	Madeleine Melo
Flowers			Altar Guild	Altar Guild	Sandy Liljeberg

PLEASE GET YOUR OWN SUBS AND NOTIFY THE CHURCH OFFICE

your neighbors? Someone in your life needs a helping hand. We are Christ's hands, and today you can find the Christ in you neighbor.

The church still needs volunteers. Sandy Savidge, God bless her, got this newsletter together. The church office is being staffed Tuesday through Friday in the mornings by Sandi, Tommy, Marcia and Charles. The new paperless service is going forward. Altar Guild faithful Teresa, Stella, Marcia, Kathleen, Madeleine and Pat continue to prepare the for our Eucharist celebrations. Blake, Jim, Shelley, Anne, Georgia, Kathe, Rachel and Nick continue to help us make a joyful sound unto the Lord. Sandi, Tommy, Anne, Kathe, Carolyn, Annie, Frank, Bryan, Roy, Georgia, Kathleen, Sue, Karen, Charla, Dave, Charles and Marcia continue to lead us in Lay Ministry. Bridget, Eliza, Esther, Krista and Ross carry the torch for all of us (and the cross and the bible and the gifts). Anne, Madeleine, Georgia, Kathe, Frank, Sandi, Naomi and Stella take care of our finances. Margaret has got the youth organized and meeting Sunday evenings. Connie, Julia, Gloria, Pat, Georgia, Kathleen, Pat, Stella, Karen, Madeleine, Ann, Sandy, Sandi, Barbara and Marcia pray for us. Jim prints and organizes. Bryan, Rick, Georgia, Sue, Pat, Bob, Penny, and Anne greet us and guide us. Tansy leads us in worship, study and discussion. Anne dances a sacred prayer. Karen, Sandy and Scott lead the after school outreach programs. Larry and Sandi continue to keep our garden looking fine. Blake takes our love to the hospital. Roy, Bill and Charles represent us in Love in Action. Scott, Teresa, Kathe, Mary, Bob and Pat all give me trouble at Vestry. Fr. Bill does everything else. And yet, there is always more for willing hands and hearts.

Love, strength and courage. Dave

MINUTES OF THE ST. MICHAEL ALL ANGELS VESTRY MEETING FEB. 19, 2009

Fr. Bill opened the meeting with prayer about 7:12 p.m.

1. The minutes from our January Mutual Ministry review were not available. We briefly discussed how the review went. Most of the members have received positive feedback.
2. Mardi Gras Dinner update: we discussed several issues - people to set up, people to clean up; auction items to pick up. Dave T. says: bring your dancing shoes and have fun.
3. New Worship Service Review of Services to date: (a) Musicians: Celebration Singers once a month, Jim Blanton once a month, and Blake twice a month; (b) Leadership: there are roles

we need to assign people to; need people to sign up for once a month; (c) March 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Innovative Liturgy workshop in Ukiah - a number of vestry members are planning to attend: Dave T., Mary M., Pat K.

4. Congregational Leadership Conference March 7 in Fortuna: Fr. Bill will attend and is hoping others will join him. Fr. Bill will e-mail the Vestry and

5. Fr. Bill's Summer plans: (a) Fr. Bill will be away June 1 to Sept 2; (b) Laura Toepfer available all Sundays except July 5, 12, and 19; (c) Rev. Tansy will be available July 12 & 19; (d) Eric Duff may be available on July 5 - Fr. Bill will know soon.

6. Announcements:

- 10 Great Dates starting Feb. 27 - there are about 5 couples signed up so far, including one couple not from St. Michael's.
- 30-hour famine will be Feb. 28-March 1 here at St. Michael's. There are 6-8 young people signed up to participate.
- Love in Action is meeting next Tuesday to discuss the state of the economy and how it is affecting our local situation.

7. The next regular Vestry meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2009.

We adjourned at 7:49 p.m. Submitted by: Kathe Charters

St. Michael & All Angels Vestry Meeting, March 19, 2009

Present: Fr. Bill Osborne, Dave Turner, Teresa Magana, Mary Muto, Kathe Charters, Bob Crawford, Pat Karch Absent: Scott Dabel

About 7:07 p.m. Fr. Bill opened the meeting with a Lakota prayer.

1. *Minutes:* The minutes from our February Vestry meeting were reviewed. Dave T moved, and Pat K seconded the minutes be approved as presented. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
2. *Correspondence:* (a) Estate of Barbara Barnard: We received a letter indicating some of her family was contesting the will. (In her will she left the church \$10,000.) Fr. Bill contacted our Diocesan attorney who will draft a reply to the estate's

St. Michael's Youth Group News: by Krista Osborne

The St. Michael's youth group has been meeting since January at 7 pm on Sundays at St. Michael's. The meetings usually last until about 8:30 pm. During the meeting we play around until 7:30, then we listen to someone (usually Margaret Drumm but sometimes Father Bill) read from The Hiding Place. Next, we read and discuss a passage from the Bible (we're working on "Paul's Letter to the Phillipians"). Then comes the business meeting, where we discuss mostly what we've been doing and what we plan to do (we already have a president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary). After the business, we sing a song and say a prayer. Finally, at the end of the meeting, we eat the snacks somebody brought and go home.



On February 28th through March 1st, we did the 30 Hour Famine. The "30 Hour Famine" is when we stop eating for 30 hours. We found sponsors and have collected \$475.05. We gave the money to World Vision, which is a charity organization to fight hunger. Two of us still have \$30 to collect, and when we do we will have raised \$505.05.

Now, we plan to do new fundraisers (such as make quilts, toys, pillows, etc. to sell), fix up the loft (where our meetings are currently taking place), and have a fun "vacation" day (going rock climbing or ice skating or something like that.) When we do fundraisers, we'll be raising money for either fixing up the loft, a fun trip, or some charity. Our ideas for fundraisers are: sock creatures, which Esther and I are already making; pillows; sachets; dolls or stuffed animals; quilt; knitting; crocheting and hot pads. I'll bring up the idea of rummage sales and bake sales at our next meeting. We need to fix up the loft because it is extremely dusty and musty up there, and the cushions on the bench are rock hard! The loft is also very cluttered, and the carpet (once red) has almost completely turned black by who-knows-what. We're going to try to replace the carpet (or at least cover it with a rug), replace the solid cushions, and get bean bag chairs for everyone to be comfortable in.

We would like donations of project materials (such as fabric, thread, needles, stuffing, buttons, etc.), bean bag chairs, cushions, and rugs. Also, if you happen to know any youth, 5th grade and up, tell them about us, and if they seem interested, tell them to come, because we'd really enjoy new members! We will not be meeting Easter Sunday.

completed a large (3 x 5 foot) mosaic tile mural of a breaking wave to be installed on the front of their school building. There will be a gala presentation of the Wave Project along with many of the art and craft pieces by the students and their instructors at St. Michael's Larson Hall on Saturday May 16, 2009. All members of the St. Michael's community are invited to attend this event.

Scott Dabel or Karen McDonell would love to accept any donations of craft material, especially if they relate to mosaic art or painting - stuff like brushes, paint, mosaic tile, broken colorful dishes, paper, and canvas. Also we need used or cracked bowling balls. Just leave any of it at the church labeled for after school. Thanks, Karen McD.

Father Bill's Marathon Run

I will be away from church on Sunday May 3, as I run the Avenue of the Giants marathon. This is only my second marathon run. The last time was in 2005 as I was approaching my half-century birthday. Then, as now, I am using this event as an opportunity to raise funds for world hunger. If you would like to sponsor me in this endeavor, please make a check out to St. Michael's with the memo "for the Marathon" or something like that. Funds raised by this event will be divided between the Fort Bragg Food Bank, diocesan outreach via Episcopal Community Services, and global outreach via Episcopal Relief and Development. I welcome your prayers, especially on the day of the race. The race begins at 8 AM. Thanks!

Be a General Convention Volunteer! – The General Convention of the Episcopal Church is being held in Anaheim this year from July 8-17 and affords us an opportunity to participate by being a volunteer. The days set aside for Northern California Diocese Volunteers are Sunday, July 12th and Monday, July 13th with Tuesday, July 14th as an optional additional day. Go to <http://www.gc2009.org/volunteers> to register. For more information regarding hotel space, group transportation, etc., contact me, Anne Pierson, at eurekamariahjane@suddenlink.net.

trustees requesting we be kept informed of any activity during this process. It may take several years to settle. (b) Letter from Bishop Beisner about apportionment: the Bishop approved St. Michael's continuing at the A1 rate (12%) even though we had been classified at a 17% apportionment rate in the past (but somehow that rate had been overlooked by the Diocese.

3. *Parochial Report review and approval:* Fr. Bill reviewed how the figures in the report were arrived at. (a) *Impact on parish apportionment for 2010:* Fr. Bill crunched some figures. It looks like we will be at the 15% rate. (b) *Apportionment review and changes in store from Diocese:* Fr. Bill discussed the changes proposed in the assessment structure. It LOOKS like parishes of our size would have a greater amount of apportionment to pay. We are to keep our eyes open for correspondence. Kathe moved we approve the Parochial Report for 2008. Pat K. seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
4. *Rector's Housing Allowance resolution:* Fr. Bill can designate a portion of his salary on housing allowance. As long as he spends no more than that amount on housing it is not taxed. Dave T. moved we adopt the housing resolution based on the Treasurer's computations. Mary M. seconded. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
5. *New Worship Service Review of services to date:*
 - a. (1) *Musicians:* Mary & Dave have redoubled their efforts to find more guest musicians. Fr. Bill also met a woman who gives piano lessons and may be interested in leading music. We discussed other groups and possibilities. (2) Pat K. brought a fund-raising idea for monthly dance, with the Dixie Devils playing. Dave T. moved, and Mary M. seconded we approve the "Last Sunday of the Month Dance" fund-raising, starting the end of April.
 - b. *March 21 Innovative Liturgy workshop.* Fr. Bill, Dave T., Pat K., Blake L., Jim Blanton, and Marcia Waters will attend.
6. *Bishop's Conference April 17-18 in Carmichael:* the theme is multi-cultural ministries. Blake must attend, and Fr. Bill will also attend.

7. *Approval of a PCOM for calling Lay Eucharistic Visitors:* Fr. Bill plans to call the same group of people he used last year to hear calls.
 8. Fr. Bill's Summer plans: (a) Fr. Bill will be away June 1 to Sept 2; (b) Laura Toepfer available all Sundays except July 5, 12, & 19; (c) Rev. Tansy will be available July 12 & 19; (d) Eric Duff will come on July 5. (e) Pastoral coverage: this will be Tansy, Blake, (f) Office staff plans: Fr. Bill will call a meeting to organize the people involved and Dave T. wants to participate. The volunteers are: Sandi Smith, Marcia Waters, Tommy Barron, and Charles Wall. Fr. Bill also mentioned the unfinished church directory. Tommy has volunteered to try to finalize this.
 9. Que Onda after school program update:
 - a. *Plans to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding with Big Brothers/Big Sisters about continuation of the program:* Karen McDonell and Scott Dabel work for this program, through Big Brothers, Big Sisters. Fr. Bill has been invited to talk to the funding entities regarding formalizing the relationship.
 - b. *Proposal to install a door between the rooms in Townsend Hall:* Scott was not present to present a proposal. We discussed what we knew of the proposal: the art program is interested in using the adjacent room (originally used for the nursery) and would like a door placed between the two rooms. The Vestry will await a detailed proposal.
 10. *Newsletter and communications needs:* we need to have more people participate so a newsletter can be put together.
 11. *Announcements:*
 12. 10 Great Dates started Feb. 27 - there are 2 couples so far.
 13. 30-hour famine was Feb. 28-March 1 here at St. Michael's. There were 8 young girls who participated. Mary Muto supported Fr. Bill.
 14. The next regular Vestry meeting is scheduled for April 23, 2009.
 15. We adjourned at 9:00 p.m. submitted by Kathe Charters
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Spring Cleaning Time! - From Sandy Savidge

I'm planning on having a Spring Cleaning Sale on June 20 to raise money for maintenance for our stained glass windows. The window seals need fixing or replacement. What I'm asking of you: while you are cleaning, please set things aside for the sale. You will be hearing more from me in May. Any questions, please feel free to call me at 964-7234. Blessings!

FOOD CONTRIBUTIONS: We continue to bring to church food contributions for those in need. Please bring some foods that can be easily consumed for a snack or lunch. Those can be given out by our office volunteers to those who appear at our door during the week.

Men's Club news: The ECM (Episcopal Church Men) meets the third Wednesday of every month for dinner and fellowship. Please join us for fun, fellowship, and food. We are planning our next event ... Mother's Day brunch on May 10.

Scott Dabel, President Rick Bondor, Treasurer

Grandma's Cooking Class

We are still going strong: loud and messy and (I hope) fun! There are 14 youth (only one girl) in the Shelter Cove Middle School class that come to St. Michael's each Tuesday and Thursday from 1:30 to 2:30 for the cooking and art classes. The kids are not as productive as they were last year, because they are younger. We want to thank all who have helped and are helping. The class wouldn't take place without your help. The Big Brothers/Big Sisters program now pays for all the groceries in the cooking class. You are welcome to stop by the class for a visit. Blessings, Sandy Savidge

Que Onda After School Program

There is a lot going on in the After School program at St. Michael's. Sandy Savidge is teaching a cooking class for Shelter Cove students and the kids do Arts and Crafts on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The students have recently