



St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church May 2009

Dear friends,

Here are the highlights of the Vision Forums in April 2009, organized by category, and listed in order of highest priority:

**Visions for 2009 and beyond**

**Outreach goals:**

1. Feed homeless and hungry in rotation with other churches
2. Take lead role in hosting the next winter shelter
3. Offer clean clothes for the needy
4. Open the winter shelter more nights
5. Expand the after school youth program

**Staff goals:**

1. Fully fund clergy
2. Fully fund Blake's ordination process
3. Paid guest musicians for alternative worship music
4. Staffed nursery every Sunday
5. Part time paid secretary

**Facility goals:**

1. Fully fund maintenance and repairs
2. Build playground in back yard
3. Clear clutter in youth loft
4. Install columbarium
5. Community vegetable garden
6. Dedicated space for nursery and Sunday school
7. Sound system for worship and events
8. Promote our facility for retreats and meetings
9. Nursery furniture
10. Refurbish pews

May 2009

St. Michael and All Angels

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**What's happening at St. Michael's:**

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| May 3             | Father Bill's marathon run                                     |
| May 10            | Mothers' Day brunch  |
| May 21, 6 pm      | Ascension Day worship with potluck following                   |
| May 24            | Presentation about Uganda Orphanage                            |
| May 31            | Pentecost Sunday and Father Bill's last day before Alaska trip |
| May 31, 7-9:30 pm | Swing Dance with the Dixie Devils                              |

## St. Michael's Directory

**Office Hours:** Tuesday-Friday 9am-Noon

Parish Office ( <i>stmike@mcn.org</i> ) .	964-1900
Altar Flowers: Stella Martin ....	964-5242
Altar Guild: Teresa Magaña ( <i>hectornteresa@aol.com</i> )...	964-0953
Bulletins: Marcia Waters.....	964-1900
E.C.M.: Scott Dabel ( <i>scott@mendocinocoastevents.com</i> ).....	964-2654
Hall Rentals: Sandy Savidge.....	964-7234
Lay Ministry: Sandi Smith ( <i>sandave@mcn.org</i> ).....	964-1035
Music/Organist: Blake Leighton.....	964-7417
Pledges: Stella Martin .....	964-5242
Prayer Chain: Connie Mitchell.....	964-3702
St. Veronica's Guild: Kathleen Johnson ( <i>markjohnson@mcn.org</i> ).	961-0716
Treasurer: Anne Turner ( <i>anne@flobeds.com</i> ).....	961-0792

### CLERGY

The Rev. Bill Osborne (*bill@estmichael.org*)

Office hours: Tuesday-Friday 9 am - Noon

Church 964-1900; Cell 972-1499; Home 964-8721

The Rev. Tansy Chapman, (*tansyrc@comcast.net*) 937-1912

### VESTRY

Kathe Charters ( <i>charters@mcn.org</i> ).....	964-7759
Bob Crawford .....	964-5006
Scott Dabel <b>Jr. Warden</b> ( <i>scott@mendocinocoastevents.com</i> )..	964-2654
Pat Karch ( <i>pkarch@mcn.org</i> ).....	937-0334
Teresa Magaña ( <i>hectornteresa@aol.com</i> ).....	964-0953
Mary Muto ( <i>marynack@mcn.org</i> ).....	937-2484
Dave Turner <b>Sr. Warden</b> ( <i>davet@flobeds.com</i> ).....	961-0792

Find up to date information at: [www.eStMichael.org](http://www.eStMichael.org)

### May Birthdays

1 May Dick Syfert	17 May Gary Syfert
3 May Cambell Conour	18 May Anne Ashby
4 May Jim Britt	18 May Nancy Wallace-Nelson
4 May John Cinnamon	21 May Jeff Charters
5 May Bob Neese	21 May Seffany Baroni
7 May Ian Blanton	22 May Lauren Duncan
7 May Alan Mitchell	24 May Fred Dempsey
8 May Shelbie Liljeberg	28 May Margaret Scully
9 May Cecily Conour	28 May Scott Smith
10 May Kathe Charters	29 May Erron Wasson
10 May Sue Mulvihill	30 May Jill Swan
11 May Peter Rowland	
12 May Sandy Liljeberg	
13 May Rick Bondor	
15 May Bryna Turner	

### Program goals:

1. Summer youth camp at Nowlin's/Swaales camp
2. More Bible study/prayer groups
3. Discussion on women in religion
4. More interfaith programs
5. Coffee hour every week
6. More youth activities for the community

There was an additional top-rated goal for **more people**, but since it seemed to be both a prerequisite and a consequence of following through on the other goals, I left it as a separate goal.

I was struck by the concentration of interest in the top rated visions in each category – especially in the Outreach category. We have confidence in what we believe God is calling us to do and to be in this community. We are united in our vision for this parish.

As you know, I will be on leave of absence this summer from June 4 to September 3. The parish will be ably served with the preaching and liturgical leadership of the Revs. Laura Toepfer and Tansy Chapman. Tansy and Blake Leighton will be on call for pastoral care. Senior Warden Dave Turner will handle the business of the parish. Sandi Smith, Tommy Barron, Marcia Waters, and Charles Wall will continue to staff the office. I pray that you will join them in helping in any way to realize our vision of God's call for us in our community. God has given us every resource we need to make our visions happen. We just need to be attentive to the workings of God's Spirit and offer our gifts (time and treasure) to God in Thanksgiving for the gifts God has given us.

Pray for me this summer, as I will for you.

Your brother in Christ, Bill+

### **Education for Ministry Course continues in the fall**

The Education for Ministry class is open to enrollment now for new students in the class beginning in September. EFM is a four year theological education and small group experience. The years of the EFM curriculum focus on the Old Testament, the New Testament, church history, and theology. Participants meet weekly in class from September through May to discuss the assigned readings and to practice the art of theological reflection. EFM is an extension program of the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. Tuition is \$340 per year. For more information, please call Father Bill, email [bill@estmichael.org](mailto:bill@estmichael.org), or talk to the current students Georgia Frey, Blake Leighton, and Nancy Nelson.



## A word from the Rev. Laura Toepfer

Greetings to you at St. Michael's! I am so pleased to be able to spend much of the summer with you up in Fort Bragg. I asked Bill if I could write a little something to introduce myself before my arrival, so here you are.



Bill and I were seminary classmates at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, both graduating in 2001. After graduation, my first call was as the Episcopal Chaplain at Kenyon College in Ohio. Eventually, I came back to my California home and served as Associate Rector at Christ Church in Alameda. When that position ended, I had the opportunity to work for three months in Kampala, Uganda as a Kiva Fellow, assisting local microfinance institutions to get

funding through Kiva's lenders (I will be happy to talk more about this; you can check out Kiva at [kiva.org](http://kiva.org)).

Since my return, I have been working as the managing director of **Confirm not Conform**, a non-profit that develops confirmation (and other) curricula. This summer, I'll be spending most of my time trying to translate our Episcopal youth confirmation program into Lutheran (my first language is Presbyterian, so this will be challenging for me). I'll also be gone for a large chunk of July because I will be going to the Episcopal Church's General Convention promoting our wares.

I'll probably be in and out of town as I work on my "real job," but I am looking forward to getting to know you and, in particular, worshiping with you in beautiful Fort Bragg. See you in June!

Yours,  
Laura Toepfer

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](mailto:eurekamariahjane@suddenlink.net).

## St. Michael's Youth Group News

The St. Michael's youth group will continue to meet through the end of May on Sunday evenings from 7 to 8:30 pm. The meetings include some fun time in Larson Hall, then Bible study and a business meeting in the church, and ends with snacks in the kitchen. If you happen to know any youth, 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up, tell them about us, and if they seem interested, tell them to come, because we'd really enjoy new members!



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 (May 31) 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!!!

## Rummage sale June 20

**I'm getting things marked and boxed so that it will be easy to just set up before the sale. I'm asking you to gather your things – clean – and then price each item (mark clothes on label with masking tape). Put in a box marked "Rummage for Sandy." Call me if you have any questions.**

**Sandy Savidge 964-7234**

## Hall Rentals

**We are getting quite a few events booked for the Halls. If you have an event planned or know someone else who wants to schedule an event, please call the Church office 964-1900 or Sandy Savidge 964-7234.**

## Easter Lilies

Thank you to everyone who gave Easter Lilies to St Michaels. The Church looked beautiful. The Easter Lily list was printed in the last newsletter, however was an error. Carolyn Chernow gave an Easter Lily in loving memory of Beverly Bumstead and I did not include that on the list. My apologies to Carolyn.

Thank you to Kathleen Johnson and Marcia Waters who helped make the Church so lovely, and thanks to Kathe Charters who played the Piano so beautifully for us while we worked.

God Bless, Stella.

*(Note: thank you to ALL the members of the Altar Guild and their helpers who adorned our church so beautifully for Easter.)*

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*All are cordially invited  
to a Bon Voyage party for  
Margaret Drumm (Osborne)  
held by St. Veronica's Guild  
on Wednesday May 20 at Noon  
in St. Veronica's Hall*

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**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.

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**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

**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,

## The Ten Rules of Respect

*(I found this list in the office, and I do not know the source, so I can't attribute it. These are good rules for our parish community, to follow alongside Matthew chapter 18. – Father Bill)*

1. If you have a problem with me, please come see me immediately.
2. If I have a problem with you, I will come see you privately.
3. If someone has a problem with me and comes to you (!), please send them to me. I'll do the same.
4. If, after you have consistently encouraged them, someone still will not come to see me, say to them, "Let's go together to see... I'm sure they will see us and welcome the opportunity to clear up this matter."
5. Avoid, if possible, interpreting me to others – I would rather interpret my own actions and words. When in conversation with others about me, don't succumb to subtle pressures to explain my feelings or thoughts.
6. I will likewise be careful how I interpret your actions and words. If I have questions, I will ask you.
7. Don't carry secrets. Don't pick up the grievances of others. Don't listen or pass along gossip. If a matter or issue is confidential, treat it as such. That is, tell those who can help what they need to know in order to help. Don't confuse "maintaining confidences" with "keeping secrets." One builds, the other destroys.
8. Don't engage in anonymous criticism. Don't send or read unsigned letters and notes. Stand by your convictions with your name. Learn to own your thoughts and feelings, and submit them to the community.
9. Avoid becoming "triangled" by others seeking to manipulate the system, others, or leaders. Don't engage in manipulation and don't let others manipulate you to get to someone else.
10. When in doubt, speak up. We are endeavoring to live as a family. To do so, we will need to learn much more about each other. Ask plenty of questions. Listen, discern, pray, and participate.

LAY MINISTRY

St. Michael & All Angels

	May 3 Easter 4	May 10 Easter 5	May 17 Easter 6	May 21 Ascension	May 24 Easter 7
Chalice 8 Lector 8 am	M Waters M Waters	C Wall S Martin	M Waters M Waters	Thursday Eve Service	K McDonell S Martin ?
Celebrant	TChapman	B Osborne	B Osborne	B Osborne	B Osborne
1 <sup>st</sup> Chalice	K Johnson		Georgia Frey	M Waters	K Charters
2 <sup>nd</sup> Chalice		S Smith	B Fairlee		A Dickson
1 <sup>st</sup> Lector	M Muto	C Thorbeck	G Frey	R Falk	C Chernow
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lector	S Makovkin	A Blanton	T Barron	A Blanton	C Thorbeck
Healing	Smith	N Nelson			G Frey
Usher	S Makovkin	A Blanton	P Karch	A Turner	R Bondor
Music	Blake	Sisters H C	J Blanton	Blake	?
Coffee Hr	M Waters	Men's Club	M Drumm		Kathy Wall
Counters	A Turner	K Charters	G Frey		M Melo
Flowers	M Waters	K Charters	D & S Smith		

	May 31 Pentecost	June 7 Trinity	June 14 Pentecost 2	June 21 Pent 3	June 28 Pent 4
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1 <sup>st</sup> Chalice	K Johnson	G Frey	K Johnson	B Fairlee	K Charters
2 <sup>nd</sup> Chalice	S Smith		M Waters	S Smith	M Waters
1 <sup>st</sup> Chalice	T Barron	Roy Falk	T Barron	S Makovkin	C Chernow
2 <sup>nd</sup> Lector	Engelhardt	Thorbecke	M Muto	Roy Falk	G Frey
Healing	B Fairlee	A Blanton	B Fairlee	J Cinnamon	N Nelson
Usher	B/P Neese	A Blanton	S Makovkin	P Karch	R Bondor
Music	B Leighton	B Leighton	J Blanton	Sisters H C	?
Coffee Hr		Women	S Smith	Women	
Counters	A Turner	A Turner	K Charters	G Frey	M Melo
Flowers			T Barron	S Martin	B & J Taylor

You are invited to a presentation of **THE WAVE!**



And other works by the students of the Shelter Cove School and the Big Brothers/Big Sisters Que Onda After School Program

**Saturday May 16, 2009, 1-5 PM** in Larson Hall  
Food and entertainment provided

On Sunday night, April 26th Larsen Hall rocked to the hot sounds of the **Dixie Devils**. Bob Ayres- clarinet, Eric Wik (trombone), Steve Paul (trumpet), Jon Jacob (banjo), Bill Adams (piano), Kevin Burke (drums), and Richard Karch (bass) again provided a swinging evening of New Orleans jazz for our listening and dancing pleasure. The audience was light this time but everyone there thoroughly enjoyed dancing to the lively music. We are not discouraged by the attendance as we know that more publicity and (especially word of mouth publicity) will encourage more and more people to attend. So if you enjoyed the music and dancing tell all your friends and let's have a full house for the next event, **SUNDAY, MAY 31st.**

We raised \$100.00 this time and the cookies, sandwiches and drinks were well received. With a larger audience, I am confident we can raise even more.

Many thanks to the following people who helped so much: Scott Dabel supplied the sound system, Richard Karch designed posters and helped with publicity, Charles and Kathy Wall moved tables, created a large space for dancing, made coffee, set out food, etc., Mary Muto sold snacks and cheered us all with her enthusiasm, everyone who donated the delicious snacks, and last but not least The Dixie Devils who were superb!

**LET'S MAKE SUNDAY, MAY 31 EVEN BETTER!!!**