



*Saint Michael
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Episcopal Church*

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To Know, Live and Share the Love of Christ

The Muwendo Children’s Choir from Uganda: Believe Tour 2019

Coming to Saint Michael and All Angels on
**October 4, 2019
at 6 p.m.**



These kids are dynamic and engaging. Their story is like no other! There is a FaceBook group titled “Muwendo Children’s Choir BELIEVE Tour 2019” where you will find a description of the organization and how you can follow their journey to America. "Muwendo" means

"Treasured" and the school they attend is Treasured Kids School in Kosovo, Ugandan. This is near their capital, Kampala. These children are truly “treasured” we look forward to the opportunity to hear them spread their love of music! Please join us for a night of wonderful music by these young talented singers! You will be amazed! A special thank you to Dr. Marvin Curtis for organizing this event!



Fall Festival Fast Approaching! Saturday, October 26, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Twenty-One Vendors, food, games, Trunk-or-Treat, hayrides, fun for the whole family of Saint Michael’s and for the surrounding community. Like our “Dickens of a Faire” from years past, this special fall event opens the doors of our church for an action packed afternoon. We still need Trunk-or-Treat volunteers and will need plenty of hearts and hands at the ready that afternoon. Be prepared to Share the Love of Christ with our neighbors during this rich time of fun and fellowship!



Join us **October 6th** for the annual Blessing of the Pets! Bring your dog, your cat, your snake— whatever your beloved family pet may be. Yes, bring them to worship at our 10:15 a.m. service. By the grace of God they all seem to get along.

The Blessing of the Pets

Our pets are a blessing to us! Let us Thank God for them!



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To Know, Live and Share the Love of Christ

Sundays 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School & Adult Forum

Sundays 10:15 a.m.
Holy Eucharist

Wednesdays at 12 p.m.
Noonday Prayer in the Chapel

Wednesday Evening at 7 p.m.
Wednesday Gathering for Group Spiritual Direction

Becoming Beloved Community
at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mishawaka
This month on Wednesdays
7:00 pm- 8:30 pm

This fall, St. Paul's Episcopal Church is
hosting an **11 week** adult education
series that will focus on
"Becoming Beloved Community," an
initiative for education about racial
reconciliation that is offered by the
wider Episcopal Church.



Saint Michael's August Financial Report

"Where your treasure is
there the desires of your heart
will also be." *Matthew 6:21*

For August 2019

Income - \$37,540 vs. budget of \$22,125 - \$15,415 better
Expense - \$22,598 vs. budget of \$22,125 - \$473 worse
Net - \$14,942 favorable

For Year to Date (Jan 1 – Aug 31 2019):

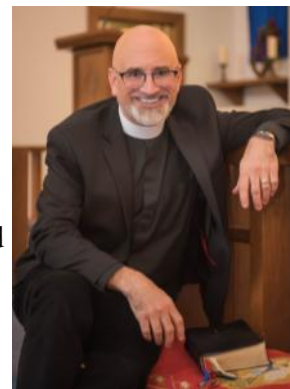
Income - \$184,579 vs budget of \$177,000 -- \$7,579 better
Expense - \$173,944 vs budget of \$177,000-- \$3,056 better
Net - \$10,635 favorable

Electronic Contributions: Direct Deposit Offering

If you'd like to make your weekly or monthly contribution by way
of Electronic Funds Transfer please contact our Finance Secretary
at the office: Michelle Layher, to arrange this.
She is in the office Monday and Thursday mornings at 9am or
email her through the office at info@saintmichaelsb.org

The Theology of Blessing our Beloved Sisters and Brother Creatures on St. Francis' Day

The Rev. Matthew Cowden, Rector



In 2012 The Episcopal Church authorized Rites for the Care of Animals. It was quite well done and meaningful. There is actually an older resource, though, that I really like. It's called *Animal Rites, Liturgies of Animal Care* by the Rev. Andrew Linzey. It provides a deep theological framework for engaging with our "brother" and "sister" creatures particularly when it comes to offering prayers, blessings and even funeral rites for our pets. Linzey quotes theologians throughout the history of Christianity to support our reverent engagement of animals in liturgy. Here are a few:

We ought to show kindness and gentleness to animals for many reasons but chiefly because they are of the same origin as ourselves. ~ St. John Chrysostom (c. 347-407)

St Francis tamed the wolf of Gubbio and called all animals by the name of "brother" and "sister." ~ Celano, *Francis of Assisi* adapt.

Every creature is by its nature a kind of effigy and likeness of the eternal Wisdom. ~ St Bonaventure (1221-1274)

We remember that we are required to practice justice even in our dealings with animals. John Calvin (1509-1564)

So why do we bless our pets as we do every year in our annual St. Francis celebration? With good theological structure Linzey unfolds for us that, when speaking of blessings generally, the blessing of people, places and things empowers them and authorizes them to be in a particular relationship with the living God who is in our midst. Through blessings we are allowed to see others as God sees them and originally made them, free and holy. Blessing animals, especially our pets in domestic captivity, puts us and them in harmony with the freedom and holiness that God has intended since creation began.

Here at Saint Michael's we bless our pets during the main service. We bring our "brothers" and "sisters" to church, yes even in the church. For discovering the original freedom and holiness for all God's creatures such as we receive in the act of blessing, come and bring your animal companions for blessing. Leashes and collars for our deceased "brothers" and "sisters" are welcome, too, and will be prayed for.

I look forward to sharing this blessing with you during worship on Sunday, October 6 at 10:15 a.m.



Episcopalians Divided? Did the Church Split? A Lesson from Our History: Part One

Dr. Nathaniel Warne, Clergy Intern

It would seem that the Episcopal Church held together during the Civil War. But did it? In this article I will discuss why the Episcopal church didn't 'split' during the Civil War. By doing this we will get a sense of the views of Episcopalians toward slavery before the Civil War and after. In the last section I will discuss what lessons may be drawn from this time period for the church today.

Episcopalians During the Civil War: In general, the views of Episcopalians towards slavery in the mid nineteenth-century were diverse. On the one hand a significant number of slave-

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Musical Survey: A Call for Musicians in Worship

Dr. Marvin Curtis, Music Director

Do you play an instrument? Can you Sing? Are you a music maker? Please share your talents with Dr. Marvin Curtis and let him know you would be willing to share your gift of music with the church! We are continuing to evolve our musical offerings and share our talents together in worship. Your gift of music blesses us all!

From a Contemplative Corner

The Venerable Hank Blunk, Sage in Residence



For spiritual growth we need a teacher, a community and regular practices. As Christians, Jesus is our Teacher! There is no other.

Except. . . We need teachers who help us question and wonder and learn again and again for ourselves that trusting God's Love is the heart of Jesus's life, teachings, death and resurrection! We need teachers to help us sift through accumulated stuff to find the Essence, the Truth, the Wisdom of Jesus for faithful living.

From the beginning, what we have in the Bible is first and second century interpretations of Jesus and issues facing the faith communities of the Gospel writers, Paul, and others - and not just Jesus, his faith in the Father God, and Jesus' straightforward wisdom for living.

To that is added centuries of creeds, confessions, and interpretations of Biblical stories, sayings and events, as well as what we have learned along the way from family, Sunday School teachers, and even preachers!

All of that can get in our way. Much of those learnings are like barnacles on a boat, moss on a tree, accretions! That stuff is "along for the ride," rather than part of the essence of Jesus, Jesus' faith in God, the life Jesus lived, and the life to which Jesus invites us.

Huston Smith, called the "Dean of World Religions," has been one of my teachers off and on for nearly 60 years. In the preface of *THE SOUL OF CHRISTIANITY: RESTORING THE GREAT TRADITION*, Smith wrote, "There is within us - in even the blithest, most lighthearted among us - a fundamental disease. It acts like an unquenchable fire that renders the vast majority of us incapable in this life of ever coming to full peace. This desire lies in the marrow of our bones and deep in the regions of our soul. All great literature, poetry, art, philosophy, psychology, and religion tries to name and analyze this longing. We are seldom in direct touch with it, and indeed the modern world seems set on preventing us from getting in touch with it by covering it with an unending phantasmagoria of entertainments, obsessions, and distractions of every sort. But the longing is there, built into us like a jack-in-the-box that presses for release. . . Whether we realize it or not, simply to be human is to long for release from mundane existence with its confining walls of finitude and mortality."

And then, Smith's word of hope: "The Good News of authentic religion - in this book, Christianity - is that that longing can be fulfilled."

So my question is "How are we attempting to cure this "fundamental disease?" This "unquenchable fire?" This "desire which lies in the marrow of our bones" and "deep in the regions of our soul?" Is cure in the Loving God of Jesus or the "Unending Phantasmagoria?"





Saint Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

FALL FESTIVAL



*Join us for some
family fun!*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.



*Learn about the
vendors on our
Facebook page!*

*Trunk or Treat,
Hayride, Craft Show,
Games, Food,
and Fun!*


October 26 Fall Festival: Trunk or Treat PARTICIPANTS NEEDED!

Enjoy hay rides, a bonfire, fall family fun, including a craft show, and **Trunk or Treat**. If you would like to participate in the Trunk or Treat, please sign up on the table in the Narthex. If you have any questions regarding it, please see Marcy Cortes for details.





October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
		1 9:30 am Al-Anon 7:00 pm Sweet Adeline's	2 12:00 pm Noonday Midweek at Mike's 7:00 pm Wednesday 7:00 pm Choir Practice
6 9:15 am Sunday School & Forum 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 12:15 pm SOS Planning Meeting	7 10:00 am AA 7:00 pm Urban Abbey	8 9:30 am Al-Anon 7:00 pm Sweet Adeline's	9 12:00 pm Noonday Midweek at Mike's 7:00 pm Wednesday 7:00 pm Choir Practice
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27 9:15 am Sunday School & Forum 10:15 am Holy Eucharist 6:30 pm Bays Bible Study	28 10:00 am AA 6:00 pm Genealogy Society Meeting	29 9:30 am Al-Anon 7:00 pm Sweet Adeline's	30 12:00 pm Noonday Midweek at Mike's 7:00 pm Wednesday 7:00 pm Choir Practice

October



Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Daily Prayers Daily Gathering Practice	3 9:00 am Bulletin Folding 6:00 pm Church Reserved	4 Muwendo Children's Choir 6 p.m.	5
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Daily Prayers Daily Gathering Practice	24 9:00 am Bulletin Folding 5:00 pm Church Rented	25	26 3:00 - 6:00 pm FALL FESTIVAL 
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Episcopalians: A Lesson from Our History holders in the south were Episcopalians. For example, two of the largest owners of slaves were bishops, Leonidas Polk of Louisiana and Stephen Elliot of Georgia. Northerners in general, not just Episcopalians, refused to speak against slavery, and specifically refused to outright state that ministers should not own slaves. Northerners reticent about breaking relationship with southerners; Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist southerners, however, were willing to break relationship with the north. On occasion Northerners, under legal obligation, sent runaway slaves back to the south. This is evidenced, in part, by the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, which required that all escaped slaves found in the north be returned to the south. Though there was some push back to the law, there were instances, like the case of Thomas Sims, where slaves were sent back to the south after brief trials. Extending from the above, high church Episcopalians in the north made a connection between the church's ancient spiritual roots and ambivalence to political concerns, thus viewing abolitionism with some suspicion. Among these were Samuel Seabury, the grandson of the American church's first bishop, and John Henry Hopkins, the bishop of Vermont. The general sense among church members was that slavery may be morally suspect, but would be as difficult to "eradicate as poverty or drunkenness." The reoccurring hostilities leading up to the war was viewed with ambivalence by most white Episcopalians. When other denominations were being torn apart by the issue of slavery, Episcopalians attempted to keep distance between themselves and the political and military crisis. This speaks to a deep sense of estrangement by clergy from the broader culture. As indicated above, many of the people who owned slaves were southern Episcopalians, and in some noteworthy cases ministers and bishops. The keeping of slaves was argued for on evangelical grounds. Slavery became an opportunity for souls to be 'saved.'

On the other hand, there were instances of Episcopalians making arguments against slavery; for example New York judge William Jay. There were also cases of southern slaveholding Episcopalians moving to the north and becoming abolitionists; like Sister Sarah and Angelina Grimké, who moved north, came in contact with Quakers, and began arguing for the end of slavery. There were other issues concerning Episcopalians and abolitionism in the north. Anglicanism in the north was never able to secure influence like that of the Puritans. Especially as people started moving west, Episcopalians could not keep up with Lutherans, Methodists, and Presbyterians concerning church growth. Episcopalians were bleeding numbers in comparison to other established churches on the East Coast. This, I think, will become more significant as we discuss the 1865 General conversion and the current state of the church.

The second half of this article will appear in the November issue of The Messenger. You may also inquire of Dr. Warne for further elaboration.

This article was originally submitted as part of for Dr. Warne's canonical examination for the priesthood.



**In the Hospital?
Surgery scheduled?
Emergency visit?
Call the church!**

Fr Matthew and Deacon Cindy want to bring you the prayers and healing oil from the church. With the shortness of most hospital stays and with new healthcare confidentiality laws the church is often the last to know you were ever there! Feel free to call when you're on your way or as soon as it's convenient or ask a hospital chaplain to call. Being Church together means asking for your spiritual counselors and guides when you most need them.

Fr. Matthew Cowden: cell 574.309.1709 Deacon Cindy VanParys: cell 574.286.9345

Opportunities to Know, Live and Share the Love of Christ

You are invited to Wednesday Gathering For Group Spiritual Direction

with Hank Blunk and Cindy Uhrich co-facilitators

Wednesday Evenings 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

In The Chapel of the Angels downstairs at Saint Michael & All Angels

We provide a safe and open environment for conversation about God's presence in our lives.



Noon Day Prayer is every Wednesday at 12 p.m. downstairs in the Chapel of the Angels

Bring a lunch to join the Mid-week at Mike's lunch group after Noon Prayer.

"Continue in the Apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking bread and prayers." (Acts 2:42)

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings

We are proud to host this critical ministry at Saint Michael's. Meetings are held on Monday mornings at **10 a.m.** All meetings are for those with a willingness to stop drinking.

Al-Anon Meetings

These meetings are for the family members of those with addictions. Living with a spouse or family member or having been raised by a parent who battled addictions has unique challenges.

Al-Anon is a safe place to share similar experiences and do the work of healing, learning to manage oneself. Meetings are Tuesday mornings at **9:30 a.m.**



Toiletries are needed for giving away at Service on Saturday

Please place in the SOS buckets/baskets found upstairs and downstairs at the church.

And/or bring them up to the Altar on Sundays during the Offertory

Bring in items such as:

Shampoo & Conditioner
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Hand Soap
Shaving Cream

Toilet Paper
Lotion
Body Wash
Paper Towels
Deodorant



Service On Saturday

*Where **Guests** become **Friends**
and **Friends** become **Family**.*

Come and enjoy a delicious meal,
good conversation, and great fellowship.

This month: Saturday, October 19th

11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Dessert donations are always welcome!





Prayers of the People at Saint Michael's

Those prayed for here will remain listed for thirty days and may be renewed upon request.

Don't see your birthday or anniversary here? Want to add a section for prayers?

Please contact Deacon Cindy or call the office to have it added.

For Healing, Guidance and Strength:

Lucy Vellner	Tammy Brunke
Julie Stammich	Connie Clemans
Rob Auer	Alphonzo Nakke
Victoria	Mary Jane Willoughby
Marie	Jake & Family
Tony & Beryl Cockram	Ed Truswell
Jeannie and Denny	Nora Arnold
Faith Williams & Family	
Connie Lee Swain	
Julie Hixon	
Tracy	



October Birthdays

2	Barbara Papai	22	Mary Jane Willoughby
10	Sanaya Firestone	24	Jim Snyder
11	Deirdre Mylod	25	Lenore Cassady
15	Adrian Stackhouse	26	Anna Carboneau
16	Jack Hickey	26	Paul McLeod
17	Sandra Brown Stackhouse	27	Alan Swain
17	Lily Wilkins		
18	Noah Fulkerson		
18	Linda McLaughlin		
22	Aurelia Ladd		



For members who are unable to join us for Sunday worship:

Marjorie Deahl
 Brian Knipple
 Neva Hargreaves
 Rob Auer

October Anniversaries:

8	Eric & Michele Arnett
19	Larry & Mary Jane Willoughby
22	Chris & Jenni Dunlap
24	Carl & Susan Baxmeyer



October Anniversaries of Our Beloved Departed:

John Badur	Patricia Fitzgerald
Wayne Frost	Zigy Zhang
Charles G. Anderson	Ruth Green
Barb Harris	Einar Henriksen
Carol Miranda	Carl Zwierzynski
John Wiegand	Paul Hass
Isaac Longden	Phyllis Hamilton
Mary Lou Dunlap	Cynthia Brown
Donald Brennan	Sherwood Green
Mary Gertrude Akre	Ted Hamilton
Eva "Billie" Kasa	Honey Lou Ziemondorf
Adam D. Foster	
Virginia Mae Bowser	
Thomas Black	
William A. Eldon	
Emery Hughes	

For Protection for our Armed Forces and those in Foreign Service:

Erin Ford	Morgan Severeid
D.W. North	Alexander Sasha Petkova
Casey North	Cecily and Adam Teach
Nathan Ratliff	Peter Kristl
John Zendt	Trevor Miller
Ashlee Zendt	Matthew Monrie

For our elected leaders:

President Donald Trump
 Vice President Mike Pence
 Governor Eric Holcomb
 Mayor Pete Buttigieg (South Bend)
 Mayor Dave Wood (Mishawaka)



Ministers of Worship

The Rev. Matthew Cowden, Rector
 The Rev. Cindy VanParys, Deacon
 Dr. Nathaniel Warne, Clergy Intern



	October 6	October 13	October 20	October 27
Altar Guild	Julie Bussan Korina Mueller	Soni Smith Korina Mueller	Sharon Fiorella-Teves Korina Mueller	Sharon Piechorowski Jenni Dunlap Marcy Cortes
Acolytes	Katherine Swain Toby Cortes Mia Cortes	Nathan Hawkins	TBA	Adelaide Hixon Larissa Tungate Jolene Tungate
LEM	Sydia Lauer Emily Krieger	Sandra Stackhouse Paul McLeod	Beth North Lynne Switalski	TBA
First Proclaimer	Jack Mueller	Charlene Bollman	Sheila Davis	Ren Singleton
Second Proclaimer	Nanette Kreiger	Larry Putt	Sandra Brown	Spencer Hixon
Greeters	Gary Rigley Adrian Stackhouse	Bobbie Thompson Soni Smith	Lenore Cassady	Beth North Sharon Piechorowski
Usher	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Counters	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA



Coffee hour Hospitality:

Nanette Krieger
 Dawn Tungate
 Bobbie Thompson
 Thecla Nowicki



****Updating Personal Information****

If you have moved, if your birthday or anniversary has been missed, please **CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE** or you may update us via the yellow Contact Card and drop it in the **offering plate**. The information will then be entered into the Power Church database system.

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