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For

Vestry

CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY

Ephrem Hugh Bensusan



I came to the Church of St. Michael the Archangel in the summer of 2008, and here I joyfully found a community of acceptance, love and service.

Confirmed in the Episcopal Church in my youth, I have spent 20 years in other churches. From 1990 to 1996 I ministered in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, General Assembly, and received a Licentiate in Theology from that denomination's seminary. I served one term as Stated Clerk of the RPCGA. In 1997, I became Eastern Orthodox, and served as a chanter in several Russian, Serbian, and Arab parishes. I also served a term as Chairman of Parish Council, the Orthodox equivalent of Senior Warden.

I live in the neighborhood of St. Michael's, with my true love, Angela Parsons, and her daughters Aurora and Marissa. I currently work as a Technical Support Advisor / Learning and Development Instructor for AppleCare, and have had extensive experience both in Information Technology and Retail Sales and Management. In my free time I enjoy family life, rosary and jewelry-making, and music.

I am deeply honored to be asked to run for the vestry, and if elected will serve the parish with dedication.

CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY



David W. Hafley

I would like to be considered for the Vestry at the Church of St. Michael the Archangel. I believe I could make beneficial contributions to the church, its mission and members. I currently serve as an Usher at the 11:15 service and am being trained as a Verger. Our family has been attending St Michael's for approximately six years. My wife, Janet Shedd, has been a choir member for several years, and is serving on the rector search committee. Our boys, Ian (15) and Tom (13) attend Youth Group. Ian also sings in the choir.

I am a native of the Detroit area and have lived in Lexington for 15 years. I was raised in the Lutheran Church, and until joining St. Michael's, have not been an active church member in many years. Our family is very happy with St. Michael's as our church home, and we want to become more involved in helping the church.

I am a city and regional planner by training, and I work as a consultant in Kentucky and surrounding states. I have a great deal of experience in helping groups define goals and develop strategies to achieve them. Through this work I have become a good leader and facilitator, developed good business skills and a consensus approach to problem solving.

Like many in today's world, I am on a journey in exploring my life's work and faith's role in it. Belonging to St. Michael's and helping to guide the church as part of the Vestry are serious commitments that I will do my best to fulfill.

CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY

Jeanie L Hartman

My son, Kristoffer, and I began attending St. Michael's after his elementary school music teacher suggested he join a church children's choir and recommended St. Michael's. Ms. Ruth and Sarah Marks made him so welcome, and Kathy Baggerman met me every Sunday, remembered my name and gave me a hug. That was 2001, and since then St. Michael's has become much more than a children's choir to us. It has become our church and our extended family: the place where we pray, sing, share, serve, and worship.

Church has always been a large part of my life. As a minister's daughter, I grew up quite literally in church. I have worked as the office manager for the Kentucky Council of Churches for eleven years. For me, church is something I actively participate in. I am very uncomfortable simply warming a pew. At St. Michaels I sing in the Chancel Choir and volunteer to help with worship as needed at the 9:00 service. I am on the Floral Guild, have served on hospitality, healing ministry, and am part of the team of wedding coordinators. I belong to the prayer and service Order of the Daughters of the King. Two years ago I helped with the audit and through that process learned a great deal about the history, policies, and procedures of St. Michaels. When the Zandale Neighborhood Association (ZNA) became active again several years ago, I became the liaison for St. Michaels to the ZNA. I have served on Stewardship and am presently serving on Finance Committee. And, oh yes, you know me as that person behind the table selling goodies at the choir bake sales!

St Michaels has a bright future! I believe we have made it thus far by God's grace and help, and we are a vital growing church. I have a continued interest in maintaining St. Michael place in the community; in growing toward greater fiscal responsibility; in St. Michael's being a place that nurtures and sustains each part of our life cycle from nursery to columbarium; and I support each of us being engaged in the life of our church. I bring the gifts of working with the wider church - we are not alone in our struggles or our faith. I bring a working knowledge of nonprofit business. I bring a passion for justice and for sustainable living, a love of liturgy, and a commitment to St. Michaels.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeanie Hartman



***The DOK motto states:**
I am but one, but I am one.
I cannot do everything,
but I can do something.
What I can do, I ought to do.
What I ought to do,
by the grace of God I will do.
Lord, what will you have me do?*

CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY

Bruce Hinds

I'm a cradle Episcopalian from Lancaster CA, migrated around the world (Chicago, Raleigh NC, Tokyo Japan), pursuing a scientific career, and have settled down (9yrs) in Lexington and St Michaels. In the migratory phase of our lives, we became accustomed to small struggling/resourceful parishes and the high level of involvement required of the parishners. We were thrilled to come to St. Michael's and feel the warmth and vitality of so much activity. Although we've had tough times with respect to the number of parishners, we continue to have a great warmth and personal vitality to work with towards gaining a critical Mass. My vision/hope is that we (and visitors) feel the Holy Spirit blow through us as a breeze everytime we open the doors to church and enter. Another biographical note is that we started a family soon after joining St Michaels. Obviously children offer us grownups a new perspective on the miracle of life and how we, as a family community, work together to raise children in loving ways of Jesus. The young family stage is a very good time to establish stronger connections to the church community and grow spiritually. The downside is that this always a very busy stage of one's life, but the Church can help by offer programs such as nursery, Godly play, choir, youth group, parent support groups... allowing these members to experience important spiritual insight. My wife Casey has been extremely active in these areas (and nominating committee) and my daughters Katherine and Natalie enjoy being part of the programs and the next generation of the Church. I also believe that our outreach programs are critical part of who we are. Regardless of my formal role, I look forward to serving St Michaels in this exciting new time of growth and vibrancy.



CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY

Mary Ann Overturf

I have been married to Ken Overturf for 42 years, have two grown children and four extremely adorable grandchildren. I was raised Lutheran, but was received into the Episcopal Church in 1979. I see the Episcopal Church as an inclusive, living organization that welcomes our diversity. As long as we keep our vision on Christ as the head of the church, our differences become an enrichment of our commitment to Christ and his principles.

I graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1970 with a degree in education. I received my Masters Degree in Education at Georgetown College in 1982. I have taught preschool, Kindergarten, first grade, and retired from teaching 6th grade reading at Elkhorn Middle School in Frankfort.

I have been involved in Marriage Encounter and Cursillo, Director of Sunday School and Bible School, and a Sunday School teacher.

I have been a member of St. Michael's since the mid-90's. Actually, our first Sunday at St. Michael's was the day that Peter Casparian announced that he was leaving for a church in Italy. At St. Michael's, I have been involved in Cursillo, Sunday School (participant as well as teacher), children's Bible School, the Friday Morning Bible Study, Reading Camp, and the Central Kentucky coordinator for Project Linus. Our chapter of Project Linus has delivered approximately 17,000 blankets, in eight and a half years, to sick or traumatized children, living in Central Kentucky.

Ken and I live in Frankfort. When our daughter was a student at UK, she would call on Saturdays and tell us that she would go to church on Sunday if we would meet her at St. Michael's. God works in mysterious ways. The community at St. Michael's is just what we were looking for in our Christian growth. And....yes....we drive back and forth a lot!! That is little consequence to our being in community here that we dearly love!

I would be honored to be on the St. Michael's Vestry as we welcome our new rector. It will be an exciting time for our church community and I would love to have a major part in this excitement!



CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY

Clara Wilson

In 1992 I was seeking a church home and first visited St. Michael's at that time. I became a member of the parish in 1994. The physical beauty of the nave, the wondrous voices of the choir, the welcoming warmth of the parishioners and the spiritual depths of the Sunday school classes have kept me at St. Michael's. I am an office volunteer, a member of the altar guild, a greeter and a bread baker. I was on the audit committee for the year 2008 which provided me with a broader view of church finances and our particular strengths and weaknesses. I have been a vestry member for the past year taking the place of Karen Miller who had to resign. My job on the vestry has been that of co-chair of the Newcomer Incorporation ministry. Laura Whyne and I, with Mother Joan's assistance and expertise, have worked to identify all visitors and make them feel welcome at our church. We have worked to help newcomers become active members of the parish. And with Mother Joan's guidance we have encouraged all members of the parish to take part in the various "job training" sessions so that each of us contributes our time and talents to continue to make St. Michael's a strong and vibrant community. I have very much enjoyed being on the vestry and would like to serve a full term. Thank you for considering me for the vestry.



CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY

My name is Cindy Wyatt. I have been a member of St. Michael's along with my husband Gene, & daughter Hannah since 1991.

My past commitments to St. Michael's include teaching Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, & being a member of the Family Singers. I served on the last Nominating Committee, & am currently on the Altar Guild.

This is an exciting time for our St. Michael's community as we will soon welcome a new priest. My objectivity & commitment to St. Michael's make me a good candidate for this position.

WE CAN NOT ALL DO GREAT THINGS ... BUT CAN DO SMALL THINGS WITH GREAT LOVE. Mother Teresa





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2010 Annual Report from the Senior Warden

What an exciting and busy year this has been! Thanks to Mother Joan's tireless efforts on behalf of all of us, the hard work of a very dedicated Vestry, and the commitment of the people in the Parish, St. Michaels has turned the corner and is now looking forward. Thanks to all the parish for a wonderful and well deserved goodbye to her.

The most significant event in 2010 was the selection and call to a new Rector. At the time of this report, I have just received the signed Letter of Agreement from the Rev. Laurie Brock and am ecstatic to report that we are now blessed to have a rector. It has been a long time since we have been able to say that. I was the Vestry liaison to the Nominating Committee and want to tell all of you that we could not have a better group of people doing the discernment. Each was selected to ensure that the ministry areas of the entire parish were represented and they took their responsibilities very seriously. The entire parish contributed input via the effective "Holy Conversations." Outstanding leadership was provided by Frank Kebbell and Casey Hinds, and our Diocesan consultant Kay Collier-McLaughlin was always there to provide guidance. Communications of status through the search was outstanding. Through our deployment officer, St. Michael's experiences have helped the National Church by vetting the process and introducing changes to improve it and to make it more cost effective. A final "Lessons Learned" report was provided to the Diocese. From the bottom of my heart, I thank this committee for all their efforts during the past year and a half. There were 42 meetings held in 2010 and that doesn't count all the outside committee work, consulting sessions, and projects. They were hard working and effective. Time will tell, but I believe they and the Vestry have selected wisely. Both the committee and the Vestry were unanimous in their support of our called Rector. As she settles in and we both learn from each other, I ask your patience, prayers, and support to make this relationship not only just work, but thrive. It is up to all of us to keep the positive momentum going.

At the beginning of the year, each Vestry member created and agreed to work toward individual ministry goals and I thank each of them for their leadership, and help during this year. They will be summarizing their impressive results in their annual reports. This Parish is blessed to have had the wonderful and tireless support of these very effective leaders that have helped to move this Church forward. I especially want to thank Duncan Hart, for all the knowledgeable and willing help he provided to me personally, and to the parish in his role of "cost effective" office administrator and co-chair of stewardship. It's not a stretch to say that his contributions were key to making our parish run smoothly.

One of my personal goals this year was to develop a better relationship with the Diocese. I'm happy to report that I am now on the Diocesan leadership team and have had several opportunities to interface with the Bishop and staff. I have found them really good to work with. There are others from St. Michaels who have made favorable impressions as well. I believe that good things will follow in the future if we pay attention to this partnership.

To start the year, we focused on reducing cost (as much as possible), and raising new revenue via affinity programs, use of *GOODSEARCH* and *GOODSHOP*, sales of items such as gift cards, t-shirts, and parish nights out. This approach was preferred to asking for increased levels of contribution. Donna Ingram has truly excelled in this endeavor. We also re-stressed the use of Kroger cards and Amazon.com. Even with the one-time expense associated with getting a new Rector, it is beginning to look like we won't have to borrow the projected \$80,000. Instead we are seeing \$50,000 to 60,000 in borrowing. These efforts have paid off and we need to continue them in the foreseeable future because our current rate of growth will not catch us up quickly. The good news is that we are definitely getting better. Our spiritual foundation is solid. The bad news is that

we aren't recovering quickly enough. I have faith that if we continue doing the right things that we will succeed in getting St. Michaels back on sound financial footing.

We revised our money counting process to be in sync with the national Church and provide more protection for the church and for those who are involved in handling money. In addition, audits for 2008 and 2009 were completed successfully. Its good being caught up with the audits.

We continue to have an excellent relationship with St. Michaels School. Lynne Evans and Candace Lucas have been very active with our youth to grow our future. It was great to see them cooking and serving breakfast, raising money for their outreach projects, and helping at the services.

The Newcomer ministry (Laura Whayne and Clara Wilson) has been very active with meeting & greeting, providing take home welcome bags, and getting newcomers involved with St. Michaels. Sharon Stumbo mails welcome letters to every new homeowner in zip codes 40503 and 40504 each week using the Lexington Herald Leader Weekender as input. Our nursery provides high quality child care for small children. Our breakfasts have been a hit (we need more of them) in addition to all our other social gatherings.

Joe Hoffmann has done a wonderful job handling the building. He's had to fight leaks, termites, door locks, and oversee the parish house renovation. If it will ever rain again, we are hopeful that our roof leaks have finally been properly repaired. Cross your fingers. A LOT of work has gone into the Parish house – readying it for our new Rector, who will thankfully live there for an undetermined period of time, thereby saving us more money. This works out well for our Rector too, because she has a town house she needs to sell in a down market. Our parish hall kitchen was renovated and blessed by Mtr. Joan before she left. This was done for the most part with non-pledge money and a lot of manual labor by the “git er done” gang – headed up by Ken Overturf. The parking lot cracks have been sealed which should help keep them deteriorating further. There are new lights in the Chapter room that are not only brighter, but much more energy efficient. Church Windows have been scraped and repainted.

Our Grounds are beautiful, even in the midst of the worst drought in years. Kudos to Markus Cross and Beate Popkin.

Our web site was routinely viewed as one of the very best out there – we heard this over and over from our candidates. Charlie Shanks deserves all these accolades – along with Janet Shedd who offered suggestions early in the New Rector search process. Our web site is a welcome mat to anyone looking for a church home. Communications were outstanding this year. We have a variety of effective ways to get information to our members.

The long neglected Endowment committee was resurrected this year under the leadership of Charlie Shanks and is beginning to get off the ground. Looking to the future, this may eventually become very important to St. Michaels.

All the education for the various ministry areas has paid off as we are seeing a lot of new faces doing things. This spreads the workload around and gives members a chance to become more involved in keeping St. Michaels going.

I want to thank all our office volunteers, coordinated by Pat Evans for their efforts in supporting the day to day activities of St. Michaels.

I am seeing a revitalized and optimistic spirit today – a contrast with what was going on a couple of short years ago. Even the Diocese is noticing it. Our new Rector chose St. Michaels over other opportunities because she “liked our energy and enthusiasm” as opposed to “tired” churches.

Fellowship events are something St. Michaels loves. Our hospitality chairs (Markus Cross and Donna Pizzuto) have worked very hard to make sure that Church events are as pleasant and fun as possible. I thank them for their dedication. Parish nights out have become one way for us to bridge the three services and get us together outside of Church. They are also good advertisements for St. Michaels because when people see us having such a good time, they want to know more about us.

We continue to move forward. We are doing more fellowship and outreach than we have in a long time. Thanks Linda Gorman! Our quarterly focus on a specific outreach project has been very effective and visible. Fellowship and outreach are exactly the kinds of things that will encourage people to attend and to stay with St. Michaels. I am thrilled at the work being done to enhance value to parishioners and to the recipients of the generosity of St. Michaels. Our music, under the direction of Ruth Witt, remains beautiful and spiritual. The lively 9AM service has been blessed with good musicians as well.

Pastoral care has long been a strength of this church. I thank Rupert Pickens for leading this vital area. We take care of each other at St. Michaels.

Our modest growth continues and attrition remains at a very low level. I find it hard to believe that any church our size would be into as much as we are – which is testimony to the quality of the leadership and the people of St. Michaels.

In closing, all the work done this year is in preparation for “Embracing the Future” that we see in front of us. It looks very bright but we cannot afford to slack off or lose the momentum that we currently have. As we go forward, we should be optimistic that we are well positioned to handle any challenges that come our way. We are losing three exceptional people off the Vestry. Duncan Hart, Rupert Pickens, and Laura Whayne will be missed and I thank them for their contributions. Clara Wilson is eligible for another term and she has done an outstanding job in the newcomer ministry. Each of us needs to be ready to do our parts to make Saint Michaels the place we all want it to be. I thank each of you for your support.

May God bless each and every one of you.

Respectively Submitted
Ken Davis, Senior Warden



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MUSIC

Annual Report 2010 Director of Music

I'm now into my twenty-fourth year at St. Michaels! My years in Lexington have been full of adventure, mourning, celebration and no small amount of personal discovery and growth. Through it all St. Michael's has been ever-present: a place of work, a place of worship, a place of belonging. And I sense the true breadth of twenty-two years when I think about the Music Program here and how it has developed in its own unique way. When I first started working in this parish I had two choirs: one for adults and one for children. Both choirs were small but their members were willing to work and learn so I dared to hope for good things. It took as much patience as hard work to get where we are today, but I rejoice in our achievement and cherish every single memory - good and bad - that chronicles my life's story here in this place. As I write this report, I continue to marvel and give thanks for our musical formation over the past year.

Our **Novice Choristers** (ages 7-10), though a very small group, moved through a steady course of development in 2009-2010. They maintained an average attendance of five and, because of good rehearsal attendance, continued their very productive work in developing and strengthening their vocal abilities. The children maintained a regular schedule of singing at least once a month at the 11:15 services. They also sang for two special services: Advent Lessons & Carols and our Lenten Evensong.

Now that their older colleagues, the Choristers, are a competent, advanced choir in their own right; Novice Choristers is becoming, more and more, a training choir. Even though they still have anthems to sing on their own, Novice Choristers are constantly encouraged to set their sights on becoming a Chorister. All the work they do prepares them to join the Chorister ranks, if they choose, at age 11 or 12. To help them make the transition from one choir to the next, a new experience was added to the end of the Junior Chorister curriculum in 2005 - the chance to attend one of the RSCM Summer Courses, just like the "big kids". **Samantha Leaver** attended this year's RSCM Charlotte Course. She had a wonderful time!

The **Choristers** (ages 11 – 17) also continued their vocal training as an integral part of the Chancel and Festival Choirs. The work these middle school and high school kids do for St. Michael's remains a considerable commitment of time for them and their parents - two hours of class and rehearsal every Wednesday night, participation in all the 11:15 am Sunday services, all Festival services and special weekly services, and many Saturdays spent in extra rehearsals. I'm extremely grateful for their time and energy and quite humbled that these kids are so willing to spend such a huge amount of time with me!! Our Summer Course attendance increased a bit this summer with **Aurora Grace** returning to the Charlotte Course, this time as a Chorister. And **Julia Sebastian** continued her great work as a Course Procter. This was her fourth year doing this job and it's still such a joy for me to watch her in action. As always, I was on staff for the Charlotte Course so St. Michael's was well represented!

Our RSCM (Royal School of Church Music) training entered its ninth official year in September. That's not a very long time, compared to other RSCM curriculums around the country and in England, Australia and South Africa...but we're on our way! Each year brings new rewards. Any Novice Chorister, Chorister, and adult choir member has the opportunity to join in on the RSCM experience. Training in music theory, church music history, sight reading, vocal pedagogy, and liturgy all combine to create a well-rounded, committed singer of any age. Being able to learn these skills adds a valuable dimension to any choir experience.

Special thanks go to **Julia Sebastian** for helping me with the training this year. She works with the Novice Choristers.

The **Chancel Choir** still maintains a fairly even balance of members and these special people remain, as always, faithful and disciplined. They continue their role as surrogate parents for the Choristers and Novice Choristers and constantly keep my spirits lifted with their humor. I continue to pray that new adults will join them and, as a group and individually, we'll continue to reach out to any parishioners who show even the slightest interest in singing. And I ask, as I have for several years, that all of you in the parish help us if you can. When you see and/or hear a likely prospect singing out in the congregation please let me know or talk to a choir member. As the parish grows it becomes harder for me to keep track of the new gifts that appear through new people....as well as the hidden gifts in present parishioners!!

The **Festival Choir** continues to lead worship at many of our special services. I'm thankful for all the good people who take time out of their busy lives to be a part of this group. The members of the Festival Choir work very hard to offer all their music and lead all their services with integrity and beauty. Our Evensongs as well as Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday were equally beautiful services, deeply moving. Each service offered a total worship experience. Music and liturgy were integrated, connected and committed to the portrayal of scripture - worship at its best. A great deal of planning and rehearsal go into every Festival Choir effort and it is always gratifying to see their work touch so many people in so many different ways.

I'm thankful for the continuation of the 8:50 am service and the fine musicians I'm privileged to work with: **Chris Mattingly**, guitar; **Jack Shields**, bass; and **Brad Meyer**, percussion. They have a wonderful spirit as a musical team, are truly grateful to be at St. Michael's, and make my job so enjoyable. I think of them as

one of the shining lights in our parish. Also, many thanks are due to **Donna Ingram** and all the choir members who volunteered to help with cantor duties at this service. Her gift of music has been a great addition!

Some of the highlights from 2009-2010

✘ St. Michael's Evensongs continue to be a treasured part of our worship life. Last year we continued our new tradition of sharing our October Evensong with the choir from the **Cathedral of Christ the King (RC)**. In the spring our guest organist, **Dr. Schuyler Robinson**, helped the Novice Choristers, Choristers, Chancel Choir and Ms. Ruth break in their music for the big NYC trip. He's such a fun guy to have around...and a wonderful musician!!

✘ Offering John Rutter's *Dancing Day* on Christmas Eve - for the fourth time! This project involved all the Choristers and the adult women of the Festival Choir. Everyone involved rehearsed like a pro, sacrificing a great deal of their free time from October through December 2009, to get the music ready by December 24 and our hard work was rewarded by a beautiful experience.

✘ All the hard work of my trusted sidekicks **Rupert Pickens** and **Mary Brinkman**, who always do a great job filling in for me when I'm off on my RSCM exploits. We are truly blessed to have them.

✘ Our summer worship series: As always, our combined summer service gives us a chance to reconnect with friends we don't get to see quite as often during the rest of the year. Our visiting musicians: The choir from the **Governor's School for the Arts**, the **Springwood Trio**, and the **Appalachian Association of Sacred Harp Singers** added greatly to our worship. Our parish soloists, **Roberta Chase** and **Madeleine Hart**, the **Quartet** (Roberta Chase, Charles Coulston, Joe Hoffman, Ms. Ruth) and our summer **Women's Chorus** and **Men's Chorus** added their own St. Michael's style and beauty to Sunday mornings.

✘ **The April 2010 trip to NYC to sing at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine.** No words can express my gratitude – or the choirs' – for the wonderful, generous parish of St. Michael's. The economic climate of the country and the diocese might be in serious recession, but you'd never be able to tell if you experienced what we did with all our fundraising adventures. The grand total? **\$12, 688.05!!!!** Simply amazing.

The trip was wonderful, the choir sang beautifully (beyond their already formidable capabilities) and the SJD parish was so welcoming and appreciative. We couldn't have asked for a better experience.

Serving the parish of St. Michael the Archangel is still a genuine privilege for me. I look forward to another rewarding year working with all the special people of this parish. May our musical journey together be one of growth, laughter, beauty; full of healthy challenges and equally healthy rewards.

Faithfully,
Ms. Ruth

(Ruth A. Witt,
Director of Music)



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Hospitality Annual Report 2010

Looking at the year in reverse we've had lots to celebrate. Any omissions to this list are unintentional. The best news of the year for the present or future hospitality teams are the renovations to the first floor kitchen. With some creative rearrangement of storage, more than one adult can occupy the space! Thanks go out to The Git 'er Done Gang and mostly, Ken Overturf for his steady, persistent hard work and acting as general contractor, plumber, carpenter, and Mr. Fix It.

We continue to try to use non-disposables where practical and want to encourage the parish to use the WYO-Wash Your Own dish tubs located in the parish hall on Sunday mornings and at most parish events. We want to encourage the parish members to take ownership of this process and if the water has cooled or needs replacement we hope parishioners will step up and do it or find someone who can help them do the job. Hospitality involves every one of us in every aspect of parish life.

Lastly, I invite you or your small group to volunteer to host a Sunday Breakfast. These have been a successful way to keep the "family" spirit of St. Michael's alive. Contacts for Hospitality are Donna Pizzuto and Markus Cross.

October

- Evensong Song reception
- St. Michael's Meeting and Vestry Elections, Potluck lunch

September

- Two training sessions for parishioners interested in serving the hospitality ministry
- St Michael's Day Celebration tied in with Mtr Joan's Goodbye Luncheon
- Rally Day parish breakfast hosted by Men's Group

August

- Bishop's visit and reception
- Git 'er Done Gang begins clean up, and repair assessment on the Parish House

July

- Kitchen renovations, cleaning and organizing

June

- Parish Breakfast hosted by St. Michaels School
- Parish Breakfast hosted by Vestry

May

- Pentecost Sunday Celebration and Lamb Roast
- Parish Breakfast hosted by ECW
- Parish Breakfast hosted by Youth Group
- Parish Breakfast hosted by Men's group for Mother's Day

April

- Parish Breakfast hosted by Earth Ministry
- Florence Mepham's Memorial service
- Easter Vigil Reception
- Easter Sunday Brunch
- Git 'er done Gang begins fund raising for kitchen renovations

March

- Parish Breakfast hosted by Vestry



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Stewardship/Affinity Program Annual Report

St. Michael's has had an Affinity program for several years. In recent years we focused on Kroger cards and Amazon. Kroger pays us four percent of what we spend using our Kroger cards. Amazon pays us a variable percentage of what we purchase online through our website.

We have begun participating in several other programs this year. We have tried to choose programs that would provide income to the church without requiring our parishioners to spend any additional money. As more people become aware of these programs, our revenue from each should increase.

Our current programs include:

- **GoodSearch/GoodShop**
- **Meijer cards**
- **Joseph-Beth cards**
- **selling gift cards/certificates that have been donated to St. Michael's by businesses**
- **"St. Michael's" Shirts**
- **"Parish Nights Out"**
- **Kroger cards**
- **Amazon**

GoodSearch/GoodShop

GoodSearch is powered by Yahoo! search. Individuals go to www.goodsearch.com and list St. Michael's as their designated cause. We receive 1¢ for every search. GoodShop works with online shopping. Over 1,500 online stores donate varying percentages to the church when we shop their websites through GoodShop. We have raised \$149.65 through these programs.

Meijer Cards

Meijer sells gift cards to the church at a four percent discount. We sell these cards to parishioners. We have raised \$128 on purchased Meijer cards.

Joseph-Beth Cards

Joseph-Beth sells gift cards to the church at a twenty percent discount. These cards are available in any value and can be ordered through the church. The cards can be used in either the bookstore or cafe. \$119 has been raised through purchase cards.

Donated Gift Cards/Certificates

\$571 in gift cards has been donated to the church by area businesses. We have raised \$261 through the sale of these cards.

St. Michael's Shirts

Although still in progress, approximately \$300 has been raised through this sale. This program also provides advertising for the church.

Parish Nights Out

Once each month our parish comes together at an area restaurant. We try to keep the average price at about \$12 per person. The rector is able to assist those who would like to join us, but are unable due to their financial situation. We have raised over \$900 through this program.

Kroger cards

Kroger cards have continued to be a huge part of our program. These cards can be used in Kroger stores, pharmacies, and gasoline stations. We currently raise approximately \$450 each month through these cards.

Amazon

Amazon is now a very small part of the program. Joseph Beth overshadows Amazon's donation on books. GoodShop covers many other purchases.

Submitted by
Donna Ingram



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New Member Incorporation Annual Report **2010**

Ministry leaders are Clara Wilson and Laura Whyne.

New Member Incorporation includes welcoming visitors and newcomers, incorporating and rooting new members, and discipleship.

Bread bakers and greeters make up the welcoming ministry. Bread bakers make muffins or quick bread each week. The bread is put in bags along with information about St. Michael's Episcopal Church. Greeters are scheduled for each Sunday service and they hand out the bags of bread and information to visitors and newcomers.

The bread bakers are Markus Cross, Vickie Griesinger, Sharon Hogue, Phyllis Farson, Nancy Tucker, Laura Whyne, and Clara Wilson. The greeters are John and Kathy Baggerman, Gail Carpenter, Georgia Collins, Markus Cross, Vibert and Hazel Forsythe, Linda Gorman, Sharon Hogue, Donna Ingram, Dave and Judy MacDuffee, Jean Owens, Laura Whyne, and Clara Wilson.

Incorporating and rooting includes referrals by the rector and others to interest groups and then calling and mentoring the new members.

Discipleship is a way for everyone to serve from the heart and participate and support the ministries of St. Michael's. This year's program was called St. Michael's Wants You! Job descriptions are created and training is offered so people learn what to do to be successful. Jobs may be short term or on-going. Training was offered for Eucharistic Lay Ministers, Vergers, money counters, and hospitality hosts. The response has been good, with new people participating in each ministry.

Office volunteers have started scanning the 'Home Seller' from the Sunday *Lexington Herald Leader* for homes sold in our zip code area and nearby. New home owners are sent information about St. Michael's and invited to attend a service.

A New Member Incorporation Committee was established. Members include June Greenwell, Vickie Griesinger, Sharon Hogue, Laura Whayne, and Clara Wilson.

A social to welcome new comers was held August 7th at Emery and Clara Wilson's home. Of the 39 people who attended, 3 were new members and 4 were potential members.

At the request of the Vestry, Clara Wilson and Laura Whayne drafted a welcoming statement in support of the Believe Out Loud Program. This was approved by the Vestry and posted on our website.



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Communications & Electronic Ministries

- The new Affinity Channel Page seems to have been well received. Feedback has been positive.
- The [GoodSearch](#) / GoodShop affinity program ties into web browsers to return part of the advertising dollars to the church.
 - St. Michael's account receives \$0.01 for every word-search (image and map searches do not count) using [GoodSearch](#).
 - Over a thousand [GoodSearch](#) vendors grant a percent of on-line sales to St. Michael's account at [GoodSearch](#).
 - Several vendors now check for the presence of the [GoodSearch](#) cookie and grant that percentage even if [GoodSearch](#) is not used to initiate the sale.
 - The church will receive a check for more than \$150 from searches and purchases via [GoodSearch](#) this March 21 thru September 30.
- Our Online Store and Amazon Search Box are in full swing:
 - Amazon and related businesses handle all the merchandise and shipping;
 - We receive approximately 4% return for most products sold;
 - We receive 15% on Kindles (but nothing on Kindle book downloads).
- There are now 21 members in the Youth Facebook Group.
- Church Facebook Page
 - 106 persons have already "fanned" our page.
 - Any "fan" can post on the page;
 - Our webmaster and Church Office Manager monitor the page. So far there have been no inappropriate posts.
 - In order to keep the page relevant we have been removing old posts.
- The Buzz (Bulletin Board Service)
 - This service was allowed to lapse on May 18th. It would have otherwise cost an additional \$60 for another year.
 - Only 5 church persons used it all year.

- There were 49 other persons around the world who used the site mostly to post links to their own sites; however, I found no blatantly offensive material.
- Email report:
 - We now have several email addresses for St. Michael's. The addresses are:
 - endowment@saint-michaels.org The Planned Giving and Endowment Fund Trustees.
 - finances@saint-michaels.org Treasurer's account
 - fundraising@saint-michaels.org Donna Ingram's fundraising account.
 - rector@saint-michaels.org Mtr. Laurie's account.
 - mail@saint-michaels.org The Office Manager (If an email goes to an inactive or undefined address in the saint-michaels.org domain it goes to this account.
 - music@saint-michaels.org Ms. Ruth's account.
 - nursery@saint-michaels.org St. Michael's Nursery.
 - office@saint-michaels.org Office volunteers account.
 - paypal@saint-michaels.org Reserved for future use with possible automated online sales.
 - webmaster@saint-michaels.org Charlie's web account.
 - youth@saint-michaels.org Ms. Candice's account.
 - We also have several alias addresses that act like email addresses but use another or a group of other addresses.
 - announcements@saint-michaels.org Goes to both mail@saint-michaels.org and webmaster@saint-michaels.org
 - CandiceLucas@saint-michaels.org In case Candice wants to use her name.
 - nametags@saint-michals.org nametag requests; goes to mail@saint-michaels.org
 - OfficeManager@saint-michals.org goes to mail@saint-michaels.org
 - Posm@saint-michals.org goes to fundraising@saint-michaels.org (Currently is Donna Ingram).
 - RSCM@saint-michaels.org goes to music@saint-michaels.org
 - RuthWitt@saint-michals.org goes to Music@saint-michaels.org
 - Web@saint-michals.org goes to webmaster@saint-michaels.org (needed because some sites, such as face-book and yahoo-groups, reject any user names with email address beginning with "webmaster@..." or "mail@...")
 - Using email from the church's domain name (@saint-michals.org) adds authenticity to emails you send, both to persons inside and outside our church. This is especially important when dealing with vendors.
 - Using our domain name gets persons familiar with our name and helps them remember to return to our site for further information. This is especially important when dealing with persons who may be looking for a church home.
 - Your church ministry email may be forwarded to your mail address, and your PC made to send from either your personal email account or the church ministry email account.
 - If you want to establish a separate email address for your ministry, please contact me at either webmaster@saint-michaels.org or web@saint-michaels.org or via my cell phone 859-533-8874.

Server Replacement

- We replaced the church server with new fileserver device. The old church server was recycled.
- Security Documentation
 - All persons who have door codes are now recorded in the church database. This includes some persons who are not members of the church. (St. Michael's School, AA, NA, B&B Square Dance, Musik's Company, US Postal Service delivery-person, etc.)
 - Persons with room keys are still to be identified and recorded.
 - PoSM documents, other certification documents, background checks, etc. have not yet been saved.
- Work has begun on the "Relationship" fields in the People database, so we can tell who is whose father, mother, son, daughter, brother, sister, etc. Pat Evans is working on this project. We hope to have a majority of our current active membership relationship information mapped before our new rector arrives.



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OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

We have a wonderful crew of office volunteers, both men and women. They assist the staff in a variety of ways, from answering the phone to helping prepare the St. Michael's Matters. There are some days when the office is very quiet and the phone seldom rings, but then there are other days when it is just the opposite. Plus our office manager never knows when something quite unexpected may occur (a plumbing problem or the roof leaking) and his presence is required in other parts of the building. Assisting in the office is another aspect of Stewardship in our Parish life. At present, we are looking for volunteers to fill the Wednesday and Thursday afternoon slots and we are always happy to have new names to add to our substitute list for times when there is illness, vacations, or job schedule changes. Please contact our Office Manager or Pat Evans if you would be interested in becoming a volunteer.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Evans, Office Volunteer Coordinator



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ANNUAL REPORT 2010, GROUNDS AND GARDEN COMMITTEE

In the past year, our church grounds changed visibly. The grounds committee removed 5 Hemlock trees that had been planted too close to our buildings 20 or more years ago. Two of these trees grew outside the windows of our meeting rooms, and 3 stood on the left side of the Bellefonte entrance to the building. We also removed a taxus hedge that separated the building from the courtyard, which opened up a whole new garden space. For the time being, our efforts to re-landscape the open areas created by the tree and shrub removal has come to a halt due to the drought we are experiencing. Depending on when the rains return, we may do more planting this fall or put it off to next spring.

We added a foot path through our detention basin late last fall so that everybody can walk into it and see the plants from close up as well as the wildlife they attract. The basin looked good through the summer, but has suffered from the drought since then. Last year, when there was plenty of rain all through the summer and fall, our basin produced spectacular bloom. This year we were not so fortunate. The upper slopes, in particular, have not responded well to our planting efforts of this year due to their steepness and poor soil, combined with the drought of the last 3 months. We will replant those slopes with short drought-tolerant native grasses next spring.

This summer we had all the walkways and sidewalks on our property professionally edged, which really improved the appearance of our grounds. Ken Overturf and Barbara Srodulski took on the ever widening cracks in our parking lot and sealed a great many of them to prevent further damage. And on what must have been the hottest day of the summer, our tree trimming crew, Mark Eclow, Charlie Sither and Ken Overturf, did a significant amount of pruning all around the property.

Our grass was once again mowed by parish volunteers: Laura Whyne, Steve Hansel, Charlie Sither, Ken Overturf, Rupert Pickens, Charlie Shanks, David Eckmann, David Hafley, Mary Eclov, Mark Eclov and Markus Cross. Many thanks to all mowers – it was a hot summer!

Respectfully submitted by
Markus Cross and Beate Popkin



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Annual Report for EYC 2010

This year, the youth chose the Humane Society as their charity. We accomplished the following missions for LHS:

Volunteered
Sponsored a Spare Change Sunday
Threw a carnival with proceeds going to LHS
We also:
Baked biscuits for the Blessing of the Animals
Raised money for Heifer International

In addition to our charity, we participated in several other missions including:

Thirty Hour Famine/ World Vision
Raised money for the Domain pool
Created gift boxes for Bountiful Grace
Collected books and sleeping bags for Reading Camp
We also participated in several fellowship activities including going to dinner and a movie, bowling, to Champs, Gatti Town, a haunted house, celebrating birthdays, and supported each other at various school activities

Miscellaneous

Visited the Domain for St. George's Day
Four of the youth went to the Cathedral Domain as staff and campers. I directed a session.
Six of the youth participate in services
Three are in the choir
We welcomed Alex Welch to the youth group
Several of the youth are planning on attending New Year in the Spirit and potentially Happening

For this year, we are planning our lock-in and deciding on our charity. We are currently studying the book *Conversations with God for Teens*.



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B.U.I.L.D. **October 2010**

For over seven years, churches in Lexington have participated in BUILD, (Building United Interfaith Lexington through Direct action). Currently, seventeen churches are active members. What has been very exciting is that BUILD has been effective in fostering changes toward justice in Lexington. But equally exciting is that it is inter-racial and ecumenical. And while God's reign will not be fully realized until the Second Coming, fostering justice through Christians working together, are truly marks of the Holy Spirit.

Most of you are aware of some effects of BUILD: Improved transportation through expanded hours and more bus routes by *Lextran*; recovery program for women in jail with addictive diseases; 10,000 uninsured persons having received primary health care; lowering of suspension rates of children in schools; anti-bullying programs in selected schools; and progress toward affordable housing.

The 2010 effort of BUILD is led by Family Court judges to coordinate care of school children who have discipline problems and are at risk for lives of crime. Judge Lucinda Masterson and Linda Harvey are co-chairing this endeavor. **You are invited to our Community Problems Assembly, Monday, October 18th to hear a full report from Judge Masterson.** At that meeting Judge Masterson will give a report of progress in this endeavor. At that time, also, we will vote on which one issue to work on during the coming year: On October 4th representatives of the churches met to assess and count the issues as raised in the "listening sessions" in each church. The following categories emerged as most frequently raised.

Youth and education
Re-entry of ex-felons to full citizenship
Economic injustice

The exact direction of the chosen issue will be determined through research during the following months.

BUILD's effectiveness is based on the **power** of numbers of people coming to Action meetings to present our issues to community officials and call them to accountability. But Christian responsibility goes beyond numbers. It calls us to justice, as integral to our faith as the creed we profess. It calls us to awareness of others in need, to critique our society, and to take our part in making that society more just.

This is an invitation to witness to our commitment by attending the Community Problems Assembly Monday, October 18th, 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter Church on Barr St. Each person present gets a vote on one of the above issues.

Mary Alice Pratt
Corresponding Secretary for BUILD

B.U.I.L.D. at St. Michael's

Charlie Shanks built initial awareness and Mtr. Joan championed our involvement as St. Michael's became the 16th congregation (there are now 17) to join BUILD. About eight parishioners went to the Community Problems Assembly where it was decided Youth & Drugs would be the focus for 2009-10. We ultimately turned out 40 people to the Nehemiah Action in April. The Justice Ministry Network Members for 2010 will be working to build their networks to turn out as many people as possible to the Action scheduled for April 11, 2011. Not only are we working our numbers, but we are trying to make this the justice ministry for St. Michael's. Feel free to ask questions any time.

Mark Leaver
Team Member



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Nursery Annual Report

Our nursery continues to serve the 8:50 and 11:15 services each Sunday. We are staffed by Elizabeth (Libby) Haas, Kimberly Fugate, and Avery Wigglesworth. Libby works approximately 90% of the time, Kim works approximately 75%, and Avery works when she is on academic break from Knox College in Indiana. Volunteers fill in occasionally through the year.

The Nursery Committee intended to implement a lesson plan, following the church calendar. Upon Mother Joan's recommendation, we decided against this. Mother Joan met with the nursery staff and chair of the nursery board. She explained to us that to children this age, the most important thing is their relationship with their caregivers (including parents). To children, their caregivers represent God. If the caregivers show children love, the children believe that God loves them. Our nursery staff talk with the children about the people who love them and those they love, explaining that God also loves them.

The nursery staff joins the congregation on 'Parish Nights Out'. This is done to show our staff that we are grateful for them, consider them to be part of our parish, and to solidify their relationship with the children, parents, and parish. It is our hope that our staff can serve as resource for parents. This is especially true for Libby, a full-time teacher at The Lexington School.



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Pastoral Care Ministries

Pastoral Care ministries are those in which parishioners reach out to others through prayer and presence. Ongoing ministries include Daughters of the King, Eucharistic Visitors, Healing Team, New Family Ministry, and Prayer Support for members of the Vestry, Clergy, Staff, and Nominating Committee. In addition, small groups such as P.E.A.C.E. Group, offer individuals opportunities for support, self-care, and spiritual growth. Reports of each of these ministries follow below.

On the first Sunday of each month a letter to a designated homebound person stating that he or she is especially remembered by the parish was placed in the narthex for people to sign. By signing the letter parishioners committed to pray for that person. People were also encouraged to send personal notes or to make calls or visits.

Pastoral Care ministries at St. Michael's have continued to function well because of the faithful dedication of a small number of people, many of whom are active in more than one ministry. We invite new participants. If you would like to know more about any of the Pastoral Care ministries, please contact Nancy Pickens.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Pickens

Daughters of the King

Daughters of the King is a spiritual, praying order for women who are communicants of the Episcopal Church or churches in communion with the Episcopal Church and churches who are in the historic episcopate.

Daughters of the King members commit themselves to the disciplines of prayer, service, and evangelism and wear the Daughters of the King cross as a visible witness of a life committed to showing forth the love of Christ to all people.

St. Michael's Daughters of the King chapter held an election of new officers on June 6, 2010. The new officers are Patty Webb (President), Karin Bostrom (Vice President), MaryAnn Overturf (Secretary), Gretta Cozzi (Treasurer), Kay Scarborough (Program Chair), and Sharon Stumbo (Chaplain). Our chapter honored Kathy Baggerman's seven-year service as President on August 15, 2010 with a blessing from Mtr. Joan Pritcher and a celebration.

St. Michael's chapter of Daughters of the King meets on the fourth Sunday of the month directly following the 11:15 a.m. service. Anyone interested in Daughters of the King is welcome to attend our monthly meetings.

Respectfully submitted by Patty Webb

Eucharistic Visitors

Eucharistic Visitors are appointed by the rector and licensed by the bishop for the purpose of distributing consecrated bread and wine of the Eucharist to members of the parish community who, because of illness or infirmity, cannot be physically present at the celebration. It is the rector's responsibility and prerogative to decide who is to be visited.

During the past year St. Michael's ten active licensed Eucharistic Visitors made regular visits to between seven and ten people. Team members also distributed Communion to parishioners who were hospitalized or homebound on a short-term basis. On the first Saturday of each month, three team members rotated distributing Communion to between two and four residents and care givers at The Lafayette, a retirement home in Lexington.

A total of fourteen new and returning Eucharistic Visitors attended training sessions during May and July. If you are interested in knowing more about Eucharistic Visitors or the service at The Lafayette, please contact Nancy Pickens.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Pickens

Healing Teams

Healing Team members offer prayers for healing with laying on of hands and anointing at the Mary Altar during Communion at all morning services on Healing Sundays, the fourth Sunday of each month. Members of the Healing Teams are parishioners who feel called to the ministry of Christian healing, who claim Christ's authority, and who offer themselves as vessels for God's healing power. Members generally serve in teams of two with at least one team serving at each service. This year ten parishioners served as team members. A total of thirteen new and returning team members attended training sessions in May and July.

Anything said to Healing Team members during the prayers is kept strictly confidential. For more information about the Healing ministry, please contact Rebecca Rumery, who schedules healing teams, or Nancy Pickens.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Pickens

New Family Ministry

The New Family Ministry supports expectant families in our parish during pregnancy and offers them pastoral care and practical help during their two to three month postpartum adjustment. Each family is invited to receive a communal blessing at which time each expectant mother is given a birth necklace as a symbol of the love and support of our parish. New Family Ministry volunteers create these birth necklaces and provide prayer and support for the new family during labor and delivery. Following birth volunteers nurture the new family during their postpartum adjustment by providing meals, breastfeeding support, childcare, or other forms of care as

needed. During the spring of 2010 the New Family Ministry served one parish family during their pregnancy and postpartum adjustment when their second child was born in February.

Respectfully submitted by Patty Webb

P.E.A.C.E. Group

P.E.A.C.E. Group (Parents Entrusting Adult Children Entirely to God) is a ministry of prayer and mutual pastoral support for parents of adult children with significant life problems such as chronic illness, mental illness, substance abuse, or any other major health or social issue. P.E.A.C.E. Group meets in the Chapter Room on the second Sunday of each month following the last Sunday morning service. Members share a simple potluck lunch (typically sandwiches, salads and/or soups), pray together, and share their concerns and thanksgivings about their adult children. Members also pray regularly for one another and for one another's children. All sharing is kept strictly confidential within the group.

P.E.A.C.E. Group welcomes visitors and new members. Please contact Nancy Pickens for further information.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Pickens

Prayer Partners for Vestry and Staff

Prayer Partners are parishioners who agree to pray intentionally on a regular basis for an assigned member or members of the Vestry, Clergy, Staff, and Nominating Committee. There are no meetings to attend, and prayers may be offered at the time and place of each participant's choosing. Each Prayer Partner is especially encouraged to pray just before and during vestry meetings each month. This year 21 parishioners participated as Prayer Partners.

New assignments are made each year following the annual Parish Meeting, and each participant agrees to offer special prayers for the assigned person(s) throughout the following year. To inquire about this important ministry, please contact Patty Webb.

Respectfully submitted by Patty Webb



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Annual Building Report Summary 2010

This year at St. Michaels has been fairly low keyed as far as building maintenance is concerned.

January and February were follow up months from the previous year. The back door lock still wasn't working due to a part that was on order since the previous November. The building was maintained with the help of many people finding small problems and taking care of them, themselves. Thank you.

March and April saw no resolution to the back door lock, other than the part should be in possibly late April to mid May. Conrad Roofing repaired the steeple leak successfully and Andrew G.'s fountain in the garden was repaired and started for the summer. Termites were discovered in the kitchen area downstairs and around the corner to the new church addition. An exterminator was called for a partial treatment to be followed with periodic inspections for any new infestations. The hot water heater went out over the Easter weekend, although I doubt many people realized. A replacement was installed the following Monday.

May and June were very rainy and so some new roof leaks occurred in the hall/narthex areas. The good news was that it was covered under warranty from a previous roofing job, saving St Michaels a \$3000 repair bill.

The back door lock part came in but still didn't work. So another was ordered and we were back on the wait list.

July thru the present saw the back door lock finally repaired, Halleluia!! Some large cracks in the parking lot have been repaired by dedicated St. Michael's parishioners, thanks guys. The rest of the time has been devoted to getting the parish house in order for the new rector or to be rented. Many, many thanks to a very dedicated group of people who have each taken a specific area of the house to wash walls, paint cabinets, install electrical fixtures, install plumbing fixtures, scrubbed floors, scrubbed grout, painted bathrooms, painted the kitchen, removed tile floors and replaced underlayment and re-tiled, the list is very long and tedious, but this is just another example of the love for St. Michaels and its mission that I have witnessed since my short time on the vestry.

Questions or suggestions, my cell is 859-699-8828.

Thanks to all who have helped.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Hoffmann



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Altar Guild
Annual Report
October 2010

The Altar Guild of St. Michael's Church consists of 12 members working in four teams of three. Members include Theresa Hart and Laura Whayne – co-chairs, Michelle Moore, Linda Gorman, Cindy Wyatt, Sue Morehead, Judy MacDuffee, Cindi Wooster, Charlotte Boone, Clara Wilson, Elsbeth Johnson (on leave), Anne Sither and Martha Davenport.

The Altar Guild members work tirelessly in keeping the sacristy, chancel and nave clean and orderly, as well as setting up for all services including weekly Holy Eucharist, baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

Regular purchases included: communion wafers, altar wine, and candles. These purchases were made with monies from the Altar Guild's annual budget.

The Altar Guild welcomes new members! Please contact the church office if you are interested.

Submitted by Laura Whayne, co-chair



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St. Michael's School
Annual Report to the Parish
2009 – 2010 School Year

St. Michael's School operated five classes: a Three Year Old class, two Four Year Old classes, a Young Fives and a Kindergarten class. Enrollment was 72. There were no parish members enrolled.

Staff included the following full time members: Mrs. Barbara Rial – Director & Four Year Old teacher, Mrs. Theresa Hart – School Secretary, Mrs. Donna Bruck – Four Year Old teacher, Mrs. Ginny Allen – Kindergarten Teacher, Mrs. Beth Fleenor – Young Fives teacher, Mrs. Gerry Florreich – Three Year Old Teacher, Mrs. Adele Mroz – Art teacher. Mrs. Brenda Gabbert, Mrs. Susan Wallace and Mrs. Amy Mattingly and Mrs. Linda Yost – teacher's aides. Mrs. Yost was also the P.E. teacher. Part-time staff included: Mrs. Debby Scott – Music Teacher, Mrs. Terri Dingle, teacher's aide, Mrs. Elise Kalika – bookkeeper, and Mr. William Layne – custodian.

Parents supported the volunteer committees – Storytelling, Fund Raising, Parties, House & Grounds, Hospitality and Book Fair. The fund raising efforts were quite successful and well supported by the parish as well. Proceeds from fund raising supported the weekly Spanish classes for all age groups, Handwriting Without Tears curriculum, improvements to the facility, and classroom materials.

Tuition was as follows for the 2009 -2010 school year, on a 10 month schedule – August through May. Three Year Olds (monthly): 3-day - \$195, 4-day - \$235, 5-day - \$275. Four Year Olds, Young Fives and Kindergarten (monthly): \$275.

6 students (3 families) received partial scholarships.

The school operated an Extended Day program for students. Both early drop off and late pick up options were available.

The School Board chairman was Mr. Duncan Hart, parish member. The Vestry representative to the Board was Ms. Lynne Evans.

The School held weekly Chapel services in the church with an attendance of about 80 each week. Mrs. Theresa Hart, parish member was the Chaplain.

At the end of the 2009 – 2010 school year, Mrs. Barbara Rial submitted her resignation to the Board, citing health issues. Mrs. Rial had been director of the school since 1994. Regretfully, the Board accepted her resignation. Mrs. Beth Fleenor, Young Fives teacher was hired by the School Board as the 4th Director of St. Michael's School.

Submitted by Theresa Hart, school secretary

October 11, 2010



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St. Michael's Episcopal Church **Annual Meeting Report** **OutReach Committee**

OutReach efforts this year focused on a number of Parish wide activities. These included donations to the Episcopal Diocesan Relief Fund to aid Haiti after the earthquake, Movable Feast, VA Bingo weekly, Project Linus (blankets), God's Pantry and BUILD. Spare change Sunday was used to donate to a number of these and other projects fostered by the Youth group.

We also tried to organize our Parish wide OutReach efforts on a Church calendar basis. We have been following the following list of activities:

1. Domain campers from June 13th thru July 12th.
2. Reading Camp for July 12 thru August
3. Habitat in the Fall
4. God's Pantry during Advent into Christmas (over Thanksgiving)
5. ERD during Lent
6. UTO during Easter
7. St. Agnes House during Pentecost

Each focus for OutReach will be based on a possible list of items as well as a request for monetary donations.

The focus on the Domain campers and the Reading Camp saw parishioners donate sleeping bags, items for the Cathedral Domain, books, and money to purchase items from a needs list. For God's Pantry we collected food items in cans and non-perishables as well as needed dollars. The Parish wide OutReach efforts have been a community effort to compliment the many individual efforts our parishioners give to the following list of efforts:

List of Outreach from St. Michael's Website:

- a. Spare Change Sunday
- b. Kentucky Council of Churches
- c. Movable Feast
- d. Project Linus
- e. VA Bingo
- f. Kentucky Refugee Ministries
- g. God's Pantry
- h. BUILD
- i. Diocese of Lexington Mission Trip
- j. From the Streets to Home

We hope to continue and add to our OutReach efforts in the coming years,
Linda S. Gorman, Vestry member
OutReach chair



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FLORAL GUILD

2010

The purpose of the Floral Guild is to glorify God with flowers by providing fresh floral arrangements in the Sanctuary on the Altar and on the Mary Altar every Sunday; and for certain special occasions. (During the penitential seasons of Lent and Advent stark branches or greenery are used rather than flowers.) Floral Guild members rotate responsibility for each Sunday's flowers on a prearranged schedule. At Easter and Christmas all Floral Guild members plan and work together along with any volunteers from the parish to decorate the sanctuary, nave, and narthex. The "Greening of the Church" at Christmas is a particularly festive occasion and the Floral Guild encourages anyone to come enjoy preparing our "church home" for Christ's Mass.

Sunday floral arrangements are typically donated by members of the parish in celebration of a birthday or anniversary or in honor or memory of a loved one. The suggested donation is \$30.00; and the donor should be sure to note "for flower donation" on the memo line of the check. At Christmas and Easter donations are also welcomed in order to have a special seasonal floral display. Parishioners may sign up to donate altar flowers on the sign-up calendar in the office window. The office staff checks the calendar and indicates the donor in the appropriate Sunday bulletin.

In keeping with St. Michael's endeavor to achieve a "greener church", the Floral Guild uses locally or home grown flowers in arrangements whenever possible; and flowers from our St. Michael's gardens are used selectively.

Anyone who enjoys working with flowers and appreciates the esthetics flowers add to our services is welcome to join the Floral Guild. For more information or to volunteer, call the church office or contact any member of the Floral Guild: Jeanie Hartman, Markus Cross, Beate Popkin, Donna Pizzuto, or Ann Thurn.

With God's Help

Ann Thurn
Floral Guild Chair



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Called Meeting of St Michael's Planned Giving and Endowment Fund

Board of Trustees

The Planned Giving and Endowment Fund Board of Trustees met several times this year.

The board authorized the following actions:

- Charlie Shanks was elected chairperson.
- Jeanie Hartman was appointed scribe.
- The Seminarian Fund was turned over to the Diocese since the board had neither control of the funds or selection of the recipients of the same.
- A separate set of books was established and all endowment funds segregated from the church operating funds. This is appropriate since the endowment funds are supposed to separate and for purposes beyond the normal operating budget. I will allow the Trustees to better manage the endowment funds and the Vestry to better manage the operating budget.
- Treasurer Steve Thurn has been authorized to redistribute the endowment funds across several vehicles from the single stock-based fund in which they had been previously invested. This diversification should help protect the funds from wild market swings.

Respectfully submitted,

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