



St. Michael's Parish Meeting
ANNUAL REPORTS

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The Church of St. Michael the Archangel

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Candidates

For

Vestry

CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY

St. Michael's parishioners,

I am happy to answer the call for nomination to our vestry. I have been attending St Michael's since I moved to Lexington 3 years ago. The combination of tradition and complete acceptance of all diversity by the community that constitutes St. Michael's led to my decision to become a member with our church. I have enjoyed participating in our Chancel Choir, the men's group, and volunteering to perform lawn maintenance.

Professionally, I work at the Veterans Administration Medical Center as coordinator of the family psychotherapy program. I believe my experience & training in helping families to improve communication and cope with stress will be an asset within church leadership. I am excited by the path of growth that St. Michael's is currently on, and hope that I can be a part of expanding ministries within our church. I would be very interested in exploring and expanding opportunities for fellowship and service for our young professional adult members and helping them to feel networked with our longer standing members. I believe this could help with growth within our church community. I thank you for your consideration of my participation in the vestry at St. Michael's.

Sincerely,
Steven E Hansel, Psy.D.



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Dear St. Michael's parishioners,

I'm enthusiastic about accepting the call to run for the Vestry at St. Michael's. I have attended here since I moved to Lexington in 1992. The beautiful service and welcoming atmosphere attracted me and continue to sustain me. I have participated in church life as a Eucharistic Visitor and by participating in and scheduling the healing prayers on Sunday mornings. In the past I worked in the church office. I was pleased to serve on the Search Committee that led to Mother Laurie's call. I am enjoying my third year in Education for Ministry. For most of my professional life I worked as a social worker in the area of child protection. I'm now employed part time at UK Medical Center as a Standardized Patient. It's a different kind of job. Just ask me to explain it some time. The excitement and forward movement at St. Michael's this last year have inspired me. I would be honored to work with others on the Vestry to support and increase that progress.

Peace,
Rebecca Rumery



CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY

Rick Smoot

Native of Ashland, Kentucky.

Baptized on December 19, 1971, Unity Baptist Church, Ashland, Kentucky, by the Rev. Ira McMillan, Jr.

Confirmed Episcopalian since 1982: confirmed at Calvary Church, Episcopal, Ashland, Kentucky, by Bishop of Kentucky Charles Gresham Marmion, Jr., Rev. John W. T. Weise, Rector. Member of choir, usher, Stewardship campaign, Calvary.

10th Cursillo, St. Paul's Table, Cathedral Domain, 1982.

In graduate school 1983-8, attended St. Augustine's, Christ Church Cathedral, and Church of the Good Shepherd, Lexington.

Church of the Good Shepherd, Episcopal, Lake Charles, Louisiana, 1988-9.

Trinity Church, Episcopal, Huntington, West Virginia, 1989-94. Member of choir, directed by Erich Balling (now Canon Musician, Christ Church Cathedral, Lexington).

Joined Church of St. Michael the Archangel, Lexington, 1999. Lay leader (acolyte/server, reader, crucifer, usher), in first-year of Education for Ministry (EfM) program, Integrity member.

Presently Associate Professor of History, Bluegrass Community and Technical College, Lexington. I am up for promotion to full Professor this year. Also served as adjunct professor of history at the University of Kentucky from 2000 to 2001.

Past President, Kentucky Association of Teachers of History (KATH), 2010-11.

Have served in several different organizations as an officer.

Director of Economic Development office, Marshall University.

Research Editor, Marshall University.

Grantsman with responsibility for multi-million dollar projects and programs, Marshall University.

Published author, including three books and numerous articles and reviews.

Education: attended Ashland, Kentucky, public schools, football, graduated with honors Paul G. Blazer High, Ashland, Kentucky, class of 1974; Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia: B. A., cum laude, 1978, M. A., 1981; University of Kentucky, Lexington: Ph.D., 1988.

Bring to the table a strong background in leadership and organization, a direct voice, and a desire to solve problems.

It would be an honor for me to serve the parish as a member of the Vestry. I promise to listen and to forward the continued growth of the parish through inclusion and acceptance.



CANDIDATE FOR VESTRY

I have been a member of St. Michael's since 2002. I was confirmed here in 2005. While I am not a cradle Episcopalian, I have come to love and appreciate our faith immensely. I am running for the Vestry to serve the parish as I feel like I am being led to do.

Currently I am a Lay Eucharistic minister, member of the Healing Prayer team, lector, intinctor, leader of the Friday Bible Study, leader of the Contemplative Studies Sunday School Class, and a member of Daughters of the King. I am also in the second year of Education for Ministry (EfM). I have served on the Audit Committee for the past two years. I feel like all of these positions have provided me with knowledge and exposure to various parish activities that would benefit me as a member of the Vestry.

My strengths that I feel would be useful to the Vestry are thoughtful decision-making, organizational skills, and willingness to think outside of the box. I don't make snap decisions because I believe that it is imperative that all sides of an issue are considered. I think that organization is the key to the successful operation of any entity. Finally, willingness to consider alternative ideas is especially important in these challenging times in which we live.

I am a retired college professor so I have time to dedicate to the work of the Vestry and I am willing to do so. I appreciate your time and consideration of my candidacy for this very important position. I assure you that if elected to the Vestry I would do the best job that I can through prayerful thought and guidance. I would be very grateful to serve on the Vestry.



Candidates

For

2012 Diocesan

Convention

CANDIDATE FOR DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Announcing his candidacy as a delegate to Diocesan Convention: Zachary Davis.

Good morning, my name is Zach Davis and I'd like to serve Saint Michael's as a delegate to next year's Diocesan Convention. I've been a member of Saint Michael's since 1994, when my family moved to Lexington from upstate New York.

I was baptized at Saint Augustine's chapel in Nashville, Tennessee, and was confirmed here by Stacy seven years ago. I sang with the Family Singers since I could read, and joined the Chancel Choir in 2006. In 2009, I enrolled in Education for Ministry (EfM) to learn more about the Church and her traditions. I consider the Church of Saint Michael and all of his members as my family, I truly do.

I know many of you remember watching me run around the sanctuary as a four-year old. And now I stand before you, a young adult, asking for your consideration to serve our parish as a delegate at the Diocesan Convention. While I believe each candidate would do an excellent job representing Saint Michael's, I consider myself a peculiar candidate. I am a younger member of our parish, and therefore bring a youthful perspective to the table. And, at the very same time, I have been a member of Saint Michael's for almost two decades; in fact, I am the same age as the new nave.

I have seen Saint Michael's through good times and bad, and as such, have a unique historical perspective. I love our parish, and would like nothing more than to serve her as our Diocese enters a new era as we select the seventh Bishop of Lexington. In my daily life, I strive to live *ad maiorem Dei gloriam*, for the greater glory of God. I would do the same as a delegate to the Diocesan Convention. I ask for your support today as our parish and our Diocese engages in this important work.



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My name is Lynne Evans and I am a “cradle Episcopalian” and I have been a member of St. Michael’s and the Diocese since I was 18 months old. I have served on the vestry for the past three years. I have been involved with Reading Camp almost since it began. I currently serve on the Camps and Conferences Committee. Since serving on the vestry during our transition period, I would like to serve the Diocese through its transition. It’s a Evans family tradition to serve!



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Casey Hinds

I have been a member of St. Michael's since moving to Lexington in 2001 and both my daughters were baptized here. I have been involved with the Godly Play program since 2005 as well as the companion adult Christian Formation programs, Parents of Young Children Class and Godly Play for Grownups. I served on the Nominating Committee that brought Mother Laurie to Saint Michael's in 2010. I also served as a delegate to the Diocesan Convention in 2010. If selected, I look forward to doing this important work for Saint Michael's.

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Ken Overturf for the Lexington Diocesan Convention 2012

My family and I have been members of St. Michael the Archangel Episcopal Church since 1996 and before that at Church of the Ascension in Frankfort since the mid-1980's. We were welcomed into the Episcopal Church by Bishop Hosea and have loved the Episcopal style of worship from the beginning. I am retired from my career work as an engineer and now work full time repairing things around St. Michaels , doing "honey do list projects" , and spoiling four grand children.

I believe that this is an important time in our Diocese with the search for a new Bishop and several churches still in their search for new Rectors. We have a lot of work ahead of us, as the Episcopal Church for half of Kentucky. With the guidance of our Lord God in Heaven and with Jesus Christ by our side, we will have exciting and challenging times now and in the future.

CANDIDATE FOR DIOCESAN CONVENTION

Charlie Shanks

In 1995 Denise and I became members of St. Michael's. For many years, because of my work schedule, I had but a little time to contribute to St. Michael's ministries. I limited my activity to the choir, and an occasional outreach project. When my IBM work schedule made it difficult to attend rehearsals, I shifted my participation to lay liturgical ministries.

When I left IBM seven years ago, I found myself with more time. I began participating in more St. Michael's projects and joined the stewardship committee, and served as chair of that committee a couple of years later. I also participated in the occasional project for the diocese.

Four years ago I took up the web and other communications ministries at St. Michael's. This required that I become familiar with many more parish ministries. I also would also regularly search the diocesan website and other parish websites for information to repost on our site, to help our parish better connect to our diocese.

In 2009 I was elected to the vestry. I am in my last year. I currently serve as the vestry's Clerk. It has been an amazing three years.

Last year I served as one of St. Michael's Diocesan Convention Delegates. I became even more familiar with the diocesan ministries.

2012 is an important year for our diocese. This year delegates must not only prepare for and attend the normal convention session, but also a second session – likely in August – where they will select our new Bishop. Ours is one of the poorest dioceses in the country. It is important that we call a bishop who is sensitive to growing parishes such as St. Michael's but also to the special needs of the many smaller parishes in our diocese. Our new bishop must creatively and frugally provide for the expansion of existing ministries while enabling and encouraging new participation by both our clergy and laity. This adds more importance to the selection of our delegates this year. If elected, I believe I can serve our parish and our diocese well in this capacity.



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Patty Webb

I have been a member of St. Michael's parish for nine years, joining shortly after my daughter Madeleine was baptized here in 2002. Madeleine and I consider St. Michael's to be our parish home and family. I am deeply committed to St. Michael's and would be honored to serve as a delegate to the 2012 Diocesan Convention.

During the past nine years I've held various leadership positions in Godly Play, Nursery committee, New Family Ministry, Stewardship committee, Nominating Committee, and Daughters of the King. More recently, I have become active in St. Michael's worship and pastoral care ministries serving as lector, server, healing team member, and Eucharistic visitor. I am currently in my third year of EFM to gain a deeper understanding of my role as minister of the Church.

During the past two years I have become active in ministry at the Diocesan level, serving as Diocesan Vice President of Daughters of the King. The activities that I have participated in with Diocesan Daughters of the King have provided me with knowledge that would be useful as a Diocesan Convention Delegate. This is a very exciting time for our Diocese with the election of a new bishop and I would love to represent St. Michael's as a delegate during this important election process.





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Annual Report from the Senior Warden

Prepared October 21, 2011

I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve St. Michaels on the Vestry for the last three years. The church has been fortunate to have very dedicated and effective people on the Vestry during that time and they have definitely made a difference. The challenge of the incoming Vestry will be to continue and accelerate the progress that's been made. My sense is that the overall health of St. Michaels has improved significantly this year. We just need to continue to be our warm, spiritual, welcoming selves and the future will be bright. There is still a little bit left of 2011. In that time we will complete our pledge campaign and I am praying for a continuation of financial growth that will enable us to get out of borrowing mode and starting to pay back loans to the bank and to the Diocese. The good news is that we are doing significantly better this year than last and have started what I hope is a positive trend. Our business meeting on November 13th will elect new officers and we roll into the busy holiday season.

Just when I thought that we could not top 2010, 2011 proved to be even busier and better.

We financially settled up with Mother Joan Pritcher and we made sure that she was properly paid for her outstanding service to us. She helped this parish to heal and prepared us well for the future. We owe her undying thanks.

Our new Rector hit the ground running in January. There was such keen interest on the Parish's part and on her part to meet each other, we could not schedule the Vestry retreat until February. At that time, it became apparent that there was a new sheriff in town as Vestry members selected their preferred ministry to represent. In the past, these areas had been assigned. This has worked well.

For your information, this is how the Vestry organized: The **Senior Warden** is Ken Davis. The **Junior Warden** is Markus Cross. **Hospitality** is Linda Gorman. **Fundraising** is Donna Ingram, **Pastoral care** is Joe Hoffmann, **Youth & St. Michaels School** is Lynne Evans. Our **secretary** is Charlie Shanks who also has the **communications** area. **Building, Grounds, and Housekeeping** is Linda Pizzuto. **Newcomers and Growth** are: Clara Wilson, David Hafley, and Markus Cross. **Inreach and Outreach** is Cindy Wyatt, Bruce Hinds, and Markus Cross.

It was a joyous time when Bishop Sauls visited to celebrate a "Celebration of New Ministry" and Mother Laurie Brock was formally installed as Rector of St. Michaels. After a year, I again applaud the Nominating Committee and Vestry for making a very wise decision. She has been everything we had prayed she would be. I continually am delighted that she chose to come to St. Michaels.

We maintained and strengthened our Diocesan relationships and have a number of our parish members on various Diocesan leadership positions. We now have St. Michael's representation on the Diocesan Executive and Standing Committees, and on the Leadership Team. One of our own (Margaret Shanks) was ordained into the Ministry. Frank Kebble, is heading up the transition team for the new Bishop. Mother Laurie is on the nominating committee. This new closeness with the Diocese is yet another sign of that we getting back to where we should be.

In March, there was a parish Holy Conversation on the subject of church Finances. The less-than-desirable situation was honestly communicated to all. We must carefully manage our expenditures this year, and this was shared as well. However, we have confidence that with continued hard work and God's help, we will overcome the problems. It was apparent that we are "called to growth," which is how we have to deal with the situation. Our Finance committee was re-staffed this year, and thanks to the efforts of Charlie Shanks, the Endowment Board was resurrected and focus on this vital area initiated. The Church signatory list for check signing authority was revised to currency. Parish giving is up by 12% Year to Year we have held expenses relatively flat. This is very encouraging. In September, we met with the Diocesan Finance Committee about our loan with them and received praise for having a good handle on our situation and for having a plan to get

well. Thanks to Donna Ingram and her tireless efforts, our affinity programs have already doubled last year's income.

Communications have improved. Our web site has been revised to make it easier to use for both parish members and for people looking for a church home. The "Cupcake Diaries" monthly was started and has provided both me and others an additional opportunity to share information. Very shortly, we will begin a PODCAST of church services to enable those who cannot attend to hear. We are still mailing "Welcome Letters" to people moving into our neighborhoods.

Our youth participated in a St. Agnes House fund raiser that generated \$800, and our St. Michaels youth director Candace Lucas coordinated an amazing Reading Camp fundraiser at Busters. St. Michaels participated in the Aids walk... and wound up contributing the most money. God's Pantry was a beneficiary of the generosity of St. Michaels. In addition to the various outreach fundraisers this year, St. Michaels also provides facilities for many organizations to meet on a regular basis. Project Linus was the subject of a recent very good Herald-Leader article. The AA and NA groups are lifelines for people struggling with addiction. In keeping with St. Michael's tradition of openness and acceptance to all, we hosted Bishop Gene Robinson's visit that was sponsored by the Kentucky Fairness Alliance. The "God Welcomes All" T-shirts were a very nice touch. This was an extraordinary, joyous, and standing room only occasion. I am very proud of our amazingly warm and welcoming church.

We managed to repave our parking lot using special donations over and beyond pledges to do it. I thank all the generous people who made this happen. We could not have done it ourselves for the price that was negotiated by our Junior Warden. Parking is one of our treasures, and believe it or not, one of the key factors that people consider when looking for a church home.

We continue to have an excellent relationship with St. Michaels School, who has graciously committed to help us if we need to borrow from them. Lynne Evans and Candace Lucas have been very active with our youth to grow our future. Kathy and I love bringing my grandson to Godly Play which he finds quite enjoyable. The Angel Choir came into being and we are nurturing a new generation of choristers. For the first time, St. Michaels Church held a successful summer school with the able assistance of our youth. Miss Ruth and the choir continue to make spectacularly beautiful spiritual music.

Newcomer Incorporation has been very active with meeting & greeting, providing take home welcome bags, and getting newcomers involved with St. Michaels. This has been a particularly effective team and Clara Wilson deserves the lion's share of the credit for her leadership and tireless service. She and Emery hosted a wonderful newcomer party at their home and I was amazed at the numbers of attendees. Our nursery provides high quality child care for small children and makes St. Michaels particularly attractive to young families. Our breakfasts are always a hit (we still need to do more of them) in addition to all our other social gatherings such as pot lucks, supper groups and parish nights out.

Our Grounds are beautiful, even in the midst of the worst drought in years. Kudos to Markus Cross, Donna Pizzuto, our army of volunteer mowers, and Beatte Popkin. Our building has had major cleanup activity this year thanks to Donna Pizzuto.

Pastoral care has long been a strength of this church. Mother Laurie changed the process to make sure that these dedicated people go forth with the authority of the Church when they take communion to those who are unable to attend.

All the education for the various ministry areas has paid off too, because we are seeing a lot of new faces doing things – which 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 few 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. We continue to be very busy and happily so. Our 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.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone on the Vestry, and each of you in the Parish for making my three year run on the Vestry so pleasurable and so productive. Mother Joan and Mother Laurie were especially effective and wonderful to work for and with. We have an amazing treasure of a church. Attendance is up from 130 per Sunday in 2010 to 170 in 2011. The growth we needed is happening and the future looks very promising. I wish the new Vestry much luck and am confident that the momentum can keep going. I especially want to thank the outgoing members of the Vestry, Markus Cross, Lynne Evans, and Charlie Shanks for all their hard work and sacrifice. They are super people who have tirelessly made major contributions to Saint Michaels. May God bless each and every one of you.

Respectively Submitted
Ken Davis, Senior Warden



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MUSIC

Annual Report 2011 Director of Music

I'm now into my twenty-fifth 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-five 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 achievements 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 newest Choir, the **Angel Choir** (ages 4-7), began this fall. We have six beautiful children in the Angel Choir and they meet Tuesday afternoons every week to sing, dance, drum and jingle their way through selected anthems. They also learn about the church year through weekly craft projects. We've had three successful Sundays - Sept. 25, St. Michael's Day and All Saints Sunday - so far, and I look forward to the children singing for Advent Lessons & Carols and the early service on Christmas Eve before 2011 comes to a close. Special thanks go to **Kathy Davis**, who helps me with this choir each week and on the Sundays they sing.

Our **Novice Choristers** (ages 8-10) though a very small group, moved through a steady course of development in 2010-2011. 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 Novice Chorister curriculum in 2005 - the chance to attend one of the RSCM Summer Courses, just like the “big kids”. Though we had no Novice Choristers attend a Summer Course this year, we did have two young ladies, **Katherine Hinds** and **Eliza Leaver**, who were awarded their RSCM Junior Chorister medals and light blue ribbons for successfully completing the Light Blue RSCM curriculum.

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. A new addition to their work load: shepherding members of our Angel Choir! 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** and **Marissa Grace** attending the Charlotte Course. And **Julia Sebastian** continued her great work as a Course Procter. This was her fifth year doing this job and its still such a joy for me to watch her in action. She usually gets a group of the younger girls. They follow her around campus like little chicks following their Mama. 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 tenth 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 her continued help 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 Advent Lessons & Carols, 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 9:00 am service and the fine musicians I’m privileged to work with: **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**, **Ross Ewing** and all the choir members who volunteered to help with singing duties at this service. Their gift of music has been a great blessing to me and

all the parishioners who attend the 9:00 am service....and both Donna and Ross are so willing to take on any new musical project I hand to them! That I truly appreciate!!

Some of the highlights from 2010-2011

✘ St. Michael's Evensongs continue to be a treasured part of our worship life. Even though we had no collaborative Evensongs this year, I did invite a few of my colleagues to join us for both the Fall and Lenten Evensongs. Its a "win/win" situation for us because we get fine musicians who sing for free; my colleagues get to experience a beautiful service they'd otherwise miss and I get reminded – from the comments of said colleagues – that we have so many musical gifts here at St. Michael's. Something I must never take for granted.

✘ Offering Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* on Christmas Eve - for the fifth 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 2010, 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 Scholl for the Arts** and the **Appalachian Association of Sacred Harp Singers** added greatly to our worship. Our parish soloists, **Roberta Chase, Angela Parsons, Hannah Knudsen, Denise Shanks and Jessica Bailey** and our summer **Women's Chorus** and **Men's Chorus** added their own St. Michael's style and beauty to Sunday mornings.

✘ **The July 2011 Evensong with Bishop Gene Robinson.** What a rewarding experience that was for the Chancel Choir, Choristers and me. We were joined by choir members from Good Shepherd here in Lexington, St. Peter's in Harrodsburg and Ascension in Frankfort. These generous folks, along with our St. Michael's gang, came to two Tuesday evening rehearsals prior to the service...and worked like musical Spartans to get it ready!

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 Report

The definition of *hospitality* is “The friendly and generous reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers.”

We do a lot of that at Saint Michaels. And, from what we hear, we did pretty well this year.

In our Church organization, the “Newcomer Incorporation Ministry” that meets and greets visitors is considered separate from the church “Hospitality Ministry. Although the two are part of the definition of hospitality, the area we are talking about here is the one that handles the preparation, setup, serving, and clean-up for events that are over and above normal Church activities. Building, Grounds, and housekeeping are other key elements in hospitality that are done outside the Hospitality ministry and are not included in this report. Although not specifically mentioned here, St. Michaels regularly hosts many groups and this requires cleanup and sometimes setup. We hosted the Diocesan stewardship conference.

Events in 2011:

The New Rector Installation on 1/23. We hosted the Bishop and other clergy as we formally welcomed Mtr. Laurie Brock as our new priest.

After service brunch on 1/30.

Second Sunday breakfasts implemented 3/13. This was done every month thereafter. This includes recruiting the cooks from various church organizations.

Holy Week.

5/29 Feast of the Ascension picnic.

7/16 Bishop Gene Robinson visit sponsored by the Kentucky Fairness Alliance.

9/11 Celebration Sunday

10/21 Stewardship Celebration Dinner

11/13 Annual Business Meeting

In addition, there were events such as evensongs, or funerals that are not listed above which engaged the Hospitality ministry. This is a very busy area.

While each event was thoroughly successful, enjoyable, and contributed to the overall great year experienced by St. Michaels, there was some behind the scenes “churn” for some of the events. In each case, wonderful parishioners stepped up and volunteered to assist and are thanked for their service.

In the future, the recommendation is to have a go-to committee of 5 or more people that will handle all hospitality.

Respectfully submitted by Ken Davis for Linda Gorman



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Stewardship Annual Report

As you may have noticed, we have made several changes in the way we approached stewardship at St. Michael's this year. We started with asking "What Needs Can You Meet" so we all understood that each of us has a role to play in this faith community. The people of St. Michael's have always been generous with their time and talent and this year was no different. Our fall theme is "Stewardship = Discipleship" which gets us thinking about how we can be better disciples of Christ. We even changed the name of our annual pledge drive to "Our Annual Response" so we all know that this is our chance to respond with financial gifts that God has entrusted us with.

As I write this report the first of our "Response Forms" are beginning to come in and again the people of St. Michael's are being very generous. We all need to give a financial response this year no matter how small or large it is. It is part of being a disciple and a way of sharing with your St. Michael's family. With our financial gifts to our ministries, this faith community will continue to grow and have a larger and larger impact on the world around us.

As a way of concluding this report I would ask you to pray with me our stewardship prayer for St. Michael's. May stewardship at St. Michael's help God's people grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ and the Church through the use of time, talents, and finances that God has entrusted to us. Amen

Respectfully submitted by Duncan Hart



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Affinity Program Annual Report

St. Michael's has had an Affinity program for several years. While Kroger continues to be a huge part of our fundraising program, we now offer gift cards from over 200 businesses. As more people become aware of this program, our revenue should increase.

Our current programs include:

- **Kroger**
- **Gift cards through Great Lakes Scrip, Joseph-Beth, and other businesses including Meijer and St. Michael's shirts.**
- **"Parish Nights Out"**
- **GoodSearch/GoodShop**
- **Amazon**

Kroger cards

These cards can be used in Kroger stores, pharmacies, and gasoline stations. We currently raise approximately \$540 each month through these cards, up about twenty percent from last year.

Gift Cards and Shirts (does not include Kroger)

This section of the program has brought in \$2114 this year, compared with \$808 from last year.

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 \$1100 through this program, up twenty percent from last year.

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 although we usually make more money when we use gift cards that have been purchased through the church for online purchases. More businesses participate in GoodShop (over 1,500 online stores). We have raised almost \$140 through these programs.

Amazon

Amazon is now a very small part of the program. Joseph Beth overshadows Amazon's donation on books. Using gift cards that have been purchased through the church often gives us much more than Amazon or GoodShop. GoodShop is usually available for businesses who do not offer us gift cards.

Submitted by
Donna Ingram



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New Member Incorporation Annual Report

Members of the Newcomer Incorporation Committee started the current year by redesigning the visitor information cards and by designing a beautiful new bulletin board that welcomes everyone to St. Michael's. Other bulletin boards have been reorganized to assure that the information for members and visitors is current and easily read. Tri-fold brochures have been produced that welcome visitors to St. Michael's and provide information about St. Michael's

Visitors to St. Michael's are welcomed by greeters at each service and first-time visitors are given gift bags that contain quick breads or muffins, a tri-fold brochure, a copy of the current Cupcake Diary and seasonal information about church services. Greeters and members of the Newcomer/ Growth committees try to keep a record of visitors and newcomers and a notebook is maintained in the church office so information about visitors and newcomers is readily available and can be accessed by anyone who wishes to add to the information.

Visitors and newcomers are invited to Sunday School classes, breakfasts, potlucks, etc. And in October newcomers were invited to a social event so they could interact with each other, Mother Laurie, the vestry and other members of St. Michael's. The goal of the Newcomer Incorporation/Growth committees continues to be that of making St. Michael's a welcoming church, a church community where everyone knows your name, a church community that cares about the physical, emotional and spiritual health of each member and newcomer.

Submitted by

Clara Wilson
Markus Cross
David Hafley



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COMMUNICATIONS & ELECTRONIC MINISTRIES

The weekly parish e-newsletter, St. Michael's Matters, and our weekly Ministry Reminders are now mailed to over 75% of our parish families. Continued praise to Rupert Pickens for editing the St. Michael's Matters and to Parish Administrator, Duncan Hart for the Ministry Reminders.

With the St. Michael's Matters being the primary media for communication to our membership, Mother Laurie asked that the parish website be redesigned to be more attractive to prospective visitors. The old site was based on our committee structure. It is now based on various ministries to bring more persons into contact with St. Michael's.

Another recent website change is a link in the lower right corner of the website homepage which links to a mobile device version of the website, www.saint-michaels.org/mobile.

In February we started our parish magazine, The Cupcake Diaries. This monthly publication gives more in-depth information about continuing and upcoming ministries than our weekly St. Michael's Matters. The current and past issues may be found on the web at www.saint-michaels.org/magazine (or www.saint-michaels.org/mobilemagazine for mobile devices). If you have RSS software you may get RSS notifications for each new edition by adding www.saint-michaels.org/magazine/_webfeed (or www.saint-michaels.org/mobilemagazine/_webfeed).

This month we started publishing podcasts of excerpts from our 11:15 choral service. The podcasts will typically contain the liturgical readings, the sermon and a choral selection or two. Podcasts may be found on the website at www.saint-michaels.org/podcast (or www.saint-michaels.org/mobilepodcast for mobile devices). If you have RSS software you may get RSS notification of new podcasts by adding www.michaels.org/podcast/_webfeed (or www.saint-michaels.org/mobilepodcast/_webfeed).

A parishioner is loaning us an Apple computer, microphone and software for our use in producing these podcasts. We are looking for volunteers to be trained and scheduled for recording and editing future podcasts.



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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 - answering the phone, making copies, addressing envelopes or just being a presence in the office. 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 Thursday afternoon slot and we are always happy to have new names to add to our substitute list for times when there is illness or vacations. 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 for EYC 2011

The Episcopal Youth Community consists of 12 youth including Charlotte, Charlie, and Allison Eckmann, Tom and Ian Hafley, Aurora and Marissa Grace, Noah and Alex Welch, Kyle Jones, Connor Evans, Jessie, and Allyson Meers. Parishioner Pete Eclov is also working with our youth. Hunter Evans, our recent graduate, has returned to serve as a “junior” youth leader. The EYC anticipates two other youth joining us this year.

The EYC began the year with a Kick-off party at the Haffley/Shedd home. We discussed our mission for the year (attached), parental concerns including peer pressure, dating, leadership, and bullying among youth, our youth covenant, and our schedule. The youth enjoyed a dinner provided with money they earned putting down mulch on the Saint Michael’s School playground the week before school started.

Last year, the youth focused on how we could serve the animals in our community and worked with organizations such as the Humane Society and Heifer International. This year, the youth have chosen to focus their efforts on serving our neighbors. We will study different faiths, beliefs, walks of life, and cultures. First, the EYC will host a Fall Festival on Sunday, October 30th. Games and activities can be purchased for the exchange of one can or nonperishable food item per ticket. The proceeds will go to God’s Pantry.

We are also in talks with Susan MacDonald at Saint Agnes House. The youth are interested in serving a meal and getting to know the people who are lodged there during a sickness.

The EYC are encouraged to attend the Fall Happening on November 11th and the Living Board Game on November 19th. In December, the youth's lock-in on Saturday, December 17th will focus on a service project for the Christmas season. New Year in the Spirit will be held at the Domain on December 27th.

The youth room is still in need to outlets. We have the funding, but need direction as to how to proceed. We are anxiously anticipating working with other Episcopal Youth Communities in and around Lexington this year.

Candice Rodgers



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW)

All women attending St. Michael's are automatically members of the ECW. In the past, we have had an active group with a number of Outreach projects. Some of these projects continue, such as supplies for our Troops, the Squeaky Clean program and the gathering of school supplies in the fall for special needs at Glendover, our neighborhood school. We have not been meeting regularly this past year but if there is enough interest, the bi-monthly Brunches can resume. Or perhaps another format is needed at this time. If you are interested or have other suggestions, please let Mother Laurie know.



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Nursery Annual Report

The nursery has run smoothly this year. Libby Haas remains in the nursery as our senior staff member. Libby works most Sundays and, except for staffing issues, manages the weekly operations of the nursery. Kim Fugate is no longer working on a regular basis due to a scheduling conflict with her church. We expect her to be available to us on an on-call basis when needed for special services and events.

We have hired a new caregiver this month, Bethany Spencer. Bethany has a background in child care and is a foster-care case manager. If you haven't already, stop by the nursery and introduce yourself.



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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, and Prayer Support for members of the Vestry, Clergy, and Staff. 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.

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 officers are Patty Webb (President), Karin Bostrom (Vice President), MaryAnn Overturf (Secretary), Gretta Cozzi (Treasurer), Kay Scarborough (Program Chair), and Sharon Stumbo (Chaplain).

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 nine 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 second Friday of each month, Mtr. Laurie celebrates Eucharist at Sayre Christian Village, 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 Sayre Christian Village, 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.

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

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.

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 Karen Miller.

Respectfully submitted by Karen Miller

Casserole Ministry

This ministry is a newcomer to the Pastoral Care group at St. Michaels. Right now it consists of 5 persons on call to provide food (casseroles) for people and families in the midst of various situations. Returning home from a hospital stay, during a hospital stay for families, a death in the family, any circumstance that can be made less stressful by the caring comfort of food.

If you are interested in participating in this special ministry, please call Joe Hoffmann.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Hoffmann



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HOUSEKEEPING/ BUILDING/ GROUNDS

At our vestry day in February of this year I volunteered to clean up around the church. We have so many activities, so many outside groups coming in, and so many functions where someone leaves ‘some little something’ behind; left behind because “we can use this next time...”. Unfortunately, either “next time” doesn’t happen or no one knows that the item is there to be used. The result is a lot of debris!

In an effort to re-use as much as possible, I took extra time to find homes for some of our unwanted treasures. This meant calls & emails to arts groups, a trip to Baker Iron, numerous trips to Goodwill, Library Book Cellar, Mission House and others. We still have a piano that is unwanted – if you would like to have it please contact me or the office staff.

Since Housekeeping was added to the vestry area of Building & Grounds I have relied mightily on the help of Beate Popkin (Grounds) and Ken Overturf (Building). They are valuable assets to this church and do a tremendous amount of work keeping things in order. Thank them for this next time you see them or even better, volunteer to help with their next project.

Here’s a look at some of the Clean Teams’ accomplishment this year:

- Storage behind wall in Parish Hall - sorted & cleaned out, organized (on-going)
- Kitchen – on-going helper to unload dishwasher, on-going organizing & cleaning by volunteers
- Library, Chapter room – sorted, organized, cleaned, worn out furniture removed
- EFM room – cabinets cleaned out
- New Undercroft – donated risers to Actors Guild, cleaned closets, shredded old documents
- Nave, Shine Sunday – cleaned & polished pews, altar, piano & organ
- Church wide- Promoting recycling/reuse efforts

The Building Crew led by Ken Overturf managed to:

- General Mr. Fix-it projects around the church
- Repaired catch basins in the parking lot in advance of the sealing & striping (these repairs were not budgeted items and were paid for by contribution from the congregation)
- Installed new sign and photo cell-lamp post at Main entrance (a gift from a donor)
- Fixed up the rectory (several new windows installed, (also gifted) & garage

The Grounds Crew led by Beate Popkin has:

- Maintained our gardens and landscaping- weeding, pruning, mulching
- Replanted the north slope of the parking lot with native oak trees & native shrubs; removed the non-native forsythia hedge
- Lawn mowing organized by Duncan Hart

- St. Michael's School volunteer grounds committee helps maintain the playground and entrance area

OPPORTUNITIES to be of service: The Housekeeping Clean Team will be scheduling a MOVE THE PEWS day in the near future; this can only happen with many hands and strong backs to help. The Grounds Crew will schedule a fall cleanup day, probably in November to rake leaves & clean gutters on the Rectory.

Submitted by: Donna Pizzuto



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Altar Guild

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), Martha Davenport, Anne Sither, Michelle Moore, Linda Gorman, Cindy Wyatt, Judy MacDuffee, Cindi Wooster, Sue Morehead, Charlotte Boone, Clara Wilson, and Elsbeth Johnson (on leave).

During the year, Anne Sither retired from the Altar Guild and Sue Morehead moved to Idaho to be closer to her family. Their many years of service to the Altar Guild are greatly appreciated and they will be missed.

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.

Two candelabras were donated to the church, which enhance the chancel and the services.

Regular purchases included: communion wafers, altar wine, and candles. These purchases were made with monies from the Altar Guild's annual budget. Because of increased costs for supplies, the Altar Guild is looking into the permanent 'oil filled' candles.

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
2010 – 2011 School Year**

St. Michael's School operated four classes: a Three Year Old class, two Four Year Old classes, and a Young Fives. Enrollment was 65. There was one parish member enrolled.

Staff included the following full time members: Mrs. Beth Fleenor – Director & Young Fives teacher, Mrs. Theresa Hart – School Secretary, Mrs. Donna Bruck – Four Year Old teacher, Mrs. Ginny Allen – Four Year Old teacher, Mrs. Gerry Florreich – Three Year Old Teacher, Mrs. Adele Mroz – Art teacher. Mrs. Brenda Gabbert, Mrs. Susan Wallace 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. Christy Pellegrino, teacher's aide, and Mrs. Elise Kalika – bookkeeper.

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 2010-2011 school year, on a 10 month schedule – August through May. Three Year Olds (monthly): 3-day - \$200, 4-day - \$240, 5-day - \$280. Four Year Olds, Young Fives and Kindergarten (monthly): \$280.

2 students (1 family) 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 70 each week. Mrs. Theresa Hart, parish member was the Chaplain.

Submitted by Connie Carr, school secretary

November 2, 2011



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OutReach Committee

St Michael's Episcopal 2011 Outreach / Inreach Summary

The St Michael's Outreach and Inreach efforts have truly extended far beyond our beautiful spot on the Bellefonte hill. The official group consisting of Cindy Wyatt, Bruce Hinds and Markus Cross first wanted to poll the congregation to determine where our interests as a congregation and as individuals rested. The polling resulted in far more areas of interest than we ever imagined and was a fascinating 'eye opener' as to not only the wide range but deep, reflective interests as well. Had we had the financial and time resources to have followed up on half of the great personal interests and suggestions we could have been involved in several different endeavors each week!

As we viewed and formed it, our primary goal was to facilitate, support and present some new outreach opportunities to the congregation as well as identify and support needs within the parish. The parish as a whole, the Vestry and Rector has all joined together in various formations to support Project Linus, neighborhood schools, God's Pantry, the Bishop Robinson visit, the Earth Ministry and probably hundreds of unknown individual efforts done to make this world a better place. Ongoing remarkable and supportive programs include pastoral care, healing ministry, the altar and floral guilds, EFM, Sunday School, Godly Play, general maintenance and cleaning needs both inside and outside our physical facility, the choir, Eucharist volunteers, all of those who support us through financial means, and on! Nevertheless the areas we were able to pursue were:

- An outreach to nature. This tree walk was led by our own John Baggerman at the University of Kentucky Arboretum. Even though a hot afternoon may have lowered the number of participants it was a pleasant and informative time focused on native Kentucky trees and plants and invasive species.
- An attempt was made to set up at work day at the Domain but scheduling prohibited that.
- A food drive was held in July to benefit God's Pantry. Many people only think of donating food in the colder months but hunger is a year round concern and we helped alleviate some during the summer.
- While not officially under the Outreach committee, the Linus project so well promoted by our own Mary Ann Overturf and Donna Pizzuto is an outstanding year round effort.
- Operation Christmas Child which will benefit children locally and worldwide was brought to us by a member who likes to work behind the scenes. She was very interested in remaining fairly anonymous with this as with many parish issues, but she hoped to have the 'punch' and push of a higher visibility campaign.
- Two Vestry members spent much of a wet, late October day helping a parish member move to another house.
- Initiate an outdoor Memory Garden for parishioner cremains.

- We are certain that countless other smaller and larger individual efforts occur every day from members who prefer to remain low key with their time and talents.

Markus Cross



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FLORAL GUILD

The purpose of the Floral Guild is to glorify God with flowers by providing fresh floral arrangements in the Sanctuary on the retable 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" 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 or the new "flower poster" on the narthex bulletin board. 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 welcomed and encouraged to join the Floral Guild. For more information or to volunteer, call the church office or contact any member of the Floral Guild: Markus Cross, Jeanie Hartman, Karen Miller, Donna Pizzuto, Beate Popkin, Adele Smith, or Ann Thurn.

With God's Help

Ann Thurn
Floral Guild Chair



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St Michael's Planned Giving and Endowment Fund

In 2011, The Planned Giving and Endowment Board identified an account originally set up to provide stipends to seminarians. The account was originally set up at St. Michael's, but this fund had its own set of administrators (originally also on our Endowment Board), but our board had no control other than to receive the quarterly statements and send the diocese the annual funds requested. The fund was shrinking. After consultation with the diocese we transferred this account to the diocese. This gave the diocese a view of the account, so that they can know the extent to which they may draw upon the account. It also relieved our treasurer from tracking an account that we could not manage.

We began the task of rebuilding the endowment this year. We are now receiving ongoing gifts from one parishioner.

This year the endowment board published a tract describing and encouraging both budgetary giving and planned giving. The tract may be found in the rack in front of the church office.



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The Episcopal Church of St. Michael the Archangel
Lexington, Kentucky

Godly Play

Godly Play is our Christian Formation program for children ages 3-11years old. It offers a contemporary and child-accessible version of lectio divina: holy reading, wondering, and responding to the Bible's sacred stories. We typically have between 8 -12 children who attend each week and 5 volunteers who regularly serve. We also hold a Godly Play for Grownups class to develop and grow our volunteer staff while allowing parents a greater understanding of how and why Godly Play works.

The Godly Play classroom is planned and maintained to minister to the needs of the children entrusted in our care. That is why we incorporate best practices for children's health such as serving nutritious foods (often fresh fruit) and avoiding the use of food as a reward. We also expect volunteers to get trained in and follow the Diocesan Prevention of Sexual Misconduct program. We emphasize environmental stewardship with reusable plates, cups and napkins instead of disposable. These practices reflect our commitment to support, challenge, nourish and help guide St. Michael's children in their spiritual quest.

Respectfully submitted,
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