



# Archangel

November, 2017

A man in Topeka, Kansas, decided to write a book about churches around the country. He started by flying to San Francisco, and started working east from there.

Going to a very large church, he began taking photographs and taking notes. He spotted a golden telephone on the vestibule wall and was intrigued with a sign which read "Calls: \$10,000 a minute." Seeking out the pastor he asked about the phone and the sign. The pastor answered that this golden phone is, in fact, a direct line to Heaven and if he paid the price he can talk directly to God.

The man thanked the pastor and continued on his way. As he continued to visit churches in Seattle, Salt Lake, Denver, Des Moines, Chicago, Milwaukee, and around the United States, he found more golden phones, with the same sign, and the same answer from each pastor.

Finally, he arrived in Virginia. Upon entering a church, behold, he saw the usual golden telephone. But THIS time, the sign read "Calls: 25 cents." Fascinated, he asked to talk to the pastor. "Reverend, I have been in cities all across the country and in each church I have found a golden telephone and have been told it is a direct line to Heaven and that I could talk to God. But in the other churches, the cost was \$10,000 a minute. Your sign reads 25 cents a call. Why is that?" The pastor, smiling benignly, replied, "Son, you're in Virginia now. It's a local call."

While Virginians just love that kind of story, the truth is that the traveler made the story up. I don't know why he did, what he had in mind. But I do know that all such calls are local, Virginia pride notwithstanding. They don't even require 25 cents or even a telephone! All that's needed is an open and seeking heart. Believe me! I know! I've been doing a lot of it recently.

Jim Smith+



# November

## Birthdays

4 Vickie Zevgolis  
5 Guy Allen  
8 Noni Hogwood  
10 Maia Vasiloff  
15 Marian Barfield  
16 Don Hogwood  
17 Karen Anderson  
Mark Roudabush  
20 Tom Randolph  
21 Margie Ditri  
25 Rylie Hunt  
26 Hayden Thompson  
27 Mike Renshaw  
28 David Warriner  
Chris Anderson  
Jim Randolph

## Anniversaries

3 Jay & Sabine Allen  
7 Daniel & Tanya Scott  
9 Ron Hardy & Kathie  
Braswell  
10 Steve & Elisa Conver



Come ye thankful  
People come...

## Thanksgiving Eve

### Worship

Wednesday, November 22

7:00pm

## The Blessing of God's Bounty

The author Jonathan Cahn in his writings "The Book of Mysteries," says that the hand of worship is an open hand and the hand of praise is an open hand. He then says that the hand of thanksgiving is an open hand and that the open hand is the only one that is able to receive blessings from heaven.

As I contemplate this line of thinking with the season of Thanksgiving just ahead I know that in giving we receive. When I open my hand and let the bounty God has blessed me with flow out to bless someone in need, I am receiving a blessing also. My open hand can become a channel of his love, joy and peace and that is a bounty we cannot afford to live without.

I invite you to share God's bounty through veggies and fruits to be taken to the Carriage House on November 20th. We will receive cash donations to purchase items needed. We will decorate the church with the veggies and fruits for Sunday, November 19th, which will then be delivered to Carriage House on Monday. All donations need to be in by November 12th. Please make checks payable to St. Michael's, noting "for Thanksgiving Veggies".

Let us remember, as we come into the holiday season, that coming with open hands of praise, worship and thanksgiving will cause God's bounty to be poured out on us all.

To you and yours a Happy and Bountiful Thanksgiving,  
Carolyn Mason



**POT LUCK LUNCH** Sunday, November 5. Bring food to share and enjoy the fellowship.

**VESTRY MEETS** Sunday, November 5, after worship.

**CELTIC WORSHIP**, Friday, November 10, 7:00pm.

**LUNCH FEEDING PROGRAM:**

Tuesday, November 21, at the Hope Center in Petersburg.

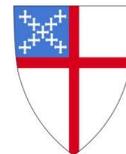
**SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE**, November 19, 5:30pm.

**THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP:** Wednesday, November 22, 7:00pm.

**DECEMBER ARCHANGEL DEADLINE:**

Monday, November 27, 9:30AM. Ministry Schedules for December—February due also.

**St. Michael's  
Episcopal Church**



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**October 31, 6:00-7:30pm**  
**St. Michael's Episcopal Church**

All are welcome to come out and enjoy an evening of family fun in a safe environment.

Cars with open trunks will be decorated and treats given to the children.

There will be a concession stand with hot dogs, drinks and popcorn available.

**PLEASE  
RETURN YOUR  
"ESTIMATE  
OF GIVING"  
CARD BY  
NOVEMBER 12.**

