



Archangel

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“Happy New Year” is not just an instinctive thing people say this time of year. Every one of us has just finished a year full of personal pluses and minuses for better or worse. We’d all like the year ahead to be better than the tough stuff, and naturally we hope it will be so for everyone.

Beethoven, the composer, conceived a theme that appeared in several of his works before it finally “landed” in his third symphony. It was an idea, a hope that didn’t work “exactly” and then, one day, it did. I think that isn’t unusual for any of us. We look to the future with hope, and we carry our “stuff” with us into the future. Some of it maybe just vanishes and some of it “pops up” in a new setting and works. At St. Michael’s, we look forward with hope to what the New Year holds. Let us pray that what we bring to it, and what God offers in it, will continue to support us and those who come to join us.

“Happy New Year”

Jim and Gerry +



The Journey Continues

Advent began the new Church year. Our camels led the way to Bethlehem waiting for the Christ Child, waiting for a King. Christmas Eve arrived, and we celebrated the birth of that tiny little King. Now our journey is taking us through deserts and towns for months on end, looking for a baby that is said to be King of the Jews?

What lengths will we journey to in order to worship the king of our hearts and lives? Do we even know who or what the King of our hearts really is? One would hope that the King for each of us is Jesus. Perhaps as we enter into the Lenten season in a few weeks, we can take some time to look at that part of our journey to look at those parts of our lives we've tried to keep behind closed doors. Jesus is on each of our journeys with us and he already knows where we are headed. What are we willing to share with him as we journey?

How can that journey be more meaningful to us? How can the journey each of us is on glorify the Lord Jesus? Will we allow him to lead us out of Egypt, the land of bondage, to find eternal life with him? There are many as well as important questions to ponder in the weeks to come as we continue to seek him as did the wise men of old and the wise men of today.



Praying for you a very Happy New Year,
Carolyn Mason

2018 Feed the Hungry Dates

Mark your calendars!

We'll continue feeding at the Hope Center in Petersburg on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. See below.

January 16	February 20	March 20
April 17	May 15	June 19
July 17	August 21	September 18
October 16	November 20	December 18



We've been feeding close to 100 folks in recent months, and over 100 meals counting seconds. Thank you to all you dedicated folks who continue giving your time, food &/or money. This year Jane Elliott Huffman and Lynnice Randolph will once again be approximately alternating months leading this ministry. Lynnice heads up January and plans to feed tator-tot casserole. If you haven't been involved, we'd love to have you! And if you have, please keep coming or come back again.

January Birthdays

- 6 Mallory Moran
- 7 Barbara Smith
Phyllis Cheely
- 12 Christine Jade
- 13 Dick Condit
- 14 Megan Moran
- 15 Irene Barnes
- 16 Joseph Gay
- 17 Kristia Vasiloff
- 18 Mary Lynne Switzer
Catherine Noakes



January Anniversaries

- 4 Tom and Cookie Wicker
- 6 Ken and Mary Lynne Switzer
- 7 Ken and Mary Bell
- 8 Tom and Lynnice Randolph
- 9 Torsten and Carol Peterson
- 20 Mickey and Stephanie Little

Choir News

The bells are still ringing in our heads, what a beautiful Christmas Eve Service, the church was so warm and the inviting, the decorations were amazing, but it was the folks that attended and folks that shared their talents that made it wonderful, the singing, the instruments, the fellowship, the message, and now we go forward into the New Year with anticipation of new beginnings!

One change that the choir will experience is a new day and time for rehearsal. We are going to try having practice on Fridays starting at 9:30 AM, and the first day will be January 12. Some folks have a hard time driving at night so this may allow for more participation. We will try this until spring and then reassess if necessary. All are always welcome to join in the singing, no experience necessary so come on by and give it a try!

Making Loud and Joyful Noise,
Debbie and Melanie

Thank you, thank you to the body of Christ in St. Michael's Church.

You are truly family in every sense of the word. Since Bill's illness was discovered two months ago, we have been dearly cared for with transportation, food, phone calls, cards, home communions, help with decorating the church for Christmas and most importantly, THE PRAYERS.

The Lord blesses those who bless others, and we are praying you all will see many of those blessings in the New Year.

We love you,
Bill and Carolyn Mason

Thank you

Thank you to my St. Michael's folks for the Christmas gift, I am so grateful to be a part of this church family and enjoy making music with you each week! Blessings to all for this New Year!

Debbie

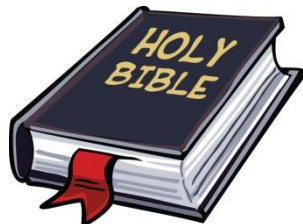
Thank you, St. Michael's for the Christmas bonus! Tim and I will put it to good use. Also, thanks for the goodies I found on my desk: cookies, candy, Chex mix, cards, notes, etc. You are a kind and loving congregation. I am thankful to be a part of St. Michael's.

Happy New Year!
Harriette Evans

Our Gifts Make a Difference

During the holidays, we received a letter from the Elder of the Food Pantry at Covenant Christian Fellowship, thanking us for a donation to purchase 25 turkeys for families at Christmas. Also, he expressed appreciation for our donations to the food pantry throughout the year. The pantry helps approximately 35 families a week with their food needs.

Episcopal Relief and Development also sent thanks for our generous contribution of \$510. Our gift was applied to global needs.



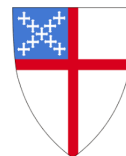
Good Book Club

Lent 2018

Forward Movement is excited to announce the Good Book Club – a church-wide invitation to all Episcopalians to read Luke and Acts during Lent-Easter 2018. Participants in the Good Book Club will begin reading Luke the Sunday before Lent, February 11, and finish up the Book of Acts on the Day of Pentecost, May 20....

The Good Book Club website (goodbookclub.org) lists the daily readings, as well as available resources to support people as they read....For now you can sign up for updates or learn more about partnering with us at goodbookclub.org.

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CELTIC WORSHIP, Friday, January 12,
7:00pm.

LUNCH FEEDING PROGRAM:

Tuesday, January 16, at the Hope Center in Petersburg.

FEBRUARY ARCHANGEL DEADLINE:

MONDAY, January 29, 9:30am.

ANNUAL COUNCIL, February 16 & 17,
Williamsburg.