

MIKE'S MISSAL

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From the Interim Rector

Do you think "**St. Mike's Got Culinary Talent**"? If you participated in the birthday celebration and potluck lunch on July 26 you would certainly say yes. Thanks to all who participated and to all who shared delicious recipes. If you did not get a copy of the cookbook, please let Donna know and she can print a copy for you.

Do you suppose "**St. Mike's Got Artistic Talent**"? We will find out on August 30. You can learn more about this event in a separate article in the Missal.

Do you suppose "**St. Mike's Got Stage Talent**"? We will find out on September 26: a talent show for and by people of all ages. Mark your calendar and begin thinking about whether you want to be in the spotlight or just applaud those who are.

The bazaar, flea market, and bake sale are scheduled for August 15. St. Cecilia's Guild will sponsor a "hymn singing" and ice cream social on August 16 at 5:00.

The semi-annual book sale is scheduled for August 29. Avoid the rush and get your books to the church soon.

Plans for Christian Formation for all ages are in great shape for the fall, and I hope you will check them out when we begin in September. More details to follow. For now, mark your calendar: kick-off breakfast on September 13, classes begin September 20. Thanks to all the people who make these ministries possible. As you can see, in the next few weeks we will have numerous opportunities for fellowship and community-building (and great opportunities to welcome

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and include those who are new to St. Michael's), opportunities to raise funds for the outreach and music ministries of St. Michael's. AND, folks of all ages are invited to participate in the Christian formation opportunities the parish will offer. Join us, and bring a friend!

Tom E. King

The Bishop is Coming (Still)

Bishop Ed had originally been scheduled to visit St. Michael's on November 15th. He will now be with us on December 13th, instead. Confirmations will take place at that time.

Christian Formation

Please join us on Sunday, August 2nd to learn more about the coming year. Parents of children 3 years old through 5th grade will meet with the formation team from 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Ingathering Space. Youth and youth parents will meet from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the youth room.

We are excited about the coming year! Please come!!

To Parents of Children at St. Michael's:

Christian Formation kick-off is right around the corner on 9/13/15! The Christian Formation team will be holding an informational meeting Sunday, August 2nd, about the curriculum we'll be using in the fall and spring with our children and youth during Christian Formation time, 9:30 – 10:45 a.m. weekly. For children aged 3 years through 5th grade we'll be using the Faithweaver curriculum. On Sundays, youth will explore what it means to be a child of God, a Christian and an Episcopalian. For youth who began confirmation classes in the spring, the Sunday morning youth program will continue to prepare them for confirmation in November. For those already confirmed it is an opportunity to delve deeper into their personal faith and to share their confirmation experiences with other youth.

Youth group is completely separate from the Sunday morning program for youth and will be meeting at a time to be announced. Youth group is a place of fellowship, fun, service, mutual support, and community.

Questions, ideas, want to help? Contact Christi Madden, Vestry Liaison for CF and Spiritual Development, or Laura Blazek, CF Ministry Team Chair.



Bizarre Bazaar and Flea Market – August 15 New Guidelines for This Year

In order to have the bazaar and flea market this summer without putting a heavy load (pardon the pun) on a few shoulders, folks are asked to observe the following guidelines:

- Bring your donated items to the Ingathering Space between Sunday, August 9 and Thursday, August 14, preferably during office hours (8AM-1PM). If you need help unloading items, please bring helper(s) with you. The church will not be able to pick up items at your home.

- Unsold items will be picked up by the Salvation Army Thrift Store on Tuesday, August 18. If you have unsold items that you prefer to take home, please remove those items by the end of the day on Monday, August 17.
- Please do not bring items prior to the designated time, and please do not put things in the Youth Room or other locations in the building.



- **Everything will be displayed and sold within the walls of our Ingathering Space, so please be selective with what you bring to donate. Consider taking to Goodwill some of your lower priced items. Thank you.**

Ice Cream Social and Hymn Sing



The St. Cecelia Guild invites you to the annual parish Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social, which will be held at 5:00 PM on Sunday,

August 16th, 2015. All are welcome. We will sing some of our favorite hymns, and maybe some hymns that will become favorites in time. Any who wish to assist at the event by contributing ice cream, cones, or help with serving or clean-up should write name and intended contribution on the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space.

BOOK SALE

Books!!! Magazines!!! Movies!!! Music!!!



All these media items can be placed in the blue bins in the entry way closet or choir room.



Come join us for our semi-annual book sale on , August 29th from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. This is a great way to recycle books and to help the church! Volunteer lists are in the Ingathering Space. We need volunteers to set up the sale, starting Tuesday, August 25th. We also need volunteers to help with the sale on Saturday and to box up the books on Sunday afternoon (from about 12:30 p.m. until 2 p.m.). Contact Nancy Larsen or Amy Gardner if you have any questions.

BOOK DISCUSSION

The book discussion group will meet on Sunday, Sept. 20th at 2:30 p.m. to review the *book The Worst Hard Times* by Timothy Egan, which is about the Oklahoma Dust Bowl.

The dust storms that terrorized America's High Plains in the darkest years of the Depression were like nothing ever seen before or since, and the stories of the people that held on have never been fully told. Pulitzer Prize-winning New York Times journalist and author Timothy Egan follows a half-dozen families and their communities through the rise and fall of the region, going from sod homes to new framed houses to huddling in basements with the windows sealed by damp sheets in a futile effort to keep the dust out. He follows their desperate attempts to carry on through blinding

black blizzards, crop failure, and the deaths of loved ones. Drawing on the voices of those who stayed and survived—those who, now in their eighties and nineties, will soon carry their memories to the grave—Egan tells a story of endurance and heroism against the backdrop of the Great Depression.

St. Mike's Got Artistic Talent & Interesting Collectibles August 30



Are you an artist, carpenter, florist, collector of interesting things? Sunday, August 30 (following the 11:00 service) will be an opportunity to share your work and/or some of your collections with the congregation. A simple lunch of sandwiches, fruit, and cheese will be provided. Artists and collectors of all ages, especially children, are encouraged to participate -- and to let the congregation know a bit more about you and your interests. There will be no jury, no prizes, no judges – just a bunch of friends who would be delighted to see and enjoy your work. If your hobby or special talent is in caring for animals, feel free to bring plenty of photos, but leave your animals at home! Please plan to have no more than 1/2 of an 8 foot table to display your wares so there is plenty of room for everyone who wishes to participate. Forms to register your collection for display are available in the in-gathering space. You may set up your display as early as the Wednesday prior to the 30th, or any time during the week that the building is open.



WICKED WOMEN

Wicked Women will meet on Friday, August 21st at 7 p.m. All women are invited to bring a salad or dessert to share. Wine will be provided.

SOAR (Singles Outreach and Resource)

St. Michael's SOAR (Singles Outreach and Resource) group would like to invite you to join us. We meet for lunch one Sunday a month immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. Our next gathering will be on Sunday, August 30th at Blackbird Gastropub located at 575 S. University, Norman. Guests, friends, family, neighbors and couples are always welcome to join in this lunch fellowship. If you have questions about SOAR or would like to RSVP, please contact Paula Magarian at magarian@ymcanorman.org or [Rita Akin at ritaakin@att.net](mailto:ritaakin@att.net). We hope you will join us in this lunch fellowship.

FINANCIAL TRACKING

You are invited to keep an eye on this chart in the Missal each month. Although the numbers will run one month behind because of the publication schedule, they will keep us informed of the financial resources we are providing for the ministries of St. Michael.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY: JUNE 2015		
BUDGET	25,499.99	
FUNDS RECEIVED	23,190.38	
OVER/(UNDER)	(2,309.61)	
FINANCIAL SUMMARY: YEAR-TO-DATE		
2015 Budget: 309,950		
BUDGET	155,450.06	
FUNDS RECEIVED	152,908.50	
OVER/(UNDER)	(2,541.56)	
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE		
Monthly Payment Amount: \$ 3,178.13		
Outstanding Balance	246,704.57	05/31/2015
Principal Payment	2,119.24	06/02/2015
Extra Principal Pmt.	2,000.00	06/02/2015
Outstanding Balance	242,585.33	06/30/2015

KNITTING AND CROCHETING

Our knitting and crocheting group meets every Wednesday from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. We are currently making prayer shawls, scarves for Special Olympics (either crimson and cream or black and orange), and purple baby caps (for a child abuse prevention program). We have lots of yarn and welcome everyone! If you need instruction, we can provide it.

Birthdays

4	David Henry
5	John Ahedor
5	Rosemary Meacham-Zittel
7	Jessica Farling
8	Brandt Cassidy
9	Tina Mahle
10	William McGovern-Fagg
11	Ted Sandridge
12	James L. Smith
14	Lou Mansfield
14	Delbridge Bryce
14	James Gardner
17	Mary Meacham
18	Jeanne Giles
21	Roy Dickenson
24	James W. Smith
24	Mason Dent
25	Luke Sprouse
26	Madeline Witzke
28	Evelyn Orth
29	Miranda Marr
30	Andrew Sprouse
30	Eric Blazek
30	Kay Sandridge
31	Doug Stiehler, Jr.

Anniversaries

10	James and Amy Gardner
10	Peter and Karen Goodchild
13	Andrew and Jaci Slagle
29	Doug and Pat Stiehler

Check the monthly calendar for listings of usual meetings and events. Read the Wednesday E-Missal email and the Sunday bulletin announcements page for more detailed information.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2</p> <p>8:30 Service 11:00 Service 9:30 Parent's Meeting 10:00 Youth Meeting</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 Bell Choir</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:00 Healing/ Eucharist 6:30 Knitting</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>3:00 Food for Friends</p>	<p>(1)</p> <p>8</p> <p>10:30 Food for Friends</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Recycle Sunday</p> <p>8:30 Service 11:00 Service</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Cleveland County Special Elections</p> <p>No Bell Choir</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:00 Healing/ Eucharist 6:30 Knitting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 Staff Mtg</p>	<p>14</p> <p>7:00 Wild Men's Night Out</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:00 – 2:00 St. Michael's Bizarre Bazaar</p>
<p>16</p> <p>8:30 Service 9:30 CF Teacher's Trng 11:00 Service</p> <p>12:30 Vestry Meeting</p> <p>5:00 Ice Cream Social/Hymn Sing</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7:00 Bell Choir</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00 Healing/ Eucharist 6:30 Knitting 7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Norman Schools Begin</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study 11:00 Healing/ Eucharist</p>	<p>21</p> <p>7:00 Wicked Women</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Dodger's Day</p>
<p>23</p> <p>8:30 Service 11:00 Service</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Southwind Montessori school begins</p> <p>7:00 Bell Choir</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:00 Healing/ Eucharist 6:30 Knitting 7:30 Choir Practice</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00 Bible Study 11:00 Healing/ Eucharist</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:00 – 2:00 Book Sale</p>
<p>30</p> <p>8:30 Service 11:00 Service 12:30 St. Mike's Got Artistic Talent 12:30 SOAR</p>	<p>31</p>					