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From the Interim Rector

Even if we were not watching football, we would know fall is in the air. At St. Michael's we have kicked off (pardon the pun) Christian Formation classes on Sunday mornings for all ages. The Budget and Finance Ministry Team is almost finished with a preliminary budget for 2016. The Stewardship Ministry Team has everything ready for the 2016 Stewardship Campaign. The Sunday night Youth Group has resumed for the fall: they are having a good time and are scheduled to participate in the CROP walk next month. The Search Committee continues its vital work, and the various outreach programs and fellowship programs of St. Michael's are all in full swing. And, the vestry is looking toward the nomination of prospective new members to replace those who will complete their terms this year.

Personal spiritual formation opportunities are offered on Wednesday evenings (6:30) and Saturday mornings (8:30) featuring the resources of Lectio Divina and Centering Prayer. The Bible Study group meets on Thursdays at 11:00 and have begun a study of the Gospel of John. An Inquirers Class begins on Wednesday evenings (6:30) in October for those who would like to know more about the Episcopal Church and for those who are considering confirmation or reception when the Bishop visits on December 13. Education for Ministry (EfM) classes have started a new year of study.

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As you can see, we have a lot going on. About this time each year we begin to notice more clearly the elephant which is always in the room: In most churches 20% of the people do 80% of the work, and 20% of the people contribute 80% of the money to make ministries possible. Between now and All Saints' Day you will have the opportunity to indicate whether or not you want to be in one or both of the 20% groups. As we begin a new school year and as we anticipate the calling of a new rector, this is the perfect time for us to reconsider our commitment to the church's ministries.

I guess the church is something like a bicycle built for 2 or for 250: some folks pedal hard and move the bike forward. Others enjoy the ride but don't contribute much effort to propelling the bike. I invite you seriously consider ways you can add your energy to moving St. Michael's forward. Heroic effort is not required; a little help goes a long way. If you are not currently a "20 per center" I invite you to turn off your auto pilot and give serious thought to ways you can become more involved. If you do, I suspect you will gain as much or more than you give!

Tom E. King



Weekly Lectio and Examen Group to Meet Saturday Mornings at St. Michael's

"How is your prayer life," someone once asked me. At the time I was asked I was surprised by how little I had to say about it, and how hard it was to answer that question. Seeking to have a prayer life led me to the Retreat on Daily Life, to meetings on Centering Prayer, and to St. Ignatius of Loyola. The prayer principles available through these types of prayer have meaningfully changed my interior life.

St. Michael's is offering a weekly meeting on Saturdays from 8:30-10:00 in the education building beginning Saturday, September 26. These meetings will be focused on using Lectio Divina to deepen our spiritual understanding of scripture, and an Examen which will help us to see how God moves in our lives. There is no cost to attend the meetings, but you will need to purchase your own books: Sacred Space, 2015; and Reimagining the Examen by Thibideaux. Both are available through Amazon. If you do not have them by the 26th it is okay, but you will need them for the following weekend. You are encouraged to attend every weekend, however if that is not possible you will benefit from any time you attend.

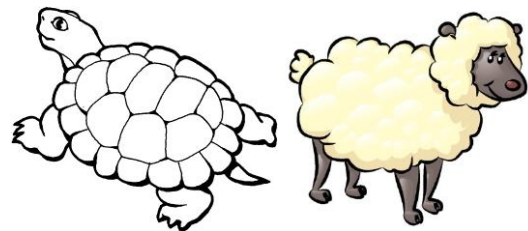
Please consider joining Amy Gardner and me as we explore and experience our relationship to God using these powerful prayer tools.

Peace be with you,
Christi

CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 18th, 1:30 p.m. at Food and Shelter for Friends.

CROP – Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty -- is a program of [Church World Service](#), a cooperative ministry of 36 denominations providing sustainable self-help and development, disaster relief and refugee assistance in more than 80 countries. Twenty five percent of funds raised locally stay in Cleveland County to support [Food and Shelter Inc.](#)

The youth group will be participating in this event and invites everyone in the parish to join them on the walk. If you can't join the walk, then please consider sponsoring someone who will be walking. They also host a children's sidewalk art contest down by the train station a week or two before the event. Watch your e-missals and church bulletin announcements. Cleveland County CROP Walk also has a web page and Facebook page that can provide further information and updates.



Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4th we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. At 4:00 p.m. we will have a service dedicated to blessing the animals. As in years past, you are invited to bring your pets to St. Michael's for a blessing.



Ministry Fair

The Ministry Fair is a great opportunity to explore all the many ministries of St. Michael's. Ministry members will have information available for all, on Sunday October 11th. Ministry leaders, be sure not to miss this opportunity to talk with members about participating in your ministry. For more information, contact Rick Young at dry0un654@hotmail.com [that's dry(zero)un654@hotmail.com] or 405-637-6376.

Thursday Healing and Eucharist Service

The mid-week Healing and Eucharist Service will begin again on Thursday, October 1st at 11:00 o'clock. The service will not take place on October 8th. This service follows the 10:00 o'clock Bible study held in the library on Thursday mornings. Some folks who participate in the Bible study remain for the service of Healing and Holy Communion at 11:00, and others leave immediately after the class. The group would be delighted to have you visit and/or join.

Service Cancellations

Due to Clergy Conference Oct 6 – 8 the following Healing/Eucharist services will be cancelled:
 Wednesday evening October 7th and
 Thursday morning October 8th

Inquirers' Class for Adults

Would you like to know more about the Episcopal Church: how to join, why we do some of the things we do, why we don't do some of the things we don't? Fr. Tom will be leading a six-week class this fall for those who would like to be confirmed, those who are seeking more information in order to decide about confirmation, and those who would like a "refresher" course in Episcopal life and worship. Please notify Fr. Tom or Donna Young if you would be interested in this class, which will be offered on Wednesdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m., beginning October 14th through November 18th.

Kirkin' of the Tartans

It's almost time to hear the pipes and drums bringing in the Kirkin' of the Tartans at St. Michael's. This year's event will take place on Sunday, October 24th at the 11:00 O'clock service. Don't miss this chance to wear your clan's tartans. Come listen to the Oklahoma Scottish Pipes and Drums with our very own Oz Alfert as the "lead snare drummer". Go Oz!!!



St. Michael's Latest Book Sale

St. Michael's just conducted the most successful book sale ever, netting almost \$1300 (actual amount : \$1291.98). Proceeds will be distributed to the choir, the landscaping fund, and the building fund.

We are so grateful to those who donate items for the sale, and to our customers who faithfully attend our sales. Special thanks goes to the following dedicated workers, without whose aid we could not manage: Jim Gardner, Larry Larsen, Rosemary Ford, Lance Moody, Sheila Ohl, Luceen Dunn, Sharon Vaz, Syra Vaz, Anne Million, Sue Harrington, Debra Baggett, Jessica Berger, Melissa Gray, Emily Gray, Rachel Gray, Francesca Smith, Santa Velez, Ann Schumacher, EAnn Robinson, Judy King, Sylvia Crucet, and Sherry Sparks . The next book sale will be held on March 5-6, 2016.

Please continue to support our sales with donations of books in good condition, DVDs, CDs, audio books, vinyl records, and videos. We also accept intact puzzles and board games. Please do not donate multi-volume encyclopedias (including children's encyclopedias).

TIMBER!!!



St. Michael's vestry discussed landscaping so our Church looks more appealing for our parishioners, guests and our new rector, upon arrival. Therefore the vestry has voted to remove four (4) trees from St. Michael's property. The four sugar plum trees are located: 1 near the front entrance, 1 at the east end of property and the last 2 are at the west parking lot entrance. These trees cause a maintenance and safety risk. Due to the above reasons, the trees will be removed on or about 15 October.

Rick Young Senior Warden

Recycle Sunday

Recycle Sunday is scheduled for Sunday, October 11th. Please rinse any cat food cans and keep them separate from soda cans. If at all possible, rinse soda cans also to keep the natty flies out of the church. Basically, keep all different types of aluminum separated. Thank you.

Ice Machine Removal

The ice machine in the kitchen has broken down for the last time. It has been removed from the building and we have ended the lease agreement. Anyone who uses the ice machine will need to provide ice without the use of the ice machine.

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, October 25th 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

We hope you will join us in this lunch fellowship.

Price College Community Work Day

On October 31st, students from Price Community College will be at St. Michael's to lend their able hands and backs. They will be putting the finishing touches on our labyrinth. Anyone interested in helping or organizing another work team to do other projects for the church on that day should contact Rick Young at 637-6376. This would be an excellent time to get the church and grounds in shape before the bad weather arrives.

Time Change

Another time change, and this time we fall back to get an extra hour of rest. Remember to set your clocks back on **November 1st at 2:00 a.m.** Better yet, set them back on Saturday night before you go to bed.



Diocesan Convention

The Diocesan Convention will be held October 29 – 31 in Tulsa, OK. Your convention delegates are: Rick Young, Donna Young and Tom Pearson. This year we have the privilege of sending three clergy members: Fr. Tom, Deacon Nancy and Deacon Laura.

Financial Summary

FINANCIAL SUMMARY-AUGUST	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Receipts-Monthly	23,869.32	25,499.99
Expenditures- Monthly	<u>25,724.35</u>	<u>27,546.28</u>
Net Income (Loss)- Monthly	(1,855.03)	(2,046.29)
Receipts-Year-to- Date	205,186.34	206,450.04
Expenditures-Year- to-Date	<u>205,877.91</u>	<u>220,370.20</u>
Net Income (Loss)- Year-to-Date	(691.57)	(13,920.16)
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NOTE		
	<u>January 1,</u>	<u>August 31,</u>
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2015</u>
Outstanding Balance	\$263,806.05	\$236,262.92
Payment Activity:	<u>MONTHLY</u>	<u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>
Principal Payments	2,152.20	27,543.13
Interest Payment	1,025.93	8,505.36

Birthdays

01	David Zittell
02	Chloe Gammon
03	Bobbi Wood
04	Kathy Kyler
07	Suzanne Witzke
08	Robert Trueheart
09	LaVetta Dent
10	Francesca Smith
11	Casey Gammon
11	Eliza Robertson
12	Jonathan Marr
13	Mark Gillett
16	Ariel McCulloch
21	Wallis Ohl
22	Daisy Martin
23	Emogine Huslig
25	Jocelyn Pedersen
25	Michaela Fann
25	Benjamin Rozzell
26	Deanna Webb-Hathaway
27	Neal Hunt
31	Keith Giles
31	Lori Bannister

Anniversaries

11	Phillip and Jessica Berger
13	George and Anne Clayton
29	Howard and Sally Pickens
30	John and Basha Hartley

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 10:00 Bible Study 11:00 Healing/ Eucharist	2	3
4 8:30 Service 9:30 Christian Formation 11:00 Service 4:00 Blessing of the Animals 6:00 Youth Grp	5 7:00 EFM 7:30 NCCS	6 Clergy Conf. 7:00 Bell Choir	7 Clergy Conf. Cancel Healing and Eucharist Service 6:30 Knitting 6:30 Lectio Divina 7:30 Choir Practice	8 NPS Closed Clergy Conf. 10:00 Bible Study Cancel Healing and Eucharist Service	9 NPS Closed 3:00 Food for Friends 7:00 Wild Men's Night Out	10 10:30 Food for Friends
11 Recycle Sunday 8:30 Service 9:30 Christian Formation 11:00 Service Ministry Fair 6:00 Youth Grp	12 Columbus Day 7:00 EFM 7:30 NCCS	13 Cleveland County Special Elections 7:00 Bell Choir	14 6:00 Healing and Eucharist 6:30 Lectio Divina 6:30 Adult Inquirers' Class 6:30 Knitting 7:30 Choir Practice	15 10:00 Bible Study 11:00 Healing/ Eucharist	16 7:00 Wicked Women	17
18 8:30 Service 9:30 Christian Formation 11:00 Service Bell Choir 12:30 Vestry Meeting Crop Walk	19 7:00 EFM 7:30 NCCS	20 7:00 Bell Choir	21 6:00 Healing and Eucharist 6:30 Lectio Divina 6:30 Adult Inquirers' Class 6:30 Knitting 7:30 Choir Practice	22 10:00 Bible Study 11:00 Healing/ Eucharist	23	24 11:30 Wise Women
25 Kirkin' of the Tartans 8:30 Service 9:30 Christian Formation 11:00 Service 12:30 SOAR 6:00 Youth Grp	26 7:00 EFM 7:30 NCCS	27 7:00 Bell Choir	28 6:00 Healing and Eucharist 6:30 Lectio Divina 6:30 Adult Inquirers' Class 6:30 Knitting 7:30 Choir Practice	29 10:00 Bible Study 11:00 Healing/ Eucharist	30 Diocesan Convention	31 Diocesan Convention Price College Work Day Set Clocks Back at 2:00 a.m.

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