

The Sword



Your weekly connection with St. Michael's Episcopal Church

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Upcoming at St. Michael's:

+The pumpkins are coming! The pumpkins are coming! St. Michael's front lawn will be "transformed" come Saturday, 5 October! They arrive at 9:00 a.m., please come and help unload.

Buildings & Grounds Enables St. Michael's Ministries

a letter to the people of St. Michael's from Todd Ross, Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee

Dear People of St. Michael's,

At St. Michael's we are thankful to stand upon the shoulders of those who have gone before us as past Buildings & Grounds Committee chairmen and members. With this in mind, special recognition is given to Steve Barnum who constantly lived his Faith by leading us through the negotiated waters of "The Main Thing", worked well with others and solo to "get 'er done" whenever called upon, and truly loved our spiritual home and those worshipping here. Please take a moment to reflect upon what you see around you and offer a prayer of thanks for those who put their time, treasure, and talents into action.

As current Building & Grounds Chairman I'll be resigning my post to the next as yet unnamed Chairman on October 7th at our regular first Monday of the month meeting. As I reflect upon my tenure, I am reminded that each Chairman brings their own unique gifts to the role. Speaking for myself, I feel that creating a project management process using a single evolving Excel Workbook has enabled St. Michael's many gifted and knowledgeable staff and committee members to accomplish

This Week

Birthdays

- 10.7 Jack Warner
10.8 Phyllis Raufeisen
Jacquelyn Murphy
10.9 Madelyn
Lanham, Holly
McQuestion, Bill
Doran
10.10 Marcene
Penhaligen, Hugh
Robinson, Dayna
Imhoff, Jim Bullion
10.12 Janet Bacher,
Mark Hutchinson,
David Baker

many additional projects in a more efficient way. It has also enabled a greater ability for budgeting needs and long term capital planning. Much of the work of Chairman is listening to ministry leader needs, documentation and organization, while the work of members has been to provide collective input and research projects, determine optimal ways to "get 'er done" and "ride herd" on them. This approach has enabled a flurry of accomplished projects and made St. Michael's a more appealing spiritual home.

Projects In-Process and In Consideration

CRISP - Community Room Improvement of Sound
Nave Lighting Improvements
Church Water softener
Re-skin Church sign (include All the Angels & Little Angel's logos)
Tuck Pointing
Welcoming Spaces assistance

Significant Accomplished Projects

Multiple cleanup/mulch days
Beautification via church plantings
Faulty entrance & sidewalk replacements
Bell tower & external wood & steel surface painting
Stained glass repair
Front wood cross repair
3 roof leaks identified and repaired
Choir room lighting fixture
Clattery ceiling fan repair
Water heater replacement for Church
Kitchen ceiling & loose wall tile replacement
Kitchen hood/stove cleaning
Kitchen faucet improvements
Lavatory faucet Repairs
Downspout extensions
Multiple door & door window improvements
Sturtz roof, gutter and downspout replacement
Sturtz water heater replacement
Sturtz kitchen floor replacement
Sturtz internal ceiling & wall painting (jointly with StM Youth & LIFEKO)
Sturtz external windows, doors & trim painting
Sturtz window cleaning
Sturtz cleanout and new storage availability
Baker home cold infiltration elimination

Anniversaries

- 10.6 Edie & John
Davis
10.7 Tina & Brian
Summerfield
10.8 Michele &
Dennis Campbell
10.9 Kary & Kevin
Caruso

-Todd

(Todd also noted that Kim Lessner's efforts and fingerprints are "all over" what the committee has done. From his perspective, his partnership with her and Fr. Patrick made it possible for him to put his Faith & abilities into action.)

Todd-

Rest in Peace

- 10.6 Grace Ehrlich
- 10.7 Wesley Ewart,
Robin Waterman
- 10.10 Anne Munro,
Nelson Forrest
- 10.11 Kenneth Kehe



From the Rector:

- Many, many thanks to all who took part (in so many ways) in the beautiful and meaningful 3rd Annual South Sudan Soiree, last Saturday evening. Preliminary figures indicate that we raised about \$45,000 for student scholarships for the Renk Theological College. Special thanks as well to all who took part in the meaningful liturgies on the Feast of St. Michael's and All Angels, Sunday, and in welcoming our guest bishops, the Rt. Rev. Frank Gray, preacher, and the Rt. Rev. Joseph Garang Atem of the Diocese of Renk, South Sudan, assisting and concelebrating at the Eucharists. *(Picture gallery to be forthcoming in next week's edition!)*

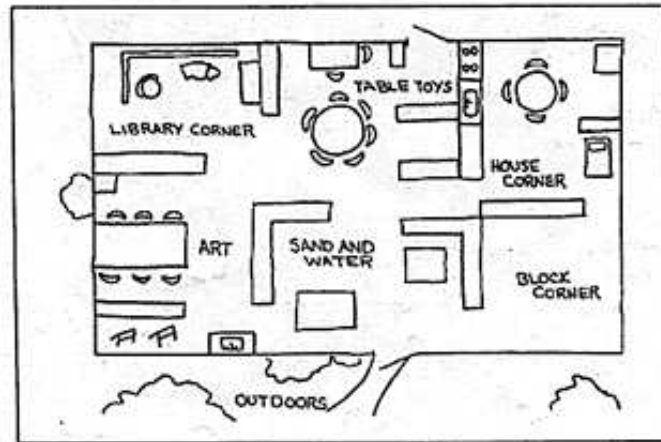


Little Red Wagon

In October and November we will be gathering food for St. Cyprian Food Pantry. It is the largest pantry to which we donate food. It serves over 1,600 people each month. The needs are great! With the approach of Thanksgiving, items such as yams, cranberry sauce, canned pumpkin and stuffing mix would be great additions to the usual breakfast, lunch and dinner foods.

Monetary donations to the Food Pantry Fund are always welcome.

- Strategic Development of the Preschool Program has recently been on my mind and on the minds of Caren Hunter, Preschool Director, and members of the preschool's Parent Advisory Board. Some of the related questions are arising due to a present imbalance between morning program enrollment (for which there's a waiting list) and afternoon programs (many open spaces).



Families' preferences for time and duration of programs continues to evolve and give rise to questions of how to best use existing classroom space and/or how to create more within our present facility. The October and/or November Vestry meetings will provide a chance for the Vestry to better understand the needs, opportunities and options - in time for Caren to make decisions that will be required in time for preschool registration, beginning January 1. Meantime, parishioner thoughts and questions will be helpful and may be directed to Caren, the Wardens, Fr. Kevin or me.

- The 54th Annual Episcopal Charities Ball will take place on Friday, November 1, beginning at 6 pm. Members of St. Michael's have long been strong supporters of individual member agencies of Episcopal Charities and the umbrella organization. To learn more about Episcopal Charities, with a link to the event information, click [here](#), or speak with me.





Children in Church

We are about four weeks into the program year, and parents with children at the 9:00 a.m. service may be thinking about just this issue: "children in church." Fr. Kevin asked me to share the following article with you from the **Episcopal Cafe** website, "I Am Totally 'That' Mom," click [here](#). This article is one of encouragement for parents who are

bringing young children to church.

I would also encourage anyone to go to the **Episcopal Cafe** website for interesting articles, art, meditations and more. The Episcopal Cafe website reads, in part, "Welcome to the Episcopal Café, an independent Web site featuring news, commentary, art, meditations and video.

The Café is collaborative effort by more than two dozen writers and editors, and an ever-growing list of visual artists. Together, we aspire to create a visually appealing, intellectually stimulating, spiritually enriching and at least occasionally amusing site where Episcopalians and those interested in our church can read, watch, listen and reflect upon contemporary life in a context informed by faith and animated by the spirit of charity."

Food for the Journey, this Sunday, 6 October and Sunday, 13 October

The conversation begins after the 9:00 a.m. service (roughly at 10:05 a.m.) and we are committed to ending at 10:40 a.m. so those who want to can make the 10:45 worship service.

Food for the Journey, 6 October (10:05 a.m.)

Hearing from Haiti Missioners. Come hear some stories and see some pictures from last summer's mission trip to Haiti.

Food for the Journey, 13 October (10:05 a.m.)



The Bible: The Elevator Speech*
w/Tim Murray

"Did you ever want to be able to summarize the biblical story in a few sentences that are both easy to remember and understand and also intriguing?" Join us as we explore how God's story connects with ours. (*please note, we are shamelessly and unabashedly stealing the title and

much of the content for this session from the work of the Rev. Dr. John Dally, Professor of Theology and Culture at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. It is too good not to be shared.)



**Ministry Highlight Sunday, 6 October:
Little Red Wagon**

SUNDAY: October 6, 2013

MINISTRY: Little Red Wagon

The Little Red Wagon is parked in St. Michael's narthex and is a collection point for food that is distributed to food pantries throughout the Chicagoland area. With more people unemployed, food pantries in the area are facing a rising crisis in that the number of families requiring assistance is far exceeding the amount of food available. Parishioners are encouraged to bring with them any non-perishable items or household goods (paper towels, toilet tissue, etc.) and leave them in the Little Red Wagon when they visit the church.



Ruth Silver will share her Ministry Highlight at all three services on Sunday!

Next Ministry Highlight Sunday, 13 October: Book Club!

In the Parish family

+Those for whom prayers have been requested:

Steve & Barb; John; Jackie; Monika & Jamie; Bruce & family; Joyce; Reagan & family; Amy; Rollo; the Bateman family; the Bullion family; George & Adonna; Connie; Paul, Chris & family; Bill; Jack; Pam; Joan; Kathy; the Couch family; Steve; Doug; Bonnie; Meredith; safety & peace in South Sudan; Wauconda/Island Lake Food Pantry; military troops in danger including those from our parish, especially, Zane, Ryan, Michael, Bruce, and Taylor.

+On Sunday, 22 September, members from our parish walked on two teams in the Walk4ALS Chicago. **Jackie Kraus** walked on the **Paul Launer Iron Horse Brigade** team AND **Denney and Tina Roper** walked on their daughter-in-law's team, **Amy's Army**.

Jackie sent along the following information: **Paul Launer's Iron Horse Brigade** numbered over 200 and raised over \$77,000! with more coming in. Original goal was to raise \$20,000, then a match from the Foglia family would have put us at \$40,000. When the donations went over \$37,000, they said, "keep going. We'll match whatever you raise."

Paul 'drove' his motorized wheelchair in the 2-mile walk along the beautiful Chi. lakefront. He used to ride motorcycles. We were the top team, raising the second most funds in the 11 years of the walk. Paul's courage and hopeful spirit inspire all of us. It is his goal to find the cause and the cure for others who will follow him. **Paul, Kris, Aubrey and Sarah are on our prayer list.**



Amy's Army is pictured above. Denney Roper is pictured on the far right (standing) and Tina Roper is third from the right (also standing). Amy is also on our prayer list.

+From **Terri and Lou Longo**:

"On Saturday September 21st, we attended the marriage seminar "The Marriage You Always Wanted" at Lutheran Church of the Atonement. The presenter was Dr. Gary Chapman, noted author of the New York Times best-selling book, *The Five Love Languages*. We had not attended such an event since we were engaged 23 years ago. We both

found real value, individually and in our marriage, in Dr Chapman's approach of balancing modern married life and scriptural teaching. We were surprised that after being together



Terri

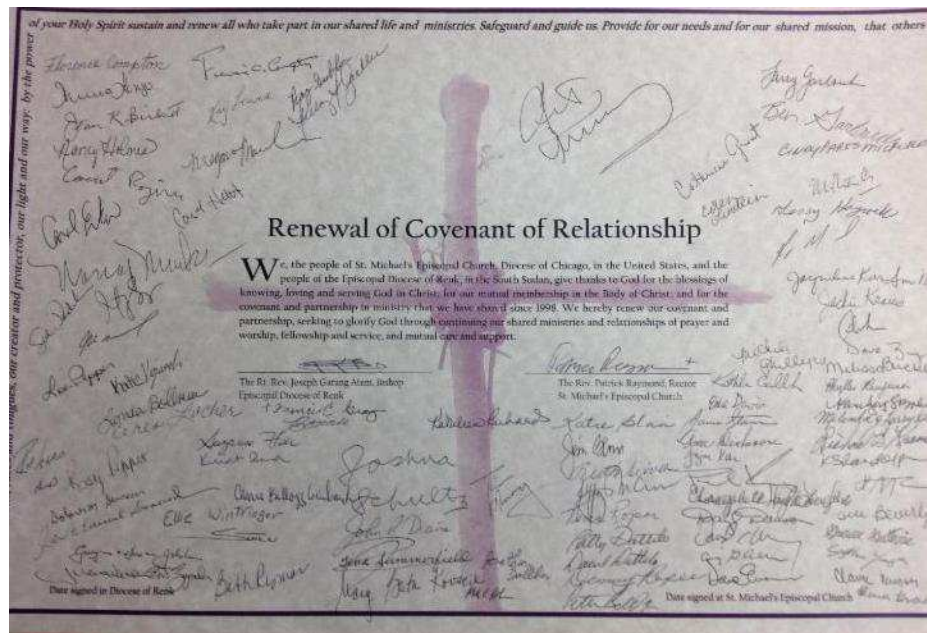
over 25 years we didn't know to which of the love languages the other responded. We also learned some techniques to help us better communicate. Please speak to the clergy or one of us if you might be interested in considering the opportunity to pursue a marriage ministry at St. Michael's.

Lou and Terri Longo"

Terri's contact information:

terrilongo@yahoo.com or contact Fr. Patrick or Fr. Kevin.

+**Sydney**, nine years old and in fourth grade, would like to take piano lessons. **Margaret**, her mother, says no piano lessons until they have a piano. Can you help? If you have a piano that you are willing to part with, please contact **Margaret Longworth** by email, longy35@aol.com.



The Renewal of Covenant of Relationship between St. Michael's and the Episcopal Diocese of Renk in the South Sudan initiated Sunday, 29 September, will be available for signature by parishioners for the next couple of weeks.

From Our Youth Minister:

THIS WEEK:

Saturday, 10/5-Pumpkin Fundraiser Kickoff. It's that time of year again,

the great pumpkin delivery! We need youth, parents, & parishoners to help unload the truck starting at 9:00 am. I know that many of you have games/meets, homecoming obligations, and crazy schedules, BUT any time you can be present is hugely helpful, even if it's 20 or 30 minutes.

Sunday, 10/6 @ 9:00-LIFT Worship & Formation

Sunday, 10/6 @ 10:45-**SMUSH Worship & Mission Trip/Conformation Informational Meetings (12:00-1:00 in the Undercroft, pizza will be served).** If you want to learn about two possible mission trips for 2014 and have input as to which trip is selected, this meeting is for you. If you are a Candidate for Confirmation, than this meeting is for you too. **PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING!!!**

UPCOMING:

Saturday, 10/19 @ 9:30-12:00-St. Michael's Fall Festival, a fun opportunity for fellowship for people of all ages. There will be games, crafts, food, pumpkins, face painting, and storytelling. I invite you to join us, but I also am in need of some youth to commit to working our pumpkin patch as this is our fundraiser. Please let me know if you will serve in this capacity.

Sunday 10/20 @ 1:00-CROP Hunger Walk, a walk to end hunger. Check it out at <http://barringtoncropwalk.freehostia.com/> . Please let me know if you plan on participating.

Happening #97 - Registration now open! An invitation from the



Rector-- Hi, my name is Sawyer, and I'm the Rector of this upcoming Happening #97, November 1-3 at Trinity, Wheaton. Happening is a weekend retreat for those who are in high school. The idea of a retreat especially one for an entire weekend, can be a bit overwhelming if you don't know what you're expecting. Happening is a safe, fun, accepting and incredibly friendly environment where high schoolers are free to discover and grow in their relationship with God and themselves. The weekend is run by a wonderful staff of

high schoolers and adults and wouldn't be possible without wonderful participants like you! I hope to see you for this weekend full of faith, fun, and surprises! Learn more at <http://www.episcopalchicago.org/at-work->



Kathy (second from right) with her mother (far right), her daughter, Alyson (to Kathy's right), and Alyson's friend at a previous running/walking event.

Kathy Randolph, our Senior Warden, is running the Chicago Marathon Sunday, October 13th.

She has graciously offered to use her run as a fundraiser for youth ministry. Her words were, "If this old lady's running, somebody should benefit!" We invite you to support Kathy in her run and also to raise money for youth ministries & mission trips at St. Michael's. See a Youth

Representative on Sundays until the marathon or contact kbaker@stmichaelsbarrington.org.



Fundraiser for Haiti!

And All the Angels Gift Shop is proud to present a **Global Gifts Fair on Sunday, October 6 from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.** All profits raised from this fair will be given to St. Michael's Haiti ministry! Look for newly purchased, handcrafted gifts from Haiti, and other countries around the world, **right outside the Community Room.**

Please help us to support the tremendous efforts of this ministry.



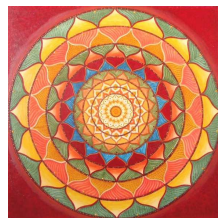
Saturday, 19 October
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
at St. Michael's Pumpkin Patch
(immediately following Little Angels Family
Pumpkin Carving Event in the Community
Room, 9:00 until 10:00 a.m. Sponsored by
Little Angels Preschool: 847.381.5490. All are
welcome, please call in advance.)



**Games, crafts, pumpkins, refreshments, and a
Storyteller (stories begin at 10:30 & 11:30 a.m.)**

Invite your friends and neighbors!

**Presented by the Children's, Youth and Families'
Ministries**



**Monday Morning Meditations &
Mandalas**

Four Mondays, 6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

October 14 & 28, November 11 & 25

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Barrington

Meditations led by Janette Warner

Mandala guidance and drawing materials provided by Brooke Raymond

Monday Morning Meditations & Mandalas aims to provide a space to
step away from stress and into some breathing room of your own making
- for reflection, quiet and calm.

See a flyer [here](#) with more information.

**Special Series Coming in
November!**

Grief Sharing Workshops:



How to help when you don't have the words (3 Sessions)

**Monday nights, Nov. 4, 11 & 18,
7:00-8:30 p.m.**

St. Michael's Church -

Undercroft

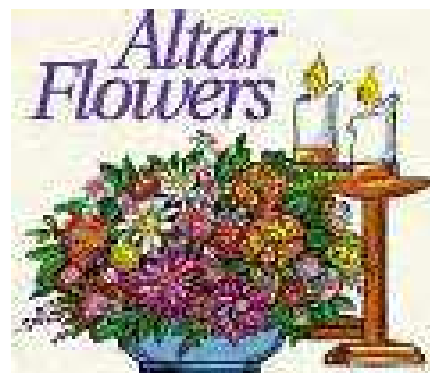
(These sessions are designed to give tools to those fulfilling a role as a caregiver. Attendance at all three sessions is encouraged, but please feel free to come to any session.)

Watch for more information in the Sword!



Do you know that St. Michael's has a Facebook page?

Like us at: St. Michael's Episcopal Church Barrington, IL or by clicking [here](#).



Flowers, flowers, flowers!

Please take some! If you have donated the Sunday floral arrangement or if you plan to visit a home-bound parishioner during the week, please take a flower or two from the Sunday arrangement! Please check with an Altar Guild member AFTER the 10:45 a.m. service for

help in removing the flowers from the arrangement. Any Altar Guild member will be happy to assist you!

**Parishioners with a Passion for...
SAFE FAMILIES**

Sharon and Mike Savage, along with their two daughters, Justine

and Nicole, were asked about their involvement in SAFE FAMILIES. You may have noticed Justine and Nicole in the parish holding the hand of two-year old **Hope**, or, more recently, two-year old **Lily**



Sharon, Justine, Mike and Nicole (l to r)

What is Safe Families?

"Safe families for Children provides a loving sanctuary where parents can safely and voluntarily place their children in times of need. Founded in 2002 by LYDIA Home Association, a Chicago based Christian social service agency, Safe Families for Children has partnered with the local church to grow to a network of over 11,000 volunteers which includes 2100 volunteer host families. This network of volunteers has been able to provide as many as 8600 hosting arrangements since the start of the program.

There are currently 54 active sites, successfully established in more than 25 states across the United States alone. This has also become a global movement with sites now in Canada and the UK. Safe Families partners with host agencies, local churches, ministries, as well as community and government agencies to intervene in the lives of children and families that would otherwise be forgotten." (quoted from their website)

How did you become interested in Safe Families?

When the 2010 Haiti earthquake hit, I [Sharon] heard that they were in need of foster families for the hundreds of orphans in Haiti. The children would be sent to the U.S. and stay with families until there was a stable

environment for them to return to, which could even take a year or so. I contacted Safe Families and registered to be one of the families. Shortly thereafter, Haiti decided it was best to find solutions locally. I have been on their list and in discussions with Safe Families since that time.

Has your involvement in Safe Families changed your life in particular ways?

Yes, it has changed the lives of my entire family. We have been able to share our love with two different toddlers at this point. My children have learned that sometimes the needs of others has to come before our own. Since we have regular contact with the children's parents and social workers, we have learned a great deal about the diverse issues and needs for people whom are significantly less fortunate than we are. We now understand that there is no simple answer to the multiple problems many of these people are experiencing. Our brief time with the children helps them to be in a safe, happy place for awhile while their parents can deal with their crises. Frequently what "homes" they go back to are not ideal. We can only pray that the parents can turn their lives around, even if it means that have to be in the programs several times to do it.

How are you currently involved in Safe Families and how do you manage to incorporate your involvement in your lives?

We are a "host family". The host families take children into their home and make them part of their families for a period of time, depending on the circumstances. Every single thing we do incorporates taking the child with us or determining how she will be cared for. The children become part of the family by eating, shopping, sleeping, driving, playing, traveling and attending church services.

This will probably be our last hosting children until the summer time. I am going to continue being involved by being a Case Coach which is facilitating communication between the host families and the birth families. I would also like St. Michael's to considering being a Safe Families church. I will work with the Outreach Committee on moving this forward. There are many ways St. Michael's can become involved in this program including, host family, donation of money, clothing or food items, babysitting, transportation or professional services.

What advice would you give someone who is interested in Safe Families with no prior experience?

Contact Safe Families. They have people very interested in talking to you to help you become involved with them. They provide training.

Where can we learn more about Safe Families?

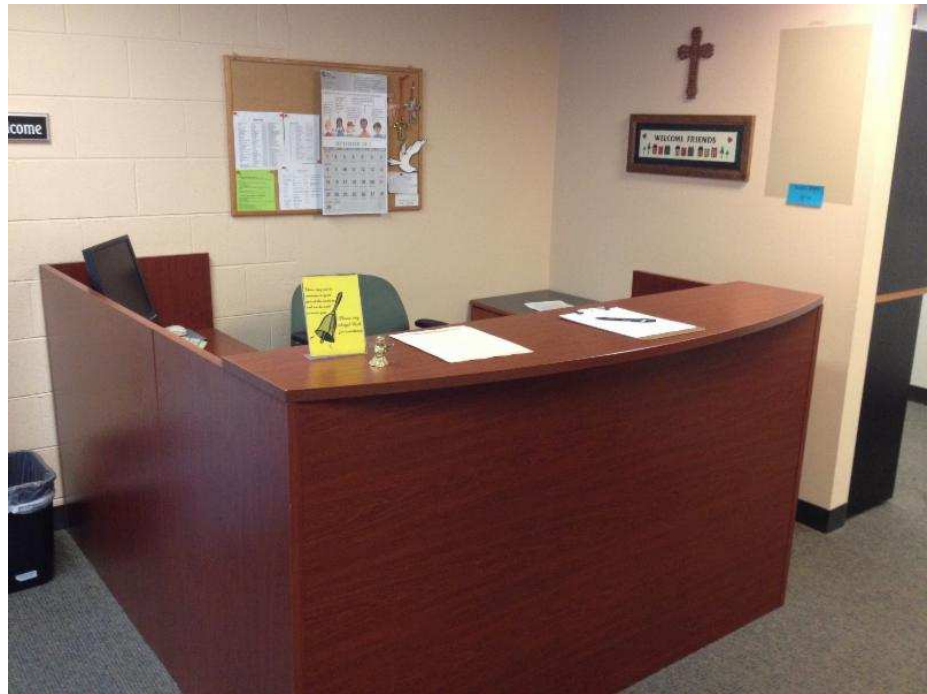
View the website at www.safe-families.org.

(Welcome to this new feature in *The Sword*! Please send an email to news@stmichaelsbarrington.org if you know someone who we should interview!)



*The doors in the Community Room recently had glass installed -
the windows really draw you into the room!*

Welcoming Public Spaces-Progress!!



A new desk in the Church Office is more open and welcoming to visitors!

Vestry Meeting Summary by Clerk of the Vestry, Craig Anderson
A summary of the Vestry Meeting held on 16 September 2013 may be found by clicking [here](#).



Pet Blessing at St. Michael's

On Wednesday and Thursday, we enjoyed a time with the Little Angels Christian Preschool families and some St. Michael's parishioners to come together and learn a little more about St. Francis and bless our animals, live and stuffed!



If you missed the time at St. Michael's, there is another opportunity at Church of the Holy Apostles. Information is included below.

We blessed, Wenay, the guinea pig!

PETS, PRAYERS AND PARTY

October 6, 2013 . 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

We commemorate the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi with a service of thanksgiving for our animal companions and the joy they bring us. Bring your pets -- of whatever variety, live or stuffed, bird or beast, large or small -- for a brief prayer service which includes an individual blessing for each animal present.

This year we will "spice things up" with a Chili and Cornbread Bake-Off immediately following the service! Bring your favorite chili and/or cornbread to share.

The website for Church of the Holy Apostles
is <http://www.holyapostleswauconda.org>

Upcoming Events

+6 October, Global Gifts Fair, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., outside the Community Room

+19 October, Fall Festival and Little Angels Pumpkin Carving Event

+25-26 October, October Men's Retreat

+27 October, 50! Something Oktoberfest, 4:00 p.m.

+8 November, Angelus Sacred Music for Women's Voices Concert at 7:00 p.m.

Revised Common Lectionary Year C, Pentecost 20

Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137; 2 Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10

Contact Info

St. Michael's Vestry

Kathy Sawyer Randolph - Sr. Warden, Shan Atkins - Jr. Warden

Pete Douglas, Lora Gier, David Bishop, Sof Ts'o

Dolores Kampert, Ray Kean, Pat Kane, Mike Savage

Cristy Cressey, John Totten, Teri Doran, Lance Marcinek

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Marissa Longo, Youth Representative Madelyn Lanham, Youth Representative

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