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Welcome to Our New Music Director, Patrice Yearwood

I am excited to welcome Patrice Yearwood as St. Michael's new music director. With over 30 years of church music leadership experience, Patrice brings a wealth of expertise and ministry ideas to the congregation. After teaching public school for 14 years, Patrice started a music studio where she teaches Musikgarten classes in early childhood music and movement, piano and voice. She is a member of the Blacksburg Master Chorale and Blacksburg Master Singers and she founded and directs the Blacksburg Children's Chorale. As the daughter of a Minister of Music, Patrice has been involved in church music her whole life, taking part in adult choirs, youth and children's choirs, and handbell choirs. She and members of her family perform as an acapella group and Patrice sings solo repertoire in the area.

For the last several weeks, Patrice has been familiarizing herself with our music library, has been learning about the musical gifts at St. Michael and has been planning for the fall. If you enjoy singing or play a musical instrument, Patrice would love to help you discover a way to share those gifts with God in worship. The choir will begin practicing on Wednesday, August 22 with a social gathering at 6:45 pm in the fellowship hall and practice at 7:30 pm. If you'd like to get more information about music ministry at St. Michael, you can email Patrice at: patricey@stmclc.us.

As a community of believers guided by the Holy Spirit, the mission of St. Michael Lutheran Church is to:

Care for all God's people in need,
Hear of God's love through Word and Sacrament
Respond to God's grace with thankful hearts,
Invite others into Christ's community,
Serve God in our daily lives, and
Tell the story of God's love for all.

Sharing Our Gifts: Time, Talents and Treasure

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what God has first given us--our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of God's gracious love.

Thank you to some “quiet” servants

To the Caring and Sharing team for setting up our “Second Sunday” summer brunch in July; all our lawn mowers this summer – William Allen, Mike Berg, Jeff Crowder, Jacob Dennis, Matthew James, Jay Nagle, Dave Surface, Doug Goldsmith, J.D. Robinson, Charlie Saks; everyone who contributed jars of peanut butter to Micah’s Backpack; Ron Brewer who helped with the playground and went on the mission trip to Virginia Beach; Linda Elliott and Bill Greer who fold our bulletins each week; to all who provided food for the funeral luncheon for Henderson Linkous.

Because of your gifts

Your generous gifts in July provided funds for the 100 Well Challenge, Micah's Garden supplies, VBS supplies, offering envelopes, Price's Fork Fair supplies, our benevolence to the Virginia Synod, donations to MCEAP, Lutheran Campus Ministry, ChildFund International, our facilities, and salaries for our ministerial staff.

The **Justice and Mercy Fund** assisted 12 families; 5 with rent assistance, 6 with help with their electric bills, and one with a tank of gas. We encourage the congregation to continue their contributions and to refer friends and family to use the fund as you see need.

A thank you note

I want to thank everyone for the prayers and the beautiful cards you have given me. They have meant so much and helped me get through my dad's passing away....There are not enough words to thank you. Bless everyone. Linda Elliott

St. Michael Wish List

The Wish List consists of items which would enhance and strengthen ministries of the congregation. Gifts may be given for these items in thanksgiving for God’s goodness or in memory/honor of a loved one, friend or occasion. If you have an interest in contributing toward one of the following items or if you have an idea for something that could be added to the wish list, please contact Pastor John.

Raised Garden Enclosure for Micah’s Garden - \$20
Little Tykes: Preschool Baby Swing - \$30
Little Tykes: Preschool Easy Store Large Slide - \$100
Little Tykes: Preschool Hide and Slide climber - \$180

Thank you to the Schlaudecker family for the donation of a cooler for Micah's Garden.

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August Servants

	August 5	August 12	August 19	August 26
Altar Care				
9 AM Service				
Greeters	Clifton & Shelane Walters	Clifton & Shelane Walters	Steve and Amy Woods	Steve and Amy Woods
Worship Asst. Comm. Asst.	Keith Gay William Allen	Matthew James Dean Rueschman	Jacob Dennis Nancy Goad	Betty Falta Sandie Worley
11 AM Service				
Acolyte	Parker Wertz	Seth Brewer	Sarah Moehling	Alex Moehling
Comm. Asst.	Jeff Birch		Randy Robinson	
Greeters	Anna Rossomando Deloris Raines	Doug and Wendy Goldsmith	Moehling/Belue family	Moehling/Belue family
Lay Reader	Lori Anne Kirk	Maggie Maloney	Cindy Dowdy	Margaret Christle
Ushers	Dickie Shepherd Jeff Birch	Randy Robinson Ray Howell	Ben/Grace Simmers	Philip Isenhour Don Linkous
Youth Servant	Jessica, Abby, Maddie Brown	Delanie Veit	MaKayla Dowdy	Noah Moehling

Mowing: 8/3–Jay Nagle (back); 8/10–J.D. Robinson (front); 8/17–William Allen (back);
8/24- James/Dennis(front); 8/31–Jay Nagle (back)
Rear Lot: 8/6–Mike Berg; 8/13-Charlie Saks; 8/15-Dave Surface; 8/20-Doug Goldsmith;
8/27-Dave Surface



Women of the ELCA

Remember the Food Bank: August is “macaroni & cheese” month, though any kind of non-perishable food is always welcome.

Remember the Women’s Resource Center: In August, we will donate toilet paper.

With your assistance, the Virginia Synodical Women's Organization (VSWO) donated over 80 blankets to the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

O.K.s (Older Kids) on the Go



**OKs
on the Go!**

Eight O.K.s enjoyed a tour of the VOLVO plant in July and joined 15 of their peers for a picnic fellowship at the church. Unfortunately, the rains came to Claytor Lake that day. The next trip is to historic Lexington on August 8, followed by a trip to Shatley Springs in September and the Frontier Museum in Staunton in October. Spaces are still available for the Shatley Springs tour.

Happy-Go-Lucky Luncheon on Tuesday, August 14

Save **August 14** for fun, fellowship and a tasty catered luncheon. It’s Martha Wade’s 90th birthday and we’re going to celebrate. Social time will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall, with lunch at noon. A \$5 contribution to the meal is appreciated, but not required. Our guest is Pat Brown, Executive Director of the Women’s Resource Center of the New River Valley.

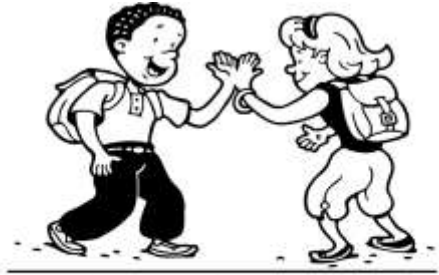


St. Michael at the Price’s Fork Fair on August 17-18

St. Michael will have a booth at the Price’s Fork Fair on Friday, August 17 and Saturday, August 18. The booth will offer free games and face painting for kids, free Bibles for families and provide an opportunity to share the ministry of St. Michael with the community. If you have the talent of face painting or would be interested in working the game at the booth, please sign up on the “Welcome to St. Michael” form in the bulletin or talk with Nia Indelicato: life.in.liminal@gmail.com. Volunteers always have a great time.

Backpack Blessing on August 12

With the school year preparing to start, St. Michael will have a Backpack Blessing as a part of worship on Sunday, August 12. All youth and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks or school bags to church for this time of prayer and blessing for the new school year. Consider inviting your friends or teachers you know to come and have their backpacks blessed as we ask for God's blessing for all teachers and students.



Backpack Blessing

Back to School Breakfast for the Teachers at Price's Fork Elementary



St. Michael will be providing a back to school breakfast for the teachers at Price's Fork Elementary School on Thursday, August 9. If you would be interested in helping, you can sign up on the "Welcome to St. Michael" form in the bulletin.

School Supplies for Children in Need

St. Michael will be collecting school supplies for children in need at Price's Fork Elementary School. The deadline for donations is Sunday, August 12. The collection box is in the church foyer. Thank you.



Needed Items

Backpacks	Wide Rule Notebook Paper
Pencils	School Scissors
Glue Sticks	Pocket Folders with Prongs
Crayons	Colored Pencils
Anti-Bacterial Soap	Tissues
Notebooks	3-ring Binders
Black and White Composition Books	

Sunday School Begins on September 9 Have Fun as a Leader in Sunday School



Have fun sharing your faith with children as a leader for Sunday School. Be a part of a teaching team for one of our Sunday School classes. Planning is getting underway, so sign up on the "Welcome" form or talk to Pastor John if you want to be a member of the Sunday School team.



In July, the bounty arrived at Micah's Garden! We shared over 300 pounds of carrots, yellow squash, zucchini, beans, peppers and cabbage. There will be lots to share in August too as our corn and tomato plants really begin to produce. According to one pantry volunteer, their clients are thrilled to receive the fresh squash and other

vegetables. If you'd like to help maintain the six community plots, harvest and deliver food from Micah's Garden, or donate surplus produce from your home garden, contact Jennie Hodge at jennie@micahsbackpack.org.

Micah's Backpack Sharing the Story

In July, the Food Lion charitable Foundation awarded Micah's Backpack its second \$5,000 grant to feed hungry children during the school year. This gift, and every gift we receive, will help the ministry off to a great start for the upcoming school year.



www.micahsbackpack.org

In July, Micah's Backpack gave 648 meals to participants at Valley Interfaith Child Care Center and students at our 5 elementary schools.

For August, we will collect **5 oz. cans of tuna**. Tuna is a great source of protein and we sent home nearly 6,000 cans during the school year. The Micah's Backpack collection box is in the narthex. If you have any questions about Micah's Backpack, e-mail Jennie Hodge at jennie@micahsbackpack.org.

Micah's Soup for Seniors Middle-Agers Potluck and Planning Meeting on Saturday, August 11

This fall, the Middle-Agers (those between PTA and AARP) will partner with the New River House at Warm Hearth and the AARP to launch a new feeding ministry called Micah's Soup for Seniors which will provide food to senior adults who are struggling to afford groceries. Around the 20th of each month, teams of volunteers will visit the apartments of the New River House to spend time with the residents and deliver bags of food and ensure that these senior adults have something to eat before their next Social Security check arrives. If you are a part of the Middle-Agers group or if you are interested in helping hungry seniors, plan to attend a potluck and planning meeting on Saturday, August 11 at 5 p.m. at the home of Dianne and John Krallman (913 McBryde Drive in Blacksburg). For more information, contact Dianne at dkrallman@hubbell-itg.com.

Congratulations to...

Eddie and Katie Boes on the birth of their daughter Marlee on June 25.

Lindsay Robinson and Peter Hayes who were married at St. Michael on July 7. Lindsay and Peter reside in their new home in Christiansburg.

Steve Mouras, director of transportation and campus services, who was recognized for his exemplary service and dedication to the Commonwealth of Virginia with the Governor's Award for Innovation. He is credited with increasing efficiency and productivity in his work managing Virginia Tech's parking, fleet and alternative transportation services as well as the print shop, centralized mailing, and records management programs.

You are Invited . . .

"Second Sunday" Summer Brunch on August 12 at 10 a.m.

You are invited to be a part of St. Michael's "Second Sunday" Summer Brunch on Sunday, August 12 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Bring a dish to share and come enjoy fine food and fellowship with the St. Michael family.



St. Michael Church Choir begins to sing on August 22



Come one, come all...singers, that is, and join the St. Michael church choir for 2012-2013! We will begin with a Choir Social on Wednesday, August 22 at 6:45 p.m. and lift our voices at 7:30 p.m. in our first choir practice of the new season. If you are the parents of young children, please let me know if you would like to participate and we will provide child care. I look forward to meeting everyone in August. I can be reached at patricey@stmlc.us or 320-8397.

Your new music director,
Patrice Yearwood

Ice Cream Social on August 26 Kick-off the Evening Worship Service

If you are interested in being a part of St. Michael's new Sunday Evening Worship Service, please come to an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m. You'll have the opportunity to enjoy some delicious ice cream and discuss the plans for the new service. Invitations to the social and the new service are available if you would like to invite a friend or neighbor to attend. For more information, please talk to Pastor John or contact him at pastorjohn@stmlc.us.



Directory Correction: In the 2012 directory (red cover), the phone number for Pastor John's family is incorrect. It should be 320-5982. Their new mailing address is: 2716 Wellesley Ct., Blacksburg, VA 24060.

Sunday Bible Study on August 19

On Sunday, August 19 at 7 p.m., Pastor John will be leading a Bible Study in the large classroom at the church on the *Difficult Teachings of Jesus: The Camel and The Eye of the Needle (Mark 10:25)*.

New Members Received on Sunday, August 26

St. Michael will be receiving new members at both services on Sunday, August 26. If you are interested in joining St. Michael, please speak with Pastor John for more information.

ChildFund Update

Our foster child, Anjali, recently sent us “loving greetings” and news of her successful studies at school. She’s having summer break now and looking forward to starting the 7th standard when she returns to school. She “prays that God may grant you good health, peace and prosperity.” The picture that she sent us is posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen pass-thru window.

St. Michael's Website, Facebook Page, and Email Newsletter

If you are looking for the most current, up-to-date information on the ministries of St. Michael, be sure to check the St. Michael website: www.st-michael-lutheran-church.org, like the St. Michael Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stmichaellutheranchurch>, or read the weekly, "Happening at St. Michael" email newsletter. If you aren't currently receiving "Happening at St. Michael", email the church at: hope@stmlc.us to be added to the distribution list.

We're only an email away . . .

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