

# St. Michael Messenger March, 2024



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**Daylight Savings Time Begins March 10<sup>th</sup>. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour.**



**Help us spread the word:  
Parents bring your kids,  
Grandparents bring your  
grandkids, Kids invite a  
friend. Join us on March  
9<sup>th</sup> from 3pm-5pm.**

We are going to have over 1000 eggs to stuff and hide, food to enjoy, fun and games to have. To make this happen we need a lot of help. Here are some ways you can do that:

- Donate Small Individually wrapped candies and toys to put in the eggs and to hand out for games and crafts please have these items turned in no later than Sunday March 3rd
- Lots of Individual bags of chips, cheez its, popcorn turned in no later than Sunday March 3rd
- Lots & Lots of cupcakes either homemade or store bought turned in by Thursday March 7th

If you would like to help with the event, we need volunteers on the Day of:

- (12pm-230pm) preparing hotdogs in foil wrappers, setting up (tables, hiding eggs etc)
- (2:30pm-5pm) game table, food table, craft table, welcome table to hand out bags, Egg Hunt watchers/helpers
- (After 5pm) cleanup crew

As you can see there are many chances to help. You can sign up on our weekly welcome sheet to volunteer. It is a great way to support and get to know our kids and young families. If you have any questions please contact Jada Brown.



March 6<sup>th</sup> Lenten mid-week Meal (6:00 pm) and Service (6:45 pm)  
March 13<sup>th</sup> Lenten mid-week Meal (6:00 pm) and Service (6:45 pm)  
March 20<sup>th</sup> Lenten mid-week Meal (6:00 pm) and Service (6:45 pm)

March 24<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday Service (10 am)  
March 28<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday Service (7:00 pm)  
March 29<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Service (7:00 pm)  
March 31<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday Worship Service (10:00 am)



### Fellowship Hours on Easter Sunday

We will have continental breakfast treats available at 9:00 am prior to our Easter Sunday Worship Service. For those not able to join us at 9 we will also have a fellowship hour after the service. Please make plans to join either before or after to celebrate Easter together.



St. Michael's Music/Drama & Arts has been hard at work since January 11. The program they have been working on is "The Quilt Speaks, Secret Messages in Songs & Quilts", by Dr. Rene Boyer. On March 23<sup>rd</sup> journey with us as history unfolds itself and reveals the importance of a spiritual and seemingly simple quilt square. **Come see the final product of art, drama and music on MARCH 23, 2024, 3:00 p.m.**

### Congregation Meeting: March 24<sup>th</sup>

We will have a congregation meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> following our Palm Sunday Worship Service. The St. Michael Annual Report will be presented for approval. The Stewards Team will be hosting with donuts and coffee to say thank you for all that you do!



### Save the Date-April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Our next Happy-Go-Lucky Luncheon will be Tuesday, April 2 at noon. Our theme will be "Music is Magic" and our visiting "magician" will be Jeff's sister, Bonnie Birch, an accomplished accordionist from Seattle. Come enjoy the music and a post-Easter feast.



## Sharing Our Gifts: Time, Talents and Treasure

*We offer with joy and thanksgiving what He has first given us, ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of His gracious love.*

### Thank you to some “Quiet” Servants



To Ray Howell our “can do anything handy man”. He does everything from unclogging our drains, changing light bulbs to washing the windows in the hallway and narthex. No job is too large or too small. Also, thanks to Butch Akers for coordinating our weekly Sunday Servants and John Kell for keeping our flower beds so beautiful (and all the other things you both do for St. Michael).

### Because of your Gifts

Your generous gifts in February supported, office supplies, cups and coffee for fellowship, Altar flowers, devotionals, postage, building maintenance, Lenten Meals, our benevolence to the Virginia Synod, donations to MCEAP, Lutheran Campus Ministry, Peace and Hope Ministry, our facilities and salaries for our ministry staff.



### The Justice and Mercy Fund

The Justice and Mercy Fund continues to assist our neighbors in the community and the world. In February, we provided assistance for 13 families: two with rent, ten with electric bills, and one with water. We encourage the congregation to continue their contributions to the fund and to refer friends and family to use the fund as needed.



### Donations/Collections for March

Food Banks: Breakfast items

Women’s Resource Center: Baby Wipes

Soup for Seniors: Individual Cereal Bowl/Boxes

#### Easter Baskets for the Women's Resource Center

WELCA will be preparing Easter baskets for the Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley during their March 18th Lunch and Learn meeting. We are asking for donations of candy, small toys, small books, crayons, coloring books, Easter baskets. There is a collection box in the narthex. We will also be preparing baskets for a few teenagers so some donation of age-appropriate items is greatly appreciated.



# UPCOMING Events

## Events for March at St. Michael

<p>3/6-Lenten Mid-Week meal/service (6:00 pm)          3/7-Men's Breakfast and Bible Study (7 am)          3/9-Spring Festival/ Easter Egg hunt (3:00pm)          3/10-Church Council Meeting (11:15 am)          3/13-Lenten Mid-Week meal/service (6:00 pm)          3/17- Community Engagement WG (11:15 am)          3/17-Confirmation Class/Luther Memorial (4:00 pm)          3/18-Lunch and Learn (Noon)          3/20-Lenten Mid-Week meal/service (6:00 pm)          3/23-St. Michael Music/Drama &amp; Arts (3:00 pm)          3/24-Palm Sunday Service (10:00 am)          3/24-Congregation Meeting (11:30 am)          3/26-Soup for Seniors Packing (10 am)          3/28-Maundy Thursday Service (7:00 pm)          3/29-Good Friday Service (7:00 pm)          3/31-Easter Sunday Service (10:00 am)</p>	<p>Weekly Events: Meeting at St. Michael          Monday-Cub Scouts (7:00 pm)          Tuesday-Packing Micah's Backpack (6:00 pm)          Wednesday-Choir (7:00 pm)          Thursday-Micah's Music/Drama and Art (5:30 pm)          Thursday- Scouts (7:00 pm)          Sunday-Adult Sunday School (9:00 am)</p> <p><b>Please refer to our calendar for a more detailed list of events.</b></p>
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**Pastor Wes' Schedule:** Pastor Wes Jamison will normally be available on Sundays, Tuesdays, and one other (changing) day during the week. His email address is [pastorwes@stmhc.us](mailto:pastorwes@stmhc.us) and his cell number is 540.392.5632. Please let Pastor Wes know by phone if there is a pastoral emergency.

## March Sunday Servants

	March 3	March 10	March 17	March 24	March 31
<b>10 AM Service</b>		<b>Day Light Saving Time Begins</b>		<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>Easter</b>
<b>Altar Care</b>	Doug Smiley	Butch Akers	Sandy Birch	Inga Solberg	Jody Smiley
<b>Greeters/Ushers</b>	Wilma Pieper Butch Akers	Jenny Kellinger William Allen	Mark and Jeanette Pasier	Dianne Krallman Butch Akers	Wilma Pieper William Allen
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Graham Hoskins	Keith Gay	Tatiana Villegas-Brown	Jane Swing	Doug Smiley
<b>Comm. Asst.</b>	Doug Smiley	Jane Swing	William Allen	Lori Anne Kirk	Jay Nagle
<b>Youth Servant</b>	Lilia Villegas- Brown	Tatiana Villegas-Brown	Gesine Newman	Lilia Villegas- Brown	Gesine Newman

**Note:** Greeters/Ushers please take the attendance, write the number down and place in the offering plate.

## DEADLINE FOR THE ST. MICHAEL SCHOLARSHIP COMING UP IN APRIL

Applications are invited for the St. Michael Scholarship, a \$600.00 award for individuals to pursue studies in post-secondary education. Members of Lutheran churches in Montgomery County are eligible to apply. Please contact Jenny Kellinger for more information. [Swimsub30@yahoo.com](mailto:Swimsub30@yahoo.com)



### Sharing the Story of Micah's Caring Initiative



This month we welcomed the VT Football team, the VT Women's Soccer team, DECA from Blacksburg High School, a group of pre-med students and several other civic organizations at St. Michael. Our volunteer base remains strong and we are grateful for the support from our amazing community. The Pi Sigma Epsilon Fraternity dropped off 800 paper bags in our neighbor's mailboxes with a list of needed food

items for MBP. Food was collected on Saturday, February 24th. This was another successful food drive from this group. On **Monday, March 18th** we will have a benefit night at Zeppolis Restaurant and Wine Shop. Take the night off from cooking and enjoy a delicious meal out. 20% of dine-in and takeout orders will be donated to Micah's Backpack. Be sure to order from the benefit night menu and drop your receipt in the box at the register. Thank you to Doug, Butch, John and Jody for picking up and unloading food from Feeding America each week. Our work would not be possible without our dedicated volunteers! Marian Brown, Director PH: 804-921-1432 Email: [marian@stmhc.us](mailto:marian@stmhc.us) Email: [hope@micahsbackpack.org](mailto:hope@micahsbackpack.org)



Soup for Seniors packs and distributes approximately 85 bags to the seniors at Warm Hearth Village. We will be packing the bags at St. Michael on **March 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.** We encourage all to volunteer to help us pack and deliver at that time. Thank you to all that donate and support Soup for Seniors. You help brightens the day of the seniors we serve at Warm Hearth.



The pantry is still going strong, thanks to all the amazing donations! MMP is in need of Hearty Soups, Ramen, Canned vegetables, fruits and pastas, mini boxes of cereal, shelf stable milk and snack type food for those who are in need. Please remember if you are donating from your own pantry to check all expiration dates. THANK YOU ALL! God Bless!



Micah's Closet will be looking for shoppers to help purchase clothing in March. We are hoping to get the clothes to the children before their spring break. Keep on the lookout for more information on ways you can help.

**Reminder: If you have any articles, upcoming events, congratulations/celebrations to share, or anything else for the newsletter please pass it along to Jody Smiley. Photos and logos are greatly appreciated.**