

THE TRUMPET

St. Michael's of the Valley...making an eternal difference in each other's lives and in the world



Welcome to Fall
Mark your calendars!



Be sure to check the church website for parish events and time changes.

Second Service on Sunday morning changes back to 10:30am
on **Sunday, September 3rd**

Wood Bridge begins on **Tuesday, September 5th**

Sunday School begins **Sunday, September 10th, 9:15 a.m.**

Sunday School Picnic~ September 10th~ after the second service

The first week of Sunday School means that we celebrate the beginning of the Christian Education program, and it is time for our annual parish picnic following the 10:30 a.m. service. Families are asked to bring one side dish along with either a salad or dessert. Singles may bring just one dish. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Smith House. Please contact the church office, if you wish to help with set up, clean up, or grilling.



ELEVENTH ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE PETS

Sunday, October 8th

1:00 p.m. at Mellon Park

The blessing will take place rain or shine.



Pet lovers, it is time for the annual pet blessing. For the past ten years St. Michael's has held a pet blessing on the first Sunday of October. This year's blessing will take place in Mellon Park on Sunday, October 8th, at one o'clock. Pet blessings are happening around the world near the date of October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment.

All pets and their friends are welcome. If your pet cannot attend the blessing, you can bring your pet's picture. To insure the well-being of all participants, pets must be on a leash or in a pet carrier. A local animal shelter will benefit from a good-will offering.

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Sunday Services

Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:30 am

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Parish Notes

Births:

Leland Michael Parkinson
June 30, 2017 born to
Stephanie & Kevin Parkinson
Grandparents: Mick & Cindy
Pompelia

Baptisms:

Emma Lilianna Hulett
Caroline Annelena Earle

Deaths:

John Hastings West
Jane Reeves McKay
Thomas Purnell

**LESSONS
SEPTEMBER
2017**



September 3, 2017

Thirteenth Sunday after
Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15

Psalms 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c

Romans 12:9-21

Matthew 16:21-28

September 10, 2017

Fourteenth Sunday after
Pentecost

Exodus 12:1-14

Psalms 149

Romans 13:8-14

Matthew 18:15-20

September 17, 2017

Fifteenth Sunday after
Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-31

Psalms 114

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

September 24, 2017

Sixteenth Sunday after
Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1:21-30

Matthew 20:1-16

**THE RECTOR'S LETTER
THE REV. DR. JAMES B. SIMONS**



THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

All of us have some familiarity with the Book of Common Prayer. After all, it's "The red hardback book in the pew rack."

The BCP has its origins in the English Reformation and it was published in 1549. Largely the work of the, then, Archbishop of Canterbury, Thomas Cranmer, it was "common" because it was in English (until this time all services were in Latin) and, because of the recent invention of the printing press, was available to everyone, not just the clergy.

The first Book of Common Prayer in the United States was published in 1790 and largely followed the English edition with a few changes based on the liturgy in Scotland. Over the years it has seen numerous revisions the last being in 1979.

We often think of the book as something we find in church but its purpose was much broader than that. Have you ever wondered why there are services in the book that we seldom use or that a layperson can't use? Liturgies for ordination, for example, are seldom used in parish and then only by a bishop. The reason there's so much in the book is because it was partially designed as a teaching tool. We have a concept known as *lex orandi, lex credendi*. Translated it means, "Our prayer is what we believe." The 1979 book did add a catechism which is series of questions and answers about the faith, but if you want to know what Episcopalians believe we can glean that from the liturgies.

This fall in Christian education we'll be looking more closely at the Book of Common Prayer. It will be more than a tour of a rather intimidating book, it will also be time spent in the history of our tradition and discovering what it means to be an Episcopalian. My hope is that this study will enhance our worship experience and explain who we are.

The class is open to everyone (there's no homework.) We meet at 9:15 a.m. starting Sunday, September 10th. Hope you'll plan on joining us.

Blessings,

Jim

MUSICAL NOTES



With September comes the new church year with all the excitement that comes with it; new beginnings, a newly renovated organ, exciting possibilities. I am open to new ideas. So if you have some thoughts, please feel free to share. Also please consider joining one or more of our choirs.

Organist/Choir Director, Marion Sukanovich



Christian Education Begins on Sunday, September 10th @ 9:15 a.m.

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over, and it is almost time for Sunday School classes to begin. Our Teachers for the coming year are:

- Elementary: Cheryl Curran & Erin McNeill
- Middle/High School: Cindy Pompelia & Cynthia Sarver
- Adult Education: Father Jim

Much time and preparation has gone into planning the weekly lessons. Teachers are very appreciative when the children arrive on time and attend on a regular basis. Sunday School classes are finished at 10:15 a.m.



OPEN FLOWER MEMORIALS

There are a two open dates for flower memorials for the altar.

The open dates are: October 22nd and November 5th.

If you are interested call the church office or sign-up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the Smith House.

CONGRATULATIONS JOEY DAVIS
on your recent graduation from Navy Boot Camp basic training!



WE REJOICE IN THE BAPTISM OF Emma Hulett and Caroline Earle



**OUTREACH:
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
WORK DAY ~ JULY 1, 2017**

On Saturday, July 1st, eleven members of our parish worked with supervisors and volunteers from the Central Westmoreland Habitat for Humanity organization on a remodeling project in Greensburg. At the site located on Jefferson Street behind Westmoreland Hospital, Habitat is engaged in an extensive remodeling of adjoining properties that will provide homes for two families. They hope to complete this project by the end of October.

Our group formed two teams: a “debris removal team” and a “deconstruction team.” The “debris team” cleaned the yard between the houses of piles of old beams and two-by-fours left from the work of previous volunteers. Our “deconstruction team” spent the day in one of the houses, prying loose and tearing up old flooring. All the debris was taken to a dumpster parked in front of the property. The “matriarch” of our team, Ann Woodall, made sweeping her mission for the day – not an easy task – for she made many trips to the dumpster, delivering the “fruits” of her labor collected in a heavy black plastic bag. In 5 ½ hours, we filled the dumpster!

In August of 2016, many of this year’s volunteers also worked on a house in Jeannette - pounding nails, scraping off old paint, caulking, sanding and putting on fresh paint. This year’s project made us realize that many different tasks are necessary to create homes for needy families. It was a fulfilling day; we met two wonderful supervisors from the Westmoreland Habitat office and a woman who volunteers every Saturday because she “loves the organization, the work it does, and the people she meets each week.” We laughed as we shared stories; our bodies and spirits were refreshed by a soft rain shower; we ate delicious pizza for lunch; best of all we enjoyed fellowship with each other. Hopefully, St. Michael’s can take part in another Habitat project soon!

The Outreach Commission thanks the members of our team: Janna, Charles, Charlie Belavic and Kendall Snee; Russell Fenton, Jr., Jinny Ledgard, Amy Henson, David and Peggy Vale, Laura Varga, and Ann Woodall who represented our parish in this year’s “mission trip” to our nearby community.

THE BUILD TEAM



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
AT CENTRAL WESTMORELAND'S
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**

You do not have to wait for St. Michael's Outreach Commission to schedule a volunteer team day with Central Westmoreland's Habitat for Humanity. You can schedule a day for yourself or with one or two friends! Habitat is currently trying to complete work on two houses in Greensburg; work days are Fridays and Saturdays. The projects' supervisor is Dan De Augustine, who directed our team on July 1.

There are two ways you can sign up: one is to call the Habitat office in Greensburg (724-523-0358) and sign up for a particular day. The other way is to visit the Habitat retail store at the WOW Outlets across from Westmoreland Mall in Greensburg. This store has a treasure-trove of donated items that anyone can buy to complete small or large projects at home. At the store's office you will find a list with the location and dates of Habitat's work days. You do not need special building skills; all you need is a big heart to help others and a willingness to do whatever task is necessary to help the crew reach its goal for the day! Your rewards will include learning a new skill, meeting and having a day of fellowship with wonderful people, and enjoying a delicious pizza lunch! If working on a building site is not appropriate for you, you can become a volunteer in the store. Check out the website for Central Westmoreland Habitat for Humanity for more information about the organization and its scheduled projects.



FRESH EXPRESS

The Westmoreland County Food Bank Fresh Express will be held on Monday, September 11 @ 3:00 p.m. in St. Michael's parking lot (rain or shine)!!

Volunteers are needed from St. Michaels to help distribute the produce, etc. off of the truck. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Smith House. Please sign-up if you are available to help with the distribution on September 11th.

Thank You!!!

**OVER THE TOP!
THE BEST BACKPACK CAMPAIGN EVER**

The members of St. Michael's never cease to amaze the Outreach Commission. This year 139 blue and orange backpacks were filled for the students of The Neighborhood Academy. Usually 80 to 90 backpacks are requested, but this year, since the school has expanded to include students in the eighth grade, the number was increased by forty. Of course, St. Michael's was up to the challenge. Along with the backpacks, towels, soap, and soap dishes were provided for the middle school boys' hygiene class. Once again some of Jan Carlin's business associates provided much needed flash drives. Jan and Anne Bush will deliver the backpacks to Pittsburgh, so the students can have them for their first day of school on Tuesday, September 5. A special thank you goes to all the people that participated in this annual event. It takes a lot of time and effort to make this popular project a success. Thank you!

**IMPROMPTU PICNIC
HELD JULY 23, 2017**

What do you do with hamburgers and hot dogs that were not sold at The Fair? You freeze them for a Sunday in July and have an Impromptu picnic after the second service. Jan Carlin, Anne Bush, Dave and Peggy Vale, as well as the Belavic family added all the needed food to make lunch for approximately 40 people.

Picnic food always makes a delicious meal, especially when you add members of St. Michael's and good conversation.

CUCUMBER SALAD RECIPE

from the Impromptu Picnic

Ingredients:

4 cucumbers, thinly sliced; 1 small white onion, thinly sliced; 1 cup white vinegar; 1/2 cup water; 3/4 cup white sugar; 1 T dried dill ~ or to taste

Directions: Toss together the cucumbers and onion in a large bowl. Combine the vinegar, water, and sugar in a saucepan over medium-high heat. Bring to a boil, pour over the cucumbers and onions. Stir in the dill, cover and refrigerate until cold. This can also be eaten at room temperature, but be sure to allow the cucumbers to marinate for at least 1 hour.



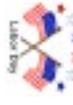
Wood Bridge Pre-School

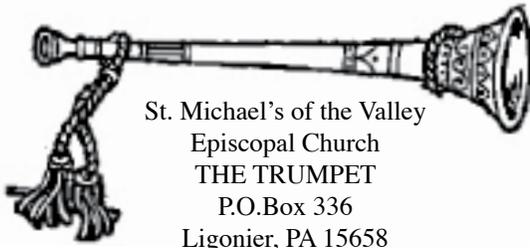


Wood Bridge Preschool is gearing up for its 2017-2018 school year. Classes are almost full and the classrooms are beginning to take shape. Our theme this year will be “Superheroes”. The children will discover that they all are super and will learn about virtues that can enhance their super skills. The children will be introduced to heroes from the bible and will realize, you don’t need to have super powers to be a superhero.

Our Ice cream Social (preschool orientation) was held on August 31st at 6:00 p.m. at St. Michael’s Social Hall and our incoming students had the opportunity to meet their teachers, Father Jim and members of the board. They also got to see their new classrooms, meet some new friends and have a cool treat. The First Day of School is Tuesday, September 5, 2017. There are a few spots available. If you or anyone you know is interested in having their child attend Wood Bridge this fall, give us a call at 724-238-6050. We would be happy to give you information.



Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
							
<p>3 Service Times 8:00 am ~ 10:30 am Children’s Offering</p>	<p>4 Office Closed</p> 	<p>5 Wood Bridge Pre-School Begins</p>	<p>6 Full Moon</p> 	<p>7 Art Club ~ 9 am. Wood Bridge Board 6:30 p.m.</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>10 Service Times 8:00 am ~ 10:30 am Christian Ed. classes resume ~ 9:15 a.m. Sunday School Picnic after 2nd service Ligonier Valley Writers Pot Luck Picnic 3-5 p.m.</p>	<p>11 Fresh Express 3:00 p.m. @ St. Michael’s ~ sponsored by St. Michael’s</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 Healing Service 10:00 am Women’s Bible Study After Healing Service</p>	<p>14 Art Club 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>15 TRUMPET DEADLINE</p>	<p>16 FOOD PANTRY</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>17 Service Times 8:00 am ~ 10:30 am Christian Education 9:15 a.m.</p>	<p>18 Vestry Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Women’s Bible Study 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>21 Art Club 9:00 a.m.</p>	<p>22 Fall Harvest</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Service Times 8:00 am ~ 10:30 am Christian Education 9:15 a.m.</p>
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