

THE TRUMPET

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

BLESSING OF THE PETS

Sunday, October 8th ~ 1:00pm, Mellon Park



The service of "The Blessing of the Pets" has long been associated with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, which is celebrated around the world on October Fourth. Our annual service will be celebrated in Mellon Park, next to Giant Eagle in Ligonier. The Rev. Dr. James Simons from St. Michael's Episcopal Church will conduct the service. Prayer cards and treats will be given to all participants. Organizations that rescued animals from the recent hurricanes will benefit from a free-will offering. All pets are welcome, but must be on a leash or otherwise restrained.

CROP WALK

Sunday, October 22nd at 2:00 pm

Ligonier Valley Annual Crop Walk
Ending Hunger One Step At A Time

Join the walk or donate to a walker
at St. James Lutheran Church
on West Main St. Ligonier

For donations, please make checks payable to Church World Service.



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Sunday Services

Holy Eucharist Rite I
8:00 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:30 am

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**LESSONS
OCTOBER 2017**

October 1, 2017

Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost
Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13
Matthew 21:23-32

October 8, 2017

Eighteenth Sunday after
Pentecost
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14
Matthew 21:33-46

October 15, 2017

Nineteenth Sunday after
Pentecost
Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

October 22, 2017

Twentieth Sunday after
Pentecost
Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22

October 29, 2017

Twenty-First Sunday after
Pentecost
Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46

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



HEADING TO THE PHILIPPINES

As many of you know, I serve on the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church. This is the Board of Trustees for the church and is comprised of 36 laypeople, clergy, and bishops from around the country (and outside as well.) We are responsible for implementing the policy and program of the General Convention, which meets every three years. In 2010, I was elected by the Council to fill an unexpired term of a priest who had been elected bishop and in 2012 was elected by the General Convention to serve a full six-year term. This triennial I have been asked to serve as the liaison to the Covenant Committee to the Philippines.

In 1898, as a result of the Spanish American War, The Philippines became a part of the United States and The Episcopal Church sent missionaries, most notably Charles Henry Brent. Plans for the country to become independent were interrupted by the Second World War, but after the war it was recognized as an independent country and was a founding member of the U.N. However, The Anglican presence remained a part of the Episcopal Church in America until 1990 when it became an independent province. Over the past 27 years, the new province and the Episcopal Church have maintained close ties and shared ministry.

The covenant Committee was to meet twice but my schedule would not permit my attending the first meeting in Hawaii last year. This spring the province of the Philippines elected a new Arch Bishop, Joel Pachao, who will be consecrated the last week of October. I have been asked to be one of the representatives of the Episcopal Church at the Consecration. While I'm not looking forward to the long flights, I am looking forward to my time there and am honored to be representing the church at this important moment.

Please keep me in prayer as I prepare for and make what I know will be a once in a lifetime experience.

Blessings,



FOOD BANK DONATIONS

St. Michael's is responsible for (80) bags of flour or sugar for the November 18th Food Bank. Please bring in donations of flour or sugar and place in the basket in the Narthex prior to November 17th.

Thank you!

LIGONIER VALLEY



It is hard to believe that it is time to think about Food Bank Hospitality. Every November for the past several decades, members of the Outreach Commission, along with volunteers from the parish, begin to serve hot drinks and donuts to the participants of the Ligonier Valley Food Bank. Food Bank is held every third Saturday, after the first Friday of the month, and Food Bank Hospitality begins on November 18th. If you are interested in volunteering for this fun activity, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Smith House or call Anne Bush (724-837-4633).

SHOEBOX RECYCLING

“Just a reminder”



It has been two years since the Outreach Commission introduced the Shoebox Recycling Program in conjunction with Westmoreland Cleanways.

Although we have shipped fifteen boxes of your unwanted shoes to the New Jersey recycling headquarters, we would like to remind you that the program is continuing, and you still have time to find some hidden treasures at the back of your closet.

We are collecting all paired men's, women's and kid's shoes that are still usable. This means no holes in the soles, and no wet or mildewed pairs. Athletic shoes, dress shoes, Timberland type work boots, sandals, heels and flats are acceptable. Shoebox Recycling will not take ski boots, heavy winter boots, roller skates, roller blades, bedroom slippers, flip-flops or singles. We especially need children's shoes.

The best part of this shoe recycling program is sending your unwanted shoes to people around the globe who are in desperate need of footwear. How many pairs of shoes can you donate? A special shoebox is located in the hallway of the Smith House. If you have a question about this project, please talk to a member of the Outreach Commission.



THE NEIGHBORHOOD ACADEMY DINNER
NOVEMBER 8TH

Twice a year, the Outreach Commission prepares and delivers a dinner to The Neighborhood Academy in Pittsburgh. The food is prepared in the Smith House kitchen and then transported by car to the school. Peggy and Dave Yale are in charge of the Wednesday, November 8th dinner.

If you would like to be a part of this special Outreach project, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Smith House. You may help prepare the meal, deliver and serve the meal, or do both. If you have never visited The Neighborhood Academy, this is a wonderful opportunity to see this amazing school.

MUSICAL NOTES

from Marion Sukanovich



THE ROLE OF CHURCH MUSIC

We go to church to experience the sense of family and worship. It is there that we learn more about God our Father and His teachings. The scripture and the sermon/homily teach us about God; what He will do and is doing for us, as well as what He expects from us. Music, also, plays an important role in this as well. That is why the selection of music is so important. Because those words tend to stay with us, we need to make sure the message the music conveys is meaningful and properly conveys God’s word. During the worship service we learn about God with readings of the scripture, the priest’s interpretation of those readings, and the singing of hymns.

GLUTEN FREE COMMUNION WAFERS



We are aware that several of our members would benefit from gluten free wafers. We will soon be offering them at communion.

If you would like to receive gluten free wafers during communion, please speak to Jim and he will go over the procedure with you.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO BRING YOUR PET
TO
THE BLESSING OF THE PETS
MELLON PARK LIGONIER, PA
(Next to Giant Eagle)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017 @ 1:00 P.M.

SPONSORED BY:
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Organizations that rescued animals from the recent hurricanes will benefit from a free-will offering.



Wood Bridge Pre-School



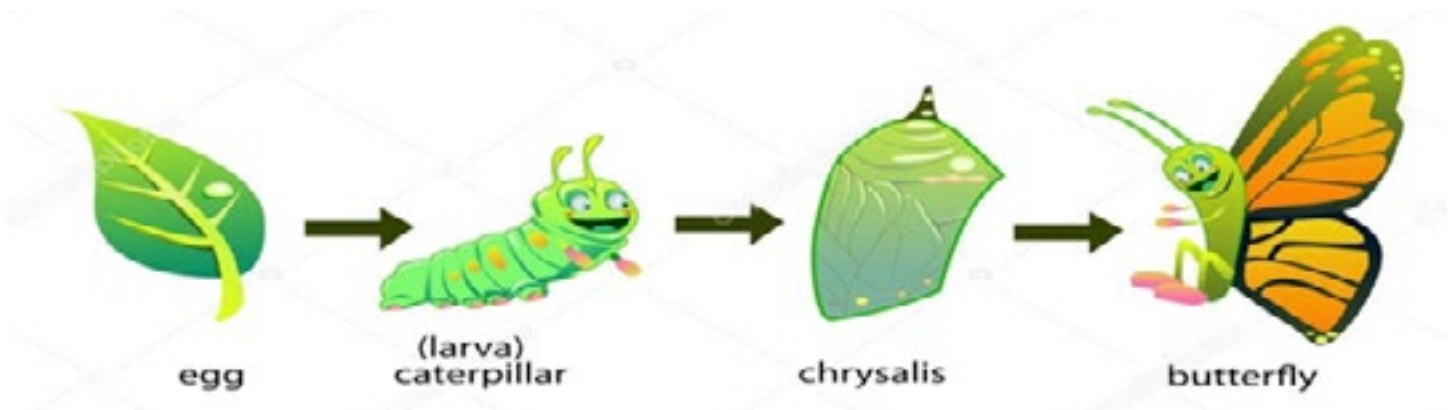
Wood Bridge Preschool has had a great start to the school year. We have made new friends and have gotten used to "school life".

A big thank you goes out to Robin Brunton who not only donated caterpillars for the children to observe the life-cycle of a butterfly, but also decorated and refreshed our playground for the new school year. The children are really enjoying everything you have done.

Father Jim visited with the children for the first time this school year and taught us about all of God's creations and how he made each one of us special.

We learned some great songs and learned about how our \$1 donation helps out our friend David.



This month we will be learning about the great outdoors and will be taking our first field trip to the pumpkin farm. The children will learn about pumpkins and will get to pick their very own pumpkin off the vine. We are looking forward to all the fall fun and can't wait to tell you all about it in the coming months.



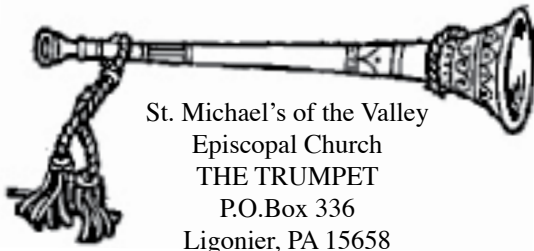


OCTOBER 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Service Times 8:00 am ~ 10:30 am Christian Ed 9:15 am Children's Offering	2 Fresh Express ~ 3 pm @ St. Michael's parking lot ~ Sponsored by Kregar & St. James Lutheran Churches	3	4 Women's Bible Study 10 a.m. Wood Bridge Board 6:30 p.m.	5 Art Club ~ 9 a.m.  Full Moon	6	7 Blessing of the Hunt 8:30 a.m.
8 Service Times 8:00 am ~ 10:30 am Christian Ed 9:15 am Pet Blessing Mellon Park ~ 1:00 pm	9	10	11 Healing Service 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study Following the service	12 Art Club ~ 9 a.m.	13 Fort Ligonier Days Office Closed	14 Fort Ligonier Days
15 Service Times 8:00 am ~ 10:30 am Christian Ed 9:15 am Trumpet Deadline Fort Ligonier Days	16 Vestry 7 p.m.	17	18 Women's Bible Study 10 a.m.	19 Art Club ~ 9 a.m.	20	21 FOOD PANTRY
22 Service Times 8:00 am ~ 10:30 am Christian Ed 9:15 am	23	24	25 Healing Service 10:00 am Women's Bible Study Following the service	26 Art Club ~ 9 a.m.	27	28
29 Service Times 8:00 am ~ 10:30 am Christian Ed 9:15 am All Saints Day	30		Service Times Sundays 8:00 am & 10:30 am	Church Office Hour Monday – Friday 9:00 am ~ 3:00 p.m.	Community meetings held weekly Alcoholics Anonymous Mondays at 7:00 pm – AA Beginner's Meeting Mondays at 8:00 pm – AA Regular Meeting Saturdays at 7:30 pm – AA Regular Meeting	

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Fall is Here!



ALL SAINTS' DAY

All Saints' Day is a Christian day of remembrance of all people who faithfully served God. Some of these people are currently in our lives, and many have gone before us.

This year the All Saints' Day service is on Sunday, October 29th. We invite the children to come to Sunday school dressed as their favorite "Saint" and participate in the 10:30 am service. The children will process in costume into the church with acolytes, lay readers, and choir; this symbolizes our coming into God's presence to worship Him.

After the song of praise the children will take their places with their parents for worship. We do define "Saints" rather loosely. Costumes do not need to be strictly saintly: but we do ask that children dress as characters that do not represent evil. All Saints' Day gives parents an opportunity to teach young children about special people in their lives, while allowing them to dress uniquely for the service.

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