

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

1/5/2012 "Notes from the Office"

- ◆ From the calendar: 1/10 6:30 Vestry meeting, 1/29 Annual Meeting following 10:30 church and probably a meal of some sort.
- ◆ Do you ever wonder who are these people we pray for each Sunday? Well here they are with the most current information I have. Please add these names to your daily prayers!

Diamond Willis	health
Isla Homsey	recovering from broken hip and wrist
Susan Hughes	health (Sherie's sister)
Crystal Keenan	health
Sally Price	health
Bill Rissman	Parkinson's, Glaucoma caused near-blindness , age 94 (Nancy's Dad)
Chloe Korson	child w/multiple problems
Lou Sweet	Parkinson's, other health problems, in assisted living care
Samantha Kapp	health
Skip Schiebold	Claudia's cousin
Josalin Tucker	growing and learning with some birth challenges (Fred & Lana's granddaughter)
Diana Keenan	recovering from heart surgery
Amelia Wilson	child with rheumatoid arthritis , Wilson's granddaughter
Claire VandenBosch	12 yr old with leukemia
Todd Sweet	no job (Lou & Jean's son)
Molly Boelio	dementia
Emily Farrington	1/3/12 just had surgery on her feet to help her walk right, Kelley's granddaughter
Vickie Feighner	
Lyn Counseller	home following weeks in hospital with heart problems, on dialysis
Robert Keenan family	family situation
Jan Bennett	new diagnosis
Frank Degnan	new diagnosis
Peggy Janz	surgery
Dave Ziegler	recovering from surgery
Ivy Perhne	difficult schedule at work
Candy Womble	shoulder surgery
Julie Whites	
Kiley Chamberlain	
Laverne Morgan	health, former Rector at St. Michael's
Rosina Roat	doing well recovering from fall
John Syron	brain tumor
Kathy Yeomans	

Vestry Synopsis for December 13, 2011

The meeting was called to order with prayer. Gary Sipkovsky gave an update of people who are willing to run for election next year for vestry, LEAP, columbarium and convention delegates. There is still a need for more people to serve in 2012, especially on the vestry and anyone interested can contact Gary or the office. The Noisy Offering for December has been moved to the 18th from the 25th and will go toward reducing the current year's budget deficit. John Wilson sent an overview of the recent audit he headed up and there is a need for more information which will be forthcoming from office records in order to complete it. Gary will help John with those issues. There was discussion about combining the Welcome and Pastoral Care Committees into one named the Welcoming Committee and that motion was passed. It was also suggested that the Ushers and Greeters be combined, and there will be a meeting with Chuck Case, the head usher, to discuss how that might happen with more specific job descriptions for current and future volunteers. The Lugnuts game will be held on Saturday, June 23rd at 7:05 p.m. and Mary Weathers can be contacted for more information. Pam Wilson will be attending an informational meeting on the proposal for a community garden project and other parishioners are welcome to join her for the January meeting in Lansing. As part of the discussion from our Mutual Ministry Review, Barb Burns-Briggs and Sandy Wriggelsworth will meet to clarify guidelines for our methods of communication at church. There was also discussion about cutting back on having so many activities that require lots of extra time and effort by parishioners who feel burned-out, and perhaps we need to look at paring back for several months to give people a breather. More will be discussed about this next meeting. A new electric snow blower will be purchased for use this winter and Steve Smith is authorized to spend up to \$350.00 for one which will be stored inside the church so we don't have to worry about it being stolen like the last one. The rest of the meeting was spent going over the 2012 budget line by line. We have had turned in so far 54 pledges for \$122,728.00. With other income and a \$5,000.00 one time stock withdrawal from the restricted housing fund granted to us by the diocese, the total budget is set at \$156,647.00. The next vestry meeting will be on January 10th and the Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 29th.

HELP WANTED IN 2012

Some people have left or retired or would like to do something new this year so we do have some vacancies:

- Person or people to empty the recycle bins in the office and take to a recycle center.
- Person to change sign letters out front.
- We REALLY need some more counters. We are down to just a few. Training is easy! The more there are, the less Sundays you serve.

PRAY about these opportunities and see where God might be calling you to serve your church. Let me know what you decide.

- ◆ **ANNUAL MEETING REPORTS DUE** We prepare a booklet for each annual meeting that reflects the life and ministries of St. Michael's in the past year. For that to be an accurate picture, every organization and group needs to submit a written report by January 13. This is an opportunity to not only talk about your ministries for the past year, it is also a chance to recruit new members and talk about plans for the future. Your reports can be e-mailed to the office at archangel48911@juno.com or dropped off at the office. Thank you.

We need reports from the groups or activities listed below.

Senior Wardens Report	The Shield	Green Committee
Junior Wardens Report	UTO	Quality Living
SCRIP and Meijer Rewards	Secret Pals	Outreach Committee
Choir	Women's Circle	Parish Life
Acolytes	MSU Booth	Worship Committee
Stewardship Committee	Flowers	Pastoral Care
Altar Guild	Columbarium Committee	Southside Business Assoc.
Christian Ed	Fresh Food Bank	Camp Chick
Library, Website	Coffee Hour	Parish Register
Lansing Area Episcopal Projects	Welcome Committee	Noisy Offerings
EfM	Discretionary fund	Register of Services

St. Michael's is a small but mighty church that is full of serving witnesses. Let's celebrate by attending the Annual Meeting together at roughly Noon, January 29th. You will hear what is going on and have the opportunity to elect new Vestry people as well as representatives on other committees, and convention Delegates.

Faithfully, Nancy

(until the Shield is back)