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*ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH*  
*Lansing, Michigan*

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## **Henry Budd**

*Priest, 1875, Commemorated on December 22*

Henry Budd was the first person of First Nations ancestry to be ordained in the Anglican tradition in North America. He is remembered for his service among the Cree in Western Canada. Budd was an orphan and the date of his birth is unknown. He entered a mission school that was a joint venture with the Hudson's Bay Company to provide a Christian education to the First Nations people in the area of Rupert's Land, the vast expanse of land that encircled Hudson Bay before its division into Canadian provinces. Before embarking on a vocation as a priest and teacher, he worked as a clerk for the Hudson's Bay Company.

Henry Budd's ministry began as a lay teacher in the Red River region of Manitoba where he taught at St. John's Anglican Parish School. He and his wife, Betsy, remained in the area for the next thirteen years where Budd taught school and served as a lay minister in the Anglican Church.

Ordained to the Anglican priesthood on December 22, 1850, having been trained largely by personal mentoring and tutoring from other clergy, Budd was assigned to the Mission at Nipawim where he worked as a pastor until 1867. Thereafter, Budd returned to The Pas where he was put in charge of a vast area encompassing several communities, and where he continued his vocation as both priest and teacher. Sadly, records of the Church Missionary Society indicate that Budd, a person of native, mixed race, was paid half of what the white missionaries were paid.

Henry Budd is remembered as an eloquent speaker and writer in both Cree and English. He endeared himself to those he served by exhibiting clearly in the living of his life the Christian principles he preached and the values he taught. Enduring among his many contributions are his translations of the Scriptures and the Book of Common Prayer into the Cree language.

Budd died on April 2, 1875, just a few days after he had conducted Easter services. He is buried in The Pas, Manitoba. [He is remembered on April 2 in the Calendar of The Anglican Church of Canada.]

Collect: Creator of light, we thank you for your priest Henry Budd, who carried the great treasure of Scripture to his people the Cree nation, earning their trust and love. Grant that his example may call us to reverence, orderliness and love, that we may give you glory in word and action; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



Thank you to all those who have already made pledges for 2012. It is not too late, we would like to hear from everyone so that the Vestry can craft a realistic budget for next year. By Sunday, November 20, we had received 46 pledges for \$ 112,696.00 to support the mission and ministry of St. Michael's in 2012.

Ken Alfredson  
Barry & Carol Baker  
John & Carolyn Baker  
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Mike & Stacey Bofysil  
Barb Burns–Briggs  
Kathy Brown  
Becky Burchfield  
Diane Burchfield  
Florence Burchfield  
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Mary Calera  
Magnus & Sandy Campbell  
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Milo Christensen & Marilyn Weisenberger  
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Jackie Womble  
Randy Woodall  
Gene & Sandy Wriggelsworth

# A Call to Action

Resolution # 9, submitted by the Lansing Area Episcopal Parishes and the Capitol Area Deanery, was adopted by the 177<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Diocese of Michigan meeting at the Lansing Center on October 28 and 29. It calls on all of us to let our voices be heard by local and state government.

**SUBJECT:** Opposing State and Local Budget Cuts That Target The Poor

**RESOLVED:** that the 177<sup>th</sup> Convention of the Diocese of Michigan ask all lay and ordained people in this diocese to do everything in our power to oppose the cutting of programs and services aimed at helping the poor and disenfranchised in the name of balancing state and local budgets through contacting state and local representatives, speaking out in protest and supporting organizations and ministries that sustain and support low income and marginalized people.

**RATIONAL/EXPLANATION:** The Episcopal Diocese of Michigan has a long track record of speaking truth to power when the lives of the most vulnerable in Michigan's communities are at risk through the policies of local and state governments. In recent months county and state programs that support the unemployed, the working poor, children, at-risk youth and the disabled have been drastically cut and in some cases done away with entirely so as to balance budgets. Such cuts fly in the face of Biblical mandates to care for the widowed and orphaned, Exodus 22:22; provide for the poor, Exodus 23:11; and ensure that all have enough to survive, Deuteronomy 15:7. If we sit idly by while budgets are balanced at the expense of the most vulnerable we will join the oppressors whom scripture says will be crushed, Psalm 72:4.

**ANECDOTAL EVIDENCE:** Ingham County Michigan Child and Family Services ages out 18-year-old kids who cannot legally be cared for by the state/county any longer. These young people have often spent years in the foster care system with varying levels of support from foster parents and social workers. They age out of the system with no money and very few possessions to fend for themselves often alone and scared. Through Child and Family Charities, an independent charitable organization in the Lansing area, the Supervised Independent Living Services program exists to help these young people. "The SILS program works with youth who are aging out of foster care with *the goal of helping them become economically independent, self-sufficient, and productive members of the community.* The SILS housing coordinator works individually with each youth to locate affordable housing and develop an independent living plan. The coordinator provides weekly visits to the youth's home to monitor progress and provide support." from <http://childandfamily.org/> In the 2011 budget cycle Ingham County decided to cut all of their funding (\$76,000) for SILS and bring the program in house under Michigan Health and Human Services effectively shutting the program down. SILS is 100% successful with ALL graduates employed or in college and not on welfare. The congregations of the Capitol Area Deanery support these young adults through donations and/or mentoring. For more information and to volunteer please contact Ms. Demphna Krikorian at 4287 Five Oaks Dr. Lansing, MI 48911. Phone: 517-882-4000 xt. 126, email: [demphna@childandfamily.org](mailto:demphna@childandfamily.org)



## Schedule of Christmas Services

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

6:00 p.m. Blessing of the Creche and Holy Eucharist  
Nursery Care available

11:00 p.m. Blessing of the Creche and Holy Eucharist  
with choir and incense

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist with carols

Wednesday, December 28 commemoration of The Holy Innocents

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Feast of the Holy Name, Sunday, January 1

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, January 4 observance of the Feast of The Epiphany

6:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Thursday, January 5, Eve of the Epiphany

7:00 p.m. Twelfth Night Carol Festival  
The Maple River Brass and combined choirs

## Voter List for Annual Meeting

In preparation for the Annual Meeting of the parish on January 29, 2012, a list of eligible voters is posted in the Emrich Room. To be eligible, a person must be registered on the parish books (by Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, transfer, or requesting that one's Baptism be entered), be at least 16 years old, be regular in attendance for at least 6 months and be a giver of record. If you meet these criteria, please check to make sure your name is on the list—and please let the office know if you think there is an error in the list.

## 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](mailto:archangel48911@juno.com) or dropped off at the office. Thank you.

We will do the preliminary decorating of the Church following the Potluck on Sunday, **December 18**. Plan to help transform the Church from the relative austerity of Advent to the festive exuberance of Christmastide. We will hang the greens and add the flowers at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, **December 21**. There will even be hot chocolate that evening. (Unlike most of the world around us, we do not decorate for Christmas until after we have finished our observance of the Fourth Sunday of Advent.)



## Christmas Communion for Shut-ins

Fr. Dick is happy to take Communion to any shut-in who would like to receive Communion during Christmastide. If you or someone you care for would like a visit, please call the parish office (882-9733) by December 15 so that a time can be arranged.

## Advent Calendars

**SLOW DOWN. QUIET. IT'S ADVENT!**

There are copies of the poster available on the table in the narthex. These have been popular with many in our congregation over the last couple of years. It has suggestions for each day—a good deed, something to pray or think about. A great reminder of the true meaning of Advent. The calendars are a gift of Fr. Dick and Claudia Hamlin.

## Twelfth Night Carol Festival

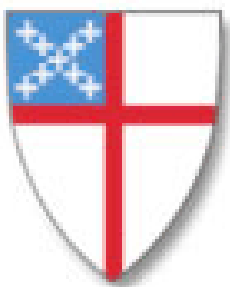
Sing out the Christmas Season in grand style with  
The Maple River Brass and  
The Choirs of Grace Lutheran, Ascension Lutheran,  
and St. Michael's Episcopal Churches  
**Thursday, January 5**  
**7:00 pm**  
Grace Lutheran Church  
528 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Lansing



We will elect people to a variety of offices at our Annual Meeting on January 29, 2012: Vestry, Columbarium Committee, representative to Lansing Area Episcopal Projects, and delegates and alternates to the Diocesan Convention. If you are interested, or if you would like to suggest someone for one of these positions, please talk to a member of the Nominating Committee: Gary Sipkovsky, Pam Wilson, Barb Burns-Briggs, or Jan Cobbs.



**NOMINATIONS**



# General Convention July 5–12, 2012

The 77<sup>th</sup> General Convention of The Episcopal Church will be held in Indianapolis next summer. Visitors are welcome. There are daily worship services; a huge display/shopping area; lots of special luncheons, dinners, and speakers; the opportunity to observe the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies; and even the opportunity to testify at legislative hearings on resolutions. It is well worth spending a couple of days to experience the Church in all its wonderful diversity. If you want a quicker trip, the Deanery is talking about sponsoring a (long) one day bus trip for the UTO Ingathering and Eucharist on Sunday, July 8, 2012—with time to look at the exhibit area as well. Watch for more details.



**Donations for Christmas flowers** and decorations are due no later than Sunday, December 11. The names for memorials or thanksgivings are also due that day. Please put the envelopes in the offering plate or give them to Becky Velasquez. Thank you.

## Ever thought of being a Thurifer?

(A thurifer is the person who carries the incense for a service.)

We need a thurifer for the 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service. Fr. Hamlin will train you. If you are interested, please speak to Fr. Hamlin as soon as possible. Thank you.

All ages are welcome to join us for **Adult Education** during Advent! We will be watching A Christmas Without Snow. We will be watching the movie in 30 min segments, then having discussion. Come share a little Advent spirit! 9:15 am Sunday mornings, Dec. 4th, 11th and 18th!

The **Education Committee** is looking for someone to be in the nursery at the 6pm service on Christmas Eve. It involves arriving at 5:45pm on Christmas Eve and staying through the service, about 1 1/2 hours. Please let Jackie Womble or Fr. Hamlin know if you are interested. Thank You!

# Advent

Advent begins on the Sunday closest to St. Andrew's Day (November 30). It is always the 4 Sundays before Christmas Day. It can be as short as 22 days (December 3 to 24) when Christmas falls on a Monday; it can be as long as 28 days (November 27 to December 24) when Christmas falls on a Sunday. This year it is 28 days long; in 2012 it will be 23 days long.

Traditionally, the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the Church Year—marked by a change in both the daily and Eucharistic readings. Advent means “coming” and is a season when we look forward to the coming of Christ as one of us at Christmas; the coming of Christ in Glory at the end of time; and, more recently, the coming of Christ in our lives every day.

Advent began to be observed in the latter half of the 6<sup>th</sup> century and the earliest records have propers for 5 Sundays. At one point, it began on the Sunday closest to St. Martin of Tours Day (November 11) and the Eastern Church still observes a six week Advent. As late as the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century it was often observed as a somewhat lighter version of Lent.

## Advent Wreath

Developed by German pietists in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries, Advent wreaths began as a family or home devotion. They began to appear in churches only in the 1950's--and then to encourage their use in homes—and became virtually universal by the 1970's. There are four candles, and, probably originating in Germany, there is sometime a 5<sup>th</sup> candle (white) in the center which is lit on Christmas Eve. Much contemporary liturgical thought rejects any ceremony if Advent wreaths are used in the church.

## Colors

Probably the most common colors for Advent are either purple or purple for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays and rose (sometimes referred to as pink) for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. This scheme was developed by Roman Catholics in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. The designation of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday as Rose Sunday was in imitation of the lightening of the discipline and mood on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent and because the 1<sup>st</sup> word of the introit in the Roman Mass on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday was ‘Gaudete’, ‘Rejoice.’ Some Anglo-Catholic parishes adopted Rose vestments and many churches use the 3 purple/1 rose scheme for the Advent Wreath candles. The liturgical and lectionary revisions of the late 20<sup>th</sup> century would argue for using the rose candle on the 4<sup>th</sup> rather than on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. Many churches are changing to 4 purple candles, or 4 blue. Many Anglican and Lutheran churches are using Blue as the color for Advent. Purple was the royal color of southern Europe; blue was the royal color for northern Europe and blue was the Advent color in the Sarum sequence (Sarum=Salisbury and its cathedral was the liturgical standardbearer in pre-Reformation England.)

In parts of southern Germany, all color is removed for Advent and so the color of the candles in the Advent wreath is white—often with a proclaiming angel in the middle of the wreath.

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*Our Mission is to nourish God's People  
that Christ may be known.*

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*Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

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