



THE SHIELD

*St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Lansing, MI
Summer 2011*

Johann Sebastian Bach, George Frederick Handel, & Henry Purcell

Composers, 1750, 1759, 1695

Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany, in 1685 into a family of musicians. As a youngster he studied violin and organ and served as a choirboy at the parish church. By early adulthood, Bach had already achieved an enviable reputation as a composer and performer. His assignments as a church musician began in 1707 and a year later he became the organist and chamber musician for the court of the Duke of Weimar. In 1723, Bach was appointed cantor of the St. Thomas School in Leipzig and parish musician at both St. Thomas and St. Nicholas churches, where he remained until his death in 1750. A man of deep Lutheran faith, Bach's music was an expression of his religious convictions. George

Frederick Handel was also born in 1685, in Halle, Germany. After studying law, he became organist at the Reformed Cathedral in Halle in 1702, and in 1703 he went to Hamburg to study and compose opera. His interest in opera led him to Italy and then on to England where he became a citizen in 1726. Once in England, Handel supported himself with court appointments and private patronage. His energies were devoted to producing Italian operas and English oratorios, large choral works based upon religious themes. Handel's most popular work, *Messiah*, was first performed in Dublin in 1741, and is notable for its powerful musical interpretation of texts from the Holy Scriptures. A man of great charity and generosity, Handel died in London in 1759 and was buried in the Poets' Corner of Westminster Abbey.

Henry Purcell was born in London in 1659 and became one of the greatest English composers, flourishing in the period that followed the Restoration of the monarchy after the Puritan Commonwealth period. Purcell spent much of his short life in the service of the Chapels Royal as a singer, composer and organist. With considerable gifts as a composer, he wrote extensively in a variety of genres for the church and for popular entertainment. He died in 1695 and is buried adjacent to the organ near the north aisle of Westminster Abbey.

Almighty God, beautiful in majesty and majestic in holiness, who teaches us in Holy Scripture to sing your praises and who gave your musicians Johann Sebastian Bach, George Frederick Handel and Henry Purcell grace to show forth your glory in their music: Be with all those who write or make music for your people, that we on earth may glimpse your beauty and know the inexhaustible riches of your new creation in Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm—150

Lessons—2 Chronicles 7:1-6

Colossians 2:2-6

Luke 2:8-14

Vestry Synopsis from May 10 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Junior Warden, Steve Smith. Archdeacon McDonald was present to help us throughout the meeting in any way we might need since Father Dick is now on sabbatical. Diana Keenan is back in the hospital with heartbeat irregularities and we hope to know more soon about her condition. The budget for the past month was approved. It is hoped that the upcoming Rummage Sale will net us around \$2,000.00 and it is important to make it a success because we had no Pancake Supper or Steak Dinner this year to bring in funds we had budgeted as income. A letter to the Bishop concerning our financial stress and a request for using a portion of the principle from the money we made when the rectory was sold to help us offset some of our deficit will be delivered to the bishop next week. It was decided that the kitchen would not be locked, but rather one cupboard would have a lock installed so valuable items could be stored in it. The Lugnuts Game is scheduled for June 25th and Mary Weathers is the contact person for tickets. An upcoming event at Turkeyville is also being explored as a possible outing for members of the church. The Stewardship Committee discussed the prospect of having members who are interested having available to them the option of giving money to the church online. This e-giving program explanation will be available in the narthex for those who would like to read up on it more, or members of the vestry can be contacted, as well. The Parade of Homes is coming up in early June and the house we have been given is in Mason. This is an important fundraiser for us and we need many volunteers to help out. The U-2 Concert is on Sunday, June 26th and workers must have their forms filled out for background checks in order to work it. The forms are then good for workers who volunteer for our M.S.U. booth for football games. The Diocesan Picnic will be held on July 9th at 10:00 a.m. at the Emerich Center in Brighton. For the visioning portion of our meeting, a volunteer from Christian Services came in to explain exactly how this program works. It was started 30 years ago to help churches meet the needs of people in the community and has expanded its programs throughout the years. We at St. Michael's do the Quality Living and Fresh Food Bank ministries, but there are many other kinds of ministries that other churches in our area do, as well, and they were explained. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help out by answering phones is welcome to contact Christian Services at 394-5411. There is training available. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Fall Fest Date

Mark your calendar for
Friday, October 14 for
this event! More
Information to come.

CALL FOR ACOLYTES!!

Your St. Michael's acolyte team is down to three members. If you've ever thought about serving on a regular basis (once each month, more or less), please please please talk to Barb Burns-Briggs, Michelle Sparks or Pam Wilson. It's easy, interesting, and a unique way to serve !

THE WELCOME COMMITTEE

The members of the newly-established welcome Committee want to be sure that our policies and our actions are positive for attracting those looking for a church family. It's important to remember that, in essence, every member of St. Michael's is on the Welcome Committee and there are things we need to remember when a visitor walks through our doors:

Greet them at the door.

Invite them to sit with you at church.

Explain the bulletin and the books.

Don't interrogate them. Tell them a bit about yourself and maybe why you love St. M's.

Hold off sharing your frustrations and disappointments.

Invite them to Coffee Hour or our monthly Potluck.

Remember, Summer is when many of us are 'off duty', but it is also when we could have many visitors. Be friendly!

Another important thing that we have learned is that to attract and welcome new members to the St. Michael's family, we need to be clear about our own personal reasons for attending St. Michael's. Please think and pray on these questions:

Why do I come to St. Michel's?

Why is it meaningful for me?

Why are you proud to be a member of St. Michael's?

If you are clear on these ideas in your own head, it will be easy to share them with a newcomer that sits near you one Sunday in the future. In addition, the Welcome Committee is gathering this information for future efforts to attract folks out there who are looking for a worship community. Would you please jot your thoughts to one or two of the above questions (with your name, if you're comfortable). Put it in the collection plate or in the mailbox of a committee member, or mail to the church!

New members and ideas are welcome! Please talk to Barb Burns-Briggs, Carol Baker, Sandy Wrigglesworth, or Judith Ramsay and ask for a copy of the Welcome Committee vision statement.

Education for Ministry (EfM)

Education for Ministry (EfM) is intended for lay people who want to deepen their knowledge of Scripture and the Church and to learn to think theologically about their own lives and experiences. Each group has 6–12 members and a trained mentor. The basic texts come from the University of the South, an Episcopal University and Seminary. The full course covers four years, but students sign-up for one year at a time, meeting from September through May. The tuition is \$350.00 per year and includes the books. The parish does offer scholarship assistance. Tuition is due August 1st.

Fall Sunday School

Children's Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 11 at 10:15 am.

Adult Education will start on Sunday, September 18 at 9:15 am.

Watch for more information in

Spring Rummage Sale

The Spring Rummage Sale was a great success! The Outreach committee was so impressed and appreciates the efforts of those who make this sale a success. We want to thank all of you who donated the great items, bought items, gave time of setting up, tearing down, getting the word out and to Jerry Kelly who keeps us in line. Every time we hold a Rummage Sale, there are great suggestions on how we can improve. If you have a suggestion let us know your thoughts. I heard a preliminary sale amount of \$1900.00. Please start collecting items for the October sale so we can offer more great deals. God Bless you all. Thanks for all your hard work.



Jay Graham

HEALTHY CONGREGATIONS!

Your vestry has been studying how healthy congregations function. Part of the process is that each member of the congregation takes responsibility for the positive attitude which St. Michael's projects. Take a look at the additional suggestions below and consider what your responsibility is for making St. Michael's an inviting, nurturing, and healthy place.

5. Regulate your own anxiety.
6. Change thoughts of victimization to thoughts of what you can do.
7. Take some 'space', or 'time', or 'another perspective' to get a clearer picture of things.
8. Avoid thinking that you see others as either/or ~ either good or bad.

Questions or ideas? Talk to Barb Burns-Briggs

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	June Birthdays	June Anniversaries
1		Michael & Stacey Bofysil
2	Eileen Briggs Dorothy Cline	
3	Olivia Baum	
4	David Briggs	
5	Terry Maricle June Wilson	
6		Shelley & Mark O'Neil
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8	Sandy Wriggelsworth	
9	Stacey Bofysil	
10	Allison Briggs	Rocco & Robin Buysse
15		Rick & Carol Merritt
16	Shelby Smith	
17	Nicole Smith	
18	Paul Beckett	
19	Marilyn Weisenberger Claudia Hamlin	
23		Bob & Julia Walton
27		Jerry & Fran Kelley Lou & Becky Velasquez Fr. Dick & Claudia Hamlin
30	Charlene Uptegraft	

	July Birthdays	July Anniversaries
1	Jessie Sipkovsky	
3	Randy Woodall	
8	Barry Baker Barbara Lowler	
9	Nancy Case	John & Pam Wilson
10		Russ & Bobbie Jo Davidoski
13	Shirley Schwarz	
14		Gary & Sue Sipkovsky
17	Josephine Lee Jodi MacMillan	
18	Jim Swisk	
20	Barb Burns-Briggs	Carl & Amanda Bridenbaker
24	Fran Kelley	
25	Kris Beckett	
26	Tony Hernandez	
28	Milissa Cobbs	
31	Sandy Campbell	Gene & Sandy Wriggelsworth

	August Birthdays	August Anniversaries
1	Faith Hernandez	David & Barb Burns-Briggs
2		Magnus & Sandy Campbell
	Tara Dombroske	
3	Lindsay Hoisington	
4	Marialice Phillips	Jay & Beth Graham
7	Eric Buysse	
10		Fred & Lana Smith
13	Monique Hailhe	
16	Sally Price	
19	Becky Velasquez	
22	Shelley Miller-O'Neill	
23	Mary Kapp Taylor Herrmann	
24	Fr. Dick Hamlin Jay Graham	
26	Louis Sweet	
31		Paul & Kris Beckett

St. Michael's Episcopal Church Family Fun Night

Saturday Night June 25 @7:05PM - Auto-Owners Insurance Bobblehead Giveaway, Christian Family Night I presented by 88.1 Smile FM, LAFCU Fireworks.

Tickets are just \$9.00 per person and need to be reserved and paid for in advance. Checks made out to St. Michael's with memo "Lugnuts". Give money to Jim Swisk or Mary Weathers or place in the Treasurer's mailbox by June 17th or sooner. We must have 25 to participate as a group.

Check the flyer and sign-up sheet in the Emrich Room.



Bishop Gibbs cordially invites the entire

Household to the

“Diocesan Picnic”

Saturday, July 9, 2011

11am - 4pm

Emrich Retreat Center

7380 Teahen Rd, Brighton, MI 48116

Cost: \$5.00 per person/\$20.000 Maximum per family

Bring your own lawn chair

Contact Sue McCune at 313.833.4435 if you have any questions

The Mitch Skory Scholarship—Memorial Fund

This is an education fund to provide scholarships to members of St. Michael's Church or to those individuals sponsored by a member of St. Michael's. The intent of the fund to help people get ahead. The monies must be used for youth formation or educationally related activities such as tuition, fees, application fees or textbooks.

Requests will be considered for the following types of aid (please note that this list is not all inclusive): for youth to attend summer camp or conferences, retreats, etc; course tuition; cost or required books for a specific course of study; registration fees for parishioners to attend workshops or classes; required fees for financial aid applications or college applications; and fees for required admissions tests such as ACT, SAT, LSAT, GMAT, etc.

The required application form must be completed and submitted along with any addition documentation to the vestry Education Committee Liaison. Vestry will make a decision regarding the application at its regular monthly meeting and notify the applicant of their decision. If approved the applicant will be required to provide the vestry proof of completion.

Applications are available.

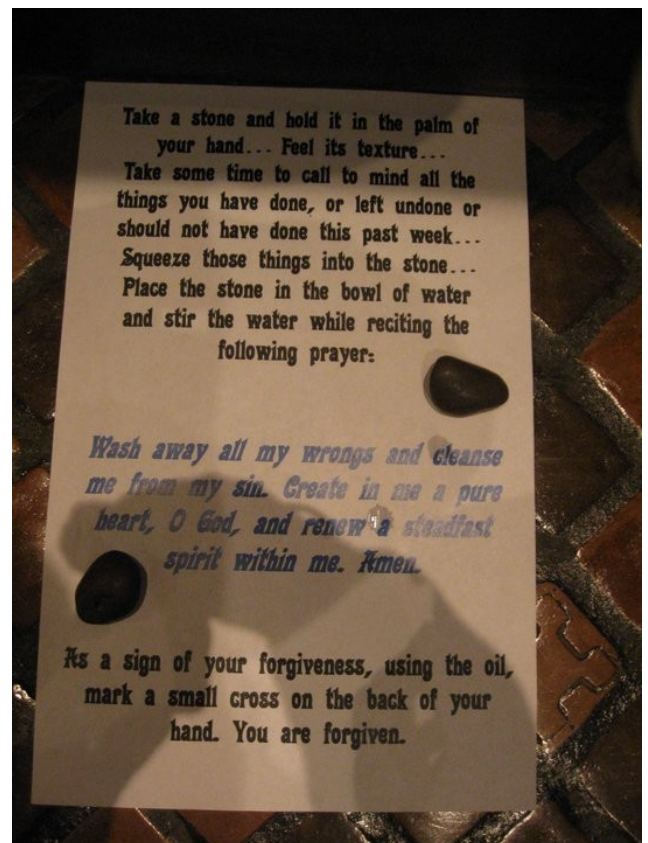


Monique said "I enjoyed meeting so many Episcopal kids. Being from a small church, I never realized how many of us there are. I also really enjoyed seeing all of the different people that attended church Sunday morning. Everyone had a story to tell and getting to know them personally at breakfast, for me, was a mind changing experience."

Shelby Smith said, "I had a good time at Night Watch. I liked playing games and meeting new people. I thought the cathedral was really cool."

Nicole Smith remarked, "I really liked the rock [activity] because it made me really think about forgiveness. It also made me want to pray more" Thanks St. Michael's for sending our Youth Group to Night Watch!

Night Watch





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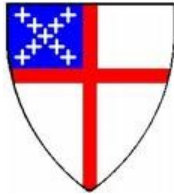
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Services: Sunday—8 am and 10:30 am



This collect has been written especially for the Episcopal Youth Event (EYE), takes place June 23-25 in Minnesota. Nearly 18 young people and seven adults (including Bishop Wendell Gibbs Jr.) will travel to this event, which allows attendees to engage in urban or rural mission.

Please remember this delegation with the following prayer (which congregations are asked to pray on June 19): Gracious and Loving God, you declare your glory and show forth your creation in the heavens and the earth. Deliver us from the service of self, that we may build upon the work you give us to do in truth and beauty; that we may share your love with others and fulfill your mission, for the sake of him who came among us as servant, your son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.



The Episcopal Church
welcomes you 

Episcopal Youth Event 2011

Come together - intimately linked in this harvest work
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