



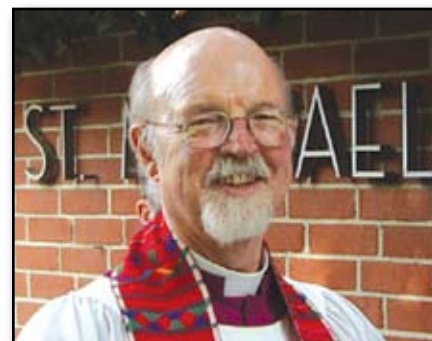
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THE TRANSFORMING FAITH OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

The Reverend Canon Henry L. Atkins, Jr., D.Min.



Each January 15th we celebrate the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Every February when we observe Black History Month students throughout our nation remember and reflect on the many contributions that Dr. King made to our society. On April 4th, we shall recall again the tragic death of Dr. King. Yet what we often miss in the midst of these important celebrations is the transforming effect his life had on Christianity in the United States. I find that when I reflect on the life of Martin Luther King, Jr. it is what I learned from him about being a Christian that stands out above all else.



Molly & Miranda Cornwell
at Martin Luther King March
for Peace. Photo courtesy of
Treadwell Atkins

In our society I believe that it is possible to say that there was Christianity before Martin King and Christianity after Martin King. Working in various struggles for justice in our society along side of Martin King transformed my understanding of the Christian faith. I believe that this was true for thousands of people in my generation.

Dr. King was above all else a preacher. He always seemed to me to be at home when he preached. He was the son of a preacher and decided to return from his graduate studies at Boston University to take a parish in Montgomery, Alabama rather than explore an academic career. His preaching was always a kind of personal dialogue with scripture addressed to the world. He was deeply rooted in the Bible.

The first time that I heard him preach was at the 1963 March on Washington. Thousands of us sat and stood in the heat of a Washington, D.C. August afternoon as he proclaimed, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but the content of their character." We were transformed; we saw in a new way the sin of racism and our responsibility to address this sin in the name of the living God.

The "I Have a Dream" speech was a pentecostal moment in the history of our country. The Holy Spirit came upon us and we gave our lives, or rededicated our lives, to the struggle for freedom and justice. The Exodus event became our calling. "Let my people go" would ring from our lips as we left Washington, D.C. to march, organize, get beaten up, go to jail and die. We would march, which was viewed as bearing witness to our calling, in such places as Albany, Georgia; St. Augustine, Florida; Selma, Alabama; and Cicero, Illinois. It was during this time that I came to realize just how much of the New Testament had been written from jail. We were a new missionary movement.

Two weeks after the March on Washington, white racists in Birmingham, Alabama, bombed the Sixteenth Avenue Baptist Church killing four young girls. In his sermon at their memorial service Dr. King said, "They say to us that we must be concerned not merely about who murdered them, but about the system, the way of

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life and the philosophy which produced the murderers. Their death says to us that we must work passionately and unrelentingly to make the American dream a reality...they did not die in vain...unmerited suffering is redemptive.” In the face of this violent act killing four little girls we were called to non-violent redemptive suffering. Martin King was calling us to bear the cross. In the civil rights movement we would learn in a new way what it meant to bear the cross of Jesus in our society. We would learn again and again that discipleship entailed suffering.



Lily Peterson (L) & Miranda Cornwell (R) playing handbells at Martin Luther King Service for Peace. Photo courtesy of Treadwell Atkins

Whenever Dr. King quoted from scripture or well known hymns in his sermons they took on new life. When he quoted the prophets saying, “Justice will roll down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream” or “Every valley will be exalted and every hill and mountain will be made low,” you literally began to feel justice rolling down and the hills being made low. His sermons demonstrated the interrelatedness of the spiritual and the social. Spiritual truth was social justice. Resurrection was God bringing new life out of the death that occurred in the struggle for racial justice. Letting our “little light shine” meant standing up to injustice anywhere.

Dr. King knew very well as he said of the church in the United States, “11 a.m. Sunday morning is still the most segregated hour in America,” yet he called the church the “Beloved Community”. He believed that the church in the United States was in the process of being transformed. He was also clear in his sermon “A Knock at Midnight” what that transformation involved. “The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state. It must be the guide and the critic of the state and never its tool. If the church does not recapture its prophetic zeal, it will become an irrelevant social club without moral or spiritual authority.” Dr. King called the church in the United States to be the church. Martin King realized that he had been called to do God’s work. He gave his life in service to a much larger mission than his own life. When he died it appeared that in many ways his vision had been defeated. The civil rights movement was in a stage of great internal conflict, many church members were saying that the church had become too concerned with the struggle against racism, violence was spreading across the cities of our nation, and some called Dr. King a communist for stating that the war in Vietnam was immoral. When Jesus was crucified many also thought that it was the end of his movement.

In his last speech in Memphis Dr. King said, “...in spite of a storm warning. You reveal that you are determined to go on anyhow. Something is happening in Memphis, something is happening in our world.” How right he was.

Something happened to Christianity in the United States when Martin King was among us. Our eyes were opened to see both scripture and our world in a new way. He enabled us to see the nature of discipleship, cross bearing, and urged us not to count the cost but to press on toward the heavenly vision. We saw that life could be brought out of death, that transformation was possible. Dr. King enabled us to see our interrelatedness and called us to be one in Christ. I shall forever be in his debt.

Pax, The Rev. Canon Henry L. Atkins, Jr.

TREASURER’S CORNER Margie Mullen, Treasurer

December and Year-End, 2008 – Revenues and Expense Summary

	Dec Actual	Dec Budget	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Total Revenues:	\$33,231	\$29,596	\$354,949	\$391,379
Total Expenses:	\$65,953	\$51,761	\$564,496	\$613,835
Net Total:	(\$32,722)	(\$22,165)	(\$209,547)	(\$222,456)



The above is the final report for 2008. Total income was \$36,430 less than projected and that amount consisted of the \$25,000 that was not withdrawn from investments and \$13,000 in a Diocesan Grant that ceased when the lay associate left St. Michael’s. Total expenses were \$49,339 less than projected, leaving our deficit at (\$209,547), \$12,909 better than budgeted. The total expenses of \$564,496 are significantly less than the 2007 total expenses of \$625,154, so we made improvements there.

Our approved 2009 budget will have projected total income of \$385,684, projected total expenses of \$531,440 and projected deficit of (\$145,756).

PARISH LIFE, 2009

Mary Ann Jacobson, Chair

Parish Life started 2009 in fast forward with two major events back-to-back in January. The first event, on Saturday, January 24th was a reception following the Ordination of Deacons here at St. Michael's. Our own Catherine Wagar; Brian Palmer, All Saints' Church, Beverly Hills; and Steven Sterry, Blessed Sacrament Church, Placentia, were ordained as Deacons in a beautiful service celebrated by Bishop Talton.



Norma Johnson, Liz Mullen, Treadwell Atkins, and Mary Ann Jacobson at the Ordination Reception. Photo courtesy of Margie Mullen

The Parish Hall greeted our guests dressed in its "Sunday Best" sparkling with candles, lace, flowers and red tablecloths. We had a wonderful turnout of "kitchen elves" including Betty Ferrell, Phyllis Bracey, Nancy Woods, Norma Johnson, Jane Mason, Gail Green, Liz Mullen, Lise Friedman, Louisa Hermann and of course, Treadwell

Atkins. They made finger sandwiches galore, assembled trays of yummy sweets, cheese and fruit. They also made punch, coffee and spiced cider all the while keeping the table replenished as needed. It should be added that due to the close proximity of All Saints' Church



Betty Ferrell and Phyllis Bracey making sandwiches at the Ordination Reception. Photo courtesy of Treadwell Atkins

in Beverly Hills, its members were wonderfully helpful in bringing additional trays of sandwiches and desserts.

On Sunday, January 25th, it was time for the Annual Meeting and potluck luncheon. The response from the parish was amazing—we had a wonderful array of main dishes and salads along with some tasty desserts. Everything went smoothly due to the presence of Phyllis Bracey, Gail Green, Martha Shaw, Betty Ferrell, Hallie Walker, Jane Mason, Lise Friedman, Norma Johnson, Nancy Woods, Flavia Perrine, Katie Bull and Treadwell Atkins.

A footnote here: Leftovers from the two events were delivered to a halfway house/shelter in North Hollywood by Nancy Woods on Sunday afternoon. The facility was brought to our attention by Margie Mullen last year and on occasion Coffee Hour remainders have been taken there as well.

YOU ARE INVITED TO BE THE VILLAGE

How would you like to spend an evening with St. Michael's members enjoying fellowship and some good (potluck) food and drink, while engaging in meaningful conversation about that which we value as Christians? If you are single or married, straight or gay/lesbian,



Liz Mullen, Karen Rogers, and Margie Mullen. Photo courtesy of Margie Mullen.

with or without children, of any age 0-114, we invite you (kids included) to join fellow St. Mike's parishioners to participate in the first meeting of "**Be the Village**", a multi-generational affinity group designed to support and enrich our already blessed lives. The first episode will be held at the home of Margie, Liz, and Eddie Mullen on Saturday, February 28th at 5:30 p.m. For more information or to attend, please email Margie at margie.mullen@gmail.com or call (818) 487-7189.

FROM THE VESTRY



Betty Ferrell, Senior Warden; John Pryor, Junior Warden



The annual meeting each year recognizes the contributions of outgoing Vestry members and each of the four parishioners who have completed their Vestry service have contributed greatly over the past years. Betsy Hailey has been a passionate voice for peace and justice. Simon Locke has been at St Michaels through leaking roofs, fallen trees, plumbing crises, and festive days of gardening. David Basta has promoted our community outreach projects serving so many and Anne Kelly has lead our Stewardship efforts and always thoughtful attention to areas

of our worship. Each of these members has served the parish in many ways and will continue to be vital members of our community. We thank them for the many evenings of vestry meetings, countless calls and tasks and most importantly, for their prayerful dedication to the service and ministry of St. Michaels. We welcome our new Vestry members and look forward to the year ahead. Please extend your thanks to those who have served our parish and keep the Vestry in your prayers as we hold our retreat in February and continue to build a community of compassionate service.

*Betty Ferrell, Senior Warden
John H. Pryor, Jr., Junior Warden*

February Calendar

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Women's Care Cottage Clothing Collection 9:00 AM Men's Group Morning Prayer 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Choristers Reh 12:30 PM Pastoral Care Training (UR)	2	3 7:00 PM Executive Committee (CO) 7:30 PM Community Outreach Projects Committee (UR)	4	5 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (CR)	6 12:00 NOON Fourth Quarter (CO)	7
8 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Choristers Reh	9	10	11	12 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (CR)	13	14 ALL DAY Vestry Retreat Home of Betty Ferrell 8:00 PM Lit.UP! (PH)
15 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Choristers Reh 12:30 PM Youth Group (YL)	16 <i>Presidents Day</i>	17 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting (UR)	18	19 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (CR)	20	21 11:30 AM Liturgical Committee (UR)
MARCH '09 <i>Newsletter Articles</i> DUE <i>Parish Office Closed</i>						
22 9:15 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:30 AM Choristers Reh 3:00 PM Valley Interfaith Council Symposium on Peace (PH)	23 TBD Prayer Shawl Knitting Groups (FR)	24 6:30 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (PH)	25 12:00 NOON Ash Wednesday Liturgy 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Liturgy	26 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (CR)	27	28 5:30 PM Be the Village Potluck Home of Liz and Margie Mullen

Sunday Services are 8:00 AM (no choir) and 10:30 AM (with choir) in the Sanctuary. Sunday School (Godly Play, Youth, and Adult Forums) begin for all ages at 9:30 am. Children's Church begins at 10:30 in the Purple Room and the children are brought into Eucharist for the Peace. Coffee Hour immediately follows the 10:30 AM service unless otherwise noted.

Locations:
 CO: Church Office
 CR: Choir Room
 FR: Fireside Room
 PH: Parish Hall
 UR: Upper Room
 YL: Youth Lounge
 S: Sanctuary

GOINGS ON AT ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

THANKSGIVING FOR A JOB WELL DONE

To: Treadwell Atkins

for her tireless work
for St. Michael's, but
especially for:

- sewing Christmas
pageant costumes
- gardening all over the
place
- decorating the Parish Hall
restrooms
- and polishing brass for the ordination.



The next time you see
Treadwell, please give her
heartfelt thanks for her
contributions.

In the months that follow,
the Vestry will continue to
recognize the gifts of work
and time that help keep

St. Michael's a beautiful and useful campus, and a
thriving parish.

Quotation for January

"To the people of poor nations, we pledge to work alongside you to make your farms flourish and let clean waters flow; to nourish starved bodies and feed hungry minds. And to those nations like ours that enjoy relative plenty, we say we can no longer afford indifference to the suffering outside our borders; nor can we consume the world's resources without regard to effect. For the world has changed, and we must change with it."

*President Barack Obama (b. 1962),
44th President of the United States
Inaugural Speech, January 20, 2009*

February Birthdays

Day	Name
3	Benjamin Beckner Theodore Beckner
6	Daisy Beckner
8	Peter Juzwiak
9	Nicole Manos
11	Glenn Sunness
15	David Basta George Byrd
16	Ron Schwartz
20	Hallie Baran
25	Lynne Lange Mia Chapman-Young
26	Miranda Cornwell
28	Samantha Bendall

February Anniversaries

Day	Name
2	Jenifer & John Schmutz
8	Treadwell & Henry Atkins

Should you be listed here? Or, if you wish to leave your birthday or anniversary unpublished, give the church office a call or e-mail (lauren@stmikessc.org) to let us know. **Please Note: Birthdays and Anniversaries will be celebrated on the last Sunday of each month.**

March 2009 MIKE Deadline: Please send copy and/or pictures via e-mail to lauren@stmikessc.org by **Tuesday, February 17**. If you don't have a computer, bring your articles to the Parish Office by that time.

READ the MIKE Online! All you do is go to the website, www.stmikessc.org, and click on "THE MIKE ONLINE." Back issues are available there as well. And while you're at the web site, you can shop at **Amazon.com** through its link. St. Mike's gets a small rebate for each purchase made through this link.

ST. MICHAEL'S COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECTS Jane Wilson, Chair

Proceeds From This Performance Benefit

JOIN THE IMPACT
A group that seeks to encourage and support efforts of the LGBTQ community to achieve one goal: Full equality for ALL.
jointheimpact.wetpaint.com

Gary Lucy Emcee

Jane Edith Wilson Curator

Free childcare is provided.

Hosts
St. Michael's Community Outreach Projects Committee

Saint Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church presents

LIT.UP!

Readings, Standup, Poetry and a Little Music by some of LA's Finest Talent!

Saturday February 14th

Theme: "HEART OF GLASS"

FEATURING
Chris Young, Sharon Houston, Jimmy Dore, Stephen Brophy, Marcia Wilkie, Jim Woster
AND
Songs by St. Mike's very own David Connors & Alex Morales
AND
By special permission, COQ AU VIN, a one-act play by Jon Robin Baitz (*Brothers & Sisters*) (Some material best suited for adults.)

8:00 PM

In the Parish Hall

SUGGESTED DONATION \$10
FREE PARKING & CHILDCARE

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LIT.UP! VALENTINE'S DAY, FEBRUARY 14th at 8 pm

Lit.UP! is back and with an awesome show for an even more awesome cause. The theme for this evening is "Heart of Glass", with the box office going to Join The Impact, a group that seeks to encourage and support efforts of the LGBTQ community to achieve one goal: Full equality for ALL. This star-studded show includes Chris Young, Sharon Houston, Jimmy Dore, Marcia Wilkie and songs by St. Mike's very own David Connors and Alex Morales. Also, playwright (and creator of the show *Brothers and Sisters*) Jon Robin Baitz has given us special permission to perform an incredible one-act, the deeply funny and moving COQ AU VIN. Since it's Valentine's, free snacks will include chocolate and champagne served as well as the usual FREE CHILDCARE provided and all for just the \$10 admission! What a great way to spend Valentine's without spending a great deal of money! (Please note this show has some material that is suitable only for adults.).

VALENTINE'S PIZZA PARTY AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Once again we will gather at the Good Shepherd/ Mother & Child Residence to make Valentine cards and pizza with the moms and kids. This will be on Sunday afternoon, February 8th, from 5-7pm at 1719 Taft Ave. in Hollywood. Please let us know if you can contribute your time, pizza fixings and/or crafting supplies.

SPONSORED FAMILY

Outreach is sponsoring a very nice little family that fell on some hard times and just need some help getting back on its feet. It's Mom and Dad and baby Matthew. Both parents were laid off, then evicted, then on the streets and now just got into low-income housing and are keeping afloat through day labor work here and there. Dad works in construction, knows how to read blueprints and can do any job in that field. Mom has worked cashiering and doing stock inventory (willing to work graveyard). They live in Hollywood, so job prospects near there for the time being would be great as they have no car, but they can get anywhere they have to. If you are looking to give away a car, let us know that as well (they can only drive automatic). If you have any leads, contact Jane at SMCOP and we will pass along their contact info. If you simply wish to give them a grocery/target gift card, we can pass along their mailing address and the tax ID for a write-off.

SMCOP MEETING/CONTACT INFO

Our meetings are always on the first Tuesday night of the month, from 7:30 to 9 pm. We need more volunteers to fill our ranks and help with all our Spring and Summer endeavors (Big Sunday's event for wounded soldiers, our expanding programs doing outreach to those in prison, planning the next Angel Award Dinner, etc). If you have any questions, comments or donations please call Jane Wilson at 818-343-8438 or email project@stmikessc.org.

CONGRATULATIONS KRISTEN TOEDTMAN

St. Michael's Alto Soloist Promoted to Director of Music

While not an unfamiliar face here at St. Mike's, my back is perhaps less familiar and it is that which you've been seeing more recently as I conduct the choir! So allow me to fully introduce myself (front & back!) and tell you about the current state of music here in our church. Transition is never easy; yet due in part to the musical preparation and hard work the choir has been participating in for the past few years, I'm happy to report that our singers have been flexible and most supportive. Though we still search for a permanent organist, I am happy to accept the job as Director of Music.

From feedback after services, I'm learning that music holds an important place for you in your worship, as it does for me. In fact, my mother continues to tell me, "God gave you that voice, now you go give it back!"

I started singing very early, encouraged by musical grandparents, my school music teacher, and our church organist in first grade. It was he who encouraged me to study piano first, then violin, the instrument to which I aspired, and that's exactly what I did. Piano and violin were on the front burners while I continued as always to sing in church choir. I'd play piano and violin solos for offertories and began to solo with the choir in high school. It was then that I also started to conduct, first the high school band and then the orchestra. Both directors, extremely supportive of me, would let me lead rehearsals in my senior year, and chose a piece for me to conduct on each concert.

My plan was to study conducting at Indiana University, but we all know how plans can go. I did study conducting, and I led a small a cappella vocal ensemble at a Methodist church over the summers (a great joy of mine), but there was so much more expression I was finding through singing than through anything else, and the bug bit me. I turned most of my energy towards singing, graduated with a Bachelor's of Music in Voice and went on to get a Masters at the Peabody Conservatory in Baltimore (my old stomping grounds). It must be said that some of the greatest music I made was with a small vocal ensemble at Indiana called the Pro Arte Singers, focussing on early music primarily from the Renaissance and Baroque eras. As fate would have it, when I moved out to Los Angeles (to compose music for a production), I fell back in with none other than my Pro Arte colleagues who not only had a vocal group (the Concord Ensemble) up and running out here, but needed an extra singer. And here I am.

Some of you may know I have what I call a "Double Musical Life." Classical and Popular (not unlike our own Jeanne Jolly!). Aside from singing with the Los Angeles Master Chorale and the Concord Ensemble, I compose my own songs and have a band with which I play around town. This is to say that I like to inject some gospel and soul into service when it's appropriate, at any chance I can. In fact, if I had to boil down my musical loves for church, it would be threefold: Renaissance polyphony (Palestrina, Victoria, Byrd), Bach, and Gospel.

My mother was raised Roman Catholic in Argentina, my father Methodist in Cleveland, Ohio, and they brought my older brother and me up in warm, musical and family-centric Methodist churches along the east coast. The church was always a welcoming place for me as I grew up, both for greeting friends and for having quiet meditation. And always for singing. I hope you, too, sing with us just as much as you like. Remember what my mother says: You give that voice back!

(You can reach Kristen by e-mail at kristentoedtm@gmail.com)



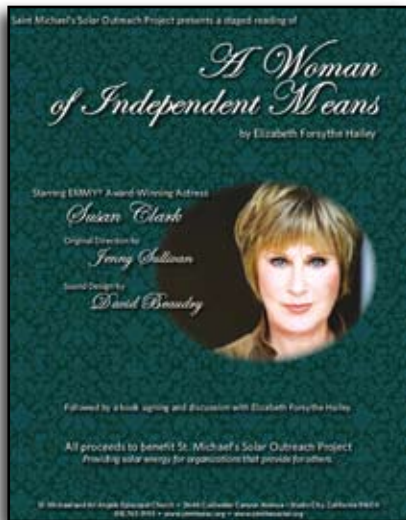
St. Michael's Well-Represented on Search Committee for New Bishop Suffragan

The search and nominating committee for the upcoming election of two bishops suffragan for the Diocese of Los Angeles was announced on January 21 by Bishop J. Jon Bruno.

The election, to be held at Diocesan Convention on December 4 and 5, will select two bishops to succeed Bishop Suffragan Chester Talton and Bishop Assistant Sergio Carranza, both of whom plan to retire in May 2010. Bruno announced the retirements and plans for the election at the December 2008 Diocesan Convention.

Committee members from Deanery 2 are: The Reverend Julian Bull (chair), and our own Senior Warden, Betty Ferrell.

Let us pray for God's guidance in finding suitable candidates.



"A WOMAN OF INDEPENDENT MEANS" SHINES FOR SOLAR OUTREACH PROJECT!

Betsy Foldes Meiman, Chair

The first official fundraiser for St. Michael and All Angels Solar Outreach Project was a wonderful event. Emmy® winner Susan Clark played with grace and depth as Bess Steed Garner in Betsy Hailey's touching and entertaining play based on her book *A Woman of Independent Means*. Jenny Sullivan's direction along with David Beaudry's sound design transported our perception through a life spanning 80 years. Hank Meiman's lighting transformed our parish hall into a theater to rival any professional house! Thank you Laz Henry Meiman, Jane Wilson Lucy, Gary and Preston Lucy, Treadwell and Henry Atkins, Mary Ann Jacobson, Leonard Harmon, Lauren Azeltine, Melissa Basta, Willie Pryor, Nancy Woods, Betty Ferrell, Catharine Wagar, and

Bruce Rankin, for giving their time, talents, inspiration and muscle. An enjoyable afternoon of theater netted us \$2,200.

The goal of the Solar Outreach Project is to raise a million dollars for MDG #1—to eradicate extreme hunger and poverty. Was that a typo?! No. You ready? Here's how. We put a solar roof on a charity that works to provide food, shelter and /or services to those living in poverty. If their operating costs are anything like St. Mikes, that's worth about \$3,000-5000 a year. In twenty-five years, the life of the warranty of the panels (which they will probably outlast), that's worth \$75,000 to \$125,000. The total could be even higher depending on the energy costs, which are expected to increase 30% this year alone.

If we did that for ten charities, which is our goal, that's the equivalent of giving \$750,000 to \$1.25 million dollars to help eradicate extreme poverty and hunger by helping the environment. *Ta Dah!* And it makes our government funds work twice as hard. Even exponentially as hard!

To reach our goal of installing ten roofs, averaging \$35,000 after rebates per roof (some smaller some larger), we need to raise \$350,000.



The two Betsys: Betsy Meiman and Betsy Hailey. Photo Courtesy of Margie Mullen.



Senior Warden Betty Ferrell, Betsy Meiman, and Father Atkins. Betsy is holding the plaque which bears the names of all the donors who supported the St. Michael's Solar Panel Installation. Photo Courtesy of Margie Mullen.

We will work to change the paradigm in which environmentalism is a privilege to the paradigm in which environmentalism is a means for humanitarian social change. Programs provided by the government for environmentalism need not be at the expense of social works benefits. We will advocate communities secular and non, working respectfully towards different goals to mutual benefit. Every dollar works twice as hard and continues in perpetuity. Like the flow of electricity.

If you would like to donate to The Solar Outreach Project

Write us a check and make sure to put "Solar Outreach Project" on the memo line. Your donation is tax deductible. 100% of your donation will go to the project. You can also donate online and follow our progress at www.stmikessolar.org.

I would also like to thank Ed Begley, Jr.—our first official donor!

PEACEMAKING: AN INTERFAITH IMPERATIVE

Betsy Hailey, Peace and Justice Chair

St. Michael and All Angels will host an interfaith program devoted to peacemaking on Sunday, February 22, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. entitled "Peacemaking: An Interfaith Imperative—Moving Peacemaking to the Center of our Faith Traditions." The program, which is sponsored by the Valley Interfaith Council, will feature speakers from the three Abrahamic Faith traditions discussing the theological foundations of peacemaking. Our own rector Henry Atkins will speak from a Christian perspective. He will be joined by Rabbi Steven Jacobs, Rabbi Emeritus, Temple Kol Tikvah; and Dr. Maher Hatout from the Islamic Center of Southern California.

The second half of the program, entitled "Confronting the Casualties of War in our Community," will feature a panel of distinguished authorities. The panelists and their topics are Stephen Rohde, "Stopping U.S.-Sponsored Torture and Restoring our Nation's Soul;" the Rev. Pam Tyler of the Interfaith Refugee Immigration Services, "Welcoming the Stranger: Middle East refugees in our Midst;" Carol Tannenberg of The Soldiers Project, "Addressing Psychological Needs of Veterans;" and Mary Elizabeth Perry, historian, "Interfaith Studies, a Pathway to Peace."

Moderating the two-part program will be the Rev. Anne Hines of Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church and Virginia Classick, Valley coordinator of Progressive Christians Uniting. The event, which is free and open to the public, is being co-sponsored by Sepulveda Unitarian Universalist Society and Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace. Members of our congregation are encouraged to attend.

Youth are encouraged to attend, and there will be a special breakoff meeting designed just for them in the afternoon.

PEACEMAKING: AN INTERFAITH IMPERATIVE

Moving Peacemaking to the Center of our Faith Traditions

3:00 pm to 5:30 pm, Sunday, February 22, 2009

St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

3646 Coldwater Canyon Blvd.
Studio City, CA 91604

Theological Foundations of Peacemaking

Moderator: The Rev. Anne Hines,
Emerson Unitarian Universalist Church

Featured Speakers

- **Rabbi Steven Jacobs**
Rabbi Emeritus, Temple Kol Tikvah
- **The Rev. Canon Henry L. Atkins**
St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church
- **Dr. Maher Hathout**
Spokesperson, Islamic Center of Southern California



Confronting the Casualties of War in our Community

Moderator: Virginia Classick, Valley Coord., Progressive Christians Uniting
Panel Topics and Panelists

Stopping US Sponsored Torture and Restoring our Nation's Soul —

Stephen Rohde, Constitutional lawyer and author

Welcoming the Stranger, Middle East Refugees in our Midst —

The Rev. Pam Tyler, Interfaith Refugee Immigration Services

Addressing Psychological Needs of Veterans —

Carol Tannenberg, PhD, The Soldiers Project

Interfaith Studies, a Pathway to Peace —

Mary Elizabeth Perry, PhD, Historian, All Saints Episcopal Church, Pasadena

We're Valley Interfaith Council but you can call us...

www.vic-la.org



Event co-sponsors:
Sepulveda Unitarian Universalist Society
Interfaith Communities United for Justice and Peace

CONGRATULATIONS DEACON CATHERINE!



Catherine was measured for her alb at Diocesan Convention
Photo courtesy of Treadwell Atkins



January 24, 2009: Bishop Talton makes it official. Photo courtesy of Margie Mullen



Deacon Wagar and the Reverend Canon Dr. Marilyn McCord Adams, who celebrated together at the 8:00 am Holy Eucharist the Sunday after Ordination. Photo courtesy of Margie Mullen

SUGAR FOOD CHALLENGE: UPDATE

In a January 11, 2009 Adult Forum program, Bruce Rankin and Catherine Wagar presented the results of the Ed Sugar Food Challenge. In early November, Ed had posed the question, "If I contributed one dollar for every parish member, how many families could we feed?"

Ed's contribution totaled \$275, representing slightly more than the 273 "communicants in good standing" currently on St. Mike's rolls. Catherine and Bruce defined family as "two adults and two elementary-school-aged children". Following the lead of local food pantries, they opted to obtain food for three meals per person per day, for three days, a total of thirty-six meals (4 people x 3 meals x 3 days).



Bruce Rankin with ten boxes of food for the hungry.

After creating a menu for three days, based on the idea of "Five-a-Day" nutrition—at least five servings of fruits and vegetables each day—shopping was done to establish a base cost for non-perishable foods needed for the menu. An additional estimate was made of the cost of produce and bread which would be likely to be provided by a food bank to the food pantry (potatoes, onions, carrots, tomatoes, cabbage, oranges, apples and bananas). Families would need to supply some perishables in order to prepare menu items, so a cost analysis was done of those as well (fluid milk, eggs, margarine, string cheese, mayo, celery, seasonings). Recipes were provided for the main dishes for lunches and dinners.

Shopping carefully for a demonstration box of food, the cost of providing nonperishable foods for three days was \$28.19. The additional estimated cost of produce and bread: \$17.36. The estimated cost of the family's perishables: \$12.40. Total: \$57.95, or \$1.61 per meal per person. Bruce noted that this reveals a 51 cents per meal gap between the real cost of this three-day scenario and the \$1.10 that the USDA Food Stamp Program provides per person per meal.

The Sugar Challenge money paid for TEN boxes of nonperishable foods (\$280.90 – the per-box cost is adjusted slightly from the demonstration box because of fluctuations in food prices), each weighing about 38 pounds. Including the demonstration food box Bruce and Catherine contributed, a total of 418 pounds of food was delivered to North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry as a result of the Sugar Challenge. When Ed reviewed the project's results, his question was predictable: "Great! What's our next move?"

We'll keep you posted!

WINTER/SPRING ADULT FORUM TOPICS

February 8: Anglican Spirituality with Fr. Atkins (Pt. 1)

February 15: Anglican Spirituality with Fr. Atkins (Pt. 2)

February 22: Peacemaking as an Interfaith Mission

March 1: The work of the Women's Care Cottage

March 8: Bruce Rankin will talk about the Middle East (Pt. 1)

March 15: Bruce Rankin will talk about the Middle East (Pt. 2)

March 22: Spirituality and Action with Fr. Atkins (Pt. 1)

March 29: Spirituality and Action with Fr. Atkins (Pt. 2)

April 5: Living Into Holy Week with Fr. Atkins

April 12: Easter Sunday, no Adult Forum

LENT AND HOLY WEEK CALENDAR

February 24: 6:30 PM, Parish Hall
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 25: Ash Wednesday Liturgy
Services at 12 noon and 7:30 pm

March 4: Holy Eucharist, 12:00 NOON, Chapel
Wednesday Holy Eucharist, weekly through Lent

April 5: Palm Sunday Procession and Holy Eucharist
The Passion will be read at the 10:30 service.

April 9: Maundy Thursday, 6:30 PM, Parish Hall
Agape Supper and Maundy Thursday Liturgy

April 10: Good Friday, 12:00 NOON, Sanctuary
Holy Eucharist and Stations of the Cross

April 11: The Great Vigil of Easter, 7:30 PM, Sanctuary
Holy Eucharist and Baptisms

April 12: Easter Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 AM
Holy Eucharist and music at both services.
Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 AM.
No Christian Education today.

CHRISTMAS EVE 2008 AT ST. MICHAEL'S



The Rev. Julian Bull,
and sons Malcolm
and Peter.



Jack and Callie
Crane, Shepherd
and Angel
respectively

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Our Mission Priority

Our mission priority is to focus on the United Nations' First Millennium Goal: To eradicate extreme hunger and poverty.