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Planning to Give: Thoughts on Stewardship

By the Reverend Dan Justin

Every year members of the church are asked to prayerfully consider making a pledge (an estimate of giving for the coming year). As Christians, we offer ourselves to God as living sacrifices. We offer our time, talent, and treasure in gratitude to God. It is a way of acknowledging that all we have is a gift from God. It is also a way to express our trust in God. Giving is an act of worship. There is also a practical side of stewardship. The parish operates based on donations of money. Your pledge supports all the ministries of the parish and helps make the daily operation of the parish possible.

How much should you give? This is an important question that only you can answer. Most importantly, your answer should not be motivated by feelings of guilt, nor a sense of duty. It should be based on good theology. Perhaps it would be helpful to explore a few potential answers to this question:

How much should I give?

Tithing is the biblical standard for stewardship. This means giving 10% of your income to God. When Jacob encountered God and saw the vision of the ladder, he received the promise that God would be with him, keep him, and bring him home, he made some promises back to God (Genesis 28). One of those promises was to give 10% of his income back to God in thanksgiving. The Old Testament is filled with examples of people committing to give 10%. It is also what God asks of people. The Episcopal Church hopes all its members will tithe. Many people in our parish tithe. Perhaps you would like to join us this year. By the way, there are many opinions on whether you tithe on your net or gross income. That can be up to you if you choose to tithe.

The Modern Tithe is a more recent idea that acknowledges the great joy of giving 10% while also recognizing that many people want to give to more than one place. Perhaps you want to practice the tithe but have other favorite charities you want to support. The Modern Tithe still dedicates 10% of your income

to be given back to God. 5% is given to the church, the other 5% is given to charities and/or organizations of your choice and which are important to you. You are still giving to God and practicing generosity, giving both to the church and to other places.



First Fruits Giving could be an option for those who are unsure what their annual income will be. Committing to First Fruits Giving simply means that when a paycheck or money is received, the very first thing you do is give a portion of it back

to God. You can decide on what that portion will be based on your own budget and needs. Perhaps it is a dollar amount. Alternatively, you could select a percentage. But before any other bills are paid, you give to God. These are your first fruits. Selecting an amount to write on your pledge card could be based on the previous year's total income. Remember, pledge cards are *estimates* of giving.

Proportional Giving recognizes that not everyone can give the same amount. For some people giving a small amount is a huge sacrifice. Who can forget the story of the widow in the temple who gave two pennies? Jesus tells his disciples that she had given far more than anyone else that day. Those who were wealthy gave in ways that made no real impact on their lives. Proportional giving understands that it is about equal sacrifice, not equal gifts.

Growing in Giving should be a goal we all have. Jesus teaches us to be generous people who share what we have. Stewardship is the ideal spiritual discipline. Stewardship is the tool by which God teaches us to be like Jesus, who gave everything because of his love. When I began giving to church I was only able to afford to give a small amount. I practiced proportional giving. What I gave seemed like a big sacrifice to me. Each year I tried to increase what I was

giving. Today I am happy to say that I tithe to the church. I give 10% of my income back to St. Michael's as an act of worship and gratitude to God. Honestly, it took a long time to get to the point where I was able to tithe. But each year I was committed to growing in giving. Make a plan and commitment to grow in giving. I am certain you will be glad you did.

How we give could be more important than how much we give!

Giving to the church is indeed an act of worship. Stewardship is synonymous with discipleship. Our attitude toward giving is important.

We should always give **gratefully**. First and foremost, giving is an opportunity to express our gratitude and worship to God. We recognize that all we have comes from God. Giving is a way of saying thank you.

We give **freely**. As I mentioned above, we should not give out of a sense of duty and we certainly should never give out of a sense of guilt. We should not give because we would be embarrassed if our name was not listed in the bulletin. We give freely because we love God and are offering thanks and praise to God. We give freely because we believe in the mission and ministry of the Church.

We give **cheerfully**. There is joy in giving and being generous. I can think of no one who came to the end of their life and regretted being generous. It is the other way around. People usually wish they had given more. Giving to God and helping others, supporting the life and ministry of the parish, is a great joy. We give to God cheerfully, not grumbling.

We give **obediently**. God commands us to give. We need to be givers more than God needs what we give. We learn to be followers of Jesus through giving. Jesus teaches that it is through giving we learn to seek first the kingdom of

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heaven. We learn that security does not come through material things but rather from God who provides for all our needs.

Finally, we give **intentionally**. Giving should never be an afterthought. That is why we ask people to prayerfully consider their annual pledge. Understand why you are giving what you plan to give. Be intentional. Perhaps you want to be intentional about growing in giving. Perhaps you want to be intentional about being more cheerful in giving. Think about these things; take time with your pledge card. Discuss it with your family and friends. Ask God to lead and guide you. This is what is meant by intentional giving.

Giving makes you a member!

The Episcopal Church defines membership in three ways: regular attendance in worship on Sunday morning, receiving communion at least three times a year, and making a financial contribution (a pledge) to the support the ministries of the parish. These three things also make you a "qualified elector." That is just a fancy way of saying that you can vote to elect members of the vestry at the annual meeting. The Diocese of Los Angeles requires that each parish publish a list of qualified electors prior to the annual meeting.

In conclusion, I hope these thoughts on giving assist you as you consider your 2017 pledge. Please remember, we complete new pledge cards each and every year. Also remember, these are nothing more than estimates of giving. The church is not going to send you a bill. If things change over the course of the year, you can easily notify the parish office of a change in your pledge amount.

The goal of the vestry and our stewardship committee is always 100% participation. It is our hope that each and every family or individual who attends St. Michael's will complete a pledge. We could achieve so much if all participated.

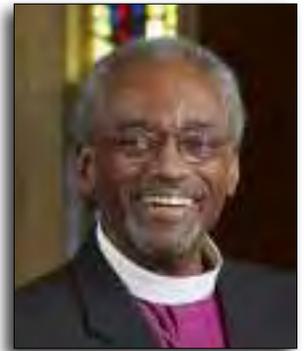
Please complete and return your pledge cards by November 20, 2016. You may either mail them to the church office or place them in the offering on a Sunday. November 20th will be the ingathering of pledges service bringing the formal stewardship campaign to a close.

If you have questions about stewardship, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Blessings,

Dan+

A Message from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry



This November we will gather together as a nation to vote not only to elect a new president, but to elect governmental leaders on a variety of levels.

We are blessed. We are blessed as a nation to be able to do so as citizens of this country. This is a right, an obligation, and a duty. And indeed, the right and the privilege to be able to vote is something that was won through an American revolution. Something that was won even more through civil rights and women's suffrage. A right and a privilege that was won for all. So I encourage you to please go and vote. Vote your conscience. Vote your perspective. But vote.

But it's not just simply a civil obligation and duty. Voting and participation in our government is a way of participating in our common life. And that is a Christian obligation. Indeed, we who follow in the Way of Jesus of Nazareth are summoned to participate actively as reflections of our faith in the civil process.

In the thirteenth chapter of Romans, sometimes a chapter that is debated among scholars and among Christians, St. Paul reminds us that we have a duty and an obligation to participate in the process of government, "For that is how our common life is ordered and structured." And at one point he actually says, "For the same reason," going on, he's expanding, he says, "For the same reason you also pay taxes for the authorities are God's servants, busy with everything." That's probably very true. "Pay to all them that is due them. Taxes to whom taxes are due. Revenue to whom revenue is due. Respect to whom respect is due. Honor to whom honor is due." Now he's talking about the role of government as helping to order our common life. But here's what I want you to really hear. He continues and says: "So owe no-one anything except to love one another. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments 'You shall not commit adultery', 'You shall not murder', 'You shall not steal', 'You shall not covet', any other commandment, they are all summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'. Love does no wrong to a neighbor, therefore love is the fulfilling of the law." For St. Paul, the way of love, the love of neighbor, is the fulfilling not only of the moral law of God, but the way to fulfill the civil law.

Go and vote. Vote your conscience. Your conscience informed by what it means to love your neighbor. To participate in the process of seeking the common good. To participate in the process of making this a better world. However you vote, go and vote. And do that as a follower of Jesus.

The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
Presiding Bishop and Primate
The Episcopal Church

October Birthdays

| Day | Name |
|-----|-----------------|
| 3 | Caitlyn Fields |
| 4 | Diane Collins |
| 5 | Bruce Rankin |
| 11 | Connor Smith |
| 15 | Marjie Hathaway |
| 20 | Hadley Brown |
| 26 | Ging Molera |

October Anniversaries

| Day | Name |
|-----|---------------------------------|
| 2 | Paul & Meredith Reese |
| 3 | Ging Molera & Amador Rondilla |
| 10 | David & Melissa Basta |
| 18 | Jaycen & Joyce Armstrong |
| 24 | André & Louisa Herrmann |
| 27 | John Schouweiler & Ann Hamilton |

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 administrator@stmikessc.org to let us know. Birthdays and Anniversaries will be celebrated on the last Sunday of each month.

Treasurer's Corner

August 2016—Revenue and Expense Summary

| | August Actual | August Budget | YTD Actual | YTD Budget |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|-------------|
| Total Revenue | \$ 28,316 | \$ 35,863 | \$319,689 | \$286,901 |
| Total Expense | 33,859 | 39,105 | 299,079 | 304,383 |
| Net | (\$ 5,543) | (\$ 3,242) | \$ 20,610 | (\$ 17,482) |

From the Vestry

Tina Wilson, Senior Warden
Ron Schwartz, Junior Warden



Last month, the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels was celebrated with a festive, choral Eucharist. This was followed by a delicious potluck lunch enjoyed by the parish family.

October 2nd is our pet blessing service with a general blessing in the church and individual blessings in the quad after church by the Ministry Center.



October 26th is our second St. Michael's Mid-Week class, it will start at 6:30 pm with a simple dinner provided. Please let the church office know if you can attend these wonderful classes.

This month we are participating in our Stewardship campaign. There will be opportunities for parish members to share their faith journey during both Sunday services. As the vestry works on a 2017 budget, it is crucial that we have a general idea what monies will come from pledges. So, please pray about how you will support the mission and ministries of St. Michael and All Angels.

Our choir is back providing beautiful music each Sunday and our Children's Ministry is providing a Christian experience for all the children each Sunday. Please join the parish family at either our 8:00 am or 10:30 am service as we share in God's message.

Slate of Nominees for Bishop Coadjutor

into the future



Paul Fromberg

Rachel Nyback

Anna Olson

John Taylor

Pierre Whalon

Mauricio Wilson

Six candidates have been nominated for bishop coadjutor of the Diocese of Los Angeles. The bishop coadjutor will be elected by Diocesan Convention at its meeting December 2-3 in Ontario, California. The coadjutor-elect will succeed Los Angeles Bishop Diocesan J. Jon Bruno upon his retirement. The candidates are:

- **The Rev. Paul Fromberg**, 55, rector of St. Gregory of Nyssa, San Francisco, has served in ministry in Texas and California (Bay Area) with outreach, cathedral, youth, and liturgical specializations.
- **The Rev. Rachel Nyback**, 46, rector of St. Cross, Hermosa Beach, has served in ministry in Southern California and Washington D.C. after teaching in Kuwait.
- **The Rev. Anna Olson**, 45, rector of St. Mary's, (Mariposa Avenue) Los Angeles, has served in ministry in Southern California including as Los Angeles director of the non-profit Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice
- **The Rev. Canon John Taylor**, 61, is vicar of St. John Chrysostom, a south Orange County congregation with an affiliated day school of 425 students, pre-K to eighth grade, since 2004. Previously, from 1990 to 2007, Taylor was director of the Richard M. Nixon

Presidential Library, having served the former president as chief of staff.

- **The Rt. Rev. Pierre Whalon**, 63, bishop of the Paris-based Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, Florida, and Pennsylvania with experience in international, interfaith, and financial initiatives.
- **The Rev. Mauricio Wilson**, 50, rector of St. Paul's, Oakland, has served in ministry in Costa Rica, New York, and California (Bay Area) following his career as a banker-auditor beginning with Coopers & Lybrand.

Detailed biographical information and candidates' replies to questions submitted by the search committee will be published in upcoming editions of The Episcopal News and posted to the diocesan website.

Within the Episcopal Church, a bishop coadjutor is elected to succeed a bishop diocesan upon his or her retirement or resignation, and to assist the diocesan in ministry for a period prior to official installation as bishop diocesan. Pending necessary consents of the dioceses and bishops of the Episcopal Church, liturgical rites welcoming the new bishop are planned for July 8, 2017.

Adapted from The Episcopal News

Opportunities to Meet the Candidates

All members of the diocese are welcome to attend one of four regional forums to meet the candidates for bishop coadjutor. The forum dates, times, and locations are as follows:

- **Orange County:** Friday, October 7th, 6:00-9:00 pm, St. George's Episcopal Church, 23802 Avenida de la Carlota, Laguna Hills.
- **Los Angeles County:** Saturday, October 8th, 10:00am-1:00 pm, Campbell Hall Episcopal School, Laurel Canyon Blvd, Studio City.
- **Ventura/Santa Barbara County:** Saturday, October 8th, 3:00-6:00 pm, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3290 Loma Vista Road, Ventura.
- **Inland Empire:** Sunday, October 9th, 1:00-4:00 pm, Trinity Episcopal Church, 419 S. 4th Street, Redlands.

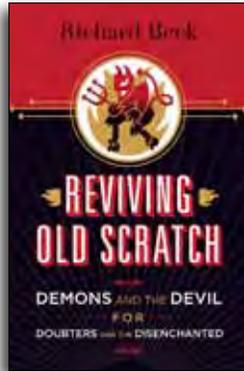
The Los Angeles County forum will also be webcast via the diocesan website: www.ladiocese.org.

October Mid-Week

All are welcome to the October Mid-Week class and discussion. We will gather on **Wednesday, October 26th, at 6:30 pm.** We will begin with dinner, followed by class and discussion. The entire event will end by 8:30 pm. Our topic for October:

Reviving Old Scratch: Spiritual Warfare in a World Without the Devil

According to author Richard Beck, "The devil has fallen on hard times." Many people in the church today no longer believe in a literal devil. People have enough difficulty believing in God, much less God's old adversary. Yet, the Bible is filled with language about the devil, demons, evil, and an ongoing war between God and the enemy. Where does spiritual warfare come into play in the church today? What do we make of all this? This class will explore the major points of Richard Beck's book, *Reviving Old Scratch: Demons and Devils for Doubters and the Disenchanted*. It may just be the perfect class as we get ready for Halloween!



If you plan to attend, please RSVP by e-mail to Duane Steadman at administrator@stmikessc.org.

Sunday School Needs You!

By Amber Russo

As the Children's Pastor at St. Michael's, I have the exciting task of making sure our children are learning, growing in faith, and having fun each Sunday. Every week our kids gather in the Ministry Center to sing and then head outdoors or to one of the classrooms for a lesson. Our time together involves a lot of laughter and fun.



We have scavenger hunts, put on plays, play games, and do fun crafts all while learning about the Bible and growing in faith. As the children's faith grows, so do their relationships with God and one another. It is truly wonderful to see and I feel blessed to be a part of it each week.

A few weeks ago I encouraged every member of St. Michael's to volunteer to teach with us just one Sunday a year. We have an amazing group of teachers, but there are only a handful of us and we need more help. That means we need YOU! I encourage you to come join us just one Sunday a year. No experience is necessary, and everything will be prepared and sent to you in advance. Come play with us! You never know, you may enjoy it so much that you just might volunteer more than once a year.

If you have questions please find me after church. You can also send me an e-mail at childrenspastor@stmikessc.org.

Crop Hunger Walk (5k and Tot Walk)

Save the Date—Sunday, November 6th

By Nancy Woods

This will be the third year that St. Michael's will participate in the Crop Hunger Walk occurring this year on **Sunday, November 6, 2016.**

Registration is at 12:30 pm and the walk starts at 1:30pm at Northridge United Methodist Church, 9650 Reseda Boulevard, Northridge CA 91234.

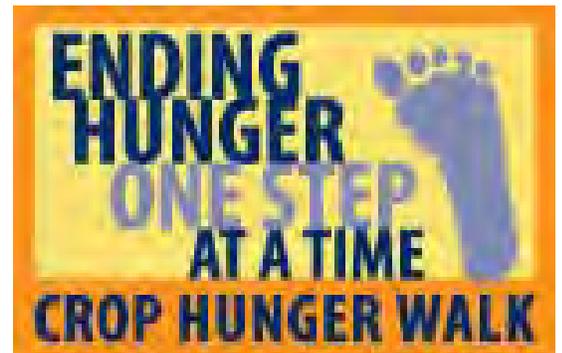
Last year we had another great turnout of parishioners who actually walked the walk, parishioners who supported the walk by a donation from the Outreach budget funded through our pledges, and those who made individual donations and sent contributions from family and friends.

We all had a great time and looked great in our purple St. Michael's Crop Walk T-shirts. We were quite visible walking the route in Northridge with passersby honking, waving, and cheering us on. If you want to walk and

do not already have a T-shirt, you can sign up at church the first two weeks in October. You can also pre-register at Coffee Hour in October.

St. Michael's mission priority focuses on the United Nations' First Millennium Goal: To eradicate extreme hunger and poverty. (Think North Hollywood Interfaith Food Pantry and the Sunday Sack Lunch program which is distributed by MEND.) Crop Hunger Walk is a charitable walking event that fights hunger here in the San Fernando Valley and worldwide.

Our local Crop Hunger Walk is a community fundraising event sponsored by faith communities in the San Fernando Valley. The money raised helps our neighbors in need and also provides food, medical care, disaster relief, and self-help development for needy people around the world.



This fun event is for the whole family. You can walk the walk, the kids can do the Tot Walk, volunteer that day, cheer on Team St. Michael's and raise money from your friends, relatives, and co-workers toward this worthy cause.

For details, watch for the official brochure, announcements in the Sunday bulletin, and check it out on the web at SFVCropwalk@yahoo.com

If you have any questions, contact Nancy Woods at nancyjwoods@roadrunner.com, call 818.769.2820 or ask any member of the Outreach Committee.

Youth Group Plans Busy Year

By the Rev. Stefanie Wilson Brown



Next Youth Group Meetings

Sunday, October 2, from the conclusion of the Blessing of the Animals to 1:30 pm, the high school youth group will meet in The Loft of the Ministry Center. We will be talking about St. Francis himself!

The following **Sunday, October 9**, the Middle School youth group will meet in The Loft of the Ministry Center from 11:30 (or whenever the service ends) until 1:30 pm.

Service Day with the Do Good Bus

On **November 5, from 9:00 am-2:30 pm**, the Youth Group is hopping on The Do Good Bus (<http://dogoodbus.com/index.php/ride-with-us-2/public-rides/>) to do service projects with Project Giving Kids and Karma Rescue. It is a day of service built around working with animals and pets.

We will meet at St. Michael's at 9:00 am, then drive to Universal Studios to hop on the bus, and I will drop back off at St. Mikes.

We have reserved a block of tickets for the bus. Please notify the Rev. Stefanie Wilson Brown (wilsonsc@campbellhall.org) if this is something your child is interested in. I need to confirm how many riders I will be bringing by October 7.

Bowling Night

If you have not already, mark your calendars for Youth Group Bowling Night on **Saturday, October 15**. We will meet at Pinz on Ventura at

4:45 pm. Pick up is at 7:00 pm. I will send out an email soon asking for RSVPs.

CROP Walk

St. Mikes participates annually in the Crop Walk to help raise money to feed the hungry. This year it is on **November 6** at Northridge United Methodist Church, 9650 Reseda Boulevard, Northridge CA 91234. Registration is at 12:30 and the walk is at 1:30. For the last 3 years, the youth group has had fun going and walking (or running) together. I will be going that day to the walk. I can drive people to the walk and back to St. Michael's (if your whole family is not going). RSVP with Nancy Woods to make sure that you get a t-shirt.

Holiday Cheer

Save the date! Holiday Cheer is on **December 10**. In the past, the Youth Group has helped facilitate games and sports for the children to play. It is a great day at St. Mikes!!

Volunteering or Being a Delegate for Diocesan Convention...

Apply to volunteer or to be a delegate at the diocesan convention. Anyone 16 and over can apply to be a delegate. The convention is **December 2 and 3**. Applications and more information can be found here: <http://www.pgym.la/youth-delegate> or <http://www.pgym.la/volunteer>

From the diocesan website: "Young people in the Diocese have been celebrating and learning about their call to ministry

throughout the years by participating in the annual Conventions. This year will be an exciting year to be a member of the official Diocesan Youth Presence. Each one of the ten Deaneries provides a seat, voice, and vote for one youth delegate and one youth alternate. This is a unique opportunity to address the current issues discussed and to advocate for the needs of young people.

To be a Delegate you must attend the mandatory Youth Assembly on **Saturday, November 5th**, and the Youth Presence training on **Saturday, November 19th**. Both will be at the Cathedral Center at 11:00 am Lunch will be provided. There is a \$125 fee to help cover a portion of two hotel nights and food expenses for Convention.

If you are in school, we can provide a release letter for you for Friday. You must provide for your own transportation to and from the Convention location and be picked up in a timely manner at the conclusion of Convention."

High School Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

This summer, the Diocese is inviting anyone ages 14-17 to visit the Holy Land. This is an incredible trip! It will be **August 1-12, 2017**. It costs \$3,500, but scholarships are available! Sign up to get more information here: <http://www.pgym.la/pilgrimage-1/>.

Blessing of the Costumes

All children of the parish are invited to wear their Halloween Costumes to church on **Sunday, October 30th**. Children will be invited forward during the announcements. They will show off their costumes and receive a special blessing. All children are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing even if they choose not to wear a costume that day.



Missed My Daughter's Birth

By Ann Hamilton

I missed my daughter's birth—because I wasn't there. I was 8,000 miles away in Los Angeles when she was born. If I look back at my writing journal, on that day I find notes about a potential TV pitch—*Lethal Weapon* “with a female.” I was working up TV pilot ideas as my daughter was being born. Possibly. I don't know if she was born in the morning or afternoon. I don't know anything about her mother or her mother's labor, but at some point on that day, my daughter was born and taken to I.M.H., the International Mission of Hope orphanage on Nimak Mahal Road in Kolkata. Did my daughter's mother cry? Did she kiss her baby girl on the cheek and wish her a good life?

I don't know. But eight months later my husband and I went to the international terminal at LAX where a woman from the adoption agency handed us a small, screaming baby wearing a fluffy pink dress. Did I mention the screaming? It was more like a banshee wail. “Here's your daughter,” the adoption lady told me. “She was very well behaved for the first eighteen hours of the flight. But she got a little cranky during the last four hours.”

A twenty-two hour flight? I'd be screaming, too.

“Here's your daughter.” My husband and I said later it was like getting a baby delivered by L. L. Bean. At the time we adopted, parents didn't travel to India to pick up their children. Babies were sent from the orphanage with adoption workers, the babies tucked into wicker baskets and flown to various airports around the world to meet their new parents.

I wasn't there to hear my daughter's first cry, to have her handed to me by a nurse, to feel her warm body cradled in my arms. To see her eyes open. To recognize the voice she'd been hearing for months—“Hey, you. I'm your mom,” I would have told her.

Instead I stood in an airport and tried desperately to comfort a shrieking eight-month old. A bottle, a pacifier, a toy. Nothing worked. We were strangers, an instant family she hadn't asked for.

I didn't give birth to her. I missed labor—well, *missed* isn't exactly the right word. “Oh, it feels like period cramps,” I said brightly to my husband as we were driving to the hospital to deliver our first child. (Women who have given birth, insert laughter here.) Fifteen hours of labor (period cramps times *a billion*), the option of a high forceps delivery or a C-section, we chose the C-section. Yep, it hurt. But worth

it? Well, duh. And worth it enough to try again? Of course.

Except it didn't work out a second time. Our beautiful, much loved son needed a sibling. After some forays into the torturous land of fertility treatment, we gave up and embraced adoption, which offered its own version of torture. Paperwork, visits from social workers, more paperwork—in a way, it was like a different kind of pregnancy. No morning sickness (hooray), but delays, complications, plenty of frustration. With the adoption in process, we awaited news. One day we received a Fed-Ex package with a single sheet of paper inside. Stapled to the top, a tiny photo of a sweet-faced infant, her mouth open in an O. Information on the mother—unknown. At the orphanage the baby had been given the name Subhra. At birth she weighed three pounds four ounces and was sixteen inches long.

“Present living conditions—At I.M.H. under the care of fully trained staff and 24 hr. doctors.”

We knew the children were well cared for at I.M.H.—attended by *massis* (aunties in Bengali), touched and cuddled and fed. We have a few pictures of our daughter at I.M.H.—one is marked, “Subhra's crib.” In other photos she is being held by Urmela, her *massi*. They both look happy.

My daughter's entry into her new life was probably as confusing for her as it was for us. The surprise was her instant affection for her brother. He, naturally, was nervous about a new sister. But she adored him and wanted to be with him all the time. Any apprehension he had—*poof*—it was gone.

Over the years I've talked with my daughter about her adoption. About her orphanage, the *massis*, the love and nurturing at I.M.H., the contact we've kept up with Bal Jagat, the wonderful adoption agency that brought our daughter to us.

“But you like my brother better than me because he was in your tummy,” she would say to me.

“No, I love you both. You weren't in my tummy, you were here.” And I put her hand on my heart. “I'm super lucky. To have a birth child and a heart child.”

I missed the day of her birth, but that's the only birthday I've missed.

Happy birthday my heart child.

Holiday Cheer

Saturday, December 10,
9:00 am-2:00 pm



By Meredith Reese

Once again, St. Michael's will host over 80 families from MEND (Meet Each Need with Dignity) and Guardian Angel/Good Shepherd. We'll shop for and distribute presents and outfits for every attending child. We'll play games, sports, music, make crafts, comedy, meet Santa, and more all at a party to spread cheer and make a difference in the lives of those who need it most.

Our first planning meeting is during the monthly Outreach Meeting **Sunday, October 9, 9:00 am.** The big meeting where we will share more details and answer questions will be **Sunday, November 13, 12:00 pm.**

During tough times, it feels easiest to give up and not know how a single person can make a difference. At Holiday Cheer year after year, I see volunteers connect with children, and their families, and I do believe our small interactions help make a difference. We support MEND's mission to eradicate poverty, and Good Shepherd's promise to provide a safe home to mothers in need, just by showing our guests that they are welcome and deserve a happy holiday. Please join the party again at St. Michael's, and join an important, meaningful Holiday celebration so each and every person's light can shine a little brighter.

Thank you to those who make Holiday Cheer part of their holiday tradition. I know it has been a huge part of my family's and we appreciate all that you do.





The Calendar

October 2016

Sunday Schedule • Sunday Services are 8:00 am (no choir) and 10:30 am (with choir) in the Sanctuary.
 • Adult Learning Opportunity begins at 9:15 in the Ministry Center
 • Sunday School begins at 10:30 am.
 • Coffee Hour immediately follows the 10:30 am service.

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Locations:

CO Church Office
 MR Music Room
 FR Fireside Room
 MC Ministry Center
 L The Loft (formerly the stage)
 S Sanctuary

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2 Pentecost 20
 (Proper 22)

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (S)
 9:15 am Adult Education (MC)
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist and
 Blessing of Animals(S)
 10:30 am Sunday School
 11:30 am Coffee Hour (MC)
 11:30 am HS Youth Group (L)

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7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
 (MR)

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9 Pentecost 21
 (Proper 23)

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (S)
 9:00 am St. Michael's Outreach (FR)
 9:15 am Adult Education (MC)
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist (S)
 10:30 am Sunday School
 11:30 am Coffee Hour (MC)
 11:30 am MS Youth Group (L)

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7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
 (MR)

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6:30 pm Halloween Party
 (Connors-Morales
 Home)

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4:45 pm Youth Group
 Bowling at Pinz

16 Pentecost 22
 (Proper 24)

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (S)
 9:15 am Adult Education (MC)
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist (S)
 10:30 am Sunday School
 11:30 am Coffee Hour (MC)

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18 St. Luke

7:00 pm Vestry (L)

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7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
 (MR)

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23 Pentecost 23
 (Proper 25)

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (S)
 9:15 am Adult Education (MC)
 10:30 am Holy Eucharist (S)
 10:30 am Sunday School
 11:30 am Coffee Hour (MC)
 11:30 am Prayer Shawl Ministry (MC)

24 St. James of
 Jerusalem

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6:30 pm Mid-Week (MC)

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7:15 pm Choir Rehearsal
 (MR)

28 St. Simon &
 St. Jude

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30 Pentecost 24
 (Proper 26)

8:00 am Holy Eucharist (S)
 9:15 am Adult Education (MC)
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