

# MIKE'S MISSAL

February 2019

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## ANNUAL MEETING 2019 ALMOST COMPLETE...

The St. Michael's Annual Meeting for 2019 took place on January 27<sup>th</sup>, following the 11:00 Eucharist. Carolyn Demps was elected as Junior Warden; new Vestry members Linda Calloway, Tom Robinson, and Judy Phillips were elected to three-year terms, and Debi Smith and David Zittel were elected to fill two remaining one-year terms that were previously vacant. Thank you to all our new Vestry members for your willingness to serve!

The Annual Budget for 2019, previously approved by the Vestry, was also presented and received. This is currently a "Faith Budget", with a year-end deficit that we are confident can be made up by the time it is needed. The budget as presented is very much a draft document, as church budgets are always works in progress. We anticipate receiving additional pledges and donations as the year progresses, and the Vestry will be watching closely to make necessary adjustments over the coming months. We are also in the process of acquiring the necessary technology and skills to allow for electronic and online giving to St. Michael's, as this is clearly a greater convenience for many people. Additional copies of the Annual Reports (including the 2019 budget) are available in the parish office or InGathering Space.

Four candidates (John Hartley, Judy Kellogg, Christi Madden, and Valerie Green McCallester) were presented and approved as Delegates and Alternates for 2019 Diocesan Convention.

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Because of a miscommunication regarding the election process at St. Michael's, the exact positions of "who is a delegate and who is an alternate" were not directly established by congregational vote at the meeting, as would have been proper.

For this reason, there will be another opportunity to vote for Delegates and Alternates to Diocesan Convention on Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. The candidate list remains as listed above; the candidate who receives the largest number of votes will be sent as First Delegate; the candidate with the second-largest number of votes will be the Second Delegate; the candidate with the third-largest number of votes will be the First Alternate, and the remaining candidate will be Second Alternate.

This year Diocesan Convention will be held in Norman, with St. Michael's as the host parish. Convention dates are October 31-November 2. The delegates for this Convention will also serve as voting delegates for the election of the next Bishop of the Diocese of Oklahoma. That election is tentatively scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

Thanks once again, to all who have stepped forward in service to the St. Michael's family!



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## THANK YOU NOTES FROM FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS

January 19, 2019

Rev. Jason Haddox & Valerie Green  
 St. Michael's Episcopal Church  
 1601 W. Imhoff Rd.  
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Dear Rev. Haddox & Valerie,

Thank you so much for once again sponsoring BARHD secondary school students in southwest Uganda.

The Church's recent contribution to BARHD will support the education of 10 students for one year, including tuition, room and board, and canteen funds. Their check for \$4,250.00 on 1/14/19 is fully tax-deductible.

The 2019 Ugandan secondary school year will begin in February, and will continue until next December. I expect your students to return to school this year, but if any of them do not return, I'll assign a new student to you and let you know about it in April.

Thank you again for your continued support of our program. In 2018, we found sponsors for 292 secondary students and 25 university students. Your gift of an education means so very much to these young Ugandans and their families.

Sincerely,

Jo Ann Parsons  
 Orphan Program Coordinator

[jjparsons@yahoo.com](mailto:jjparsons@yahoo.com)  
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*Thank you!*

*Dear Jocelyn, Jan. 10, 2019  
 and Suzanne, Joyce,  
 Valerie & Donna,*

*You are so kind*

*Thank you ever so much  
 for being a part of the  
 "Kindness Crew" that  
 so warm-heartedly  
 served our friends &  
 family at our mother's  
 funeral. With love,  
 Cheryl Orth Chapman*

## FEBRUARY 8, 2019 - WILD MEN'S NIGHT OUT GOES CO-ED - WOMEN ARE WELCOME.

On Friday, February 8, 2019, in honor of Saint Valentine's Day, Wild Men's Night Out once again welcomes the women of St. Michael's to join us.

While many people will be there as couples, we do have a tradition of both men and women attending without partners. All women of Saint Michael's are welcome. The official start time is 7:00 pm but we often have people arriving well before 7:00.

In addition to charcoal-grilled steaks, southwestern smoked chicken will be available, lovingly prepared by Richard Hancock. For the ladies, the steak selection is \$15.00 while the chicken selection is free of charge. Salad, baked potatoes, garlic bread, vegetables and a fruit selection complete the menu. Another variation is that wine will be available in addition to the many choices of ales and specialty brewed beverages.

The only requirements are that you sign up ahead of time (in the InGathering Space), that you make clear your menu choice, and that you have fun!



## THE LANGUAGE OF EACH HEART:

### A Discussion Group of Poetry and the Bible

This discussion group is being offered monthly through April, on the first Sunday of the month, 2:30-4:30 in the afternoon, in the library at St. Michael's. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 3 March. No advance preparation is necessary. For more information, Contact Mary Leader, at (405) 819-5784 or at [marybryceleader@gmail.com](mailto:marybryceleader@gmail.com).

## ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR



St. Michel's Adult Choir is welcoming new members. There are immediate openings for all voice ranges. Requirements include the desire to "Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord". Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:30 – 9:00 and Sunday mornings from 10:15 – 10:50. The choir then provides musical leadership to the congregation during the Sunday morning worship from 11:00 – 12:30. Please contact Jon Robert, Organist and Choirmaster.



Invite • Welcome • Connect®

Recently a number of conversations around St. Michael's have asked the question: How can we be more inviting, to welcome new people into the life of this wonderful church we love so much?

One answer to that question is the *Invite-Welcome-Connect* ministry, begun in the Diocese of Texas and now utilized across the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. From their website: "*Invite-Welcome-Connect* is a ministry of relational evangelism and congregational empowerment allowing churches to become places of genuine connection for inviting the faith journeys and stories of everyone, enabling deeper journeys of Christian discipleship and

enabling the Spirit of Christ to be at the heart of each church's hospitable mission of spreading the Good News. *Invite-Welcome-Connect* has circulated throughout the Episcopal Church and, to date, has been presented in 50 dioceses, at three Episcopal seminaries, and in three universities.”

<http://www.invitewelcomeconnect.com/menu-1-3/>

The Diocese of Oklahoma offered an introduction to this program some months ago, and Fr. Jason, Amy Gardner, and Rick and Donna Young attended the presentation at St. Paul's Cathedral. Now, Fr. Tony Moon from the Diocese will be with us on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> to help us discover how to use the *Invite-Welcome-Connect* tools to reach out to our neighbors in Norman. We will be gathering at University Lutheran Church, 914 Elm Avenue, starting at 9:00 a.m. and finishing by noon. Please RSVP to the church office, [administrator@stmichaelsnorman.org](mailto:administrator@stmichaelsnorman.org) or (405) 321-8951 so we can plan accordingly, and come learn more about this way of extending the love and welcome of St. Michael's into the wider world!

## FEBRUARY VESTRY MEETING

The monthly Vestry Meeting will be on Sunday, 17 February at 12:30. All are welcome to attend. Please let Fr. Jason know at least a week ahead of time if you have something you would like to present to the Vestry.

## AN INVITATION TO LENT

Easter 2019 (April 21<sup>st</sup>) is almost as late as it can be in the annual calendar. But it is not too soon to start getting ready! The season of Lent is the “getting ready time”, particularly for those who are going to be baptized at Easter. This year we have a significant number of candidates (children and adults) who will be

making that journey to the cross, the empty tomb, and the font, and we will walk with them. But what about those of us who were baptized years ago, who don't have any memory of that day, or why it matters? Lent is for you as well.

The season of Lent is a gift intended especially for those who are turning to the way of Christ in some new way.

It may be that your Christian faith has only been a family tradition – until now. If this is the moment for you or your household to become intentional about following the way of Christ, Lent is for you.

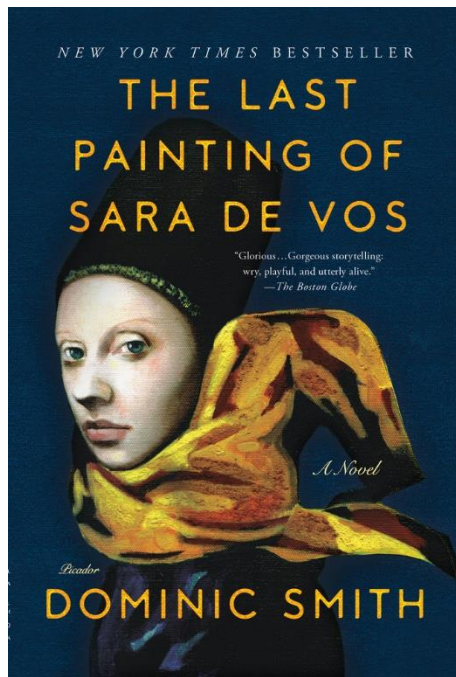
It may be that your faith has been a private affair— until now. If you are ready to make common cause with other disciples of Jesus, Lent is for you.

It may be that Christ has always seemed a distant figure to you – until now. If this is the moment for you to deepen your relationship with Christ, Lent is for you.

If you would like to know how to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Fr. Jason ([rector@stmichaelsnorman.org](mailto:rector@stmichaelsnorman.org), (706)-945-3712) to explore walking your own course through Lent. And remember that we will all walk the path with you.

## BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP 17 February at 2:30 in the library

Amsterdam, 1631: Sara de Vos becomes the first woman to be admitted as a master painter to the city's Guild of St. Luke. Though women do not paint landscapes (they are generally restricted to indoor subjects), a wintry outdoor scene haunts Sara: She cannot shake the image of a young girl from a nearby village, standing alone beside a silver birch at dusk, staring out at a group of skaters on the frozen river below. Defying the expectations of her time, she decides to paint it.



## ECW MEETING

There will be an Episcopal Church Women's meeting held on 24 February, at 12:30. Discussion items will include the ECW Retreat of 2019. At this time we are looking for a location other than Oakerhater Lodge. All will be revealed at this meeting.

## QUILT WORKSHOP #5



New York City, 1957: The only known surviving work of Sara de Vos, *At the Edge of a Wood*, hangs in the bedroom of a wealthy Manhattan lawyer, Marty de Groot, a descendant of the original owner. It is a beautiful but comfortless landscape. The lawyer's marriage is prominent but comfortless, too. When a struggling art history grad student, Ellie Shipley, agrees to forge the painting for a dubious art dealer, she finds herself entangled with its owner in ways no one could predict.

Sydney, 2000: Now a celebrated art historian and curator, Ellie Shipley is mounting an exhibition in her field of specialization: female painters of the Dutch Golden Age. When it becomes apparent that both the original *At the Edge of a Wood* and her forgery are en route to her museum, the life she has carefully constructed threatens to unravel entirely and irrevocably.

**Church Offices closed  
Monday, 18 February  
in observance of Presidents' Day**

The next quilt workshop will be held on Sunday 24 February, at 12:30. This could be the last get together for the final quilt assembly. This coincides with the ECW Meeting that Sunday. What fun, you will be able to enjoy both functions at the same time. Multi-tasking is our specialty!!!

## SERVANTS OF THE SERVICE: Readers, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers

In this new year I would like to see each of us model ministry to St. Michael's Church Community by "Leading by Example" in serving as a reader, or altar minister, during the Sunday liturgy.

It is a great experience for all, young and old alike, to embark upon in life. By joining this ministry, you share your gifts of time and talent with the St. Michael's family. I know

that life is very busy, but taking the time once or twice a month will lead to an offering to yourself that will cause you to reflect on your life's journey.

I would ask you to consider volunteering for one or all these positions, for the service times that you attend here at St. Michael's. Training for these responsibilities (crucifer, server, eucharistic minister) will be offered as part of preparation. Training for readers will also be provided as a separate but equally important ministry, the proclamation of the Word of God.

Thanks for taking the time to consider this very important ministry. Please contact me (Rick Young, 405-637-636) or Fr. Jason at (706) 945-3712 or Amy McGovern at (405)-606-9459. Thank you!

## COMMUNICATION DEADLINES

If you would like information to be sent out in the weekly e-mail news on Tuesday, please have that information to the office, in writing, by noon on Tuesday.

If you would like something to be printed in *Mike's Missal* monthly newsletter, please have that information (again, in writing) to the office by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Help us keep each other informed about all the great things going on at St. Michael's and in the wider Church and community! Thank you!

## FOR YOUR DINING PLEASURE



### WILD MEN'S NIGHT OUT

Valentine's Celebration, see page 2

### WICKED WOMEN

Cancelled in February

### WISE WOMEN LUNCHEON

Our next luncheon will be  
23 February, at 11:30.

### SOAR

### *Singles Outreach and Resource* (but it's not just for singles)

St. Michael's SOAR (Singles Outreach and Resource) will meet for lunch on Sunday, 24 February, at Blackbird Gastropub, 575 S. University. Guests, friends, family, neighbors and couples are always welcome to join in this lunch fellowship.

For more information, please contact Paula Magarian, paulanimals@yahoo.com.



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01	Jon Roberts
02	Betty Falato
02	Debi Smith
04	Karl Haist
05	Carol Zerboni-Rhodes
07	Espen Ekadis
12	Donna Young
13	Tracey Johnson
14	Basha Hartley
20	Howard Moore
22	John Madden
22	David Cook
24	Robert Mansfield
26	Rachel Gray
29	Rachel Cook

## FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

None on record in the church office.  
(Have we missed anybody?)

## THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL NORMAN CHRISTMAS DAY COMMUNITY DINNER

Pleasant weather on Christmas Day 2018 brought people in droves to the 32nd Annual Christmas Day Community Dinner at the Norman High School Commons. Many dedicated volunteers came together to make this Community Dinner a huge success. The number of attendees was a record breaker. We distributed over 2300 meals.

Those who came to partake in a traditional Christmas meal and desserts from La Baguette knew they'd receive good food and a warm welcome. Hundreds of smiling faces were ready to serve them. The highlights of the day had to be Santa and Mrs. Claus and their helpers distributing toys, gloves, scarves, hats, jackets, toiletries, and candy to the children, and handing out gifts to adults in our Toy Room.

We hope that everyone knows that this dinner is free and is *open to everyone* – those who may need a place to eat or to share the Christmas Spirit with others. We were touched and delighted to serve those who told us they had lost their jobs and would have had no Christmas without this dinner, and others who had lost their loved ones and didn't want to be alone on Christmas Day.

This year we had more toys than ever before, thanks to those in the community that responded. Special thanks to our Youth Group for making center pieces for the tables, and purchasing toys for the dinner. Many thanks to the leadership of Deacon Laura Blazek for a job well-done. Thanks also to the OEC Foundation for the grant; Norman Board of Realtors for toys, and Morningstar Storage, our official toy drop-off site for the toys. To witness the spirit of giving from this community is immensely rewarding.

Happy New Year!  
Bob Magarian, Founder & Director



# FEBRUARY 2019

St. Michael's, Contacts, Holidays in United States

Feb 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 12:30pm - Parish	28	29 7pm - EfM	30 5:30pm - Contempla 6:30pm - Knitting 6:30pm - Lectio 7:30pm - Choir	31 10am - Bible Study 11am - Holy	1 2 <b>Vestry Academy @ St. Crispin's Conference</b>	
3 2:30pm - Poetry and	4	5 7pm - EfM	6 5:30pm - Contempla 6:30pm - Knitting 6:30pm - Lectio 7:30pm - Choir	7 10am - Bible Study 11am - Holy	8 1:30pm - Food for 7pm - Wild Men's	9 10:30am - Food for
10	11	12 <b>Elections</b> 7pm - EfM	13 5:30pm - Contempla 6:30pm - Knitting 6:30pm - Lectio 7:30pm - Choir	14 <b>Valentine's Day</b> 10am - Bible Study 11am - Holy 11:30am - Finance	15	16 9am - Invite,
17 12:30pm - Vestry 2:30pm - Book	18 <b>Offices Closed</b> <b>Presidents' Day</b>	19 7pm - EfM	20 5:30pm - Contempla 6:30pm - Knitting 6:30pm - Lectio 7:30pm - Choir	21 10am - Bible Study 11am - Holy	22	23 11:30am - Wise
24 12:30pm - ECW 12:30pm - Quilt 12:30pm - SOAR	25	26 7pm - EfM	27 5:30pm - Contempla 6:30pm - Knitting 6:30pm - Lectio 7:30pm - Choir	28 10am - Bible Study 11am - Holy	1	2

For the most up to date calendar events log on to:  
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