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Messenger

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Our Purpose

*To bring the light, love and joy of
Jesus Christ into this world – by living the written
word, sharing the living word, and loving without
exception.*

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Sunday morning (Sept 23rd), the worship schedule stayed the same, but everyone had the opportunity to hear Mike Demmon preach, and Deb, Aaron and Libby added to the music for the services. Following the service at 10:30 am, there was a luncheon to finish off this hectic but very inspirational weekend. Our visitors left with our heartfelt thanks and praise and returned to Pittsburgh via Niagara Falls.

The Evangelism Team will be having a follow-up meeting Sunday, September 30th, but that will not be the last of it. You can be sure that EVANGELISM will be a very visible part of the life of St. Michael and All Angels Church in the months and years ahead.

The Editor

Take a Stand Against Crime

Join a Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch, Block Watch, Town Watch, Building Watch, Crime Watch – whatever the name, it's one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear. Neighborhood Watch fights the isolation that crime both creates and deeds upon. It forges bonds among area residents, helps reduce burglaries and robberies, and improves relations between police and the communities they serve.

What does a neighborhood watch do? A neighborhood Watch is neighbors helping neighbors. They are extra eyes and ears for reporting crime and helping neighbors. Members meet their neighbors; learn how to make their homes more secure, watch out for each other and the neighborhood, and report activity that raises their suspicions to the police or sheriff's office.

TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH!

THE EVENT

Life Enhancement for Caregivers & Seniors

I bet you thought you had heard the last of **The Event**. Well, I guess not! I personally would like to thank everyone who helped and supported the event. For those who were not able to attend any of the activities, I will try to recap the event.

Friday afternoon (Sept 21st), The Rev Canon John Macdonald and seminarians Deb Leighton, Aaron Zimmerman, Charles Jenkins and newlyweds Mike & Libby Demmon arrived. Light refreshments were served and they were able to meet their Host and/or Hostess for the weekend. The festivities began with a Pot Luck Dinner at 6 pm. We had table discussions, a PowerPoint presentation on Evangelism and the evening ended with Compline led by Charles Jenkins. 27 people attended on Friday.

Saturday morning (Sept 22nd) began early with the arrival of the exhibitors that included Hospice of Buffalo; Meals on Wheels of Erie County; The Department of Senior Services of Erie County, along with a representative of EPIC; City of Buffalo Fire Prevention Bureau and the seminarians were available to answer questions. Each exhibitor gave a short oral presentation and was available for one-on-one discussion. The committee was a little disappointed that more people didn't come from the community, but we had 21 from St. Michael's that either helped or came for the seminars. Over all I think it was a success – I know I learned a lot!!!

Saturday evening started with a wonderful buffet dinner and was followed by our keynote speaker, Father Macdonald. His talk was based on this passage taken from Compline: "Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye; Hide us under the shadow of your wings." He told about three people in his life who had found the love and comfort of the Lord late in their lives and had a profound effect on others around them.

RECTOR'S REFLECTIONS

I can safely say that no one at St. Michael's has access to the locker rooms at 1 Bills Drive or the HSBC Arena. I think it is safe to say that many of us would like to. If we did, what would we hear and see? We can be sure the coaches are taking their teams through the "basics." Beginning in training camp and continuing through the season, the teams are drilled and encouraged to grow more proficient in executing the game plan: passing, running (or skating), and scoring goals. No matter how seasoned a player becomes, he must remember "the basics."

Christians should never forget the basics either. Prayer, Bible reading and study, witnessing, and giving are only a few of the basic disciplines necessary to help us become victorious, overcoming, fruitful believers. They should be an integral part of every Christian's life. At St. Michael's we continue to emphasize these disciplines. On October 6th, we will meet for coffee and donuts and a discussion of "Prayer with a Purpose." Our September coffee hour with a discussion of the BCP was well attended.

Thanks to everyone who worked on and supported the Senior Expo. By all accounts it was very successful.

Finally, please continue to pray for St. Michael's, for our future, our shut-ins, and those in need in our community. May the peace of God that passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds trained on Christ Jesus our Lord.

In Christ,
Father Wheeler +

United Thank Offering

In 2007 the UTO Committee approved 104 grants totaling \$2,430,342.46. The two largest grants were \$79,722 to the Diocese of Stalkot in Pakistan to finish a hospital there and \$68,000 to the Diocese of Alaska for the building of a new church for St. Augustine's congregation in Homer. So you can see our Thank Offering prayers and monies are spread far and near. HAVE YOU BEEN USING YOUR BLUE BOX? This fall's ingathering is Sunday, October 7th. The UTO envelopes are in the pews. Please make checks payable to St. Michael's Church with notation, UTO.
V. Bradley, UTO Chair

WOMEN'S GUILD

Wednesday, October 3, 2007 at 12:00 noon
Lunch provided

Don't forget we're planning our **Pound Auction** for this meeting. I'm thinking some very good things come in a bit less than a pound. Bring your offerings in a **brown paper bag**, so everyone will be surprised. We've always enjoyed this program!

There will also be some items available for the "Project Christmas Child." Come and join us for a pleasurable time.
V. Bradley, President

Saturday, October 6, 2007 at 9:30 am
Come and join Father Wheeler for coffee & goodies
The topic of discussion will be:
"Prayer with a purpose!"

October

Birthdays

1st Alexis Weekley
2nd Sarah DiLiberto
4th Harold Meacham
12th Alicia Meacham
18th Faye Hambridge
26th John Neubert
29th Lois Conliffe



Anniversaries

27th Gloria & James Gibson
28th Peggy & Ed Gorczyca