

Newsletter & Events at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Colorado Springs

We are a church on a mission to make Christ known within and beyond our walls.



PARISH LIFE

From the Rector

Dear People of God,

As the days grow warmer and summer unfolds around us, many of us find ourselves stepping into new rhythms - vacations, rest, time with loved ones, or moments to reset and reflect. The days of summer invite us to pause, to breathe, and to embrace the beauty around us. However, in the rhythm of the Church, there is no off-season for faith. Even now, God is moving among us, throughout our community, calling us into deeper relationships, a bolder faith, and service to others.

This summer I'm mindful of the transforming work God is doing through our Sacred Spaces & Generous Hearts campaign. As you may know, this is the largest and biggest reinvestment we've done to our church home in over 30 years. This is the time to care for the physical spaces where our worship, ministry, hospitality, and outreach take place. Our building holds memories. They echo with prayers, baptisms, weddings, vigils, songs, and service. These sacred spaces don't just belong to us – they belong to everyone God is drawing nearer.

Beyond the projects themselves, I believe God is asking us a deeper question, "What kind of church is God calling us to be in this next season of life?" I believe God is calling us to be a church that opens its doors wide to old and young, to seekers and longtime saints, to neighbors and strangers alike – a church that doesn't just sustain what is, but dares to imagine what could be, a church rooted in the gospel, living out our Baptismal Covenant, and alive with possibility.

This kind of church cannot be built alone. It takes each of us. It takes each prayer, each gift, each act of generosity to make this vision real. Therefore, I'd invite you to consider how you might participate in this effort, not just financially, but spiritually. How is God calling you to give, to serve, to lead, and to support your spiritual home?

I hope you'll join me in praying for our church's future. In a time when the landscape of "church" looks very different, we find ourselves uniquely positioned to be bold. Therefore, I hope you'll reflect on what this community has meant in your life, and what legacy we are leaving for those who come next. And I hope you'll find time this summer to come and see what's unfolding – because something new and exciting and amazing and transformational and life-giving is unfolding before our eyes!

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Faithfully in Christ, The Rev. Matt Holcombe P.S. See you on Sunday!



Sacred Spaces Update

We have heard from many in our parish, and, as of today, July 1, we have commitments for over \$900,000 toward our Sacred Spaces & Generous Hearts campaign - WOW! This is tremendous and amazing news! If you have already made a contribution or commitment, thank you for your generosity and support of our spiritual home! We still have our sights set on our Alleluia Goal of \$950,000. If you are in a position to contribute to this campaign, we would love to hear from you.

We are now in a position to move forward with Phase 1 of the project, focusing on renovating the sanctuary. This work will begin on July 14 and last approximately seven weeks. As a result, our final Sunday in the Sanctuary will be July 13. Starting Sunday, July 20 we will be worshiping in the Parish Hall (the Old Church) through the end of August, offering three services every Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:15 AM, and 11:00 AM. Our 9:15 AM service will be livestreamed and feature our Summer Choir and we anticipate we will be able to sit 150 people for each service. Look for more updates in the Weekly eNews. To make a one-time contribution or a commitment that can be fulfilled in the next six months, visit: www.stmikeschurch.com/sacredspaces.

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

July & August Sunday Worship Schedule

Regular Summer Worship - In the Sanctuary Regular Summer Nursery Hours (Ages 5 and under): 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM

July 6	8:00 AM Worship Service	10:30 AM Worship Service, Summer Choir, Livestreamed
July 13	8:00 AM Worship Service	10:30 AM Worship Service, Summer Choir, Livestreamed

Revised Summer Worship - In the Parish Hall

Revised Summer Nursery Hours (Ages 5 and under): 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM Children's Chapel during the 9:15 AM Service

July 20	7:30 AM Worship	9:15 AM Worship, Summer Choir, Livestreamed, ASL	11:00 AM Worship
July 27	7:30 AM Worship	9:15 AM Worship, Summer Choir, Livestreamed	11:00 AM Worship
August 3	7:30 AM Worship	9:15 AM Worship, Summer Choir, Livestreamed	11:00 AM Worship
August 10	7:30 AM Worship	9:15 AM Worship, Summer Choir, Livestreamed	11:00 AM Worship
August 17	7:30 AM Worship	9:15 AM Worship, Summer Choir, Livestreamed	11:00 AM Worship
August 24	7:30 AM Worship	9:15 AM Worship, Summer Choir, Livestreamed, ASL	11:00 AM Worship
August 31	7:30 AM Worship	9:15 AM Worship, Summer Choir, Livestreamed	11:00 AM Worship

Summer Preaching Series

Get ready for a summer filled with soul-stirring preaching and deep spiritual insights. Four gifted preachers will join us during the month of July to share the Good News in powerful, personal, and prophetic ways. Each preacher will appear at all services on the day they are scheduled to appear. Come be surprised, moved, and transformed as each one offers a new perspective and a powerful message you will not want to miss.



July 6 The Rev. Lisa Saunders

Author, wife, mother, resident of Charlotte N.C., and an Episcopal Priest for over 30 years, Lisa offers deep wisdom, compassion, and a strong pastoral presence that speaks clarity into the mysteries of our faith and lives.



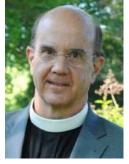
July 20 **Owen Copps**

Soon-to-be-seminarian at The Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, TX, Owen was our former Director of Children, Youth, and Young Adult Ministries. He has a big heart for all of God's people, loves the outdoors, and leads with faith and grace.



July 13 The Rev. Brian Winters

Rector of Christ's Church in Castle Rock, Brian is also the Front Range Regional Missioner. He serves as a Diocesan leader, is a gifted pastor, and (prior to ministry) was a photojournalist in Utah and Arizona.



July 27 The Rev. Frank Allen

Former Rector of St. David's in Wayne, P.A., Frank was St. Michael's Priest-in-Residence last summer. He is a gifted preacher, leader in the Episcopal Church, and has a gift for connecting with people and forging connections among them.

FORMATION

Summertime with The Saint John's **Bible**

Many of you may be hosting friends and family during these summer months. Why not schedule



a visit with The Saint John's Bible (SJB) docents to see any one of the volumes and its illuminations up close? The time with the SJB takes about an hour. Please contact Linda Page for a time that meets your schedule. We have many docents available. To schedule an appointment or to learn more, visit https://www.stmikeschurch.com/bible-visit.



Episcopal Essentials Sundays, Beginning August 17

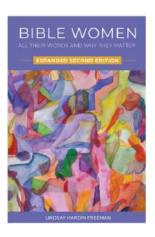
New to the Episcopal Church or want to learn more about our rich traditions? Episcopal Essentials is a six-week course to prepare parishioners for Confirmation, to

be Received, or to reaffirm their faith. It's also great for those who just want to learn more. Join us for a lunch and learn, 12:30 - 2:00 PM. Open to those 15 years and older. Regional Confirmation will be held on September 27, with Bishop Kym Lucas. **CLICK HERE** to sign up.

Women in the Bible

Mondays, Beginning July 7 4:00 - 5:30 PM

Rev. Vicki will lead this four-week study, starting July 7 in the Chapel. Everyone is invited to study the women of the Bible, their words, and why they matter to us now. We will study 11 women visionaries, diplomats, and survivors and discover what their words meant then and what



their stories teach us now. Participate in-person or online via Zoom. No RSVP required - drop in to one session or attend them all. The group uses the book: "Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter - Expanded Second Edition," by Lindsay Hardin Freeman. Purchase on Amazon, at your favorite bookseller, or borrow from the library. Vicki will also have copies of relevant chapters on hand.



Mid-Summer Baptisms Sunday, August 17, 9:15 AM

A required baptismal class will be

held the day before Baptisms, on Saturday, August 16 from 1:00 - 2:30 PM. Please CLICK HERE to complete the baptism request form and to register for the required class. Contact Rev. Vicki Hesse for questions.

VOLUNTEERS & HELP NEEDED

With the sanctuary under renovation from July 20 - August 31, we need some additional helping hands and volunteers on Sunday mornings and to help prepare our spaces for a new summer rhythm. Your time and presence make a difference – follow the links to sign up and thanks in advance! Have guestions? Contact the church office: 719-598-3244 or email support@stmikeschurch.com

Worship Volunteers, July 6 & 13

CLICK HERE to sign up for acolyte, chalice bearer, or greeter.

Worship Volunteers, July 20-August 31

CLICK HERE to sign up for acolyte, greeter, reader, usher or coffee host.

Sacred Spaces Volunteers

July 9 & 14

Can you help prepare the sanctuary for the big renovation? Can you help prepare the Parish Hall for worship services? Help is needed moving hymnals, chairs, and fixtures.

CLICK HERE to volunteer on July 9 or 14.



MUSIC

Summer Choir Time Change

Effective July 20 - August 31

Our Summer Choir schedule is changing to accommodate the new service times! Summer Choir will now rehearse on Sunday mornings from 8:40 - 9:00 AM and sing at the 9:15 AM service. All are welcome to join as your schedule allows! This time change goes into effect on July 20 and ends August 31.

Amalia's Sabbatical July 20 - September 5

Amalia Dobbins recently celebrated her five-year anniversary working for St. Michael's and will be on sabbatical for the latter part of the summer. We are excited to welcome several guest musicians while she is away - details will be posted in the



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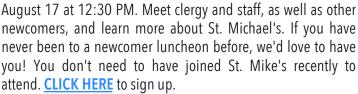
Weekly eNews. Daniel Foster will serve as Interim Music Director and can be contacted at daniel@stmikeschurch.com. Please pray for Amalia and her family Patrick, Nick, and Finn as they enjoy this time of renewal and connection.

NEWCOMERS

Newcomer Luncheon

Sunday, August 17, 12:30 PM

Are you new or newish to St. Mike's? Please join us for the next Newcomer Luncheon on Sunday, August 17 at 12:30 PM. Meet clergy and staff, as



Welcome to the newest members of St. Michael's Episcopal Church.

Bert and Martha Bergland
John Stevenson & Patricia Cuchiaro
Marie Cuchiaro
Michael & Stephene Ford
Barry Lawshe
Tom & Kim McGuire
Tom & Cindy Neal
Dean & Todd Palmer
Charlie & Margie Schlaufman
7ack Smith

THE WELL & SMALL GROUPS



Creative Arts Festival - SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 21

St. Michael's Creative Arts Festival will feature parishioners' creative work and share how these practices enrich their prayer life, spiritual journey, and relationship with God. More information will be posted in the Weekly eNews as the event draws closer. Be on the lookout.

Every Stitch a Prayer

July 14, July 28, August 11, August 25 4:00 - 6:00 PM



Every Stitch a Prayer will continue to meet on the second and fourth Mondays of each month at Third Space Coffee from 4:00 - 6:00 PM. Remember, you don't have to knit or crochet to join us (although we're happy to teach). Make a hat or make a friend, or both! Please contact Sandie if you need yarn as St. Mike's received a huge donation recently.

Creating Space

July 26, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

During their next meeting on Saturday, July 26 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM, Brandy Fields will offer tips on how to get the best photos from our fancy phone cameras. For a sample of her art and skills, become her Facebook friend.

Virtual Compline

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00 PM

In the rhythm of Ordinary Time, our spiritual lives unfold not in grand moments but in faithful, quiet steps. One of those



steps is Compline—the final prayer of the day, a kind of spiritual "mile marker" reminding us that each day is part of the larger journey. Praying Compline invites us to pause and take stock, give thanks for what was good, release what was difficult, and rest in God's presence and peace. Experience this prayer practice as part of your own daily pilgrimage on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 PM (via Zoom). This 10-minute practice is a chance to reconnect with God and one another. No RSVP required.

You are Invited

ATHER

Gather at Pinheadz Bowling

Friday, July 11, 6:30 PM

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to gather for a night of fun and bowling at Pinheadz Bowling Center - 1867 N Circle Dr. No RSVP required. Follow Gather on Instagram for event updates:

https://www.instagram.com/gatherpikespeak or visit https://www.gatherpikespeak.org/.

SMASH Jazz in the Garden

Friday, August 8, 7:00 PM

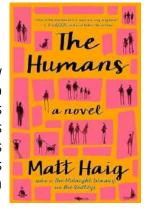
Our SMASH group (60+) will enjoy jazz music in the garden of Grace & St. Stephen's Episcopal Church (North Tejon

and Monument Streets) on Friday, August 8 at 7:00 PM. Bring your own picnic, chairs, and blankets. Beverages will be available for a donation and the concert will be moved indoors in inclement weather. The free concert is part of the Grace & St. Stephen's summer concert series, and will feature the professional Airmen-musicians in the US Air Force Academy's Falconaires. CLICK HERE to sign up.

People Who Read

July 23 & August 27 6:00-8:00 PM

People Who Read meets monthly on the fourth Wednesdays to discuss fiction/nonfiction as selected by group members. This is a great way to get to know others while discussing intriguing books intended to spark the imagination and feed the soul.



July Book - "The Humans" by Matt Haig

August Book - "Master Slave Husband Wife" by Ilyon Woo Email Jennie for more information:

jennie@stmikeschurch.com.

Special Events

7th Annual St. Mike's Golf Outing

Saturday, September 6, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Get ready to hit the links! The 7th annual St. Mike's Golf Outing will be held at Patty Jewett Golf Course on Saturday, September 6. Arrive



by 10:00 AM to tee off at 11:00 AM. The registration fee of \$68 includes 18 holes of golf and a cart. Fee is payable online or by check (details are on the sign up). Only 24 spots are available. This will be a scramble format; you may register as a team of two or four, or by yourself to be assigned to a foursome. CLICK HERE to register and pay – deadline is August 17. Contact Jim Dennison with any questions: jdennison210@gmail.com.

BBQ Ministry's Rib-a-Palooza

Saturday, August 16, 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Join us for an evening featuring a favorite food ministry practicing the culinary arts! Rib-a-Palooza is an all-male fellowship event of the BBQ ministry, but ribs will be available for pre-purchase. Details and sign up will be posted soon in the Weekly eNews. Questions? robert.wettemann@gmail.com

RISE Update

Strategic Initiative Update

The Co-chairs for all five of our Strategic Initatives have been meeting and working with our RISE Coordinator, Ama Couch, and the Rector. Committee invitations will



go out in July. We had an overwhelming response to participate in this work and join a committee. We will be engaging more parishioners as time goes on, as we were unable to accommodate everyone during the initial phase. Please keep this important work in your prayers as we seek to Renew, Inspire, Serve, and Engage in new ways as a resource-sized church.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

July/August Schedule Changes

July & August

Nursery Hours

July 6 & 13 from 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM July 20 - August 31 from1 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM Children aged 5 and younger

Children's Chapel

July 6 & 13 at the 10:30 AM Service July 20 - August 31 at the 9:15 AM Service

Education for All will resume in September.

St. Mike's Youth Council Apply Now!

St. Michael's Youth Council is a team of high school-aged servant leaders that engage in service opportunities, plan retreats, and



provide vision for our youth programs. All high schoolers are invited to join! <u>CLICK HERE</u> to complete the application or learn more and become part of the team!

Volunteers Needed

Fall 2025 and Spring 2026

Do you love children and youth? Are you looking for ways to serve? We are looking for more volunteers to help with children and youth programs for the coming year. Opportunities include Sunday School, Children's Chapel, Youth Group, and more. Please contact Bailey to sign up or learn more: bailey@stmikeschurch.com.

Save the Dates

More information will be provided soon in the CYF eNews.

- * Youth Lock-in September 12 -13
- * Youth Program Kick-Off September 14

<u>Email Bailey</u>, Director of Children, Youth, & Young Adult Ministries, with questions on youth events.



Special Events

Parish Camp

August 8-10

Parish Retreat & Family Camp



returns for a fifth straight year! Last year's event included more than 40 St. Mike's parishioners. The camp will be August 8-10 at Cathedral Ridge Camp & Retreat Center in Woodland Park. Don't miss this weekend of fun, faith, and fellowship for families, couples, and individuals of any age! CLICK HERE to register - deadline extended to July 25.

Youth Confirmation

August/September

Youth that are interested in getting Confirmed (15-years-old and up) should contact Bailey for details and requirements, which include a short



confirmation class series. St. Michael's will host Regional Confirmation on Saturday, September 27 with Bishop Kym Lucas.

Thanks for a Wonderful Year

Our children and youth had an exceptional 2024/2025 and we couldn't have done it without the wonderful help of our volunteers, youth council, and St. Mike's parish!







PASTORAL CARE

What is Pastoral Care & "What's in it?"

Compassion guides how we care for others – that is, when we are moved with compassion, we feel God's love compelling us to respond. In the Gospels, Jesus is "moved with compassion;" he has a deep emotional response toward suffering. This is not just a "feeling" or an "obligation" – no, this is a deep sense of empathy that calls us to action. Compassion is the core reason for our pastoral care ministries and is the way that we follow Christ's message to love one another. At St. Michael's, clergy and laity share responsibility for pastoral care. We are a caring community ready to reach out to one another in times of adversity. Our clergy are available for prayer and pastoral care for all sorts of situations. We have a variety of teams who respond to others' suffering with compassion – do you wish to participate, or do you have a need? What's in it? Compassion – that is, when we are moved with compassion, we feel God's love compelling us to respond.

Prayer

Our clergy and office staff maintain a confidential prayer list developed from online <u>prayer requests</u>, prayer cards, communications, and visits. This list is



used for identifying names for community prayer in our Sunday liturgy and at our Wednesday healing service. The <u>Daughters of the King</u> also maintain a daily prayer list for people and situations.

Care Team

Our Care Team consists of more than 20 care givers who visit, have conversations, take a meal or prayer shawl, or make phone calls to those in need to maintain a spiritual connection with the St. Michael's community. The Care Team meets



monthly for training and check-ins about how caring for others moves the heart of the care givers, too! Contact Bev Raider: dbraidercolo@comcast.net or Rich Page: pagex2@comcast.net for more information.

Prayer Shawls

Being comforted by the prayers of the people of St. Michael's is a sacred experience, and a prayer shawl can take that comfort even further. Knitters and crocheters provide warmth and peace through beautiful, cozy prayer shawls. The shawls are blessed in prayer while being made, then blessed by the congregation of St. Michael's before being distributed by our Care Teams to those in need of comfort and a warm embrace.

Questions on Pastoral Care?

Contact Rev. Vicki: <u>vicki@stmikeschurch.com</u> or Visit: https://www.stmikeschurch.com/pastoralcare

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs)

The LEVs take the sacrament of holy communion to people who cannot be with us in church. This spiritual connection with the body and blood of Jesus feeds people with spiritual nourishment and love. Contact Deacon Gary for more information: gary@stmikeschurch.com.

Hearing Loss Support Ministry

Those with hearing loss gather for mutual support and resource sharing on a quarterly basis. The group teachings include how to use the listening devices, communicate with the



AVL Team about special needs, and share tips for living with hearing loss. CLICK HERE to sign up for the next meeting on Sunday, July 13 at 12:00 PM.

Caring Freezer

The Caring Freezer provides meals to members of the St. Michael's family who need a little help for various reasons. If you need a meal, please contact a member of the clergy. If you can help stock the freezer, deliver the meal to the Caring Freezer in the main level kitchen. Questions? Contact the Caring Freezer Coordinator, Bev Raider, at dbraidercolo@comcast.net.

Grief & Mourning Resources

We have several ways to support those who have lost loved ones.



- * Access to grief books for a full year after the death of a loved one.
- * Faith-based suicide loss support group: Emmaus Road.
- * Monthly Widow's Lunch gathering.
- *Quarterly Widow/Widower Luncheon hosted by clergy for connection and support.
- * Counseling and guidance for children and grief.

MENTAL HEALTH

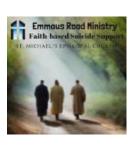
Embracing Hope: Getting Better Together

NEW Support Group Leader: Renee Galvan, LPCC

Embracing Hope is a faith-based support group for individuals navigating depression, offering a space to explore emotional regulation, positive coping skills, and spiritual encouragement. Grounded in psychoeducation and the compassionate presence of community, this group journeys together toward healing and hope. Whether you're struggling yourself or looking for a resource to refer someone to, Embracing Hope is a safe and supportive place to find light in the midst of darkness so truly getting better together. CLICK HERE to complete the interest form or email arugalvan@gmail.com.

Emmaus Road

The Emmaus Road support group for those impacted by suicide loss will resume on Saturday, August 23, followed by the first and third Saturdays of the month (specific dates



and registration information will be announced in the Weekly eNews). This eight-week, faith-based group addresses the unique loss to suicide for those who not only grieve the death of their loved one, but grieve the way in which they died. The group provides a safe space to either embrace or question our faith, and addresses such issues as the stigma of suicide, the whys and what-ifs, normalizing emotions, and other pertinent topics. It is led by male and female facilitators who have also experienced loss by suicide. For questions, please contact Janet Perreault: janlouperr@yahoo.com or Linda Kean: Linda@stmikeschurch.com.

Do you know about our Mental Health Resources?



If you or someone you know needs

help, St. Michael's provides local and national mental health resources for a wide variety of needs. Please remember that when you ask for help - it is a sign of strength, not weakness. CLICK HERE to be directed to our Mental Health webpage for resources and up-to-date information.

CREATION CARE

Creative Climate Solutions

Water: The Most Precious Resource

While xeriscaping is best for the environment, it is reasonable that some may not be ready for this investment. (CSU) Colorado Springs Utilities customers may upgrade existing spray sprinklers to efficient nozzles for free. High-efficiency matched precipitation nozzles are



20% to 30% more efficient than conventional spray nozzles and can save up to 10% of landscape water use. You may qualify by registering and completing a self-guided educational course to learn about this equipment and how to replace your existing nozzles. After completing the quiz, pick up high-efficiency matched precipitation nozzles. Register at https://www.csu.org/rebates-programs/sprinkler-nozzles or call (719) 668-8232.

The "cycle and soak" watering method breaks up your watering time into smaller cycles, allowing the water to soak into the soil. If an area is watered too fast for too long, many soils can't absorb it. This results in wasted water.

How to cycle and soak:

- * Divide the zone's watering time into two or three cycles.
- * Water the first cycle and wait one hour.
- * Water the second cycle and wait one hour before running a third cycle if necessary.
- * Don't water for short periods in both the morning and the evening, as this causes shallow roots and unhealthy grass.

National World Conservation Day: July 28

National World Conservation Day draws attention to pressing environmental issues like climate change, biodiversity loss, pollution, and unsustainable resource use. What can you do to celebrate and honor our Earth? Travelers can reduce their carbon footprint by choosing eco-friendly accommodations, using public transportation or traveling by bicycle or foot, minimizing air travel or opting for direct flights, and supporting local businesses that prioritize sustainability. CLICK HERE for more ideas.



OUTREACH .

New Art Gallery and Artist Exhibit Opening Reception - You are Invited! HALLWAY ART GALLERY

August 1, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Join us for the debut of the next featured artist in the Hallway Art Gallery on Friday,

August 1. We're excited to feature another St. Michael's parishioner. Enjoy light refreshments as you explore her work and celebrate this new ministry. We've created a unique space where art and mission meet. Located in the main hallway of our church, this gallery showcases work from local artists throughout the year. 30% of all artwork sales supports our Outreach Partners in Ministry. Learn more:

https://www.stmikeschurch.com/artgallery

Featured Outreach Partner

Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. They vision a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Our community and others



around the world partner with Habitat to build or improve a place they can call home. Habitat homeowners help build their own homes alongside volunteers and pay an affordable mortgage. With our help, Habitat homeowners achieve the strength, stability, and independence they need to build a better life for themselves and their families. Learn more:

https://pikespeakhabitat.org/

St. Michael's Dinner Ministries

St. Michael's volunteers provide Christian fellowship and meals to its neighbors in need, alternating between serving Hope is Alive and the Salvation Army Family Hope Center. We invite you to join us as you are able. Sign ups and details will be provided in the Weekly eNews.

Backpack Bash 5.0

Donation Deadline, July 27

We are collecting 80+ backpacks and school supplies for our outreach partners. Pick up a shopping list flyer in the Gathering Space or **CLICK HERE** to download. You can purchase the items in store or shop on Amazon. Please



bring supplies and backpacks to the church office on Sundays in July or during the week, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM by or before July 27.

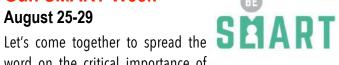
Interfaith Build for Unity with Pikes Peak Habitat for Humanity

Saturday, July 19, 12:45 - 4:30 PM

Please join us for a half-day of service, learning, and fun at a new home construction site to help build a home for a local family on July 19! **CLICK HERE** to register or learn more.

Gun SMART Week

SMART:



word on the critical importance of secure gun storage in preventing gun violence during the second annual SMART Week, August 25-29. Be SMART promotes secure gun storage to prevent kids under 18 and other unauthorized users from accessing them. How to be

Secure all guns in homes and vehicles.

Model responsible behavior around guns.

Ask about the presence of unsecured firearms in other homes your child visits.

Recognize the role of guns in suicide.

Tell your peers to be SMART.

Deacon Gary has several gun cable locks available for securing weapons. Contact him after church on Sunday or by email gary@stmikeschurch.com for a cable lock.

Care & Share Volunteer Day

Thursday, August 7 (Deadline August 3)

Join your fellow parishioners on Thursday, August 7 for easy, hands-on work serving our community at the Care and Share Food Bank. Volunteers can choose from AM or PM sessions or volunteer for both. CLICK HERE to sign up, then follow the steps below:

- * Scroll down to "Select Your Reserved Event(s) Below."
- * Click in the "Sort and Pack Food" field to enter the CERVIS registration system. (If this is your first time using CERVIS, you must create a Volunteer Profile before signing up. Our reservation code is "StMichaels.") Email Justin Morrill at justin_morrill@msn.com with questions.



Within and Beyond our Walls



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St. Michael's is more than a building – it's a sacred gathering place where lives are transformed, faith is nurtured, and community is built. Through your generosity, we will strengthen the spaces that hold our worship, our ministries, and our dreams. Let us come together with open hands and hearts to invest in a future rooted in faith, service, and love. You can help by making a reinvestment in our spiritual home so that the physical plant can reflect our spiritual strength. To make a one-time contribution or a committment that can be honored before January 31, 2026, visit www.stmikeschurch.com/sacredspaces.

St. Michael's Episcopal Church