

The Archangel

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

November & December 2025

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 we enter this holiday season, I find myself listening again for the voices of the angels in scripture. They appear throughout the story of our faith, often at the most uncertain and vulnerable moments, bringing words that humanity still needs to hear: *Do not be afraid.*

From the angel's announcement, to Mary, to Joseph's dream, to the shepherds startled awake on the hillside, every angelic message begins the same way. Before anything else is revealed, God meets human fear with reassurance. Before the *what* comes the *who*: *God is with you*.

That same promise shapes our faith today. Our world is full of reasons to be anxious. Whether it's anxieties about the future, about our loved ones, about our communities, and our planet, God still sends messengers. Sometimes these messengers are sent through Scripture, sometimes through song or prayer, sometimes through the quiet faithfulness of a friend whispering the same words: *Do not be afraid*.

In the coming months, I invite you to listen for the angels in your own life. Listen in the quiet moments of prayer, around a shared meal, in the advent wreath, in the laughter shared with family, in the courage of generosity, or in the simple act of kindness that repairs and renews your spirit.

I'm reminded that the angels' message is more than comfort; it's a call to courage. It asks us to act from love instead of fear, to trust in God's abundance, and to share our lives freely and joyfully. In doing so, we are called to allow the fearless love of Christ guide our worship, our giving, and our care for one another in the seasons in front of us. My prayer for you in this Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas season is that you will know the **peace** the angels proclaim, that you will rest in the **hope** that God's promises endure, that you will rejoice in the **joy** that cannot be taken away, and that you will trust in the **love** that has already won.

Faithfully in Christ,

Rev. Matt Holcombe+

The Rev. Matt Holcombe

Annual Stewardship Campaign

2026 Annual Stewardship Campaign

Now is the time to submit your 2026 pledge to help us prepare for another faithful year of impact and transformation. We ask you remember that our stewardship journey is not simply about giving, it's about gratitude and trust. Your generosity makes possible the daily life and witness of our parish by:

- Deepening faith through worship, music, and formation.
- Reaching those in need through compassionate outreach.
- Building community through fellowship and care.
- Nurturing hearts that reflect Christ's love in the world.

Each gift, no matter the size, becomes part of something larger. To give, you can pick up a pledge card at church or **PLEDGE ONLINE**. Thank you for your support and generosity!

Please submit your pledge on/before November 16.

Welcome Rev. Frank Allen & Amy



Join us on December 7 as we welcome The Rev. Frank Allen, our new Assisting Priest. We are delighted to welcome Frank and his wife, Dr. Amy Allen, to Colorado Springs. Frank will be working parking time, assisting with various aspects of our common life and sharing his gifts with us for what we hope will be many rich seasons of ministry. Join us throughout the season of Advent to welcome Frank & Amy during worship services, Lessons & Carols on Dec. 11, the Blue Christmas Service, and during the season of Christmas.

Sacred Spaces Update

This summer was a season of remarkable progress as we reached our fundraising goal in four weeks and began reinvestment projects in earnest. We are delighted to share that Phase 1 of our Sacred Spaces Campaign was completed with major work in the sanctuary, parking lot, and main level of the building. We are now moving into Phase 2 that will focus our efforts on the lower level of our campus and significant infrastructure investments to our new offsite ministry center, St. Andrew's Community Center. These visible changes are a tangible sign of how our shared faith and generosity continue to shape the life of our parish. Thanks to your generosity and commitment, our campus has seen significant improvements and upgrades that strengthen our ability to live out our mission and welcome all who come through our doors.

WORSHIP SERVICES

November & December Worship Schedule

Nursery Hours: *(Ages 5 and under):* 7:45 AM - 12:00 PM (unless noted below)
Children's Chapel: During the 10:30 AM Service
* Livestreamed on YouTube & Facebook: www.stmikeschurch.com
ASL Interpreted Services: November 16 at 10:30 AM | December 14 at 10:30 AM

November 2: All Saints' Day	Sunday	8:00 AM Worship	10:30 AM* Worship, Choir, Children's Chapel
November 9: 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Sunday	8:00 AM Worship	10:30 AM* Worship, Choir, Children's Chapel
November 16: Celebration Sunday	Sunday	8:00 AM Worship	10:30 AM* Worship, Choir, Children's Chapel
November 23: Christ the King Sunday	Sunday	8:00 AM Worship	10:30 AM* Worship, Choir, Children's Chapel
November 30: First Sunday of Advent	Sunday	8:00 AM Worship	10:30 AM* Worship, Choir, Children's Chapel
December 7: Second Sunday of Advent	Sunday	8:00 AM Worship	10:30 AM* Worship, Choir, Children's Chapel
December 11: **Celtic Lessons & Carols**	Thursday	7:00 PM* Service with Choir	
December 14: Third Sunday of Advent	Sunday	8:00 AM Worship	10:30 AM* Worship, Choir, Children's Chapel
December 16: **Blue Christmas Service**	Tuesday	7:00 PM*	
December 21: Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sunday	8:00 AM Worship	10:30 AM* Worship, Choir, Children's Chapel
December 24: **Christmas Eve**	Wed.	3:00 PM Family	5:00 & 7:00* PM Traditional 11:00 PM Midnight
December 25: **Christmas Day**	Thursday	10:00 AM* Worship	
December 28: **Service for a New Year**	Sunday	10:00 AM* Worship	
January 4: Second Sunday of Christmas	Sunday	8:00 AM Worship	10:30 AM* Worship, Children's Chapel

SUNDAY FORUM

Our Sunday Forum Series continues in November. Join us on Sundays from 9:15 - 10:10 AM in the Sanctuary, in-person or online, for faith-based, formative conversations. We'll pause the forum on December 21 and resume on January 4.

November 2: Fearless Saints
Join Rev. Vicki as she helps us take a closer look at some of the fearless Saints and saints throughout history.

November 9: Fearless Courage
Join special guest The Rev. Dr. Deonna Neal as we explore the importance of courage as it relates to our faith journey.

November 16: Celebration Sunday
Join us for an intergenerational brunch after both services. CLICK HERE to donate food or help with brunch.

November 23: The Table of Gratitude
Join Rev. Matt as we prepare our tables and hearts for Thanksgiving. What does your table of gratitude look like?

November 30: Advent Festival
All are invited to our intergenerational Advent Festival and wreath making. Join us for crafts, fellowship, and more!

December 7: Carol Sing
Welcome Rev. Frank and sing some carols. Then at 2 PM we'll head to Liberty Heights Senior Community to sing.

December 14: Pageant & Labyrinth
As our kids get ready for the 10:30 Pageant, adults and youth are invited to a Sacred Pause in the Multipurpose Rm.

We will resume the Sunday Forum on Sunday, January 4 at 9:15 AM. See you in the new year!

CHRISTMAS

Christmas Eve Services

Wednesday, December 24

3:00 PM Family Service

Our family-friendly Christmas Eve service will feature a trumpet, kid-friendly sermon, and Holy Eucharist. Nursery care available for 5 and under from 2:30 - 6:30 PM.

5:00 & 7:00 PM* Traditional Services

There are two traditional services this year, which will each feature a brass quintet, the Seraphim Choir, and Holy Eucharist. The 7:00 PM service will be livestreamed.

11:00 PM Midnight Service

Join us for this reflective service with trumpet music, hypoallergenic incense, Holy Eucharist, and a little silence as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Christmas Day Service

Thursday, December 25



10:00 AM Holy Eucharist

Celebrate with us on Christmas Day in-person or online with Christmas hymns and Holy Eucharist.

Sixth Annual Christmas Light Festival

Fridays & Saturdays, December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20
6:00 - 8:00 PM



This year is St. Michael's sixth annual Christmas Light Festival! Last year, our campus sparkled with more than 100,000 lights as we welcomed more than 5,000 guests. This year, we're bringing back your favorite displays and adding even more magic as we continue to grow this beloved tradition! Invite your friends and neighbors to enjoy an immersive walk-through experience that shines with the light of Christ and the joy of Christmas. Volunteers are invited to a dinner, light preview, and walkthrough on Wednesday, December 3, from 5:30–7:30 PM. CLICK HERE to help set up lights in November. CLICK HERE to volunteer during the Light Festival. It takes many helping hands to make this event possible–thank you for being part of what makes the Light Festival so special!

Greening of the Church

Monday, November 24, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Please join us to hang wreaths, fluff and/or hang garlands, and place trees for the Christmas/Advent season. CLICK HERE to sign up.



Brass & Poinsettias Donations

Help us fill the church on Christmas with beautiful poinsettias and glorious brass music by donating in thanksgiving for or in memory of loved ones. Names will be printed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Bulletins. CLICK HERE to donate.

ADVENT

Advent Festival

Sunday, November 30, 9:15 - 10:10 AM

Our annual intergenerational Advent Festival is a wonderful opportunity to prepare for the coming Christ child. Join us for Advent wreath crafts and fellowship!

Advent Retreat: Sacred Stillness

Saturday, December 6, 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

In the swirl of holiday activites, what might we discover if we answer the call to be still and wait for the Lord? Join us as we carve out time to quiet ourselves, reflect, and practice contemplative ways to open ourselves anew to the Coming One. $20/person - includes lunch and materials. CLICK HERE to sign up.

Liberty Heights Caroling



Sunday, December 7, 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Let's bring some musical Christmas cheer to our neighbors at Liberty Heights senior living community - with fun and fellowship for all. Details to come in the Weekly e-News.

Christmas Pageant



Sunday, December 14
10:30 AM Service

All elementary-aged children are encouraged to participate in the Christmas Pageant: *The Nativity Story*. Rehearsals are on December 6 & 13, from 2:00 - 4:00 PM. CLICK HERE to learn more.

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Pikes Peak Ringers Bell Concert

Saturday, November 29, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

We are elated to bring the Pikes Peak Ringers (PPR) to St. Michael's as the inaugural concert - *On a Winter's Night* - to kick off the holiday season! Please join us for this free event , no RSVP is required. Since 1991, the PPR have expanded the boundaries of traditional handbell music, bringing their extensive repertoire, innovative techniques, and distinctive visual approach to numerous projects and venues around the country. Recognized as one of the premier handbell ensembles in North America, PPR recently performed at the Pinnacle Conference, presented by the Handbell Musicians of America.





Daniel Foster Promoted to Associate Director of Music

We are thrilled to announce Daniel's promotion to Associate Director of Music. He will continue his role as Organist and Bell Choir Director and pick up additional duties to support our growing music ministries.

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 7

- Handbell Choir plays during both services.
- Carol sing with the Rev. Frank Allen at 9:15 AM.
- Caroling at Liberty Heights, 2:00 - 3:00 PM.

Christmas Brass & Poinsettias

Donation Deadline - Sunday, December 14

Please help fill our space with beautiful brass music and poinsettias on Christmas Eve. Donate in thanksgiving for or in memory of a loved one – deadline December 14. CLICK HERE to donate.



Lessons & Carols: A Celtic Christmas Choir & Bell Concert

Thursday, December 11, 7:00 - 8:30 PM



Our second annual Lessons & Carols service will feature tunes from Ireland, Scotland, and Wales set to familiar Christmas carol texts. This heartwarming tradition is for the whole family, with congregational sing-alongs, beautiful songs from our newly refined handbell choir, and special guest soloists. Enjoy cookies and hot chocolate after the concert as you stroll through the Christmas Light Festival without the crowds. Don't miss this once-a-year, free event - no RSVP required.

Blue Christmas

Tuesday, December 16, 7:00 PM



Christmas can be a difficult season for many. If you are feeling lost or hurt, or estranged from the general feelings of joy and happiness during this time of year, join us in-person or online; the service will include music and the Holy Eucharist.

Service for a New Year

Sunday, December 28, 10:00 AM



Reflect on the past year and anticipate the year to come. Our special 10:00 AM service will include uplifting music, readings from *The St. John's Bible* and thoughtful prayers written by clergy, staff, and parishioners, all centering around the theme *The Beatitudes*. Come renew your spirit with hope!

Second Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, January 4

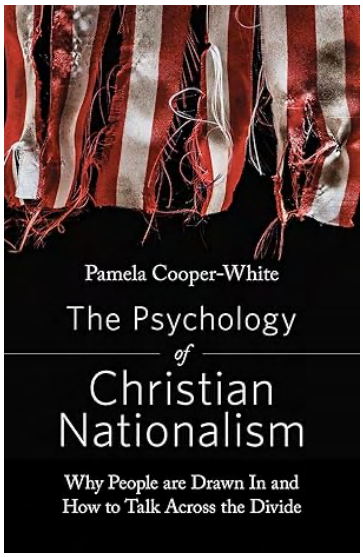
Did you know that in the Episcopal Church, the Christmas season actually runs through January 6? During these 12 Days of Christmas, we continue to celebrate the birth of Christ with carols and special music until the Wise Men come on the "12th Night" and begin the season of Epiphany!

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Rector's Book Study & Conversation

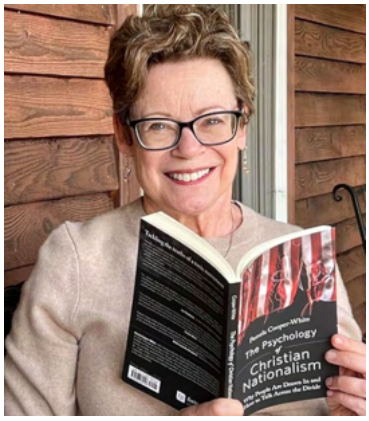
Mondays, November 3, 10 & 17, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Join us for this three-week, in-person book study on Mondays, November 3, 10 & 17 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Parish Hall. We'll take a thoughtful and honest look at the rise of Christian Nationalism and its impact on faith, culture, and community. Together we'll explore how this movement has taken root, why it matters, and what it means for the church today. This study is open to anyone seeking deeper understanding, respectful dialogue, and faithful reflection. Purchase book in advance. The book study is in-person only - CLICK HERE to sign up.



An Evening with Pamela Cooper-White

Monday, November 24, 5:30 - 7:30 PM



You are cordially invited to join us for a very special dinner on Monday, November 24 from 5:30 – 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall, or via livestream. Our guest of honor is The Rev. Pamela Cooper-White, PhD LCPC. Rev. Cooper-White is the award-winning author of "The Psychology of Christian Nationalism: Why People are Drawn In and How to Talk Across the Divide." She is also an Episcopal Priest in the Diocese of New York; Professor of Psychology and Religion, Dean Emerita, at Union Theological Seminary in New York City; and a Licensed Clinical Counselor and Pastoral Psychotherapist. Dinner is free but donations are welcome! RSVP is required for those attending in person – CLICK HERE to register. Livestream link will be available on November 24 on St. Mike's website.



The Saint John's Bible Pilgrimage

August 2-7, 2026 - Only a Few Spots Left!

Have you been inspired by *The Saint John's Bible* (TSJB)? You're invited to join a pilgrimage next summer to St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota, to see the original, handwritten, hand-illuminated Bible in its home gallery. Our journey will include time with TSJB's Director and Curator, visits to the Abbey workshops and Arboretum, and worship at the Abbey Church. We'll also stop at the St. Benedict Center and Christ the King Priory – another home of the Heritage Edition – for retreat and reflection. This pilgrimage is open to anyone seeking renewal, inspiration, and spiritual adventure. Register soon while space is still available. CLICK HERE to learn more and sign up.

Youth/Adult Camino Pilgrimage Information Meeting

Sunday, November 2, 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Join us in the Parish Hall at 5:00 PM on Sunday, November 2 to get more information about the youth and adult walking pilgrimage in Spain next May. No RSVP required. Fly into Madrid, then depart by train to the Sarria route (youth) or Vigo/Portuguese route (adults). After the pilgrimage, youth and adults will meet in Santiago for fellowship and exploring, then depart for Madrid to return home. Trip Leaders: Rev. Matt Holcombe & Bailey Bachynski.



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Seminarian Penpal Program

Monthly, Beginning November



Send your love across the miles to our Seminarian, Owen Copps! We will be sending Owen one letter a month for the next three years while he's at the seminary. Owen loves to hear words of encouragement, personal updates, and what's happening around St. Mike's and Colorado Springs. Owen is a very busy student, so we do not expect responses, but we know we're always in his heart. CLICK HERE to sign up - please choose only one month to write a letter so everyone has an opportunity.

All Saints' Day Service

Sunday, November 2
8:00 & 10:30 AM

All Saints' Day provides a dedicated day to call to memory those saints who have led the way before us. During each service, we'll read the names remembered by our St. Michael's family.

Every Stitch a Prayer

November 10 & 24 and
December 8 & 22
4:00 - 6:00 PM



After contributing 90 hats, scarves, gloves, prayer shawls, and blankets, we are ready to put our hooks and needles into new projects with several new patterns and opportunities. These include crate blankets for the Pikes Peak Humane Society, hats for the next donation drive, and Amigurumi stuffies. We are also reaching out to ministry partners who might need infant layettes and toddler sweaters. We are available for group or one-on-one knitting/crocheting lessons and still have plenty of free yarn. We meet monthly on the second and fourth Mondays, from 4:00 – 6:00 PM at Third Space Coffee (5670 N. Academy). No RSVP required.

Ten Minutes of Prayerful Connection

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:00 PM via Zoom

Autumn invites us to notice the beauty of change, to rest in gratitude, and to prepare our hearts for what's ahead. Compline, the 10-minute, quiet prayer at day's end, offers just such a pause: a gentle way to relect, release, and rest in God's peace. CLICK HERE to join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays via Zoom.

The Bible Journey - Reading the Bible

Weekly, Beginning Wednesday, January 7
7:30 AM via Zoom

Have you ever wanted to read the entire Bible, but needed a little motivation? Wondering about spiritual and divine truths revealed in the Word of God? Join Rev. Vicki Hesse and others online, as we read the Bible from "Genesis" to "Revelation" in 242 days! We'll meet weekly to discuss and review each book. CLICK HERE to sign up.

Centering Prayer Gathering

Wednesdays, 10:45 - 11:00 AM (Instruction)
Wednesdays, 11:00 - 11:50 AM (Gathering)

This weekly, silent prayer practice, combined with a short Lectio Divina, is designed to deepen our relationships with God. It's a wonderful way to quiet yourself and experience the Sacred throughout the holiday season! The optional instruction period is for questions or review of the practice. All are welcome - no RSVP required.

Creating Space Treats & Sweets

Saturday, Dec. 13
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Everyone is invited to the Creating Space Treats & Sweets get-together. We'll share holiday cookies, enjoy creative time, and plan our 2026 meetings. We will not meet in November. No RSVP required.

Sunday Worship Volunteers Needed

Your time and presence make a difference. Please consider volunteering during a holiday service, such as Blue Christmas, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, or Service for a New Year. Follow the links below to volunteer and thanks in advance!

CLICK HERE to volunteer as an Acolyte, Reader, Usher, Chalice Bearer, or Greeter.

CLICK HERE to volunteer on a Coffee Host team.

CLICK HERE to volunteer on an Usher team.

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FELLOWSHIP

Special Events

New Art Gallery Exhibit



Friday, November 7
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Please join us for our new Hallway Art Gallery opening, featuring Artist and Photojournalist Matt Kroschel. Enjoy light refreshments and conversation with Matt as he shares his work centered around the natural world and the animals we share the world with, a passion instilled by his beloved grandfather. Matt's large format, vibrant works are sure to astound and add joy and elegance to any room. Located in the main hallway of our church, this unique ministry brings local artists and their work to St. Michael's. Thirty percent of all art sales support our Outreach partners in ministry. No RSVP required. CLICK HERE to learn more.

Charcuterie Creations



Saturday, November 8
5:00 - 7:00 PM

Join us for a exclusive workshop on mastering the art of charcuterie boards, led by Brent Thompson. Guests will learn perfect pairings and eye-catching presentation, while enjoying non-alcoholic beverages and wine. $25 per person or $35 per couple. CLICK HERE to register - space is limited. No walk-ins.

Celebration Sunday Brunch

Sunday, November 16, 9:00 & 11:30 AM

As we near the end of our Stewardship season, we invite you to join us for a celebration brunch! CLICK HERE to donate food or help with brunch: set up, serve (after both services), or clean up. Or just bring your appetite!

Thanksgiving Potluck



Thursday, November 27, 2:00 PM

Are you looking for others to be with on Thanksgiving? We invite you to celebrate with your St. Michael's family at our festive Thanksgiving potluck. CLICK HERE to sign up and let us know what you are bringing.

You are Invited

Forever 40 Cue the Calm Before Christmas

Wednesday, November 12, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

For all of us that are Forever 40 in spirit (40s and 50s), join us for an evening of fun and fellowship at the Crooked Cue downtown (112 N. Tejon St.). Whether it's billiards, shuffleboard, darts, or pinball, you will enjoy this spirited competition before the holidays sweep us away. CLICK HERE to sign up.

Young Adults (20s & 30s)

Friday, November 14, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Theology on Tap, Friday, November 14 at 6:30 - 8:00 PM at Goat Patch Brewing. The First Congregational Church Clergy will discuss "Spiritual Adulting: Understanding the Sacraments."

Gather Pikes Peak, Friday, November 21, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at the Peel House at First Lutheran - "Friendsgiving"

Gather Pikes Peak, Friday, December 12, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at the Peel House at First Lutheran – Advent Festival

Gather Pikes Peak, Friday, December 19, 6:30 - 8:00 PM - at St. Michael's Light Festival

People Who Read

November 19 & December 17, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Get to know others while discussing intriguing books. No RSVP required. Contact Jennie with questions: jennie@stmikeschurch.com.

November Book - "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon

December - Christmas book exchange

SMASH Holiday Lunch (60+)

Friday, December 12, 11:30 AM
Deadline to Register - November 15

Join us for a St. Michael's Active Senior Happening (SMASH - 60+) holiday lunch and fellowship at The Margarita at Pine Creek (7350 Pine Creek Road). This was such a success last year, we're doing it again! CLICK HERE to sign up - registration deadline is November 15.

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Thanksgiving Donation Drive

Donations Due November 16

Help us share the spirit of Thanksgiving with our neighbors in need! The Outreach Committee invites you to donate groceries, gift cards, or full Thanksgiving meals to those who might otherwise go without. In the Gathering Space, look for the shopping bags with a suggested list of food items attached or download the list below. Every contribution–large or small–helps make the holidays brighter for our community. Please return donations to St. Michael's between November 2–16 (Sundays or Monday–Thursday, 9:00 AM–5:00 PM). CLICK HERE to download shopping list.



Featured Outreach Partner

Mercy's Gate offers direct assistance and programs to prevent homelessness in Colorado Springs, including rent and mortgage assistance, utilities, and food to help stabilize individuals and families facing financial hardship. Mercy's Gate provides extensive community outreach through their direct services, community referrals, and partnerships with local churches and organizations and participate in seasonal programs like the backpack drive. They also provide emotional, physical, financial, and spiritual support and connect people with other community resources. St. Michael's supports them through grants and food drives. CLICK HERE to learn more, or contact Bob Pettis: lor1rie@aol.com.

Hope is Alive Dinner

Sunday, November 2, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Enjoy fellowship, a great meal, and heartwarming stories at the Hope is Alive dinner at the Men's recovery house. Space is limited – CLICK HERE to sign up.

St. Andrew's Community Center

Bishop Kym Lucas recently authorized St. Michael's to transform St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Manitou Springs into the St. Andrews Community Center (STACC). Since spring, we have devoted many resources to developing and executing a strategic plan. In late October, 44 energetic, passionate residents and stakeholders were invited to participate in three "Listening Sessions" to help us envision the best way forward. This input, along with future feedback, will help us to thoughtfully and prayerfully discern our next steps. The October Manitou Springs Arcade fundraiser raised $15K for STACC. Our gratitude goes out to the many Manitou businesses that helped with this effort. We are pleased to announce that starting November 7, 2025, the food pantry at Community Congregational Church of Manitou Springs will be joining forces with STACC to feed Manitou residents in need twice per week. Please consider becoming a Friend of St Andrews; STACC Friends are a circle of neighbors, supporters, and partners who believe in this mission and want to help it flourish. CLICK HERE to learn more and access the Friends of St. Andrew's Interest Form.

Habitat for Humanity Build

Saturday, November 15

12:45 - 4:30 PM

Join us for a half day of service, learning, and fun building a home for a local family! CLICK HERE to sign up.

Habitat for Humanity

Salvation Army Dinner

Sunday, November 23, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Serve dinner and clean up at the Salvation Army's RJ Montgomery Family Hope Center, which provides shelter and feeds families experiencing homelessness. Sign up to come in the Weekly eNews.

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CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Program Year Events

Youth Group - Wednesdays
Middle School: 5:30 - 6:45 PM
High School: 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Dinner is provided.

Family Sunday School
Nov. 23, 9:15 - 10:10 AM
"Fearlessly Thankful"

High School Youth Council
November 23, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Elementary & Youth Sunday School
Sundays, 9:15 - 10:10 AM Through Nov. 23

Trailblazers (4th & 5th Graders)

Fourth and fifth graders can blaze a trail of excitement, adventure, and faith in the Trailblazers youth group. Event details will be provided in the CYF eNews.

Sunday, November 2, 12:30 - 3:00 PM
Cheyenne Mountain Zoo - $35 per person includes admission, tickets, and food. CLICK HERE to sign up.

Sunday, December 7, 12:30 - 3:00 PM
Caroling at Liberty Heights senior community. Free - transportation is provided. Includes hat making and lunch.

Sunday, January 4, 2026, 12:30 - 2:30 PM
Outdoor ice skating at the Acacia Park rink - $20 per person includes entry, skates, and food.

Sages & Sprouts at the Light Festival

Saturday, December 20, 6:00 - 8:00 PM



Join us with your Sage and Sprout (and family) for a relaxing night of fellowship at the St. Michael's Christmas Light Festival. Grab a hot chocolate, roast a marshmallow, and meet Santa. We will kick the night off with a prayer circle and wear festive light necklaces. Admission is $5 + a canned good. CLICK HERE to sign up. This initiative pairs "sages" (adult parishioners) with "sprouts" (Pre-K through 5th graders), through prayer and relationship building. CLICK HERE to join Sages & Sprouts, then get connected with your partner, pray, and repeat.

Special Events

Bible & Brunch with Bailey

November 2 & 16
9:15 - 10:10 AM
6-12 graders are invited to an offsite brunch with Bailey each month on the first and third Sundays. We will walk through the Bible and enjoy food and fellowship. Contact

College Finals Care Packages

Wednesday, November 19
Youth groups will soon prepare care packages for our college students. Please email your student's updated mailing address to Bailey as soon as possible so we can send them much needed reinforcements! bailey@stmikeschurch.com

Caroling at Liberty Heights



Sunday, December 7, 2:00 - 3:00 PM
Join us for caroling at Liberty Heights senior living community. We'll make Christmas hats for caroling. The event

Christmas Pageant



Sunday, December 14
10:30 AM Service
All elementary-aged children are encouraged to participate in St. Michael's Christmas Pageant: *The Nativity Story*. There will be two rehearsals on December 6 & 13. CLICK HERE to learn more.

Youth Christmas Party



Wednesday, December 17
6:00 - 8:00 PM
Let's celebrate the holidays with Chick-fil-A, s'mores, games, and a gingerbread house competition. All 6th - 12th graders are welcome.

Youth Council

All high schoolers are invited to join our Youth Council. CLICK HERE to learn more and apply.



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

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PASTORAL CARE

Connect with St. Michael's

The holidays can feel hard sometimes. At St. Michael's, we offer several opportunities to connect and get together for fellowship.

Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner

Thursday, November 27, 2:00 PM



You are invited to be part of this special event! You don't have to cook or be alone. Come enjoy great food, lively conversations, and the comfort of community. Feel free to invite a friend or family member to join the celebration. CLICK HERE to sign up and let us know what you are bringing.



Blue Christmas Service

Tuesday, December 16, 7:00 PM

Christmas can be a difficult season for many. If you are feeling lost or hurt or are estranged from the general feelings of joy and happiness during this time of year, please join us in-person or online.

Clergy or Care Team Appointments

If you would like a visit from a clergy member or our Care Team, an on-line visit (if you are out of the area), or a simple phone call prayer, please contact Rev. Vicki Hesse, Beverly Raider, or Rich Page for an appointment: vicki@stmikeschurch.com, dbraidercolo@comcast.com, or pagex2@comcast.net.

Care Teams

CREATION CARE

Creative Climate Solutions

Making the Holidays Environmentally Friendly

This season, put the earth on your gift list.

Creation Justice

You can care for God's creation by considering the strain of our holiday giving on the environment. From our choice of wrapping paper to purchasing party supplies, we have an opportunity to rethink our gifts from an environmentally conscious lens.



For example, avoiding or reducing the purchase of "fast fashion" can have a significant effect. Fast fashion refers to cheaply produced and low priced garments that copy the latest catwalk styles and get pumped quickly through stores in order to maximize on current trends (earth.org). Consider other fashion alternatives, such as purchasing from thrift stores and antique shops, or if you are crafty, sewing a clothing item. By caring for God's creation during the holidays, we are giving not only to others, but to our earth and our future. LEARN MORE.

NEWCOMERS

Newcomer Luncheon

Sunday, November 9, 12:00 - 1:30 PM

New - or newish - to St. Mike's? We'd love to get to know you at the next Newcomer Luncheon! Meet clergy and staff, connect with other newcomers, and learn more about life at St. Michael's. CLICK HERE to sign up.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHT FESTIVAL

Friday and Saturday Nights
December 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Admission: $5 per family AND
one canned good per person or a new toy!

Join us and invite your neighborhood for our largest outreach initative of the year. Each year we welcome thousands to our campus for a fun, affordable, and magical experience with over 100,000 Christmas lights. Refreshments, s'mores, and light up toys will be available for purchase. Features include time with Santa, a giant light maze, firepits, a lifesize snow-producing Ginger Bread House, and much much more! Come walk the lights, make new memories, and help make a difference as we give back to our community.

Christmas at St. Michael's

Wednesday, December 24
3:00 PM Family Service with Brass & Childcare
5:00 PM Traditional Service with Brass & Choir
7:00 PM Traditional Service with Brass & Choir*
11:00 PM Midnight Service with Brass & Incense

Thursday, December 25
10:00 AM Christmas Day Service with Hymns*

Sunday, December 28
10:00 AM A Service for a New Year*

Friends, neighbors, and family are welcome to join us this Christmas season and every day of the year!
*Livestream services available:
www.stmikeschurch.com