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**XYZ Lunch: Origins of Idioms—It Means What?:** Join us, **Thursday, October 3**, for a potluck lunch in the parish hall. Pretzels and punch at noon. Lunch at 12:30. Then we'll explore the origins of common sayings/idioms. What's the meaning behind "mind your Ps and Qs"? Or "cut the mustard"? Or "it's a doozy"? Together we'll guess, learn—and maybe laugh. All are welcome, especially seniors. Contact: Evelyn Bence or Jane Cook.

**A-SPAN Shelter:** We need three volunteers for Friday, October 4, to serve meals to 40 – 50 people at the Shelter between 5:30 and 7:30 PM. Questions? Contact Linda Kelleher ([lindaykelleher@gmail.com](mailto:lindaykelleher@gmail.com)).

**We're having a party!** When? Sat., Oct. 5, 11 AM to 3 PM. Where? On the church lawn (or inside if it rains). St. Michael's block party will offer fun for all ages: BBQ, beer, bounce house, music, children's activities, and more. Inova Blood Services will be on site for those who are interested in donating. (To sign up for donating blood go to <https://tinyurl.com/StMichaelsBloodDriveFall2019>) Invite your friends and neighbors to come on over! We need your help to make this a

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**Hurricane Relief:** Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with dioceses in the path of Hurricane Dorian. You can help provide affected communities with immediate and long-term support. Please contribute to our Hurricane Relief Fund at [support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief](http://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief).

**Ministers of Worship:** We are seeking individuals who are interested in serving as leaders in a variety of capacities during our Sunday morning worship services. Opportunities include greeting, ushering, reading scripture, singing in the choir, serving on Altar Guild, serving on Flower guild, serving as Lay Eucharistic Minister, and acolyte. Please join us for a brief meeting to learn more on Sunday, October 6th following either worship service, or email The Rev. Beth Franklin to learn more.

**Parish Directory:** With the start of fall it is time to update our Parish Directory. A copy of the latest draft Directory is in the Parish Hall. Please mark up that copy with any needed additions/changes. We'll plan on releasing a new Directory sometime in October. If you want to add (or change) your family picture, just send a photo in .jpg format to Wil in the Parish Office ([parishoffice@stmichaelsarlington.org](mailto:parishoffice@stmichaelsarlington.org))

**“The Quilted Word”:** Creative maker Terry Peckarsky is exhibiting a selection of her art quilts in our Parish Hall through October 10. A reception for Terry will be held at 4:00 PM on **Sunday, September 22**. Note: A printed exhibition booklet will be available for \$12. Information is available in the blue binder near the Parish Hall stairs.

**Lutheran Social Services of the National Capital Area is in need of furniture and household items for refugees:** There is an immediate need for a kitchen/dining table and four chairs and an ongoing need for new or like-new sheet sets, towels, toiletries, kitchen items, cleaning supplies, bicycles, dressers, couches, kitchen/dining tables and chairs. To donate any of these items contact Mira Mendick [mendickm@lssnca.org](mailto:mendickm@lssnca.org) or [donations@lssnca.org](mailto:donations@lssnca.org). Maureen Doallas

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