



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news



JANUARY 7, 2024

WELCOME TO SUZANNE PENCE, NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR

Exciting news from Fr. John:

“We have hired Dr. Suzanne Pence as our new choir director. Her first official Sunday will be January 21, but she will not conduct that day. Jack Walton, our interim director, will, and we will celebrate his ministry after the service. Suzanne inherits a choir that is gifted, faithful, and ready to keep growing. I am so grateful for Jack, for Gena, who is always such a staple of this choir and church, and for all of the singers. I am also excited about our future, and that future is very bright!”

Suzanne M. Pence is Associate Professor of Music and Human Learning in the Butler School of Music at The University of Texas-Austin where she has been teaching since 1996. She teaches courses in conducting and choral music education. Dr. Pence was the conductor of the Concert Chorale from 2000-2021 and has also conducted the Treble Chorus, University Chorus, and Choral Arts Society. She most recently started a Treble Chamber Choir that performs early music repertoire through vocal jazz. Under Pence’s direction, the Concert Chorale has toured throughout the southern United States, performed for the Southwest American Choral Directors Association, and at Carnegie Hall in New York. She received the DMA in Choral Conducting from the University of Missouri-Kansas City where she studied with Drs. Eph Ehly and Charles Robinson, a Master of Music Education degree from Wichita State University where she studied with Dr. René Clausen, and a Bachelor of Music Education degree from Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois where she studied with Richard Hoffland. Pence is currently the College and Community Vice President of TCDA and is also a member of ACDA and TMEA. She is an active adjudicator/clinician and festival conductor throughout the country. Suzanne has a son and daughter, both married and living in Austin, and her hobbies include hiking, trying to play golf, reading, and traveling.



Dr. Pence says she is “looking forward to working with the 11:00 am choir and getting to know the St. Michael’s community.” She adds her gratitude for Jack, Gena, and the choir to Fr. John’s.

NOTES

ST. MICHAEL'S ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

January 28 * 10:00 am
Sanctuary

- ✦ EMAIL INVITATION COMING SOON
- ✦ LIVESTREAMED AT ST-MICHAELS.ORG
- ✦ SERVICES AT 7:45, 9:00 & 11:15 AM
- ✦ CHILDCARE AVAILABLE IN PARISH HALL FOR AGES 3+

Book Study: *The Heart of it All* by Samuel Wells

January - April Join Fr. Josh for a book study in the New Year as we read Samuel Well's *The Heart of it All: The Bible's Big Picture*. There will be two weekly meeting options beginning on January 29 & 31 and running through April 1 & 3: Mondays from 12:00-1:00 pm in the parish hall (Zoom available) or Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom only. We will not meet the week of Spring Break (March 10 & 13). A reading guide will be distributed to anyone interested by January 22. [Please sign up here](#) and email Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org with any questions.

MLK Day March | Monday, January 15 at 9:00 am

Please join Fr. Josh on Monday, January 15, at 9:00 am to participate in Austin's annual MLK Community March. The march begins at the MLK statue on the UT campus before proceeding to the Capitol steps. After a short rally, the march continues on to Huston-Tillotson for a community festival. For additional information please visit <https://mlkcelebration.com/> or email Fr. Josh (jkulak@st-michaels.org).

SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

JANUARY 14, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Rm 8
SMEYC Office Hrs | Parish Hall
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour | Parish Hall
The Seekers | Rm 4, Ed. Wing
SMEYC Service Project
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Rm 8
SMEYC Office Hrs | Parish Hall
- 4:00 pm Sunday Afternoon EYC

9:00 & 11:00 am services
livestreamed at
st-michaels.org/worship-online

Tuesday Women's Bible Study: First Corinthians | Starts January 9 The Women's Bible Study will begin a new topic on Tuesday, January 9, at 6 pm: 1st Corinthians. Christianity calls us to sacrifice instead of living for oneself. The Christians in Corinth tried to live the Christian life in a worldly way. Paul wrote his first letter to the Corinthians to a divided and self-centered people to remind them to follow Jesus and only Jesus. In this 12-part series, author Jennie Allen walks into the messy lives of the Corinthians and takes us through Paul's words to the conflicted church. We'll see how the truth of the gospel and the Spirit of God can empower us to choose to follow Jesus every day of our lives. Contact Trish Thompson at home.thompson@gmail.com with questions or to RSVP.

New Wednesday Evening, Off-Campus Bible Study | January 10 - April 3 Michael and Trish Thompson are leading a co-ed evening Bible study beginning Wednesday, January 10, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. The group will meet in the Capital View Center conference room located at 1301 S Capital of Texas Highway (office building next to Westlake fire house). The Gospel of Matthew is the topic, and the group will be using the John McArthur study guide. We will meet for twelve weeks (taking off for Ash Wednesday on 2/14) so expect to finish on April 3. It is open to everyone. Childcare is not available. The book is available for purchase from Amazon at [this link](#). Questions? Contact Trish Thompson at home.thompson@gmail.com.

PLUG INTO OUTREACH

Outreach Partners The Outreach Commission is excited to support these organizations and seek to grow opportunities for purposeful connections with many of them. Click on the links to learn more about each organization or check out the new Outreach webpage at st-michaels.org/outreach.

[Seminary of the Southwest](#) (*theological and pastoral education*)

[The Texas Pauli Murray Scholarship](#) (*scholarship for seminary students of color*)

[Episcopal Relief and Development](#) (*disaster relief & sustainable development*)

[Interfaith Action of Central Texas \(iACT\)](#) (*interfaith outreach*)

[Trinity Center](#) (*homelessness*)

[Casa Marianella](#) (*displaced immigrants*)

[Saint Francis Ministries](#) (*foster care*)

[El Buen Samaritano](#) (*family services*)

[One Good Turn](#) (*global health in underserved communities*)

The Outreach program funds a variety of theological and social service organizations and also continues to support St. Michael's Day School, SMEC community garden, Honduras Mission project, and the Del Valle Elementary School book drive. We also provide volunteer opportunities with several local organizations during the year. If you have a passion for spreading love and grace throughout the community, please connect with Harriett Choffel, Outreach Commission Chair, at harriettchoffel@icloud.com; or Fr. Josh Kulak at jkulak@st-michaels.org

FAMILY LIFE

Sunday School | 9:00 & 11:00 am | Family Life Center (Rm 8) The Family Ministry team welcomes children and their parents at the front of the church and guides them to the Family Life Center in the Education Wing. Parents are reunited with their children in the sanctuary at the announcements—in time for communion together as a family. *Programming will resume on January 7.* Contact Amanda at amanda@st-michaels.org for more info.

The St. Michael's Episcopal Youth Community (SMEYC) welcomes youth 5th-12th grade to experience community and connection, to question and explore our faith and ourselves through our relationships with the church, with each other, and with the world beyond Westlake.

Questions?

Email Bonnie Walton, Youth Coordinator, at youth@st-michaels.org.

Sr. High ATX

Connect with other Camp Allen Episco-peeps in the greater Austin area.

New in 2024

Sunday Morning Office Hours

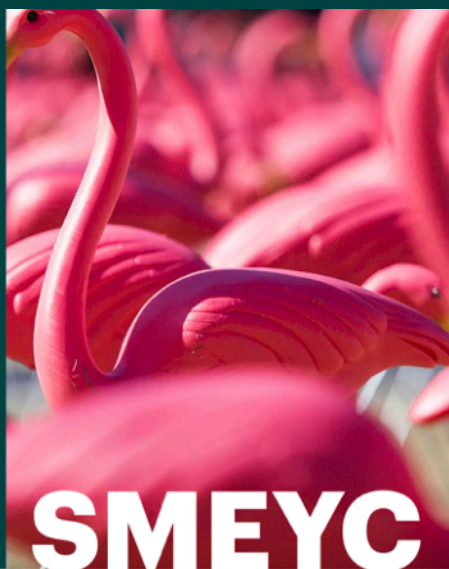
Discussion & Devotionals for Youth
9am and 11am Parish Hall
10am Monthly Service Projects

Sunday Afternoon EYC

Now 4pm to 6pm
Games + Hang, now with 33% more fun!

Sr. High Sunday Fun Days

4 Sundays of ATX-wide adventure with other Episcopal Sr. High Youth.



Sr. High Sunday Fun Days

February 11
Indoor Rock Climbing

March 3
Amazing Race Lady Bird Lake

April 7
Peter Pan Mini Golf

May 5
Zilker Park

For event details, updates & weekly offerings at St. Michael's on 360, contact the SMEYC team at youth@st-michaels.org and check out smeyc.org.

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

Rector's Bible Study Update for 2024 | Sundays @12:45 pm and Tuesdays @noon Sunday Fr. John's Bible study resumes in 2024, with slightly different schedules for January.

The Sunday study will resume on February 4, due to the annual meeting and some other events.

The Tuesday noon study will resume on January 16; discussing the lectionary readings on January 16, 23, and 30.

In February, both groups will dive into a new book of the Bible—sections of First and Second Corinthians.

Zoom Info: bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink Meeting ID: 832 6049 2080; passcode: bible. Dial by location: +13462487799, ID 83260492080#; passcode 543331# US (Houston)

The Seekers Adult Formation Group | meets Sundays at 10:00 am in Rm 4 (Education Wing) and via Zoom

Looking for engaging discussion of theological and spiritual topics? Join the Seekers on Sunday mornings. The group is currently discussing *The Universal Christ*, by Richard Rohr. Franciscan friar and ecumenical teacher, Rohr bears witness to the deep wisdom of Christian mysticism and traditions of action and contemplation.

Drop in anytime, regardless of whether you've read the book. Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com or Phyllis Bles at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info.

Here's the new Zoom link: bit.ly/SeekersBookGroup, Passcode: 541706.

Morning Prayer | Tuesdays @9:00 am You're invited to Morning Prayer each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Please note the Zoom link and passcode: bit.ly/SMECTuesMorningPrayer. **Passcode:** prayer.

Centering Prayer—Now In-person and via Zoom | Tuesdays @6:30 pm This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Join the group in-person on the SMEC campus (Gathering Room) or join via Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85765348257?pwd=dnlMUXh3dHdBOTBDeUROS2hMRXV6Zz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Bles with questions: phyllis.blees@gmail.com. For more about contemplative prayer, click this link: [Heart of Texas Contemplative Outreach](#).

St. Michael's Book Club | Fourth Wednesdays @2:30 pm Looking for fellowship and conversation? Love reading? Join the SMEC Book Club! The group meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm unless there's a holiday. The group is now meeting *in person at St. Michael's*. *The next gathering is January 31*; the book chosen is *The Soul of America* by Jon Meacham. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com or Sue Allen at tom@northcoastbrewing.com for more information.

Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study | Wednesdays at 1:00 pm The group meets by Zoom (using the same link) for one hour beginning at 1:00 pm CT. This is a perfect time to invite others to join our group. This informal group discusses the Daily Office readings—drop in anytime! Led by Mary Healy, mary.r.healy@gmail.com. Zoom Link: bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

Evening Prayer | Wednesdays @4:30 pm All are welcome to join each Wednesday at 4:30 pm for prayer and conversation. Use Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88196769453> and passcode 945676.

Men's Pub Theology | Second Wednesdays @5:00 pm Join the men of St. Michael's for Christian fellowship and theological conversation. The next meeting is February 14; the group meets at the County Line BBQ on Bee Caves Road. Contact Andy Hines at ahines@hinespool.com for more information.

MINISTRIES

Daughters of the King The Daughters of the King® is an order for women who are members of the Episcopal Church. The DOK's mission is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism. St. Michael's chapter was established in 2014 and they are meeting regularly again. If you're interested in learning more about the group, they meet in the Gathering Room (next to the sanctuary) the third Saturday of each month at 10:30am. Contact Jonea Raney at jcsrcc@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Altar Guild The Altar Guild is always looking for women and men to join this ministry. This group makes sure that the sanctuary is clean and readied for services and other liturgical events that happen at St. Michael's. If you are interested in serving or for more information, please contact Gail Reid at reid.gail@gmail.com.

Feeling Overwhelmed? Stephen Ministers Care Sometimes, I tremble under the weight of life. I'm being stretched too thinly by a shredding relationship, others' ceaseless needs, or my exhaustion. Imagine what it might be like to have someone hold, with you, the sources of that heavy pressure that tightens and presses on you. To know and understand. A Stephen Minister will listen for an hour, week after week, and not grow weary or frustrated or try to fix you. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide safe, confidential Christian care.

Contact the Rev. John Newton (jnewton@st-michaels.org) or Stephen Ministers Julie de Wette (julie@losmadrone.com) or Jeff Robinson (jarobinson100@gmail.com).

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Please email Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org with prayer requests or to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

For Jim Clark, who passed away on January 4; for his family and friends as they grieve.

For Nannette, who passed away recently, for her family and friends and they grieve.

For Alice Barton, who is having ACL rotator cuff difficulties.

For Arthur Orum, brother of Tony Orum; Arthur is recovering from serious injuries.

For Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, who is recovering from surgery to treat a recurrence of a subdural hematoma.

For all those affected by the winter storm just passed, and for all those who will be affected by the upcoming one.

For Palestinians, Israelis, and all victims of violence in the Middle East.

For all those affected by gun violence.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Epiphany, Burnet; Good Shepherd, Austin; Grace, Georgetown;

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Province of South East Asia

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

SMEDS Chapel takes place every Wednesday at 9:30 am in our bright and beautiful sanctuary. The students gather with Fr. Josh, Miss Karen, and other teachers in the sanctuary for worship & Bible-based lessons. For the first gathering of 2024, the children learned about the Three Wise Men and the gifts they brought to Jesus. Miss Karen had lots of help opening the present she brought to show the kids.



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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

Altar flower dedications are a wonderful way to celebrate the special people in your life or honor an important event or memory. They are printed here and in the 11:00 am service bulletin.

You can use this link to send your dedication and make a donation: st-michaels.org/altar-flower-donations. You may also donate using the QR code below or send a check to the church office at 1500 N. Capital of Texas Highway, 78746; put "altar flowers" as the memo.

GIVE TO SMEC



THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet?
Please send your ideas, stories, or photos to Christine Havens, Director of Communications (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays. We recommend running stories beginning two weeks prior to your event.

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