

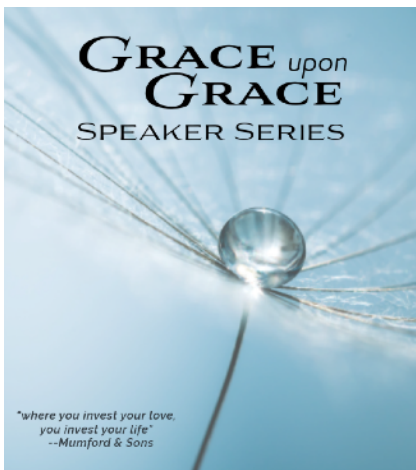


THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news



FEBRUARY 18, 2024



SUNDAY EVENINGS IN LENT ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sanctuary
5:00 pm Eucharist
5:30 pm Speaker

Parish Hall
6:15 pm Dinner

5:00-6:45 pm
Children & Youth
Activities & Meal

Eucharist & speaker livestreamed at
st-michaels.org/worship-online

Dr. Angela Reed completed her PhD in Practical Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary. She also has an MDiv degree from the University of Winnipeg. She teaches on various aspects of Christian spiritual formation, discipleship, and pastoral care. Dr. Reed's first book, *Quest for Spiritual Community: Reclaiming Spiritual Guidance for Contemporary Congregations*, was published in 2011. Her second book, *Spiritual Companionship: A Guide to Protestant Theology and Practice*, was written together with her mentors, Dr. Richard Osmer and Dr. Marcus Smucker.

Dr. Reed's passion for spiritual formation and church life extends beyond academics to the practical. In 2024, she received a major grant from the Lilly Endowment Thriving Congregations Initiative to support ministry focused on disability, mental health, and spiritual guidance among young people in congregations. Dr. Reed continues to be involved in various ministries, including retreat leadership, guest speaking, and spiritual direction with individuals and groups.



February 18	Dr. Angela Reed <i>Truett Seminary, Baylor</i>	<i>"Discovering Grace through Spiritual Companionship"</i>
February 25	Dr. Jared E. Alcántara <i>Truett Seminary, Baylor</i>	<i>"Finding God in the Wilderness"</i>
March 3	Dr. Gena St. David <i>Seminary of the Southwest</i>	<i>"The Neuroscience of Trust, Forgiveness, & Spiritual Growth"</i>
March 10	The Rev. Dr. David Wilhite <i>Truett Seminary, Baylor</i>	<i>"Lent as a Journey: Lessons from Ancient Pilgrimage"</i>
March 17	The Rt. Rev. Neil Alexander <i>School of Theology, Sewanee</i>	<i>"This Far by Grace: Field Notes from the Journey"</i>

2024 LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES: GRACE UPON GRACE

Join St. Michael's for a deep dive into the transformative power of grace within the local church to foster forgiveness, healing, and spiritual growth. Our hope each Sunday is to know the truth of John 1:16 more deeply as a community: "From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace." We have 5 remarkable speakers, and we have 5 delicious dinners afterward.

Children's and youth activities will be available, including a kid-friendly dinner. Drop off is at 4:45 pm; we are asking folks to pick up their children by 6:45 pm.

Learn more about our speakers here: st-michaels.org/2024-lenten-speaker-series. Recordings of the talks will be posted on the Monday following.

NOTES

Get **READY** for
VACATION BIBLE CAMP
at St. Michael's Episcopal Church!
JUNE 3-6 2024
4 year olds - rising 4th graders
Online registration **OPENS**
Friday, February 25
\$25 per child
includes snacks, a T-shirt, and **lots of FUN**



Camp Allen Visit Camp Allen summer staff will pay a visit to St. Michael's on Sunday, February 25, to talk all things camp with interested families, potential campers, and counselors. Session directors Kellye Heinze, Amy and Stuart Wiggin, and Bonnie & Trent Walton, as well as the SMEYC team, will also be available for q&a. Come discover what makes Camp Allen the place to be this summer and always!



Register for Happening #180 Happening is a weekend of affirmation and renewal for high school youth in the Diocese of Texas. How is faith relevant to your life today? What does it mean to be loved unconditionally? Come find out the **SURPRISING** ways that God's love continues to change everything. Ready to get this weekend-long surprise party started? [Register for Happening #180](#), April 12-14. Registration fee is \$75. Scholarships available.

SMEC at Austin FC Join St. Michael's for an afternoon of family fun on Saturday, April 27, at 12:30 pm, as we watch Austin FC take on the LA Galaxy at Q2 Stadium. Tickets cost \$70 per person and scholarships are available. [Please register for the event here](#). We are also asking that attending families consider purchasing a soccer ball to donate to our friends at Casa Marianella.

For more information or to sign up, please email Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org.



the sacrament of the Eucharist

connecting
to
Communion



a milestone in a child's life

FEBRUARY 4 - 25
Sundays at 10am | Gathering Room
for children entering 1st grade & up
RSVP: Fr. Josh (jkulak@st-michaels.org)

Confirmation, Membership, and Joining the Episcopal Church We are looking forward to having Bishop Kai Ryan join us at St. Michael's on Sunday, April 7, at which time she will confirm and receive youth and adults at our 11:00 am service as part of her visit.

Confirmation classes for youth 7th grade and up will start this Sunday between services at 10:00 am, led by Hope Benko. We already have a great group signed up, but it is never too late to join. Just send Hope an email at hope@st-michaels.org.

If you're an adult and have been attending St. Michael's for a while but were either never confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, well, let's make it official! Email Fr. John at jnewton@st-michaels.org, and he will let you know any prep required and add you to his list.

FAMILY LIFE

Sunday School | 9:00 & 11:00 am | Room 8 The Family Ministry team welcomes children and their parents at the front of the church and guides them to Room 8 in the Education Wing. Parents are reunited with their children in the sanctuary at the announcements—in time for communion together as a family. We also have the Gathering Room and wiggle bags in the narthex for extra wiggly children. Contact the Rev. Hope Benko at hope@st-michaels.org for more info.

SMEYC Schedule

This Sunday

February 18

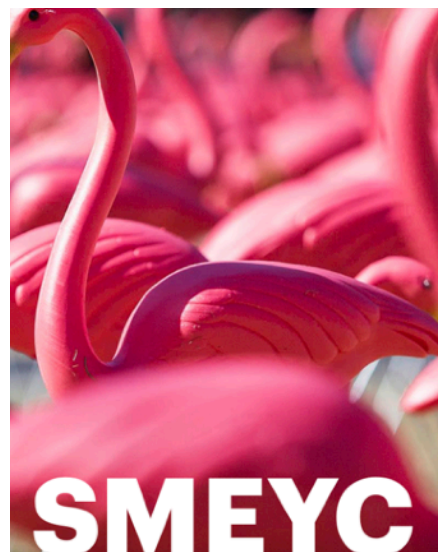
9:00 & 11:00 am Youth Devos — Parish Hall
10:00 am Hang Out / Confirmation Class / Parent Meeting
5:00-7:00 pm EYC + Lenten Series Dinner

Upcoming...

February 25

9:00 & 11:00 am Youth Devos — Parish Hall
10:00 am Service Project — Trinity Center Bags / Confirmation Class
5:00-7:00 pm EYC + Lenten Series Dinner

St. Michael's Episcopal Youth Community welcomes youth 5th-12th grade to experience community and connection, to question and explore 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.



iACT coming to SMEC On Sunday, March 3, friends from iACT (Interfaith Action of Central Texas) will join us at the 11:00 am service as part of iACT's Passport Program. This program gives participants the opportunity to travel to various houses of worship of many different faith traditions throughout the year with the aim of increasing understanding and friendship across difference. Questions? Contact Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org.

Lost and Found The office has several items that have been left behind on Sunday mornings: light brown plaid scarf with fringe, one green floral travel cup, one black travel cup with the word “think,” and two pop-up umbrellas, one dark grey, one black. Please call the office at 512-327-1474 or email Christine at chavens@st-michaels.org if any of these belong to you. Unclaimed items will be raptured to a new home after Thursday, February 29.

OUTREACH IN ACTION

St. Michael's is actively engaged in community outreach efforts, supporting a variety of non-profit organizations through hands-on service and financial assistance. Volunteer opportunities with several local organizations are offered throughout 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.

Del Valle Book Drive St. Michael's will host the annual book drive for Del Valle elementary students' summer reading enrichment. It's time for you to begin collecting new or gently-used books (English or Spanish) for distribution in May. We need a coordinator to make this a successful project! For details, contact Harriett Choffel (harriettchoffel@icloud.com) or Fr. Josh (jkulak@st-michaels.org).

Drive a Senior & Chariot Volunteers Needed Looking for a way to plug into outreach? Get involved with Drive A Senior ATX (www.drivesenioratx.org) and Chariot (chariot.org), two local non-profit organizations that provide free rides to senior citizens, taking them to doctors, stores, and other essential destinations within the greater Austin-Travis County area. Drivers are greatly needed and scheduling is easy. If you are interested in volunteering as a driver or in another capacity OR if you or someone you know is over 60 and needs transportation assistance, please contact either of the organizations directly or contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@icloud.com or John Boehm at jboehmjr@utexas.edu.

2024 Community Investment Partners

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 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.

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

Rector's Bible Study Spring 2024 | Sundays @12:45 pm and Tuesdays @noon All are welcome to join Fr. John for an in-depth study of 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. 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.

Zoom link: bit.ly/SeekersBookGroup, Passcode: 541706.

Book Study: *The Heart of it All* by Samuel Wells January - April Join Fr. Josh for a book study of theologian Samuel Well's *The Heart of it All: The Bible's Big Picture*. There are two weekly meeting options: 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). [Please sign up here](#) and email Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org with any questions. Zoom links:

Monday Noon: <https://bit.ly/HeartBookStudyMonday>

Wednesday Night: <https://bit.ly/HeartBookStudyWednesday>

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.

Tuesday Women's 12-part Bible Study: First Corinthians | 6:00 pm | Church Office The Women's Bible Study meets at 6:00 pm in the church office; they're studying First Corinthians now to the beginning of April. Christianity calls us to sacrifice instead of living for oneself. 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.

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=dnlMlUXh3dHdBOTBDeUROS2hMRXV6Zz09>; 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](#).

Wednesday Evening, Off-Campus Bible Study | January 10 - April 3 Michael and Trish Thompson are leading a twelve-week, 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 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. It is open to everyone. Childcare is not available. The book is available for purchase at [this link](#). Questions? Contact Trish Thompson at home.thompson@gmail.com.

St. Michael's Book Club | Last Wednesday of the Month @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 February 28; the book to be discussed is *Lessons in Chemistry*, a novel by Bonnie Garmus. 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 | County Line BBQ on Bee Caves Road Join the men of St. Michael's for Christian fellowship and theological conversation. *The next meeting is March 13*; 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 jcsrch@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).

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

What makes St. Michael's so special? It's the incredible community of families! *Many thanks to Miss Crystal for the photo.*



I SEE LOVE ALL AROUND
2024 SMEDS ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

FUNDRAISING SOCIAL
THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 22
7PM
HOTEL VIATA

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT
We are dedicated to investing in our teams of educators and the nurturing community that they create for our children.

FAMILY ENRICHMENT
We are excited to begin family enrichment workshops for parents interested in learning to implement positive behavioral and learning practices at home.

CAMPUS SECURITY
Your family's presence is valued but here contracted with State Guard Patrol to have an officer on campus during school hours.

DONATIONS ACCEPTED VIA CHECK, BRIGHTWHEEL, ZEPHY OR VENMO

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

SMEDS Chapel takes place with Fr. Josh and Miss Karen every Wednesday at 9:30 am in our bright and beautiful sanctuary.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

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

Michael M., for serious health issues.

Riker Stippick, with an unexplained brain injury.

Jeff Reynolds, for healing and strength.

Kaitlyn Lundrigan, for successful kidney surgery.

Francesca, for healing and strength.

Ralph Palafox, who passed away recently; for his family & colleagues.

Jeffrey F. Taylor of Cedar Falls, Iowa, who died unexpectedly; for his family & friends.

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

For all those affected by gun violence, especially those at the Kansas City Chiefs Super Bowl Rally.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mark's, Austin; St. Mary Magdalene, Manor; St. Mary's, Lampasas; St. Matthew's, Austin

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

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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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