



THE TRUMPET

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JANUARY 29, 2023

2023 VESTRY SLATE

Sunday, January 29, is our Annual Meeting at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Here is our vestry slate for this year. A big thank you to all our vestry members past and present, who do such hard work for St. Michael's Episcopal Church.



Meg Abbott and her husband, Steve, moved to Austin from California last August and found a home at St. Michael's. They have three children—Jack, Sam, and Margaret. Meg has degrees in art history and jurisprudence.

has greatly enjoyed being a member of the Stewardship Committee and looks forward to serving on vestry.



Bob Moody and his wife, Karen, have two grown children and recently welcomed their first grandchild. Bob is on the Property Commission, participating in many of the maintenance and improvement projects. He used his IT skills

to build and maintain the SMEC network and WiFi infrastructure. He has served previously on the vestry.



Tim Hendricks, along with his wife, Leigh Ann, love being members of St. Michael's. In addition to working on several high-profile Austin commercial real estate projects. Tim has been involved with Mobile Loaves and Fishes and the Austin

Parks Foundation. This will be his first time serving on SMEC's vestry.



Carol Rosser grew up in Texas City, and attended St. George's Episcopal Church. She was an educator for 36 years, and retired in 2015. She and her husband, Steve, moved to Austin in 1998.

They have attended St. Michael's since July of 2021, and she currently serves on the Stewardship Commission.



Hilary Bellm, husband, Brent; sons Aaron (16) and Landon (16); and daughter, Scarlett (11) have been members of St. Michael's since 2010. Hilary served on vestry from 2018-2021, as both junior warden and senior warden. Hilary volunteers with the St. Stephen's Episcopal School Parent Association and enjoys cooking, gardening and walking the dogs.

NOTES

Mark Your Calendars! Special Dates at SMEC

Stay tuned for details to come!

Sunday, February 12 | Scout Sunday Stay tuned for more details soon. We can tell you there will be homemade cobbler involved!

Sunday, February 19 | Chancel Choir Showcase | 5:00 pm

Join us for a concert featuring our four scholarship singers.

Tuesday, February 21 | Pancake Dinner 6:00-7:00pm Join us for food & fellowship as we prepare to enter the season of Lent.

Wednesday, February 22 | Ash Wednesday Services at 9:15am, noon, and 7:00pm

Lenten Speaker Series "Repentance as Grace"

Sundays in Lent February 26-March 26

5:00 pm Eucharist*

5:30 pm Speaker*

6:15 pm Refreshments

*In-person & livestreamed @st-michaels.org/worship-online

the sacrament
of the Eucharist

connecting
to
Communion



a milestone in a child's life

Sundays at 10am | Gathering Room

FEBRUARY 5-19

for children entering 1st grade & up

RSVP: amanda@st-michaels.org

Episcopal 101 Class February 12-26 Are you an adult who's being confirmed on March 26 during the bishop's visit? Join Fr. Josh for Episcopal 101. The class will meet in the church office on Sundays Feb. 12-26 from 10-10:50am. Sessions will focus on Episcopal History, the Book of Common Prayer, and theology & the Bible. No RSVPs needed, but contact Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org if you have any questions or need childcare to attend.

SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

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FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Ed. Wing
- 10:00 am Annual Parish Mtg | Sanctuary
Children's Activities | Parish Hall
- 11:15 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Ed. Wing
- 12:45 pm Bible Study | Zoom

Watch the 9:00 & 11:15 am services
and the Annual Meeting at
st-michaels.org/worship-online

Readings for January 29, 2023
Micah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31;
Matthew 5:1-12; Psalm 15

Last Sunday of Bible Study with Fr. Josh | January 15, 22, and 29 | Sundays @12:45 & Tuesdays

@noon Fr. Josh Kulak will teach a 3-week lectionary-based Bible study, on Jan. 15, 22, and 29 (and the following Tuesdays, Jan 17, 24 and 31). [Access the readings here.](#)

ZOOM INFO: <https://bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink> Meeting ID: 832 6049 2080; passcode: bible.

Bible Study on the Book of Exodus with Fr. John | Begins February 5 | Sundays @12:45

& Tuesdays @noon Fr. John will teach a Bible study on the Book of Exodus, beginning on February 5.

ZOOM INFO: <https://bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink> Meeting ID: 832 6049 2080; passcode: bible.

FAMILY LIFE



Hanging Out with Jesus | Sunday School | During 9am & 11am Services Sunday School is a place where children and their families can practice being compassionate in a community that values love and compassion. We start the new year with a new program—*Hanging Out with Jesus*. In this series, kids will be introduced to the love Jesus has for all people, including them. Jesus wants to be with us every day. He sees each of us for who we are and knows our needs before we even tell Him. Jesus offers love and care like no one else can, and His love is so great that He eventually died on the cross to save us from sin.

Ms. Amanda, our Family Minister, and the Family Ministry team welcome children and their parents at the front of the church and guide 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. Questions? Contact Amanda at amanda@st-michaels.org.

Our Sunday School Classes are Growing! Sunday School Helpers Needed Do you love working with children? Our Sunday school classes are growing, and the Family Ministry team needs adults to serve as Sunday School helpers one or two Sundays a month. If you are interested or for more information, please email Amanda Evans Lang, our family minister, at amanda@st-michaels.org.

Scenes from Fr. Josh's Ordination

Saturday, January 21, at 10:30 am, our curate, Fr. Josh Kulak, was ordained into the priesthood in the Episcopal Church. What a special moment in the life of St. Michael's! Fr. Josh sends a big thank you to all who helped make that morning so wonderful! Here are some snapshots of that morning. *Thanks to Joel Lang for his excellent photography skills.*



PLUG INTO OUTREACH

It Takes Many Hands to Share God's Bounty with Those in Need The SMEC Community Garden, which is on the far side of the day school, is in need of more friends to help with this ministry. The gardeners have planted broccoli, lettuce, kale, spinach, chard, garlic, onions, radishes, peas, beets, carrots, cilantro, arugula, and sorrel. All the produce goes to folks who don't have much access to fresh food. Our partner is Hope Food Pantry, a non-profit assisting Austin neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity. They love the fresh veggies! Gardeners of all ages are invited to volunteer: plant seeds, water, weed, or harvest. Great for families and individuals! Interested? Contact Beth Michaels at ebethmichaels@att.net.

Outreach Partners St. Michael's Outreach partners for 2022 were the following organizations: Seminary of the Southwest, Trinity Center, Refugee Services of Texas, Casa Marianella, Pauli Murray Scholarship, Episcopal Relief and Development, St. Michael's Day School, El Buen Samaritano, One Good Turn, Nicole's Place, St. Francis Ministries, Honduras Mission Project, Del Valle Book Project, and the SMEC garden. Look for new information soon about our 2023 partners. Throughout the year, we work closely with several of these organizations and offer ways for the parish to "plug in" and participate. Contact Harriett Choffel, Outreach Commission chair, with questions or to learn more: harriettchoffel@icloud.com.

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

No Meeting on January 29 Due to Annual Meeting—The Seekers | Sundays @10:00am | Rm 4 (Education Wing) and via Zoom The Seekers meet weekly at 10:00am. They're finishing up discussion of *Job and the Mystery of Suffering: Spiritual Reflections* by Richard Rohr; look for a new book to be announced soon. Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com or Phyllis Blee at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info. Here's the Zoom link: bit.ly/SeekersZoomLink, Passcode: 541706.

St. Michael's Book Club | Fourth Wednesdays @2:30pm Looking for fellowship and conversation? Love reading? Join the SMEC Book Club! The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 2:30pm. The group is working on an in-person meeting location. *The next meeting is in person at St. Michael's*. Here is the title for February—*Olive Kitteridge* by Elizabeth Strout. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com or Sue Allen at tom@northcoastbrewing.com for more information.

St. Michael's Women's Potluck | Next Date TBA | 6pm | Parish Hall The Women of St. Michael's are invited to gather for food and fellowship. Stay tuned for January's date. Bring a dish or adult beverage to share. If you don't have time to cook, just join us. There is always plenty of food to share. Email Becky Brindley at rmbrindley@yahoo.com or Gail Reid at reid.gail@gmail.com for more information.

Men's Pub Theology | Second Wednesdays @5:00pm | The Grove on Bee Cave Road Join the men of St. Michael's for fellowship and theological conversation. The group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at The Grove on Bee Cave Road; *the next meeting is February 8*. Contact Andy Hines at ahines@hinespool.com for more information.

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 | Tuesdays @6:30 pm This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: bit.ly/SMECCenteringPrayer; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: phyllis.blees@gmail.com. For more about contemplative prayer, click this link: [Heart of Texas Contemplative Outreach](#).

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/88082768969> and passcode 826364.

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study @1:00 pm 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.

MINISTRIES

Stephen Ministry Occasionally, worry, pain, anxiety or loneliness feel relentless. Jobs, unemployment, family, or eldercare may bring unique highs and weighty lows. A caring Stephen Minister, a trained and confidential listener, not a therapist or friend, may be best equipped to hold your concerns with you for an hour each week, offering understanding, support and prayers.

Learn more at www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry. If you'd like a Stephen Minister, please contact Jeff Robinson (jarobinson100@gmail.com), Julie de Wette (julie@losmadrone.com), or Fr. John Newton (jnewton@st-michaels.org).

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 but went on hiatus during COVID. They are meeting regularly again. If you're interested in learning more about the group, please contact Jonea Raney at jcsrrech@gmail.com.

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.

Photography Ministry Our photographers take on the role of capturing the special moments in the parish, may they be during worship, parish gatherings, or special events. If you're interested in helping with St. Michael's photography ministry, please email our director of communications, Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org. If you have any photos of community life or at-home worship that you'd like to share, Christine welcomes those, too. Please send via email at the highest resolution possible.

DAY SCHOOL PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Some of the Pandas played in their “house!” *Thanks to Ms. Kayla for the photo!*



THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

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

Parish Prayer List

For Karen Holody, who died recently; for Karen's husband, David, and for all her family & friends as they grieve.

For Donn, Bob Moody's father, who is transitioning to memory care, and for Donn's family.

For Will, nephew of Karen & Bob Moody, as he heals from illness and major surgery.

For Ariston (Awitan) for recovery from heart bypass surgery.

For those in Pasadena and elsewhere in southern Texas whose homes were damaged by the recent tornadoes and storms.

In honor of Con Aaron Rusling's promotion to colonel in the US Air Force.

For Saint Francis Ministries as they prepare to receive children into their new residential treatment facility in Lubbock.

For One Good Turn as they continue to provide medical care and medical education in underserved communities across the world.

For all victims of gun violence.

In thanksgiving for our outgoing vestry members, Karen Haslund, Clark Whitty, Donna Emery, and Kristen LeClair

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. George's, Austin; St. James', Austin; St. James', La Grange

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Pakistan (United)

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God, and by and by Barbara Rusling in honor of her son's promotion to Colonel Con Aaron Rusling in the US Air Force.

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. Your dedication can be emailed to: chavens@st-michaels.org.

Donate using the "Give Now" button on our homepage, www.st-michaels.org, 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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