



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news



FEBRUARY 11, 2024

INVITATION TO A HOLY LENT

St. Michael's invites you to enter into the solemn and holy season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, when we remember just how much God loves each of us.

All are welcome on Sunday evenings for our Lenten Speaker Series: *Grace upon Grace*. Not only do we have 5 remarkable speakers, but also we have 5 delicious dinners afterward.

Children's and youth activities will be available, including a kid-friendly dinner. Drop off is at 5:00 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. We look forward to being with you as we journey together toward Easter. —Christine Havens, Director of Communications

**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

FEBRUARY 14, 2024

Services:
Noon & 7:00 pm*

*livestreamed at st-michaels.org/worship-online

St. Michael's Episcopal Church
1500 N. Capital of Texas Highway

SAVE THE DATES!

**GRACE UPON
GRACE**

**SPEAKER
SERIES**

"where you invest your love, you invest your life"
--Mumford & Sons

SUNDAY EVENINGS IN LENT ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sanctuary
5:00 pm Eucharist
5:30 pm Speaker

Parish Hall
6:15 pm Dinner

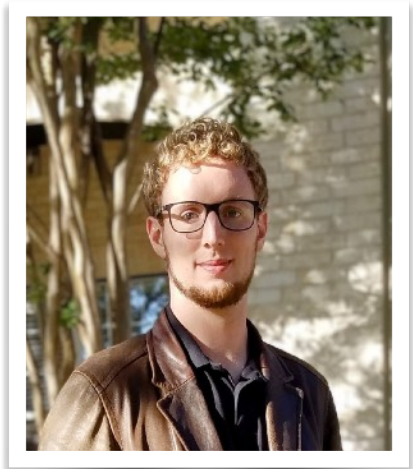
5:00-6:45 pm
Children & Youth
Activities & Meal

Eucharist & speaker
livestreamed at
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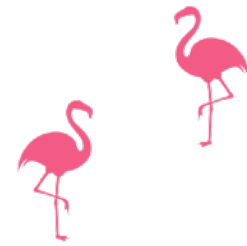
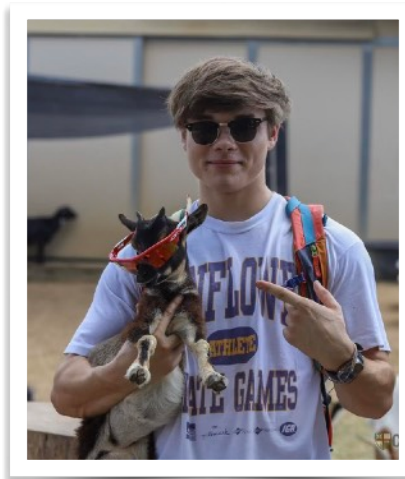
February 18	Dr. Angela Reed	<i>Associate Professor, Practical Theology, Truett Seminary</i>
February 25	Dr. Jared E. Alcántara	<i>Professor, Preaching, Truett Seminary</i>
March 3	Dr. Gena St. David	<i>Director, Loise Henderson Wessendorff Center @SSW</i>
March 10	The Rev. Dr. David Wilhite	<i>Professor, Historical Theology, Truett Seminary</i>
March 17	Bishop Neil Alexander	<i>Custodian of the Book of Common Prayer</i>

PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE SMEYC TEAM: MICHAEL WIGGIN AND AARON MULLINS!

Michael Wiggin grew up in Westlake and participated in St. Michael's EYC as a youth before graduating from the University of Iowa and UCLA's graduate program in screenwriting. With experience as an adult resource at Camp Allen and interests that range from film & anime to sports, he is uniquely suited to lead our new youth devotionals Sunday mornings & manage dodgeball in the afternoon.



Aaron Mullins hails from St. Andrew's, Houston, and is currently a freshman at UT. He has two years of experience as a counselor at Camp Allen, where he will outrun a campsite of 6th graders in a game of Jungle Safari. He'll talk to anyone and everyone about anything and everything—from college sports to spirit animals and maybe even business analytics!



NOTES

Sunday, February 11 is Scout Sunday During the 10:00 am hour, please join the Scouts of Troop 30 in the parish hall for a variety of scrumptious cobblers made by the Scouts themselves!

Commissioning of New Stephen Ministers Three new Stephen Ministers will be commissioned during the services on Sunday, February 11. Please join us in supporting and welcoming them, and for cake in the parish hall afterward.

GET READY!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

JUNE 3-6, 2024 9AM-NOON

FOR 4 YEAR OLDS - RISING 4TH GRADERS

REGISTRATION OPEN SOON!

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 11

9:00 & 11:00 am Youth Devos — Parish Hall
10:00 am Hang Out / Confirmation Class
1:00-3:00 pm Sr. High at Austin Bouldering Project Westgate
No afternoon EYC today

Upcoming...

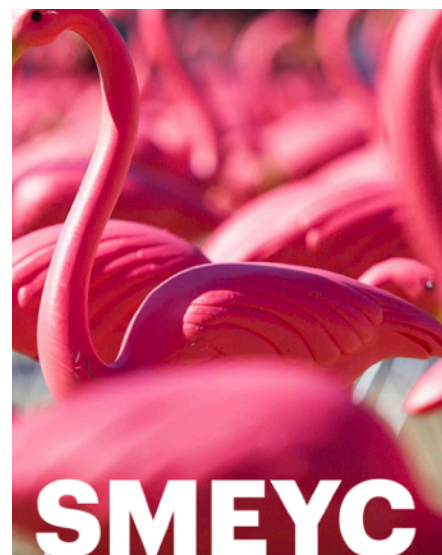
February 18

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

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.

Lent Madness Begins Thursday, February 15 A fun, engaging way from the folks at Forward Movement to learn about the men and women comprising the Church's Calendar of Saints. The format is straightforward: 32 saints are placed into a tournament-like single elimination bracket. Each pairing remains open for a set period of time and people vote for their favorite saint. 16 saints make it to the Round of the Saintly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo. Learn more and participate here: lentmadness.org.

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.

El Buen Food Pantry Volunteer Day The SMEC El Buen Food Pantry team volunteers every third Thursday on the early morning shift, which starts at 7:45am. The next volunteer day is February 15. New team members are always welcome. Contact Father Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org to join the team! There are many other opportunities to volunteer with El Buen which can be found at elbuen.org/volunteer.

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=dnlMlXh3dHdBOTBDeUROS2hMRXV6Zz09>; 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](#).

New 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 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).

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

This week, some of the kids went on a trip to the moon with our friends. They traveled in a spaceship and some of the Pandas class wanted to take these beautiful photos. *Thanks to Miss Judith for the story & photos.*



join us for a

FUNDRAISING PARTY FOR SMEDS

Thursday, February 22nd
7 pm
Hotel Viata
320 S. Capital of Texas Highway

featuring drinks, lite bites,
and a live art auction of
original pieces by students
- all to support the St.
Michael's community!

reserve your tickets today!
\$50/person



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.

For Grace Lee, as she transitions to senior living at Westminster.

For Meredith M., who may have breast cancer.

For Mary, who is losing her battle with macular degeneration.

For Doug Wiggin, as he continues to recover from surgery.

For Debra, 40 years old, who recently had a stroke.

For Aaron Bellm, who has a torn meniscus.

For Justin Helms and for his wife, Tracy, and his children, Jake, Hailey, and Holden, his children.

For Alice Barton, Kay Allen, and Susan Ayers-Lopez, Stephen Ministers commissioned on Sunday, February 11.

For Glenna Cordray, who has COVID; for her father, who is hospitalized, and has COVID as well.

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

For all those affected by gun violence.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Joan of Arc, Pflugerville; St. John's, Austin; St. Julian of Norwich, Round Rock; St. Luke's on the Lake, Austin

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