



THE TRUMPET

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FEBRUARY 26, 2023

SNAPSHOTS FROM 2023 DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Each February, ALL the churches, missions, and church plants in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas come together for a humungous annual meeting. This year's gathering was held in Galveston. St. Michael's was represented by Fr. John Newton and Fr. Josh Kulak, and by Ki Allen, Becky Brindley, John Boehm, and Karen Haslund. Here are some snapshots from the "whirlwind," as Fr. Josh described it.

Karen Haslund (*who carried the SMEC banner in the opening procession*): "This was my first Council. I found it exhilarating to be in such a large worship service together with people united in Christ and knowing themselves to be Episcopalian."

Ki Allen: "It was a unique Council meeting as the Diocese of Ft. Worth was reunited with the EDOT in the body of Christ. Our own Father Josh was welcomed as one of the newest clergy members. I was overwhelmed by emotions several times, but experienced surprise, joy, and sadness when my mother's name was read into the record as having passed in the last year as she and my father were active in the church on many levels. I was honored to represent each of you on the Council."



"The EDOT remains on sound footing, both spiritually and financially, with great Christian formation opportunities for the future."



2023 SMEC Council Delegates (l-r): Becky Brindley, Fr. John Newton, John Boehm, Karen Haslund, Ki Allen, Fr. Josh Kulak



Clergy selfie with Fr. Josh!

REPENTANCE AS GRACE

SPEAKER SERIES

SUNDAY EVENINGS IN LENT
ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sanctuary
 5:00 pm Eucharist
 5:30 pm Speaker

Parish Hall
 6:15 pm Dinner

5:00-7:00pm
 Storymakers programming
 for children & youth

*"It's not the long walk home that will change this heart, but the welcome I receive with every start."
 --Mumford & Sons*




March 5

"The Reformation of Repentance"

Brian Brewer is Professor of Christian Theology at Truett Seminary of Baylor University. He researches and teaches on historical theology of the Reformation period, with particular interest in how early Protestants revised the practices of Christian worship. An ordained Baptist minister, he is the author or editor of six books, including *Martin Luther and the Seven Sacraments*. He is married to Amy and has two grown daughters.

February 26	Pittman McGehee	"Repentance and Self-Compassion"
March 5	Brian Brewer	"The Reformation of Repentance"
March 12	Jeehei Park	"Grace upon Grace: The Apostle Paul's Story of Metanoia"
March 19	Kathy Culmer	"Turnaround Grace: Stories of Turning Around to Move Forward"
March 26	Michael Lloyd	"The Humanity of Metanoia"

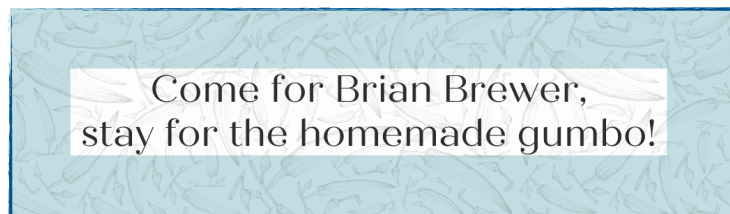
ST. MICHAEL'S PRESENTS OUR 2023 LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES: REPENTANCE AS GRACE

Too often, we associate repentance with feelings of guilt, or perhaps with a need to try harder to be more like Jesus. But *metanoia*, the original Greek word, quite literally means a shift of the mind. This Lent, join us at St. Michael's as, together, we experience the grace of shifting our minds to see the depth of God's love and to experience with more clarity how we can be a conduit through whom that love flows out into the world. Five speakers share their thoughts following a brief Eucharist service. Dinner and refreshments will be served in the parish hall afterward.

From 5:00-7:00 pm, children & youth can enjoy Storymakers, a creative Lenten activity, in the Education Wing, with the Family Ministry team. Dinner provided.

Watch the livestream here: st-michaels.org/worship-online

Check out our speakers here: st-michaels.org/2023-lenten-speaker-series (*Recordings of the talks will be posted here, too*)



Lenten Speaker Series Dinners All are invited to the parish hall for dinner at 6:15 pm, after our speakers finish their talks. There is no charge and thanks to our Kitchen Crew and other parishioners, we will have five delicious meals together. Our March 5 menu is homemade gumbo from James Russell and the Kitchen Crew. Two options will be offered, along with salad, bread, and a simple dessert will be served as well.

NOTES

Free CPR Training-Register Now | Tuesday, March 7 | 10am

| Parish Hall A “Hand to Hand CPR” training, conducted by Travis County Paramedics, is available at no charge on Tuesday, March 7, from 10:00-11:30am in the parish hall. Great opportunity for teachers, nannies, and more. There are 20 spots—first come, first served. Register now with Brian Duff at bwduff54@aol.com.

Men’s Pub Theology | Second Wednesdays @5:00pm

Join the men of St. Michael’s for fellowship and theological conversation. The *next meeting is March 8* at the County Line BBQ on Bee Cave Road. Contact Andy Hines at ahines@hinespool.com for more information.

Get to Know El Buen Samaritano Tour | March 9 | 9:00am

El Buen Samaritano, an outreach ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas serving the Latino community of Central Texas, is one of St. Michael’s outreach partners. If you’re interested in learning more about what they do, and possibly getting more involved, join Fr. Josh and the Outreach Commission for a tour on Thursday, March 9, at 9:00. Contact Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org or Harriett Choffel at hchoffel@gmail.com for details.

Celebrate Girl Scout Sunday | March 12

Did you know that the Girl Scouts’ birthday is March 12? That’s when the organization commemorates the day in 1912 when Juliette Gordon Low officially registered the first 18 girl members in Savannah, Georgia. Girl Scout Week is celebrated each March, starting with Girl Scout Sunday and ending with Girl Scout Sabbath on a Saturday, and it always includes Girl Scouts’ birthday, March 12. St. Michael’s will be honoring any past and present Girl Scouts on Sunday at the 9am and 11 am services, and the parish will be treated to cookies during the 10am coffee hour.

Del Valle Elementary School Book Drive

It’s time to begin looking through your children’s books, thrift stores, garage sales, etc and setting aside books for Pre-K through 5th grade to donate to our book drive. Stay tuned for details about collection dates and delivery dates. Contact Alison Fly at alisoncfly@icloud.com for further information.

SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

MARCH 5, 2023
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

7:45 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite II Sunday School Ed. Wing
10:00 am	Taco Sunday Parish Hall The Seekers Room 4, Ed. Wing
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist: Rite II Sunday School Ed. Wing
12:45 pm	Bible Study Zoom
	LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES
5:00 pm	Eucharist Sanctuary Children & Youth Ed. Wing
5:30 pm	Speaker Sanctuary
6:15 pm	Dinner Parish Hall

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

Readings for March 5, 2023
Genesis 12:1-4a
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17
Psalm 121

2023 Outreach Partners The Outreach Commission is excited to support these organizations in 2023 and seek to grow opportunities for purposeful connections with many of them:

- Seminary of the Southwest** (*theological and pastoral education*)
- Pauli Murray Scholarship** (*scholarship for seminary students of color*)
- Episcopal Relief and Development** (*disaster relief & sustainable development*)
- iACT-Interfaith Action of Central Texas** (*interfaith outreach*)
- Trinity Center** (*homelessness*)
- Casa Marianella** (*displaced immigrants*)
- St. Francis Ministries** (*foster care*)
- El Buen Samaritano** (*family services*)
- One Good Turn** (*global health in underserved communities*)

The Commission intentionally focused on connecting with a variety of theological and social service organizations. Additionally, the church will continue to support St. Michael's Day School, SMEC Community garden, Honduras Mission project, and the Del Valle Elementary School book drive.

If you have a passion for any of these organizations and projects or want more information about them, we would love to hear from you. We sincerely want to increase parish participation in spreading our love and grace throughout the community.

Please reach out to Harriett Choffel, Outreach Commission Chair, at harriettchoffel@icloud.com; or Fr. Josh Kulak at jkulak@st-michaels.org if you'd like to serve.

Dinner @ the Episcopal Student Center Looking for ways to serve some of UT's 52,000 students? Join the Episcopal Student Center for dinner! Every week after evening Eucharist, the ESC shares dinner together, and a home-cooked meal is a simple but profound gift to the students. All you need to do is bring food for 25 people and they'll provide the rest. Their fully-equipped kitchen is available for you to use and the ESC can reimburse you for groceries. [Sign up for a Sunday this semester here](#), or contact Fr. Josh (jkulak@st-michaels.org) for any questions.

Plug into the Trinity Center St. Michael's serves Trinity Center by providing sack lunches on a monthly basis. This involves purchasing the items, assembling the bags, and getting them to the church so that Marsha Hart can make the delivery. Different groups/individuals in the parish take responsibility for each month. If folks have an interest in helping in any way they can contact Karen Haslund at drhaslund@gmail.com.

We also have four dates this year that St. Michael's will serve at the Trinity Center's Sunday worship service. Those dates are: April 30, August 6, October 15, November 12. We would love volunteers from the parish to be present for all aspects of the event: helping with set-up/clean-up, participating in liturgy, serving the meal, dining with guests, etc. If you are interested in participating, please contact Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org for more information.

About the Trinity Center worship service: On Sunday afternoon, the Trinity Center acts as the church for people experiencing homelessness with a service that is offered alternately by different churches and is followed with a meal. Many of the neighbors do not feel welcome in the regular Sunday services in town. By setting up the center as a communal place to worship, with a service, music, meal and a collaboration with other spiritual services' providers we "walk the walk" of loving our neighbors as ourselves. There are usually 30-40 people who come to Sunday services.

- 2:50pm – Doors open
- 3:00pm – Worship service
- 3:30pm – Lunch
- 4:30pm – Doors close

FAMILY LIFE

Sunday School | During 9am & 11am Services Sunday school begins Lenten spiritual practices for children. 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.

The A(colyte)-Team St. Michael's A-Team—our amazing acolyte team—is so appreciated! They add light to our Sunday worship by leading the procession as torchbearers and crucifers. A big thanks to all of the parents of our acolytes as well. If you're nine-years-old and above, and interested in joining the team, contact Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org.

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

The Seekers | Sundays @10:00am | Rm 4 (Education Wing) and via Zoom The Seekers meet weekly at 10:00am. The group is starting a new book this week: *Do I Stay A Christian?: A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned* by Brian McLaren. McLaren, a pastor, explores the ways to say both yes and no by shifting the question from whether we stay Christian to the question of how we stay human. A fascinating discussion ensues in this recently-released and favorably-reviewed book. 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.

Spring Bible Study on the Book of Exodus with Fr. John | Sundays @12:45 & Tuesdays @noon Take a journey through the Book of Exodus with Fr. John. This in-depth Bible study meets via Zoom on Sundays and Tuesdays now through the end of May. ZOOM INFO: bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink Meeting ID: 832 6049 2080; passcode: bible.

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 now meeting *in person at St. Michael's*. Here is the title for March 22—*Forget the Alamo: The Rise and Fall of an American Myth*, by Bryan Burrough, Chris Tomlinson, and Jason Stanford. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com or Sue Allen at tom@northcoastbrewing.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 jcsrcc@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

On Tuesday, the Pandas read the poetry book, *Life Doesn't Frighten Me*, by Maya Angelo. This opened up an opportunity to talk about things that may seem scary & need bravery. The children shared stories about how they've been brave before. *Thanks to Ms. Kayla for sharing this 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 Randy Baldwin, who has received the difficult diagnosis of ALS, and for Nancy, his wife, that God give them solace and strength in the coming days so that they might know his comforting presence.

For Ruthanne Mulvihill, who is having health issues.

For Mary Healy, whose mother, Sally Reinhart, passed away this week.

For Curt Schwake, as he recovers from a successful full hip replacement.

For Erica, who is undergoing another brain surgery for a recurrence of cancer.

For Bunny Cowan, as she travels to Honduras on a mission trip; for all the people with whom she works.

For El Buen Samaritano, one of SMEC's outreach partners.

For all those in Turkey & Syria still suffering from the devastation from the earthquakes.

For all those in East Palestine, OH, affected by the recent toxic chemical spill.

For all those affected by gun violence.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Epiphany, Calvert; Holy Innocents, Madisonville; St. Andrew's, Bryan

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

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar remains bare during the season of Lent.
Consider sponsoring altar flowers after Easter or dedicate lilies on Easter Sunday. 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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