



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for our community

MARCH 7, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

ST. MICHAEL'S AT VIRTUAL DIOCESAN COUNCIL 2021

In addition to our clergy, the St. Michael's community "sent" four lay delegates to council this year, which took place on February 26-27. They were Becky Brindley, Michael Donegan, Gail Reid, and Kathy Wiggin, all longtime leaders within our parish. As you read their reflections about Council and see some ways in which SMEC impacts the diocese and the wider church, remember that *your extravagant generosity* is what empowers them in this work. —Christine Havens, Assistant for Administration & Communication

BECKY BRINDLEY: Council is a time for representative of all the parishes from the diocese to come together to conduct business, including voting on diocesan and missional budgets and resolutions. It is a time to talk with people, to share our love of the church and discuss issues that impact us. Being a part of Council led me to understand my desire to work at the diocesan level. I have served on the Executive Committee of the Diocese and am currently a candidate for Standing Committee. **NOTE: Becky won the election to be on Standing Committee!**

MICHAEL DONEGAN: The worship experience at Council is very different because of the number of people there, the music, and the pageantry. It is the experience of seeing people you haven't seen in some time and just hearing about the work that is being done around the larger church that makes the experience unique. The two things that I really liked at Council were the Bishop's address and the Treasurer's poetry. Highlights from Council, including Linda Mitchell's amazing poem and Bishop Doyle's address, can be found here:

<https://www.epicenter.org/highlights-from-the-172nd-diocesan-council-2021/>.

GAIL REID: Oh my gosh! I didn't know what to expect from Council this year—8 hours of virtual presentations and just watching the screen didn't sound like much fun. I was so wrong. Council was informative, entertaining, spiritually moving, and inspiring. My day ended on the mountain top. Bishop Doyle's message to us was amazing. He stressed putting our grief, sadness out there. We are not to wallow in it, but to recognize it. By lamenting, praying to God deeply and fervently we receive hope and through God's grace the strength to continue. That was the joy and love and grace I took from Council.

KATHY WIGGIN: Diocesan Council provides a lens for me to see how St. Michael's and I fit into the larger Episcopal community, what concerns and celebrations we share with others across the diocese, and how we are unique. This perspective then helps me to create new ways to participate in furthering the mission of the Church, both internally and on a larger scale. The EDOT did a great job hosting via Zoom. In particular, many presentations and portions of the proceedings were pre-recorded at presenters' home churches, and it was fun to "travel" to these different places and where we Texas Episcopalians worship and gather.

Standing Committee, Lay Order: Ballot 2 Results

Diocese of Texas, 172nd Annual Council, February 27, 2021

Voting for: 1

Total Votes Cast: 571

Votes Needed to Elect: 286.50

Candidate	Number of Votes	Elected/Runoff
Rebecca Brindley	343	ELECTED
Michelle Carlson	228	



St. Michael's Episcopal Church presents



Amid the Pandemic

New video message each Sunday in Lent

+

New podcast episodes on Tuesdays

February 21 + 23

The Rev. Aaron Zimmerman, Rector
St. Alban's Episcopal Church
Waco, Texas

February 28 + March 2

The Rev. Becky Zartman
Canon for Welcome and Evangelism
Christ Church Cathedral, Houston, Texas

March 7 + 9

The Rev. Jimmy Bartz, Rector
St. John's Episcopal Church
Jackson Hole, Wyoming

March 14 + 16

The Very Rev. Cynthia Kittredge, ThD
Dean & President, Seminary of the Southwest
Austin, Texas

March 21 + 23

The Rev. Bertie Pearson, Rector
Grace Episcopal Church
Georgetown, Texas

NOTES

STEPHEN MINISTERS HERE FOR YOU In a book she wrote chronicling her battle with colon cancer, the late Julie Yip-Williams stresses the importance of letting people see your “heartache, pain, and vulnerability” in times of hardship (*see page 4 for the excerpt*). St. Michael’s Stephen Ministers would like to provide rest to all those who are weary and heavy laden. Julie de Wette (512-925-7029 / julie@losmadrone.com); Jeff Robinson (512-963-6687 / jarobinson100@gmail.com); or Fr. John Newton (jnewton@st-michaels.org) are available to talk with you further about how a Stephen Minister might help.

SHARE YOUR WINTER STORM STORY A science fiction author once wrote, “Shared pain is lessened. Shared joy is increased.” To that end, parishioners are invited to send their winter storm stories to Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org; the stories will be shared with the SMEC community at a future date. Thank you to those who have already shared theirs.

BUILDING SAFETY Our church buildings continue to undergo remediation from the recent winter storm damage. In addition, the Building Project—replacing our roof and stucco continues apace, with lots of construction equipment taking up space. We do ask that folks refrain from coming to campus for safety reasons. We will keep you updated during this time, and remain thankful for your extravagant generosity, which allows us to preserve our church home.

SUMMER CAMP WITH SMEC @CAMP ALLEN

Summer Camp at Camp Allen has always been a special part of the St. Michael's community.

This year, we have 6 sessions with 7 directors who are connected to our church community.

Find out more:
st.michaels.org/summer-camp-ca



Questions?
Contact Kellye Heinze at
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ADULT FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: DANIEL, THE APOCALYPSE, AND THE SON OF MAN Behind Jesus' use of the title "Son of Man," we find the Book of Daniel. Join us in a thorough study of Daniel's vision of God Almighty on Zoom at 12:00 pm on Tuesdays and Sundays. Click the link for the [syllabus](#). Sessions will be recorded and the audio only made available at www.st-michaels.org/listen for those who might miss a session. Here is the Zoom information:

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83976491370?pwd=aUZfekdvUkFENWJNSWRza1BzcC9TUT09>

Meeting ID: 839 7649 1370

Passcode: 276756

SEEKERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP The Seekers are reading the internationally-renowned novel about the life and death of Jesus—*The Last Temptation of Christ* by Nikos Kazantzakis, a book that has generated controversy and conversation since its publication. The group meets at **11:45 am each Sunday** and all are welcome. Join anytime, as they will be reading this title through July 2021. Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1IWIYjVU3YyZz09>. Passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blee at phyllis.blees@gmail.com with any questions.

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB Looking for fellowship and conversation? Love reading? Join the SMEC Book Club! The next meeting will be on March 31 at 2:30 pm; the book is *Hum If You Don't Know the Words*, by Bianca Marais. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link. April's title is *The Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage and a Girl Saved by Bees*, by Meredith May.

ST. MICHAEL'S WOMEN'S VIRTUAL POTLUCK Table fellowship with friends via Zoom—women of all ages are welcome to join. Alternate **Monday evenings at 6:00 pm** every other week. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019837778?pwd=SGRmQXhoYllXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; passcode is 242636.

MORNING PRAYER, TUESDAYS @9:00 AM You're invited to Morning Prayer each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Please note the new Zoom link and passcode: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81346686555?pwd=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUFVHUT09>. **New Passcode:** prayer.

CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAY EVENINGS This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1IWIYjVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blee 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 Each Wednesday at 4:30 pm. **NEW** Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969>. **Passcode now required:** 826364. The information is also in Fr. John's weekly Tuesday e-news.

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: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgvK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. **PLEASE NOTE** that you should use this passcode: biblestudy.

FAMILY MINISTRY

Families, Amanda Evans Lang invites you to check out the [Family Ministry](#) page on the St. Michael's website for updates and activities to enrich your activities as a family. Please email her with questions at amanda@st-michaels.org.

STUDENT MINISTRY

EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY

St. Michael's is postponing the relaunching of Sunday EYC until further notice due to COVID numbers. Please check our student ministry website for updates on upcoming virtual events that are in the works. Check out <https://www.st-michaels.org/students> to stay up-to-date with all the happenings with SMEC Student Ministry.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS Please email Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org if you'd like to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

NEW PRAYERS

For Billie Jacobs, who recently entered hospice; for Terry Allphin, her daughter, and for Billie's family and friends.

For Saul, brother of Erin La Rue; he suffered another cardiac event and will have open heart surgery March 5.

COVID-19

For Mark Lander, his wife, Linda; their son, Matthew; and Mathew's preschool daughter, Alana, who all are recovering from COVID.

For Laura Cowan, wife of Mike, who is hospitalized with COVID-19-related pneumonia.

For Peggy DeBerry Bell, who died of COVID-19; for Donna Hulsey and the rest of the family as they grieve.

For the Jacob and Abramo families.

For all children and teachers during this unexpected style of attending school.

For all who struggle with loneliness and isolation.

For all those living in eldercare facilities, and for the staff, and for their families.

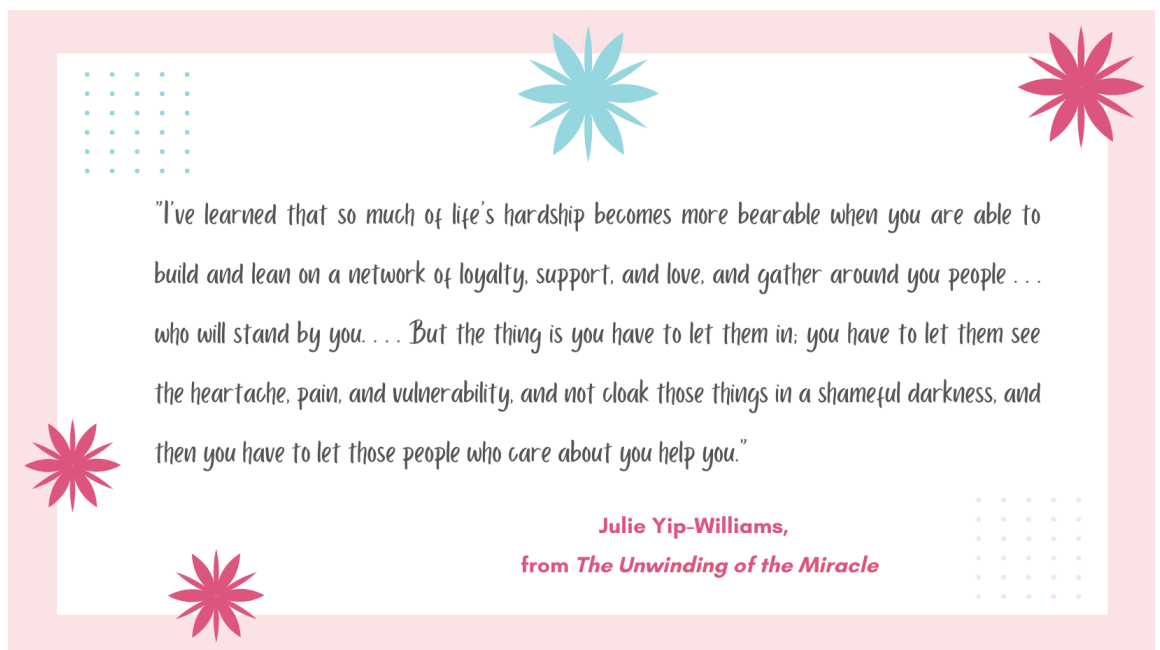
For all those without employment at this time.

All of our hospital and healthcare workers, including Rosa, J'aime, and Patty, who are keeping healthcare services running.

Miriam Carrillo, and Alfred Carrillo, sister and brother of José, whose livelihoods have been affected by the public emergency.

For Hannah M.

For Ed Erdman.



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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar is bare during Lent. An announcement about Easter lily dedications will be forthcoming.

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. Dedications can be emailed to the office: chavens@st-michaels.org. Your donation can be mailed to the church office or given via the "Give" page of our website: <https://www.st-michaels.org/take-action>.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary? We'd love to pray for you during the Sunday service and print your name(s) in the bulletin. Email to Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org. We will get it into the bulletin as close to the occasion as we are able since services are prerecorded.

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Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

Psalm 19

SHARE YOUR STAY-AT-HOME PHOTOS!

Worshipping with your family, friends, pets? Have something else you'd like to share? We'd would still love to see your photos and share them on Facebook and/or in the Trumpet! Please send in as high a resolution as possible to Christine at chavens@st-michaels.org. Thank you!

THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send it to Christine (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to the date you would like your announcement to appear in the Trumpet. Running it two weeks prior to your event is recommended for most church announcements.

*Your extravagant generosity is appreciated.
Text SMEC1500 to 73256 and follow the prompts to make an e-offering.*