



# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news*



MARCH 10, 2024

## 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  
[st-michaels.org/worship-online](http://st-michaels.org/worship-online)

### 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](http://st-michaels.org/2024-lenten-speaker-series). Recordings of the talks will be posted on the Monday following.

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

**The Rev. Dr. David Wilhite** is Professor of Historical Theology at Baylor University's Truett seminary, and he specializes in early Christianity. He is also an ordained Baptist minister and has served several congregations on staff and as interim pastor. David is married to Amber, and they have two kids in college. The title of his talk is "Lent as a Journey: Lessons from Ancient Pilgrimage." He will be looking at the earliest sources on Christian pilgrimages to Jerusalem, which usually coincided with Lent and Holy Week, and talk about how this later developed into the Stations of the Cross.





### Celebrate Girl Scout Sunday March 10

Girl Scout Week is celebrated each March, starting with Girl Scout Sunday, and it always includes Girl Scouts' birthday, March 10.

St. Michael's will be honoring past and present Girl Scouts at the 9:00 am and 11:00 am services.

### Summer Camp 2024

Register your camper today—spots are filling up fast for Camp Allen's summer camp program! Get ready for an action-packed week of fun in the sun (and shade) for rising 3rd-10th grade students. [campallen/summercamp](http://campallen/summercamp)

### Time for Easter Lily Dedications

Easter lily dedications are a lovely way to remember and celebrate those who are always in your heart. If you'd like to have your dedication printed in the Easter Sunday bulletins, email your dedication to Christine at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org) by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, March 27.

**iACT Spring Blitz Service Project** Join iACT on Saturday, April 6, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm for their annual Spring Blitz service project. This program utilizes volunteers to paint the homes of senior citizens and disabled individuals who are living in deep poverty so that the homeowners can remain in the homes and neighborhoods they love. For more information contact Fr. Josh at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org).

## NOTES



### EASTER EGG CHALLENGE

Can you bring 20 plastic eggs stuffed with candy to church by March 24?

We've hatched this plan in hopes of getting 600 eggs from the parish for the

St. Michael's Easter Egg hunts. 30 families participating would do it!

Drop them off in the big basket in the narthex on Sundays or bring them to the church office during the week.

Small items can be choking hazards —no hard candy or jawbreakers.

**THANKS FOR YOUR EGG-STRAVAGANT GENEROSITY!**

# HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2024

<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	
<b>March 24</b>	
7:45 am	
9:00 am*	
11:00 am*	
<b>HOLY WEEK</b>	
March 28	March 28
Maundy Thursday	Maundy Thursday
6:00 pm*	6:00 pm*
March 29	March 29
Good Friday	Stations of the Cross
7:00 am	7:30 am
Noon*	1:15 pm
March 30	March 30
Holy Saturday	Easter Vigil
9:00 am	7:45 pm

### EASTER SUNDAY

### March 31

<b>Worship</b>	7:45 am	9:00 am*	11:00 am*
<b>Egg Hunts</b>	10:00 am	Noon	

St. Michael's Episcopal Church  
1500 N. Capital of Texas Hwy  
Austin, Texas 78746

\*in-person & livestreamed services  
[st-michaels.org/worship-online](http://st-michaels.org/worship-online)

Join Lumen for **adventure!**  
**VACATION BIBLE CAMP**  
 at St. Michael's Episcopal Church!

**JUNE 3-6 2024**  
**9AM - NOON**  
 4 year olds - rising 4th graders  
**\$25 per child**  
 includes snacks, a T-shirt, and **lots of FUN**



**Register NOW!**  
 Scan the QR code



**Registration Now Open for Camp Firelight!**

Registration questions? Contact Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org) or Fr. Josh at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org).

Interested in volunteering? Fr. Josh would love to hear from you.

**Visitors from iACT** A group of **iACT** (one of our Outreach partners) members joined St. Michael's for worship on March 3 as part of their Passport program. There were some Episcopalians from other Austin-area churches, but we also welcomed folks from other faith traditions, such as the Bahá'í community. Thank you for the hospitality you offered to them.



★ The Episcopal Diocese of Texas  
**BISHOP DOYLE INVITES YOU**  
 THE VERY FIRST GRANDE TEXAS  
**FAMILY REUNION 2024**  
**May 3-5**

**A weekend of fun just for us at Camp Allen!**

Archery	Nature Hikes	Outdoor Movie
Ropes Course	Biking	Petting Zoo
Fishing	Labrynth	Craft Room
Swimming	Live Music	Inflatables
Paddleboarding	Eucharist	Skeet Shooting
Canoeing	Reptile Show	Yoga
Giant Swing	Pickleball	Zip Line

**Register Now!**  
[campallen.org](http://campallen.org)

**Total Cost for Hotel Lodging** \$210 per room  
**Total Cost for Activities/Meals** \$152 per person  
**Packages Include** Six buffet meals and most programming. Kids age 2 and under are free.

Family discounts available  
 Check in at 5 pm Friday  
 Check out at 1 pm Sunday

**The Journey to Now**



**Invitation from St. Stephen's Episcopal School** *The Rev. Becca Stevens* is an Episcopal priest, author and justice entrepreneur who has dedicated her life to fostering holistic healing for women survivors of human trafficking, addiction, prostitution and exploitation. Free & open to the public: [Click here to RSVP](#)



**AN EVENING WITH**  
**Rev. Becca Stevens**  
*Champion of Change*

Wednesday, April 3, 2024 | 7 p.m.  
 St. Stephen's Episcopal School Chapel  
**RSVP REQUIRED**

Inaugural speaker for the Dr. Ralph G. and Virginia Gallaher Mauter '64 Endowment for the Advancement of Christian Ethics  
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## 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](mailto:hope@st-michaels.org) for more info.

### SMEYC Schedule

#### March 10 Update

*No youth programming on Sunday, March 10.*

*Happy Spring Break and we'll see you on the 17!*

#### March 17

9:00 & 11:00 am Youth Devos — Parish Hall

5:00 pm Campfire



[Click here for the SMEYC Feb/Mar 2024 Newsletter](#)

*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](mailto:youth@st-michaels.org).

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## 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](mailto:harriettchoffel@icloud.com); or Fr. Josh Kulak at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto: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. Our goal is to collect 1000 pre-K - 5th-grade books. For details, contact Tammy Gross at [tammygross@me.com](mailto:tammygross@me.com) or Harriett Choffel ([harriettchoffel@icloud.com](mailto:harriettchoffel@icloud.com)) or Fr. Josh ([jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org)).

**Garden Volunteers Needed** The veggies grown in our community garden go to Hope Food Pantry on Speedway in Hyde Park—given to families and students who might not otherwise get fresh food. Would you like to help with this impactful ministry? Great service opportunity for all ages. Contact Beth Michaels at [ebethmichaels@gmail.com](mailto:ebethmichaels@gmail.com).

## 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 Outreach webpage at [st-michaels.org/outreach](http://st-michaels.org/outreach).

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## 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](https://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](mailto:harriettchoffel@me.com) or Phyllis Blee at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more info. Zoom link: [bit.ly/SeekersBookGroup](https://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). Email Fr. Josh at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org) with any questions. Zoom links:

Monday: <https://bit.ly/HeartBookStudyMonday>; Wednesday: <https://bit.ly/HeartBookStudyWednesday>

**Morning Prayer | Tuesdays @9:00 am** You're invited to Morning Prayer each Tuesday at 9:00 am. Please note the Zoom link and passcode: [bit.ly/SMECTuesMorningPrayer](https://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. 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](mailto: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=dnIMUXh3dHdBOTBDeUROS2hMRXV6Zz09;> passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto: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 on Wednesday evenings through April 3, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. The group meets 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](mailto:home.thompson@gmail.com).

**St. Michael's Book Club | Last Wednesday of the Month @2:30 pm** This 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*. March's selection is *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*, by Robin W. Kimmerer; April's is *Mr. Texas*, by Lawrence Wright. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at [rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com](mailto:rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com) or Sue Allen at [tom@northcoastbrewing.com](mailto: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](mailto:mary.r.healy@gmail.com). Zoom Link: [bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy](https://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](mailto:ahines@hinespool.com) for more information.

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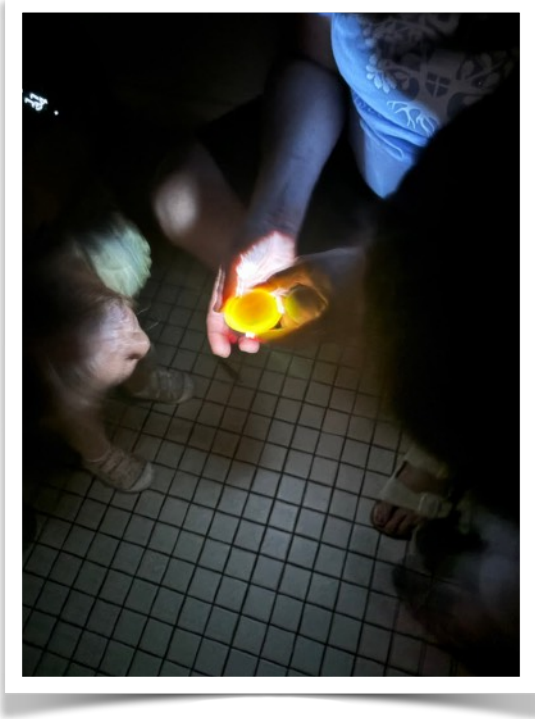
## MINISTRIES

**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](mailto:reid.gail@gmail.com).

**Feeling Overwhelmed? Stephen Ministers Care** 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](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org)) or Stephen Ministers Julie de Wette ([julie@losmadrone.com](mailto:julie@losmadrone.com)) or Jeff Robinson ([jarobinson100@gmail.com](mailto:jarobinson100@gmail.com)).

## ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

This week, the SMEDS students were fascinated by the chick eggs incubating in the Owls' classroom. They also enjoyed a spirit of togetherness during chapel. *Thanks to Ms. Claire and Ms. Rebecca for the photos.*



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

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### THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

*Please email Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org) with prayer requests or to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.*

For Jeff Woodley, who is in hospice care; for his family at this distressful time.

For Pat Williams and for her family.

For all Girl Scouts, past and present, in the St. Michael's community and beyond.

For all those affected by the ongoing Smokehouse Creek wildfire in the Texas Panhandle.

For the children, families, and staff of Saint Francis Ministries.

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

For all those affected by gun violence.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Bartholomew's, Hempstead; St. Cecilia's, Round Top;  
St. Francis of Assisi, Prairie View; St. Francis' College Station

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Episcopal Church

## ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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### ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

*There are no flowers on the altar during Lent.*

*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](https://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](mailto: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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