



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news



MAY 7, 2023

Welcome, Bonnie Walton, Youth Coordinator

ST. MICHAEL'S has a new staff member, parishioner Bonnie Walton, who is now our Youth Coordinator. Fr. John is "thrilled to welcome Bonnie to our team! Bonnie brings with her a passion for youth formation, years of experience, deep knowledge of the Episcopal Church and the wider diocese, and is already deeply immersed in our church community. Our goal is to build a youth program at St. Michael's that has the support of parents, promotes collaboration, and has clear and consistent communication. Having Bonnie on our team is a huge step in that direction."

BONNIE is also excited about this opportunity. "Not until I became a parent did I truly understand the concept that love is spelled T-I-M-E. Before kids, time was a resource taken for granted, extravagantly splurged on luxuries like sleep, exercise, and time with friends.

"Time and attention are precious commodities these days, but never have they been more essential to the development of any relationship or community. For our kids to thrive, they need consistent connection to this extended church family, and that means access to our time and attention, our listening ears and genuine curiosity."

In thinking about how to help the youth at St. Michael's flourish, Bonnie poses these questions, "When was the last time you introduced yourself to a young person at church? Learned their name? Told them you were glad they were here? Asked what they are into these days?" While she is excited to get to know the youth in our community, she is emphatic that "this youth program doesn't need me. It needs us."



Bonnie Walton is a graduate of the UTeach program, a high school/middle school English teacher at large, a day school board member, among other things. She is married and mother to 2 boys who wish she would chill out on screen time limits.

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AND SO Bonnie issues this invitation:

"If you have rising 5th graders or older, please join us May 21, for a brief parent meeting after the 11:00am service."

Adults interested in supporting the program, are welcome to contact Bonnie at youth@st-michaels.org. Wherever you are on the time-commitment spectrum, we have a place for you!

NOTES

Taco Sunday | May 7 | Parish Hall All are invited for fellowship & food during the 10:00am hour this Sunday. Thanks to the Kitchen Crew for breakfast tacos & fixings!

Honoring Your Graduates We'd love to honor your graduating students—high school, college, or grade school—in the May 21 issue of the Trumpet. Parents and grandparents, send your graduate's name with a brief, one-sentence bio to Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org by **Tuesday, May 16.**



Spring Book Drive for Del Valle Elementary It's not too late to donate books for Del Valle Elementary. *The drop-off deadline is Sunday, May 14.*

We need pre-K to 2nd grade in English and in Spanish as well as bilingual ones and 2nd-5th grade chapter books. We need volunteers to help deliver the books will be delivered to Del Valle on Tuesday, May 16. If you'd like to help, please email Tammy Gross (tammygross@me.com) for details.

Register Now for Vacation Bible Camp!

Join St. Michael's July 31-August 3 for the most exciting week in Family Ministry. Games, stories, crafts, games, music, friends, and much more fun are in store. Children from pre-K through 5th grade are welcome!

Hours: 1:30 pm- 4:30 pm

Register here: bit.ly/2023VBCRegistration

Cost: \$25, which includes a T-shirt and snacks.



The Church Cracked Open Book Study
Sundays April 16-May 21 | 10:00-10:50 am

Please join Fr. Josh for a six-week book study of Stephanie Spellers' *The Church Cracked Open*. The group meets from 10:00–10:50 am in the church office.

Written during the pandemic and after the murder of George Floyd, the book explores how the Episcopal Church can love Jesus, live in solidarity with the oppressed, and seek the flourishing of all God's children. *Paperback copies of the book are available upon request.* Email Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org for a book or for more information.

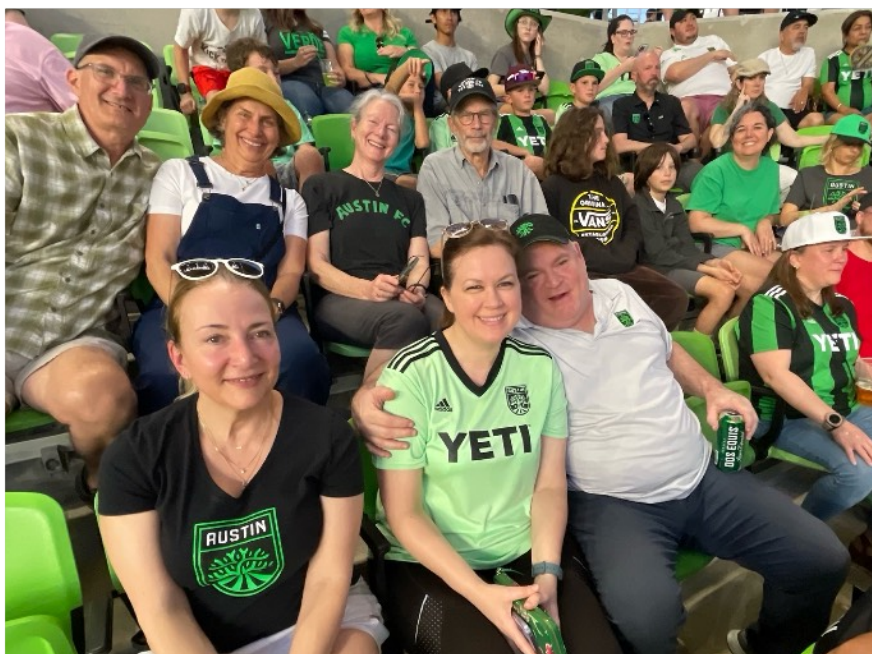
For May 7, the group will discuss Chapter 5; please read in advance if possible. It's never too late to join the conversation.



SMEC at Austin FC Family Night!

On April 15, a contingent of SMEC folks headed to the Q2 Stadium to watch the Austin FC match against the Vancouver Whitecaps. The match was a draw, but the group had fun & fellowship anyway!

Thanks to all who attended and to Fr. Josh for the photos.



Stephen Minister Training Are you a trustworthy listener? Would you like to belong to a group of people who walk with others through life's storms while supporting one another? Becoming a Stephen Minister is a life-transforming experience—an opportunity to serve God, help others, and grow in faith. We plan to offer training, starting in August and wrapping up before Christmas.

To learn about training to become a Stephen Minister, please call Julie de Wette 512-925-7029 or Jeff Robinson 512-963-6687.

New SMEC Facebook Group St. Michael's new and private Facebook group makes it easy to share eleventh-hour news and events and other happenings that might not make it into the Trumpet. Please take a moment to read the Group Code of Conduct and the Respectful Communication Guidelines once you join.

Click here to join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/719685306264485>

PLUG INTO UTREACH

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.

Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT) Hope Awards

On April 24, Fr. Josh Kulak, curate, and Harriett Choffel, Outreach Commission chair, represented St. Michael's at the annual Hope Awards Dinner. iACT is one of our outreach partners this year—their mission is to “cultivate peace and respect through interfaith dialogue and community service.”



Garden Volunteers Needed The SMEC Community Garden is thriving with greens. This week, 24 bags of veggies were delivered to Hope Food Pantry. Would you like to help with this impactful ministry? Great service opportunity for all ages. Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@icloud.com; or Beth Michaels at ebethmichaels@gmail.com.

El Buen Samaritano Monthly Food Pantry Team The SMEC Outreach Commission would like to form a small team to go to the Food Pantry on a monthly basis. If interested, contact Harriett Choffel at hchoffel@icloud.com or Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org.

FAMILY LIFE

No Sunday School on May 7 due to Family Camp. Wiggle bags will be available in the narthex.

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. Adults are welcome, too!

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 Bles 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.

Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study Now through May 23 | 6:00 pm | Church Office All women are invited to join parishioner Trish Thompson for a 7-week Tuesday night Bible study April 11-May 23. This video study, *The Miracles of Jesus* by Jennie Allen, was filmed on location in Israel. The group will meet consecutive Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the St. Michael's office. Questions? Contact Trish at 281-851-7463 or home.thompson@gmail.com.

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*. **Stay tuned for the summer title & schedule.** 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.

Men's Pub Theology | Second Wednesdays @5:00pm | Join the men of St. Michael's for fellowship and theological conversation. ***The next gathering is on May 10 at the County Line BBQ on Bee Caves Road.*** Contact Andy Hines at ahines@hinespool.com for more information.

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.

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

On Wednesdays, the children all start the day by going to chapel in the sanctuary. Penelope and Jack loved the songs they sang this week. *Thanks to Ms. Sarah for the photos!*



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 Marky, as she recovers from recent surgery.

For Susan W. and her cat, Gonzeaux.

For the congregation of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Amarillo, TX, whose church building was just vandalized.

In thanksgiving for Diane's recovery.

For Ann Messer, as she travels to Kenya on a One Good Turn mission trip.

For all those affected by gun violence, especially the recent shootings in Cleveland, TX, and Atlanta, GA.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: All Saints', Fort Worth; All Souls, Arlington; Faith, Wichita Falls

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in Wales

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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. 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.

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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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