



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news



MAY 14, 2023

GOODBYE FROM JOHN FOUNTAIN AND FAMILY

To everyone at St. Michael's,

I must say it is sad to say goodbye. This experience has been everything I could have hoped for, and your love and support allowed me to thrive as I grew into this new vocation. As such, the next step on our adventure takes me to St. Christopher's in Pensacola, Florida where I will be serving as a curate under Rev. Susan Sowers. Kelly and I and the girls are thrilled with this placement, for we feel God's presence in answering our many prayers. Nevertheless, it is always challenging to leave a place you love. It has been a privilege to preach and serve you on Sundays, and I have most enjoyed spending time with you over coffee and tacos. You have a special community here at St. Michael's, and I expect good things in your future! God bless!

The Rev. John Fountain



“John will make a great priest, and I am proud of the way St. Michael's has helped him in his journey. I will deeply miss John and his family, but although this departure feels like a great loss to us, I recognize that it is a significant victory for the church. John is a natural leader and a gifted pastor, and his ministry will bless many in the years to come.”

—*Fr. John Newton, rector*

NOTES

Vigil Eucharist for the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord Join us on **Wednesday, May 17, at 6:00 pm** as we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension with an evening vigil Eucharist. For more information, please contact Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org.

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 this Sunday, May 14.* We need pre-K to 2nd grade books in English and in Spanish as well as bilingual ones and 2nd-5th grade chapter books.

We also need volunteers to deliver books. The Boy Scouts will load volunteers' cars with books on Monday, May 15, at 7:00 pm. We need 6-7 cars but fewer if we can get SUVs. On Tuesday, we will meet at the school to deliver the books. The time set for delivery is 12:15-1:00.

Thank you in advance for your help with this! Questions? Email Tammy Gross (tammygross@me.com) for details.

Youth Ministry Meeting Invitation from Bonnie Walton, SMEC Youth Coordinator

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.

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?

I am excited to spend more time getting to know the kids of St. Michael's, but this youth program doesn't need me. It needs us.

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

If you are already adulting and interested in supporting the program please contact Bonnie at youth@st-michaels.org. Wherever you are on the time-commitment spectrum, we have a place for you!



*Vigil Eucharist for the Feast
of the Ascension of the Lord*

Wednesday, May 17
6:00 PM

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 14, the group will discuss Chapters 6 & 7; please read in advance if possible. It's never too late to join the conversation.

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.

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).

Vacation Bible Camp!
July 31-August 3

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 Family Ministry team needs volunteers to help shepherd children, etc. Sign up for one day or all.

Please email amanda@st-michaels.org for scholarship info or to volunteer.



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. Each week, SMEC volunteers deliver bags of veggies 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

Sunday School | During the 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 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*. **The group is currently reading *Dinners with Ruth*, by Nina Totenberg, and discussing it on May 31.** The summer read, for discussion at the end of September, is *The Ride of Her Life*, by Elizabeth Letts. 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. *Stay tuned for June's meeting info.* 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 and they are meeting regularly again. If you're interested in learning more about the group, please contact Jonea Raney at jcsrrech@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

The Lambs explored bubble making this week! They used different bubble tools and tested out some surprise objects like funnels and nets. They used problem solving to make each bubble tool work. The Lambs also talked together to get advice on how to make bubbles. *Thanks to Ms. Annelise 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 Donna Emery's father who is in the hospital with pneumonia and who is celebrating his 80th birthday.

For Phyllis Foote's sister, Pattie Rose, whose husband, the Rev. Mike Davis died. Pray also for Mike's son, Jonathon, and for Mike's grandchildren.

For the Hines family as they bury beloved mother and grandmother, Ann Irwin Hines, on Saturday, May 13.

For John Fountain, our seminarian, and his family, as they begin a new stage of their journey in Pensacola.

For Diane R., who was diagnosed recently with cancer.

For all those affected by gun violence, especially the recent shooting in Allen, Texas.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Good Shepherd, Granbury; Resurrection, Decatur; St. Catherine's, Hamilton

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of West Africa

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The flowers are given to the Glory of God, and by the Hines family in memory of Ann Irwin Hines. 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 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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