



# THE TRUMPET

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MAY 21, 2023

## OVER 8,100 BOOKS DELIVERED TO DEL VALLE ELEMENTARY

Kudos to the parish for their generous donations! We delivered about 8,100 books to Del Valle Elementary School. Each student will get to take home at least 3 books for summer reading. Many of the remaining books will go in the summer bookmobile that circulates throughout the Del Valle area all summer. Thanks to the delivery team for sharing their time.

Thanks to the Troop 30 Boy Scouts for collecting books. Malachi Brown, a Scout from Troop 31 at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, collected 1,000 books for his Eagle Scout project. The Scouts also loaded the full boxes into the delivery vehicles. Cheers to a very successful act of generosity from a very generous parish!

—submitted by Harriett Choffel, Outreach Commission Chair



Book Delivery Team: Gail Reid, Fr. Josh Kulak, Jane Smith, Tom Smith, Tammy Gross, Harriett Choffel. Photo courtesy of Harriett Choffel



**Margaret Abbott**, daughter of Meg Abbott, is graduating from St. Andrew's Upper School this month.

**Evan Brantley**, a rising 6th grader in Smithville, TX, and grandson of William and Judy Brantley, seeks Jesus and enjoys Minecraft and pizza.

**Alaska Fierro**, grandson of Jeff Reynolds, was graduated from Baylor Medical School in April. He is looking forward to beginning his residency in Manhattan in the fall. He and his girlfriend are planning a month-long journey to Southeast Asia in June.

**Sarah Hines**, daughter of Catherine and Andy Hines, graduated from Auburn University.

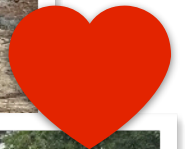
**Jordan Hodges**, daughter of Julie and Jeff Hodges, is graduating from Austin High School; she will continue her education at the University of Oklahoma in the fall. There she will study Sports Business with the goal of law school in the future. Boomer Sooner!

**Izzy Margerrison**, daughter of Lesley Margerrison, graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor of Science with honors in Emergency Medicine and is now working as a full time paramedic.

**Julius Ellington Tabery** graduated with Math Honors from Vanderbilt University with a major in Mathematics and minors in Music, Data Science, and Scientific Computing. He will pursue a PhD in Mathematics at The Ohio State University.

## 2023 FAMILY CAMP RETREAT A BIG HIT!

Everyone who attended Family Camp May 5-7 had a great time. A big thanks to Family Minister Amanda Evans and her team for all their hard work. We're looking forward to next year!



## NOTES

### 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](mailto:youth@st-michaels.org). Wherever you are on the time-commitment spectrum, we have a place for you!

### 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](https://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](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org) for scholarship info or to volunteer.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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).

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## PLUG INTO OUTREACH

**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](mailto:harriettchoffel@icloud.com); or Fr. Josh Kulak at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org) if you'd like to serve.

**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](mailto:harriettchoffel@icloud.com); or Beth Michaels at [ebethmichaels@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:hchoffel@icloud.com) or Fr. Josh at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org).

## FAMILY LIFE

**Sunday School | During the 9am & 11am Services** 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org). Adults are welcome, too!

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## 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](mailto:harriettchoffel@me.com) or Phyllis Bles at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more info. Here's the Zoom link: [bit.ly/SeekersZoomLink](https://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](https://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](mailto:rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com) or Sue Allen at [tom@northcoastbrewing.com](mailto: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](https://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](https://bit.ly/SMECCenteringPrayer); 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](#).

**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](mailto: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](mailto:mary.r.healy@gmail.com). Zoom Link: [bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy](https://bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy) ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

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## MINISTRIES

**Stephen Ministry for Loneliness?** When I'm feeling lonely, there are times, all too often, even when people are around, that I feel this utter isolation. I'd like to share and just have someone listen . . . really listen. Not offer solutions or platitudes or bootstrap advice. Not say, "Well the very same thing happened to me!" How nice it would be to share my worries with someone who listens deeply. We can, with a Stephen Minister, who has been trained to provide safe, confidential Christian care. Contact 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 ([jrobinson100@gmail.com](mailto:jrobinson100@gmail.com)). Stephen Ministry can be with you.

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

## DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Wednesday was a big day of sewing in the atelier! First a few of the Dolphins joined to do a little embroidery on their graduation gowns. Some friends chose to only paint or draw on their gowns, but you may notice a few special hearts on a handful of gowns on graduation day! *Thanks to Ms. Emily for the photos!*



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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 Ruth Borenstein, who died recently, and for her daughter, Sandra, and all her family as they mourn her.  
For Joe & Sadie Bondurant, parents of Tammy Gross, as they adjust to a new living situation.  
For all those affected by gun violence, especially the recent shooting in Farmington, New Mexico.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Christopher's, Fort Worth; St. Luke's in the Meadow, Fort Worth;  
St. Luke's, Stephenville

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church in the Province of the West Indies

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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](mailto: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](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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