

THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for the community

MAY 23, 2021
DAY OF PENTECOST

PENTECOST = GRACE + RESILIENCE = ST. MICHAEL'S

“When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.”

These verses from the Book of Acts speak volumes about the experiences the St. Michael's community over the past 14 months, though perhaps we simply spoke deeper into one language we already know, that of love. See for yourself the work of the Spirit among us.



NOTES

IN-PERSON AND ONLINE WORSHIP AT ST. MICHAEL'S! We have worship in both kinds right now at St. Michael's and we invite to join us however you feel comfortable—in-person or online. Our summer services are at 8:00 and 10:00 am. BOTH services are now in the sanctuary, and you may enter through the courtyard-facing doors. No more need to register, though we are still asking folks to wear masks and follow social-distancing precautions.

For those of you participating from home, we will continue livestreaming the 10:00 am service. If we have technical difficulties, and the streaming cuts out, apologies in advance. We will continue to record the service and post it on the website as soon as possible at www.st-michaels.org/worship-online. The Sunday morning email will have this information, too; it should arrive in your inbox by 9:00 am.

FAMILY MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Family Minister Amanda is looking for some volunteers to help with prep work. If you enjoy being crafty, helping with tasks like mailing postcards and organizing supplies, and are available during the week, please contact her at amanda@st-michaels.org.

HONORING OUR HIGH SCHOOL (AND OTHER) GRADUATES Graduation is nearly here, and we'd like to honor all of our graduates—high school, college or other—in the May 30 issue of the Trumpet. Parents, or grandparents, send your graduate's name and a brief, one-sentence bio to Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org by **Tuesday, May 25**.

BOOK DRIVE MAY 25-JUNE 6 As spring comes to a close, and school ends, it's time to do a little decluttering and gather up books for two special organizations, who each have different needs.

El Buen Samaritano needs items for children: chapter books in English or Spanish; picture books in Spanish; art supplies but *no* markers, scissors, crayons.

Inside Books Project needs books for incarcerated adults: dictionaries, books in Spanish, trade paperback books in good or gently-used condition

The book drive will run **May 25-June 6**. Since the church is still under renovation, Harriett Choffel will pick up books from your home. Contact: hchoffel@gmail.com; or call/text 512-917-3018. Thanks for supporting our community partners!

BE A GARDEN ANGEL! The SMEC garden continues to provide fresh food to families in need, despite the winter storm damage. Volunteers are needed to harvest, water, and weed through the summer. We welcome families and individuals who will commit to a few hours weekly. No special skills are required and orientation is provided. The garden infrastructures have also been affected by the freeze and have repair needs. Once the construction scaffolding is removed, we need a few people with tools to do one-time jobs: restore a raised bed, reinstall trellises, replace PVC pipes, and more. If interested in more information and/or helping in the garden, contact Harriett Choffel at 512-917-3018 or hchoffel@gmail.com.

ADULT FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

SEEKERS BOOK GROUP—POTLUCK JUNE 6 & NEW BOOK BEGINNING JUNE 13 The Seekers begin reading *Mary Magdalene Revealed: The First Apostle, Her Feminist Gospel & the Christianity We Haven't Tried Yet* by Meggan Watterson, a WSJ bestseller about the gospel attributed to Mary and about her role in Christian tradition. The group meets at **11:45 am each Sunday** and all are welcome. *Interested in joining the group? You're invited to a potluck on June 6.* Contact Phyllis Blees at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info. Here's the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>. Passcode: 541706.

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY UPDATE: Bible study on Sunday mornings with Fr. John is on hiatus for the summer. Stay tuned for more details about an upcoming Christian education class with the Rev. Dr. Philip Turner that will begin in July. Tuesday Noon Bible Study with Fr. John continues now through June 22. The group will discuss the lectionary readings for the coming Sunday. The lectionary bible studies will not be recorded. Here is the Zoom information for Tuesdays: **Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83976491370?pwd=aUZfekdvUkFENWJNSWRza1BzcC9TUT09> **Meeting ID:** 839 7649 1370 **Passcode:** 276756

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB Looking for fellowship and conversation? Love reading? Join the SMEC Book Club! The next meeting is on May 26 at 2:30 pm; the book is *In a Narrow Grave: Essays on Texas*, by native son Larry McMurtry. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link.

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=SGRmQXhoYlIXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; 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=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>; 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 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=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgyK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. 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

Students, Luis Rivas invites you to check out the [Student Ministry](#) page on the St. Michael's website for updates and activities to enrich your growth in Christ. Please email him with questions at lrivas@st-michaels.org.

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

NEW PRAYERS

For Doug Hitch, Claire Bray's cousin, who died this week; for Claire and her family as they grieve.
For all those affected by the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and in hopes the ceasefire will last.

COVID-19

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.

Two of our SMEDS preschoolers making rainbows of their graduation gowns. Their big ceremony is on Wednesday, May 26, in the sanctuary.



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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. Dedications can be emailed to: 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

We'll be returning to inviting folks to come up during the announcements for birthday and anniversary prayers. If you are worshipping at home, please continue to send your names to Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org and you will be prayed for at the 10 am service, which will be livestreaming soon.

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Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14

Romans 8:22-27

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Psalms 104:25-35, 37

FOLLOW ST. MICHAEL'S ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: @St.Michaels.Austin

Instagram: stmichaels_atx

Twitter: StMichaelsEpiscopal @StMichaelsATX

THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Good news about yourself or our parish? Photos of you and your family participating in worship or fellowship activities?

Please send your ideas, stories, or photos to Christine Havens, Communication Assistant, (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays. Running event announcements two weeks prior to the date is recommended.

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