



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news



MAY 28, 2023

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

The Day of Pentecost is when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit, which manifested itself among the disciples not long after Jesus ascended into heaven. Let's give thanks for the many ways St. Michael's experiences the Holy Spirit every day. Ordinary yet extraordinary moments.



For example, in March, we had a group of 21 folks confirmed or received into The Episcopal Church! We have acolytes of all ages and two amazing choirs. Our youth ministry is off to a great start. We spread love to our neighbors through outreach. There are so many more moments when the flame touches each of us; you can find some of them in the pages of the Trumpet each week.



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**OUR MOTHER-TONGUE IS LOVE:
A SONNET FOR PENTECOST**

Malcom Guite

Today we feel the wind beneath our wings
Today the hidden fountain flows and plays
Today the church draws breath at last and sings
As every flame becomes a Tongue of praise.
This is the feast of fire, air, and water
Poured out and breathed and kindled into earth.
The earth herself awakens to her maker
Translated out of death and into birth.
The right words come today in their right order
And every word spells freedom and release
Today the gospel crosses every border
All tongues are loosened by the Prince of Peace
Today the lost are found in His translation.

Whose mother tongue is Love in every nation.

Listen to Guite recite it here:

<https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/tag/pentecost/>



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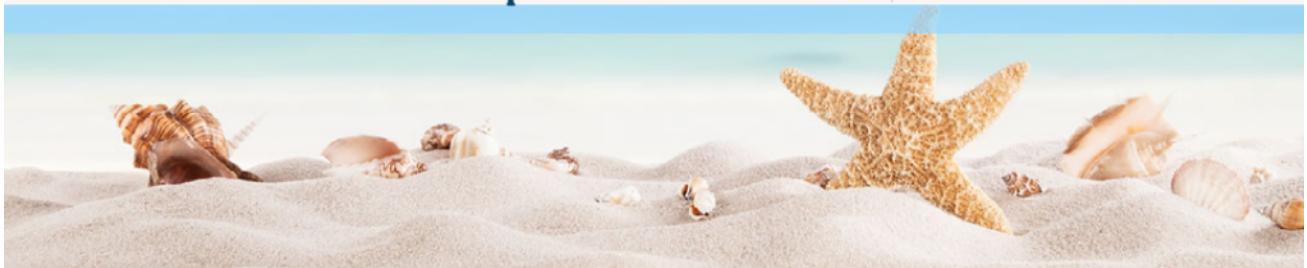
NOTES

Summer at St. Michael's This weekend is the official start of summer for many, and while we'll take it a little slower for the next couple of months, St. Michael's does have some great opportunities for fellowship. Check out page 3—there's still plenty of room to register your children or grandchildren for VBC. We go down to two services beginning on June 25, which means you get to renew friendships and meet new people. Finally, stay tuned for details to come about our parish picnic on June 25! Burgers, Kona Ice, and more!

**ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

June 25 through August 6

Worship @ 8:00 & 10:00 am



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

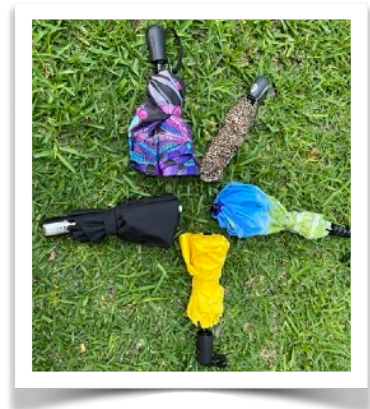
Cost: \$25, which includes a T-shirt and snacks.

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.



Church Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day The church office will be closed on Monday, May 28, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. Regular business hours will resume on Tuesday. Office hours: 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday-Thursday.

Umbrella Lost & Found Have you lost your umbrella? The ones in the photo have been left at the church over the last couple of rainy Sundays. If one belongs to you, you can find these in the narthex on Sunday. *(Thanks to Gail Reid for the photo.)*



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).

John Fountain, our recent seminarian, received his Master of Divinity degree from the Seminary of the Southwest on Wednesday, May 24. Now it's on to St. Christopher's in Pensacola *(Thanks to Gail Reid for the photo)*



**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

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; or Fr. Josh Kulak at jkulak@st-michaels.org if you'd like to serve.

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.

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.

Support for Church Destroyed by Fire Thanks to your extravagant generosity, St. Michael's recently donated to a fund established by the Diocese of Arizona to support St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Douglas, Arizona, a small parish near the border whose building was destroyed by a fire on May 22.

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.

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 reading *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.

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 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) or Stephen Ministers Julie de Wette (julie@losmadrone.com) or Jeff Robinson (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 jcsrch@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 Dolphins had a blast decorating their graduation gowns in a special kind of way! After setting some ground rules, it started. Dumping, squirting, and paint balls. It was a free-for-all—the joy and giggles were infectious. The bond they all have made over this year is clear. *Thanks to Ms. Annelise for this story & 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 Diane Rogers as she recovers from surgery, prayers for her ex-husband who fell, and prayers for her daughter, Carrie, as she cares for 2 ill parents.

For St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and First Presbyterian Church in Douglas, Arizona, who lost their buildings in a fire on May 22.

For the St. Michael's Day School students who graduated this week, and for their families.

For all those affected by gun violence.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Keller; St. Mary's, Hillsboro; St. Stephen's, Hurst

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Extra-Provincial Churches

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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 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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