

THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for our community

JUNE 14, 2020

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SMEC HERITAGE AWARD: MARY HERMES, 2020 RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Mary Hermes, the 2020 recipient of the St. Michael's Episcopal Church Heritage Award! She is the 9th such honoree. Fr. John and the vestry are thrilled to honor Mary in this way.

In 2012, the annual award was created by the vestry and the stewardship committee to honor an individual whose longstanding contributions to St. Michael's have fundamentally supported the church, the clergy, and the congregation. Recipients in past years include Tom Allen (2019), Sondra Crowley (2015), and Vic Niemeyer (2012). Each recipient's name is engraved on a silver chalice, which is displayed here in the church. In normal times, a celebratory dinner is held, but has been indefinitely postponed this year due to the pandemic.

Mary was born and raised in the suburbs of Boston, with access to both the city and the beaches. Educated at Boston University, she then spent several years working for a wool merchant (often sending telegrams to Texas, but having no idea she would someday settle here). She married George and she soon commenced 20 years as a military wife, living "here and there" from France and Germany to California. The couple have 3 children: Sylvia, Daniel, and Karen. They retired to Austin, in part so Dan could attend the Texas School for the Blind.

The Hermes family joined St. Michael's about 20 years ago, after attending a Laity Lodge retreat. Mary became involved in CHRP (Christ Renews His Parish, a contemplative practice) Group #1, the Daughters of the King, Sunday adult ed, and she spent 5 years as SMEC's registrar. She also taught a weekly poetry appreciation group for several years. More recently, Mary has been one of the leaders of the church's effort to see that Del Valle schools receive 2000 books each May for summer use. Beyond her ministry at St. Michael's, she participates in a memoir writing group and makes children's quilts for Dell Hospital (40 last year alone).

Congratulations again, Mary, and thank you for your extravagant generosity.



GLIMPSES OF GRACE

Thoughts for the Second Sunday after Pentecost by the Rev. Elizabeth Turner

During the last three months, I have appreciated getting some dose of daily humor. One of the funniest photos I've seen was one priest's solution to officiating a socially-distanced baptism: using a squirt gun to shoot the baby with three sprays (Trinitarian) of water. For those of us unwilling to wield one, baptisms have been on hold since the middle of March. During baptismal services, we all reaffirm our commitment to the Baptismal Covenant, the final question of which is "Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?" Our response is, "I will with God's help."

In the first week following George Floyd's death, the only glimpse of grace I saw was in what Sally Lombardo referred to as the grace of lamentation. We watched the horrible video of Officer Chauvin's knee on Floyd's neck for nearly 9 minutes and heard him cry out, "I can't breathe!" There were angry protests that included riots, looting, and fires. But in the past week we have seen large gatherings of peaceful protests in all 50 states and around the world, with chants of "Black Lives Matter!" Voices are being raised that reflect our baptismal promise to strive for justice and peace and to respect the dignity of every human being. The protests are an acknowledgement that we have NOT respected the dignity of every human being, especially that of people of color. There has been a glimpse of grace in the unified chants for justice and peace and in a national acknowledgement of our need for repentance.

NEWS

ST. JULIAN OF NORWICH PRESENTS: RACES, RECONCILIATIONS & THE BODY OF CHRIST | WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 6:30 PM VIA ZOOM Please join Dr. Anthony Baker, Professor of Theology at SSW, as he interviews Rev. Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan, PhD, renowned womanist theologian and expert on theology, race, and trauma. Zoom Meeting ID: 999 0818 0432.

PHISHING SCAMS: A REMINDER This past week, folks may have received an email claiming to be from Fr. John, asking the recipient to contact him by email immediately as he had an urgent need and couldn't be reached by phone. Please know that Fr. John would NEVER email you in such a fashion, asking for gift cards or other funds. Should you receive such an email, do not respond but please notify Christine in the office (chavens@st-michaels.org). Most email services have a way to report phishing scams.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION AVAILABLE One of our parishioners, Sally Lombardo, is offering free spiritual direction to St. Michael's parishioners during this time. Sally has an MDiv from Truett Seminary at Baylor and a Certificate in Spiritual Direction. If you are interested, please email Sally at shlombardo@gmail.com.

ZOOM GATHERINGS

Here are links to a couple of Zoom tutorials on YouTube. This one, <https://youtu.be/9isp3qPeQ0E>, from the Creative Life Center, is great for those just using the platform for joining meetings. Click this link, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnFSBjFvK2o>, for a more detailed tutorial or if you're interested in how to host a meeting. If you have questions about using Zoom that aren't answered in either of the videos or you need clarification, please email Luis Rivas at livas@st-michaels.org about a Q&A session.

WOMEN OF ST. MICHAELS VIRTUAL POTLUCK Need a woman's night "out"? You're welcome to join the SMEC Women's Zoom Dinner on **Monday, June 15, at 6:00 pm**. Contact Becky Brindley at rmbrindley@yahoo.com for the Zoom info.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH FR. JOHN @12:00 PM This coming Sunday, June 14, adult ed with Fr. John will conclude with a discussion of 1 John, Chapter 5. The Zoom link for this next Sunday is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87806703238>. Stay tuned—we'll soon be announcing a new online class in July.

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB All are welcome to join the next book group discussion at 2:30 pm on June 24, which will meet on Zoom. June's book selection is *The Dearly Beloved* by Cara Wall. Please email Gail Reid at reid.gail@gmail.com for more information or the Zoom link.

MORNING PRAYER, TUESDAYS @9:00 AM Join Mthr. Minerva and others for Morning Prayer each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Please email mskeith@st-michaels.org for Zoom meeting link.

EVENING PRAYER, WEDNESDAYS @4:40 PM Led by Fr. John each Wednesday at 4:30 pm. Please email jnewton@st-michaels.org for the Zoom meeting info.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY Mother Minerva leads the weekly Tuesday Bible Study at 1:00 pm, via Zoom. Please email mskeith@st-michaels.org for the Zoom link and meeting ID.

CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAY EVENINGS This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: phyllis.blees@gmail.com or for the Zoom meeting link and ID.

SEEKERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP The Seekers are currently reading *Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation* by Richard Rohr and Mike Morrell. They meet at 9:15 am each Sunday. Please email Phyllis Blees at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for the Zoom meeting info

STUDENT MINISTRY

PARENTS & STUDENTS—STAY IN THE KNOW! FOLLOW AUSTIN AREA EYC ON INSTAGRAM! The Austin Area EYC continues having fun activities at a safe distance. Follow [@austin_eyc](https://www.instagram.com/austin_eyc) on Instagram to stay connected to future opportunities for virtual worship and fun with other Episcopal youth from around the city. Direct Message on Instagram for Zoom links. Please contact Luis Rivas, Student Minister, at lrivas@st-michaels.org for more news about youth group happenings.

FAMILY MINISTRY

STORYTIME WITH FAMILY MINISTER AMANDA ON FACEBOOK | NEW EPISODE EACH THURSDAY AT 1:00 PM A new episode premieres each Thursday at 1:00 pm. You can tune in whenever your family is ready for a story! Lasts about 20 minutes.

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL ON FACEBOOK | SUNDAYS AT 11:30 AM Rev. Hope and Family Minister Amanda take turns leading a special message for kids, a story from the Bible, our favorite songs, and our five-finger prayer—just like we would do in Children's Chapel in person! Lasts about 20 minutes.

HOLY MOLY! SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA ZOOM 12:00 PM Join Family Minister Amanda this summer for Holy Moly, an engaging way for children to experience the Bible brought to life! All kids (with a parent in the room) 5th grade and below are invited participate. If you're interested in joining, and don't yet have a kit, please email Amanda (amanda@st-michaels.org) and she will drop one off at your home. All are welcome!

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

NEW PRAYERS

For Christen, friend of the Tabery family, who has a broken jaw and facial fracture. Please pray for her recovery, for her family, and for the police, who fired the beanbag rounds that caused the injury.

For Marie, who is troubled and in need of God's peace.

For Becky, partner of day school teacher DeAnna, who underwent amputation surgery. Prayers for a swift recovery and for DeAnna, Becky, and son, Kaden.

For Darlene, friend of Chris Whitty, who is ill.

COVID-19 RELATED

For Kaylie, Randy Baldwin's granddaughter, who has tested positive for the virus.

For Jon and Ayden, grandsons of Christine Havens, who are in quarantine due to COVID-19 exposure.

For Rosa, cousin of Lena Carson, as she returns to her work as a physician.

For all those living in eldercare facilities, and for the staff, and for their families.

For Stuart Wiggin, who is an EMT, that he might be safe and stay well.

Prayers for Drew Marye's stepsister, Sherry, who was diagnosed with COVID-19.

For Kory Killough, son of Lisa and Kirk, and for all those without employment at this time.

For Hannah M.

All of our hospital workers, including J'aime, and Patty who works in Yale's ICU, and all who are keeping services for us.

Miriam Carrillo, and Alfred Carrillo, sister and brother of José, whose livelihoods have been affected by the public emergency.

For Ed Erdman.

RESOURCES

MEDICAL & MENTAL HEALTH

One Good Turn: <https://www.onegoodturn.org/covid-19-resources>

Texas Health & Human Services COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/8f1dee88001/d0a7b37e-45a2-4d63-aec6-ca2dd9aefb03.pdf>

PRAYER

Prayers for Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic: https://episcopalchurch.org/files/wol_prayers_for_pandemic_final.pdf

Society of Saint John the Evangelist: <https://www.ssje.org/>

Mission of St. Clare—Daily Office: <https://missionstclare.com/english/index.html>

Online Book of Common Prayer: <https://www.bcponline.org/>

Venite App: <https://www.venite.app/>

iACT's Daily Dose of Hope: <https://interfaithtexas.org/category/the-daily-dose-of-hope/>

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Episcopal Diocese of Texas: www.epicenter.org

The Episcopal Church: <https://episcopalchurch.org/>

Article from the Office of Government Relations: <https://episcopalchurch.org/posts/ogr/misinformation-disinformation-fake-news-why-do-we-care>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

United Way Emergency Food and Other Assistance: connectatx.org/

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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 the office: chavens@st-michaels.org. Your donation can be mailed to the church office or via the "Give" page of our website, <https://www.st-michaels.org/take-action>.

The altar flowers this week are given to the glory of God, by Barbara Rusling in celebration of Leona Martin's birthday in April, and by Roger and Sherry Williams in celebration of their 31st wedding anniversary and the 8th anniversary of Sherry's ordination to the diaconate.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary? We'd love to pray for you during the Sunday service and print your name(s) in the bulletin. The submission deadline is noon of the Wednesday prior to when you'd like to receive a blessing; email to Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org.

READINGS, JUNE 14, 2020 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35-10:8-23

THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send it to Christine (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to the date you would like your announcement to appear in the Trumpet. Running it two weeks prior to your event is recommended for most church announcements.

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