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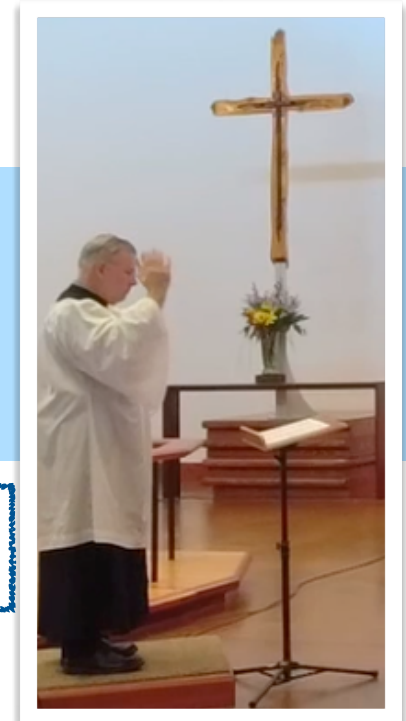


JUNE 18, 2023

SMEC IN TRANSITION: FAREWELL AND A BIG THANK YOU TO JAMES MORROW, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

On June 8, James Morrow, Director of Music since 2006, announced that he is leaving St. Michael's. He and his wife, Kristen, are heading to southeastern Pennsylvania so that Kristen can teach in a "wonderful teaching position at Mercersburg Academy in Pennsylvania, where she'll be leading the choral/vocal program."

Jim's last Sunday at St. Michael's will be June 25 (for our 10:00 am service). Jim's last 11:00 am service will be this coming Sunday, June 18. Following the 11:00 am service this Sunday, June 18, we will have a reception for Jim in the parish hall. If possible, please join us for both occasions so that we can send Jim off with the love, celebration, and deep gratitude that we all feel for him and his role in our life. Please keep Jim, Kristen, and their family in your prayers as they enter this new stage in their journey.



"I love you all and will miss each one of you terribly, and I will be forever grateful that you are my friends and that you allowed me to join you for a while." Jim Morrow

Fr. John says,

"I imagine that this news has left us all feeling a profound sense of sadness, and perhaps shock. Jim's departure from our church community is indeed a loss that we will deeply feel. Jim has such a gift – he is such a gift – and he has brought out the best in each of us and our worship. But I know that it's not only Jim's musical expertise that we will miss dearly. His genuine care, love, humor, and presence in our lives have touched each and every one of us. He has been more than a director; he has been a friend and even a pastor to many of us. The thought of moving forward without his leadership seems daunting, but I am very confident we will rally together."



NOTES

Summer at St. Michael's June 25-August 6 St. Michael's kicks off summer with a parish picnic on June 25, with burgers, Kona Ice, and more! June 25 is also the day we go to two services: 8:00 & 10:00 am; only the 10:00 am service will be livestreamed. Taco Sundays and coffee hour will happen around 11:00-ish, following the 10:00am service. Sunday

A colorful graphic for St. Michael's Episcopal Church summer events. The background is split into pink and green sections. On the left, a sun icon contains the text "SUMMER at". In the center, "JUNE 25 - AUGUST 6" is written in large letters, with "WORSHIP @ 8:00 & 10:00 AM" below it. On the right, two watermelon slices on sticks are shown. One slice is a pink triangle containing the text "JUNE 25 PARISH PICNIC after 10am service" and "Burgers, Kona Ice, bounce houses, pony rides, & more!". The other slice is a pink triangle containing "JULY 31 - AUG 3 VACATION BIBLE CAMP 1:30-4:30 pm" and "Fun & friendship! Registration open Volunteers needed". At the bottom, a white bar contains the words "REST", "SLOW DOWN", and "PLAY" in blue, corresponding to the pink and green background colors.

SUMMER
at

JUNE 25 - AUGUST 6

WORSHIP
@ 8:00 & 10:00 AM

**ST. MICHAEL'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

**JUNE 25
PARISH PICNIC**
after 10am service

Burgers, Kona Ice,
bounce houses,
pony rides, & more!

JULY 31 - AUG 3
VACATION BIBLE CAMP
1:30-4:30 pm

Fun & friendship!
Registration open
Volunteers needed

REST **SLOW DOWN** **PLAY**

A graphic for Father's Day at St. Michael's Episcopal Church. The background is dark blue with light blue waves at the top. Two cartoon fish are shown: an orange fish on the left and a white fish with orange stripes on the right. The orange fish has a speech bubble that says "What does the one ocean say to the other ocean?". The white fish has a speech bubble that says "Nothing. They just wave!". The text "HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!" and "St. Michael's Episcopal Church" is at the top.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!
St. Michael's Episcopal Church

What does the one ocean
say to the other ocean?

Nothing. They
just wave!

Invitation: Small Group Leader Training This fall, we will provide Small Group Leader Training to empower SMEC lay people to facilitate small groups. Our goal is to equip people with the necessary tools, skills, and guidance to successfully facilitate meaningful and transformative group experiences. The six training sessions will last 90 minutes each and will be held as in-person meetings, starting in September and concluding by mid-November. [Click here to read Fr. John's complete invitation.](#) Contact Fr. John at jnewton@st-michaels.org or Trish Thompson at home.thompon@gmail.com with any questions.



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.

SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

JUNE 18, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Ed. Wing
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour | Parish Hall
The Seekers | Room 4, Ed. Wing
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Ed. Wing
- 12:00-ish Jim Morrow Reception
Parish Hall
- 12:45 pm Bible Study | Zoom

9:00 & 11:00am
services livestreamed at
st-michaels.org/worship-online

Congratulations to Fr. Josh, Kari, and Killion Kulak! The Kulak family welcomed baby Margaret Ann into the world mid-afternoon on Wednesday, June 7. She arrived healthy and everyone is fine; your continued prayers are welcome. If you would like to offer them a meal as they adjust to this change in their lives, here is a link where you can sign up: <https://mealtrain.com/7ekov9>. We look forward to seeing our curate and his family on Sundays again soon.

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. Click on the links to learn more about each organization:

- Seminary of the Southwest** (*theological and pastoral education*)
- The Texas Pauli Murray Scholarship** (*scholarship for seminary students of color*)
- Episcopal Relief and Development** (*disaster relief & sustainable development*)
- Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT)** (*interfaith outreach*)
- Trinity Center** (*homelessness*)
- Casa Marianella** (*displaced immigrants*)
- Saint 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 Volunteer Opportunities El Buen Samaritano, one of SMEC's outreach partners, depends on volunteers year-round to maximize limited resources. Volunteer opportunities: Adult Education, Youth Education, Food Pantry, and Community Garden. All volunteer opportunities require a semester-long commitment with a minimum of volunteering one day a week. All in-person volunteer opportunities require COVID-19 vaccination. To sign up or learn more about each opportunity, visit elbuen.org/volunteers.

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: Sunday Adult Book Study | Sundays @10:00am | Rm 4 (Education Wing) and via Zoom

The Seekers meet on 10:00 am in Room 4, which is in the Education Wing. *On June 25, they go to their summer schedule: June 25 at 8:45am; July 2-August 6 at 11:15am. They will return to their usual schedule on August 13.*

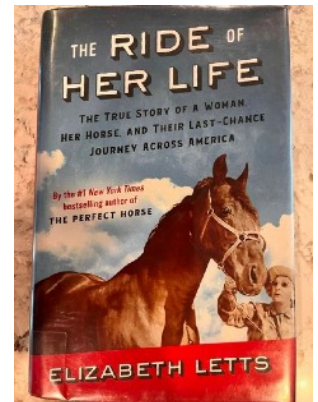
The group is reading *Do I Stay A Christian?: A Guide for the Doubters, the Disappointed, and the Disillusioned* by Brian McLaren. McLaren, a pastor, explores the ways to say both yes and no by shifting the question from whether we stay Christian to the question of how we stay human. A fascinating discussion ensues in this recently-released and favorably-reviewed book. No need to have read the book to join the conversation. Drop in anytime!

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.

Final Session Spring Bible Study with Fr. John | Sunday, June 18 | 1:30 pm Bible Study with Fr. John finishes up for the summer on Sunday, June 18, at 1:30 pm (later than normal due to a reception right after the 11:00 am service). Please take note that our Zoom Bible study will resume on Sunday, August 20 at 12:45 pm and Tuesday, August 22 at noon. Stay tuned for details on the topic later in the summer.
ZOOM INFO: bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink Meeting ID: 832 6049 2080; passcode: bible.

Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study Continues through Summer | 6:00 pm | Church Office All women are invited to join parishioner Trish Thompson on Tuesday nights for a discussion of hard questions found in the Bible. The group will meet at 6:00 pm in the St. Michael's office. Questions? Contact Trish at 281-851-7463 or home.thompson@gmail.com.

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 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 Bles 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. *The next gathering is July 12 at the County Line BBQ on Bee Caves Road.* 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 (jarobinson100@gmail.com). Stephen Ministry can be with you.

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).

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 jcsrcc@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.



Daughters of the King luncheon, 2022

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Welcome back! ¡Bienvenidos! The Puppies and the Pandas had a great first week at the SMEDS Summer Camp. The church office staff love hearing their happy voices. *Thanks to Ms. Judith and Ms. Claire 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 Mary Hermes, who has had some complications to her healing from her recent fall.

For all those SMEC parishioners traveling during these summer months.

For the migrants, many women & children, who perished in a tragic boat disaster off the southern coast of Greece.

For Jim & Kristen Morrow, as they prepare for a new adventure in their lives.

For Father's Day:

Gracious God, today we pray for all those who have been a fatherly presence in our lives. We pray for new fathers, coming to terms with new responsibility and for those who are tired, stressed, or exhausted, pouring out all they have for their children. We ask that you console those who are grieving the loss of a father and those who want to be fathers but for whatever reason are unable to have children. We pray that all fathers might feel uplifted and celebrated and blessed. May we love and cherish the special men who shaped our lives. May our hearts overflow with gratitude for them, and for you, the one to whom we cry, "Abba, Father!" as your adopted children through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

For all those affected by gun violence.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Andrew's, Pearland; St. Augustine of Hippo, Galveston; St. Christopher's, League City; St. George's, Texas City.

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Australia

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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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