



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for our community

JUNE 21, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FOUR NEW STEPHEN MINISTERS COMMISSIONED!

In John 15:12, Jesus says, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." The Stephen Ministry team has been hard at work loving one another. Despite a small interruption due to COVID-19, our group has re-emerged on Zoom for meetings and training.

Four amazing trainees have recently completed the 50 hours of Stephen Ministry training. Father John commissioned our newly-trained Stephen Ministers in an evening Zoom meeting on Tuesday, June 16. With gratitude and love, we invited Barbara Johnson, Donna McDonald, Karen Holody, and Shannon Abikhaled into our flock. Each of them demonstrates a beautiful spiritual depth that epitomizes Stephen Ministry. We look forward to a day when we can all meet together again in person.



In the meantime, remember that Stephen Ministry is still here for you. If you are going through a rough patch or having difficulty navigating life during COVID-19, know that along with God, we will listen and care. During these times, we are meeting with care receivers, with the same caring hearts, once a week via phone, FaceTime, or other platforms. Stephen Ministry is completely confidential.

If you or someone you know is in need of a Stephen Minister, please call or email: Jeff Robinson (jarobinson100@gmail.com / 512-963-6687) OR Julie de Wette (julie@losmadrone.com / 512-925-7029). Otherwise, you can contact Fr. John Newton (jnewton@st-michaels.org).

GLIMPSES OF GRACE

Thoughts for the Third Sunday after Pentecost by the Rev. Minerva Camarena Skeith

When I begin to worry if it will ever be safe to gather on the church campus, that concern changes to hope when I think of the construction going on behind the St. Michael's Day School. Several months ago, before the pandemic was in anyone's radar, the St. Michael's Day School Board voted to build a new playground behind the school and renovate the playground in front of the school. After the pandemic began and the school, like the church, closed "until further notice," the board had to decide whether or not to continue with the project.

The board decided to build the playgrounds. Amid the uncertainty, they saw beyond today and looked to the future. A future where children will once again run freely making joyful noise. They trusted that the school would reopen and their students would come back to learn and to play. They trusted that St. Michael's will reopen and families with children and grandchildren will regather for worship and fellowship. They acted with trust and faith in our loving God of creation. Our God of creation who continues to create and bring new life; not even a pandemic can stop God's creative love.

St. Michael's Day School is looking to the future with trust and faith. They are able to see beyond the challenges of today and trust in the living God that never stops bringing forth new life. I invite you to look for signs of hope in your life that point to new creation.

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. *Please note:* there is a *new* Zoom meeting ID: 951 0350 0074.

PHISHING SCAMS: A REMINDER Phishing scams are making the rounds again, asking recipients to contact Fr. John by email immediately as he has an urgent need and can't be reached by phone. Please know that neither Fr. John or any of our staff would EVER 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.

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.

SUNDAY ADULT FORMATION VIA ZOOM is on hiatus until July 12. Stay tuned for the June 28 Trumpet when we'll announce a new adult formation class!

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 lrvivas@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

We celebrate all fathers on this Father's Day, June 21, 2020.

For Bob Caldemeyer, father of Angela McCown, and for his family.

For Patricia Newton

For Barbara, Julie Hodges' neighbor

For Tom Smith

For Rebecca Hope, and her fiancé, Matt Kredell, who are getting married this weekend.

For Charles & Priscilla Starnes, parents of Sally Metcalfe

Donna H., for direction and peace.

For Ana

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 Wiggan, 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/>

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 and by Barbara Rusling in celebration of the 6th birthday of her grandson, Alex.

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 21, 2020 Third Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 21:8-21
Psalm 86:1-5
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

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.
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