



THE TRUMPET

AN INSTRUMENT OF GOOD NEWS

JULY 10, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE REV. HOPE BENKO PROMOTED TO VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT AT SEMINARY OF THE SOUTHWEST

Congratulations to the Rev. Hope Benko, who is one of our assisting clergy, for her recent promotion to VP for Enrollment at Seminary of the Southwest! We're so proud of her and very grateful for all she does at St. Michael's—teaching Sunday school, blessing our pets, and more. Come to hear her preach this Sunday.

—Christine Havens, Director of Communications

From the ENS Press Release: Seminary of the Southwest (Southwest) announces that the Rev. Hope Benko has been promoted to the position of Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Services. In this role, Benko oversees student recruitment for all degree programs at the seminary, administers Southwest's financial aid offerings, and supervises the multiple student services provided to the student body, including on-campus housing, the seminary's on-campus employment program, post-graduation job placement, and other dimensions of community life. As a Vice President, she will serve on the President's Cabinet, a key administrative body that serves as senior advisors to the dean and president.

"Our students have been at the heart of my work at Southwest for the six years I've had the privilege to serve here, so I am honored to

have this opportunity to step into leadership with their experience as a key part of my new responsibilities," said Benko, who has served as Southwest's Director of Admissions and Enrollment Management since 2016.

The Rev. Benko was ordained in the Diocese of Missouri in 2006. Before coming to Southwest, she served in parishes in the dioceses of Missouri and Western Louisiana and as a school chaplain in Fort Worth. In Austin, she and her family worship at St. Michael's Episcopal Church. A lifelong Episcopalian, she relishes building relationships throughout the wider church to welcome new students to the Southwest community. She is a graduate of Stephens College and of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. She is married to the Rev. Dr. Andrew Benko, Dean of Formation for the



Diocese of Texas's Iona School, and together they have two children and a labradoodle.

NOTES



SMEC Summer Schedule Services are at 8:00am and 10:00am; we hope you'll stay for coffee and fellowship at 11:00am in the parish hall. Taco Sunday is August 7, with homemade brunch-y goodies offered by our talented kitchen crew. We have plenty of other summer offerings—Bible study for adults, Vacation Bible Camp for children, and the Seekers gather each week.



Summer Bible Study Begins July 10

Sunday 12:45pm Bible Study: This Sunday, July 10, the Rev. Dr. Philip Turner will lead a study on the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel according to Matthew on the following dates: July 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7 and 14 (6 sessions total).

Tuesday Noon Bible Study: On hiatus for July. Stay tuned for news about August.

NEW ZOOM INFO

<https://bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink>

Meeting ID: 832 6049 2080; passcode: bible.

SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

JULY 10, 2022

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- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I
- 10:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Family Life Ctr
- 11:00 am Coffee Hour | Parish Hall
- 11:15 am Seekers Group | Rm 7



Watch the 10:00 am services
www.st-michaels.org/worship-online

Readings for July 10, 2022:

Amos 7:7-17
Luke 10:25-37

General Convention #80 July 8-11 in Baltimore The 80th General Convention of The Episcopal Church is meeting July 8 - 11, 2022 at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, Maryland. Originally scheduled for July of 2021, the 80th General Convention was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and later shortened from 10 legislative days to four and modifications to the number of attendees and legislative process. This article from Episcopal News Service gives an overview of what's being discussed this year and how you can stay up-to-date with what's happening: [GenCon#80](#). Among the items being voted on is the the reunion of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas with the Episcopal Diocese of North Texas. "Presiding Bishop Michael Curry said in a written statement to ENS: 'I invite us all to see Christ at the center of all we are doing and say Yes to his invitation to become a church that looks and loves just like Jesus.'"

Outreach Partner Update: Texas Pauli Murray Scholarship On July 1, the Episcopal Church celebrated Pauli Murray's feast day. Murray, a lawyer, poet, and priest, was made a saint in the Episcopal Church in 2012; you can learn more about this remarkable woman by [clicking here](#). Your extravagant generosity has made it possible for the SMEC Outreach Commission to contribute \$2000 to the [Texas Pauli Murray Scholarship](#), which supports low-income African American students attending the Seminary of the Southwest. A big thank you from Harriett Choffel and the Outreach Commission.

FAMILY LIFE



Dinner
Water play
Crafts
A movie

Come in water clothes and bring a towel & pjs

NEW DATE!
FRIDAY, JULY 15
5pm-9pm
Ages 3+

*Donations for student
mission projects
appreciated!*

Register:
amanda@st-michaels.org

Sunday School Summer Schedule | July 10-August 7 | 10:00am | Family Life Center Sunday School is a place where children and their families can practice being compassionate in a community that values love and compassion. *Our summer schedule is July 10-August 7 at 10:00am in the Family Life Center.* Drop your children, ages 3 years through 5th grade, off with Ms. Amanda, our family minister, at the front doors of the church, and you will be reunited in the sanctuary in time for communion together as a family.



WE CAN NOT WAIT for VBC! Join us August 1-5, from 1-4 pm each day, for the most exciting week in Family Ministry. Games, stories, crafts, games, music, friends, and more fun than this description can contain.

\$25 Registration fee includes T-shirt and snacks.

Please email amanda@st-michaels.org for scholarship info.

Click here to register and to volunteer:
[https://stmichaelsfamily.churchcenter.com/
registrations](https://stmichaelsfamily.churchcenter.com/registrations)

PLUG INTO OUTREACH

It Takes Many Hands to Share God's Bounty! The SMEC Community Garden, which is on the far side of the day school, is in need of more friends to help with this ministry. All the produce—like watermelon, peppers, and tomatoes—that our garden crew pick go to folks who don't have much access to fresh food. Casa Marianella, which assists newly-arrived refugees, is our current partner. Gardeners of all ages are invited to volunteer: plant seeds, water, weed, or harvest. Great for families and individuals! Interested? Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@icloud.com.



Outreach Partners St. Michael's Outreach partners for 2022 are the following organizations: Seminary of the Southwest, Trinity Center, Refugee Services of Texas, Casa Marianella, Pauli Murray Scholarship, Episcopal Relief and Development, St. Michael's Day School, El Buen Samaritano, One Good Turn, Nicole's Place, St. Francis Ministries, Honduras Mission Project, Del Valle Book Project, and the SMEC garden. Throughout the year, we will try to establish deeper relationships with several of these organizations and offer ways for the parish to "plug in" and participate. Stay tuned!

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

The Seekers | Summer Schedule: Sundays @11:15am | Rm 7 (Education Wing) and via Zoom The Seekers are now meeting in Room 7 in the Education Wing. They are currently reading *After Disbelief: On Disenchantment, Disappointment, Eternity, and Joy*, by Anthony T. Kronman, in which the author finds middle ground between the extremes of faith and atheism. What a great time to join the group! 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.

St. Michael's Book Club 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 via Zoom. The group is on summer hiatus until September 28. The next books are *Finding Me* by Viola Davis and *Murmur of Bees* by Sofia Segovia. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link.

St. Michael's Women's Potluck Email Becky Brindley at rbbrindley@yahoo.com or Gail Reid at reid.gail@gmail.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: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81346686555?pwd=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUFVHUT09>. **Passcode:** prayer.

Centering Prayer: Tuesdays @6:30 pm 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 Blee 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.

Thursday Afternoon Bible Study @1:00 pm On hiatus until the fall. Stay tuned.

MINISTRIES

Stephen Ministry Occasionally, worry, pain, anxiety or loneliness feel relentless. Jobs, unemployment, family, or eldercare may bring unique highs and weighty lows. A caring Stephen Minister, a trained and confidential listener, not a therapist or friend, may be best equipped to hold your concerns with you for an hour each week, offering understanding, support and prayers.

Learn more at www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry. If you'd like a Stephen Minister, please contact Jeff Robinson (jarobinson100@gmail.com), Julie de Wette (julie@losmadrone.com), or Fr. John Newton (jnewton@st-michaels.org).



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.

Photography Ministry Our photographers take on the role of capturing the special moments in the parish, may they be during worship, parish gatherings, or special events. If you're interested in helping with St. Michael's photography ministry, please email our director of communications, Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org. If you have any photos of community life or at-home worship that you'd like to share, Christine welcomes those, too. Please send via email at the highest resolution possible.

DAY SCHOOL PHOTO OF THE WEEK

Nothing says summer like kids sitting in the shade on a hot day, having popsicles! Thanks to Miss Jennifer for the photo!



THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Please email Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org with prayer requests or to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

Parish Prayer List

For Sally Klinck, who will be having back surgery on July 20.

For all those affected by the earthquake in Afghanistan.

For all victims of gun violence, especially holding up in prayer the victims of the Highland Park Fourth of July parade, and the other mass shootings over the holiday weekend.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: All Saints', Cameron; Christ Church, Mexia; Christ Church, Temple

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Uganda

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. They are printed here and in the worship bulletins. Your dedication can be emailed to:
chavens@st-michaels.org.

Donate using Venmo to saint-michaels-austin (use 2207 if prompted for a phone number) or send a check to the church office at 1500 N. Capital of Texas Highway, 78746; put "altar flowers" as the memo.

FOLLOW ST. MICHAEL'S ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: @St.Michaels.Austin

Instagram: stmichaels_atx

Twitter: StMichaelsEpiscopal @StMichaelsATX

YouTube: St. Michael's Episcopal Church Austin, TX

THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send your ideas, stories, or photos to Christine Havens, Communications Assistant, (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays. We recommend running stories beginning two weeks prior to your event.

Your extravagant generosity is appreciated.

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