



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news



JULY 16, 2023

ST. MICHAEL'S AT CAMP ALLEN

The last week of June, St. Michael's parishioners braved the heat and the sand to lead 3 separate sessions at Camp Allen. Kellye Heinze took the youngest campers, Stuart and Amy Wiggin took the oldest, and Bonnie and Trent Walton hosted 5th and 6th grade middler campers with the indispensable Adzie Wiseman and Karen Moody.

Although their children have attended, this was Karen and Adzie's first time experiencing summer camp at Camp Allen, and they did it all—swimming, paddleboarding, arts & crafts, card games, milk and cookies, live Clue, splinter-outing, helping homesick kids, providing Trent with wound care, and generally saving Bonnie's sanity with all their help. They were lunch ladies, nurses, cheerleaders, and amazing listeners, because sometimes what kids need most is someone to listen and to see them.

If you see Adzie or Karen, ask them about their time at camp, listen attentively, and then be sure to tell them that they should definitely come back and do camp with Trent and Bonnie for always until the end of time. Amen.

—Bonnie Walton, Youth Coordinator

"My own kids attended Camp Allen for many years and each time I dropped them off, I felt like I wanted to go to camp too! I thoroughly enjoyed being able to contribute a tiny bit to the wonderful programs they provide for our kids."

—Adzie Wiseman



"Camp Allen is about giving these kids experiences beyond their comfort zone, which is what I was doing as a volunteer. It was so much fun and exciting to see them stretch themselves and overcome their fears. There was lots of learning and growing for me and the kids!"

—Karen Moody

NOTES

Summer at St. Michael's | June 25-August 6 St. Michael's summer continues with two worship services: 8:00 & 10:00 am; only the 10:00 am service will be livestreamed. Join us after the services for coffee & conversation and for Taco Sunday on August 6. Sunday School will be available at the 10:00 am service, although not on July 9. The Seekers Adult Book Group has a summer schedule—see page 5 for details.

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.

Plug into the Trinity Center on August 6 On Sunday August 6, SMEC will serve at the Trinity Center's Sunday worship service and meal. We would love volunteers from the parish to be present for all aspects of the event: helping with set-up/clean-up, participating in the liturgy, serving the meal, dining with guests, etc. Volunteers arrive at the TC at 2:00 pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact Fr. Josh Kulak at jkulak@st-michaels.org for more information.

YouTube: Offertory Anthem from July 9 10am Service In case you missed it or would love to listen again, here's a YouTube video of the lovely offertory anthem the July 9 choir sang, "The Road Home," by Stephen Paulus. You can click right on the photo to watch or use this link: <https://youtu.be/mpcnJeC3kbM>. Check out the SMEC YouTube channel, [@st.michaelsepiscopalchurch4542](#), for more.



SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

JULY 16, 2023

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I

10:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Ed. Wing

11:00 am Coffee Hour | Parish Hall

11:15 am Seekers | Room 4, Ed. Wing

10:00 am service livestreamed
at
st-michaels.org/worship-online



VACATION BIBLE CAMP

JULY 31-AUGUST 3, 2023

CHILDREN 3 YRS - 5TH GRADE



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

Register here: bit.ly/2023VBCRegistration

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

VACATION BIBLE CAMP 2023: YOUR GIFTS NEEDED

*The magic of summer is camp—Vacation Bible Camp, space and time where kids learn that church and community are full of joy and belonging. Helping people feel welcome is one of the things St. Michael's does best, and children love all the ways we offer each summer, and throughout the year. One small gesture is all it takes. You can help make the magic of *Operation Restoration: Mending God's World* extra special this year—show your dance moves, share your courage, guide the way, get wet, have fun. Share your gifts with the youngest in our community—no one's too old to join the team. Come and play with us!*

The Family Ministry team needs VBC volunteers July 31-August 3 between 1:00-4:30 pm. Shepherd kids, serve snacks, help with craft time. Volunteer for an hour, a day, or the entire time.

Contact Family Minister Amanda at amanda@st-michaels.org with questions or click here: bit.ly/VBCRegisterHere and sign up. Thank you!



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*)

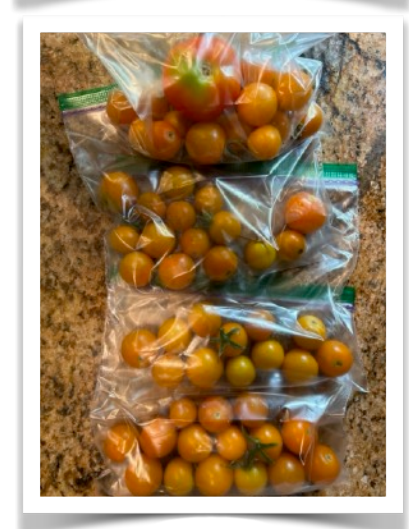
El Buen Samaritano (*family services*)

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.

The Heat Can't Beat SMEC—Garden Volunteers Needed The SMEC Community Garden is thriving despite the heat: eggplant, peppers, tomatoes, garlic, spinach, sorrel, beets, lettuce. Can you help harvest? The veggies go to Hope Food Pantry; this week, 42 bags were delivered to folks who might not otherwise get fresh food. 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.



FAMILY LIFE

Sunday School Summer Schedule | Available during 10am service 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. Contact Amanda at amanda@st-michaels.org for more info.

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.

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

The Seekers: Sunday Adult Book Study | Summer Schedule Rm 4 (Education Wing) and via Zoom *Here's the summer meeting schedule: July 2-August 6 at 11:15am. They will return to their 10:00 am meeting time 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. No need to have read the book to join the conversation. Drop in anytime!

Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com or Phyllis Bleebs at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info. Here's the Zoom link: bit.ly/SeekersZoomLink, Passcode: 541706.



Rector's Bible Study on Hiatus for the Summer Please note that the Rector's 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 Bleebs 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 (jrobinson100@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, they meet in the Gathering Room (next to the sanctuary) the third Saturday of each month at 10:30am. Contact Jonea Raney at jcsrrech@gmail.com if you have any questions.



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

On Wednesday, the Ducklings had Sensei Doug teach them about mindfulness, movement, and body energy!

Thanks to Ms. Kayla 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 Patricia Newton, who fell over the weekend, as she recovers from partial hip surgery.

For all those in the southern & southwestern US affected by the extreme heat.

For all those in the Hudson Valley and in New England affected by historic flooding.

For all those in Guam affected by Typhoon Mawar, many of whom are still without power and shelter over a month after the storm.

For all those affected by gun violence.

The members of The Episcopal Church Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop invite Episcopalians to join them in prayer as they continue their discernment work leading to the election of the 28th presiding bishop next June. The members offered this prayer:

Almighty God, source of all wisdom and understanding: Look graciously on your church, and so guide the hearts and minds of those who will choose our next presiding bishop, that we may receive a faithful pastor who will care for all of your people, equip us for our ministries, and proclaim your word to us and to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Francis', Tyler; St. John's, Carthage; St. John's, Center

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Canada

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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.

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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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