



THE TRUMPET

AN INSTRUMENT OF GOOD NEWS

JULY 17, 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Fun and Successful Grace & Grits SMEC Youth Camp-In

Grace & Grits, a student camp-in centered around activism, advocacy, and action, held at St. Michael's Episcopal Church June 26-29, was a huge success! Organized by Amanda Evans Lang, Family Minister, youth in 6th grade and up were invited to participate. The parish hall was transformed into a campsite under starry skies where the group spent their days learning about social justice issues in the Austin area and their evenings in worship and fellowship. Partner organizations included El Buen Samaritano, Travis High School, Posada Ezperanza, and the Trinity Center.

Working together, the group of ten made 50 personal care product kits for underprivileged girls; loaded 220 cars with boxes of food for the week; read to, and had sno cones with, 45 children in a low-income school program; cleaned 4 refugee houses; made 90 "Welcome Back to Football" kits for boys in a Title One school; delivered 18 bouquets to women fleeing domestic and political violence; held a water play day for their children; and made 120 meals for neighbors experiencing homelessness. In addition, the Grace & Grits team had four incredible nights of worship.

Through their involvement in Grace & Grits, these young people have identified personal passions and have made plans to continue working. They made best friends. And they have an undeniable sense of how perfectly they are made and loved by God. They know how much St. Michael's Episcopal Church believes that, too.

We've shared this story with the diocese, and it will appear in the next issue of Diolog, which is the diocesan newsletter. You can subscribe at www.epicenter.org and scroll down. We also had a big shout out on Facebook from El Buen!

—Christine Havens, Director of Communications, and Amanda Evans Lang, Family Minister



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. The next 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.



The Rev. Hope Benko promoted to VP 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.

SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

JULY 17, 2022
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 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 17, 2022:
Genesis 18:1-10a
Luke 10:38-42

St. Michael's Women's Potluck | Thursday, July 28, 6:00 pm | Parish Hall Join the Women of St. Michael's as we gather for food and fellowship Thursday, July 28, at 6:00 pm in the parish hall. Bring a dish or adult beverage to share. If you don't have time to cook, just join us. There is always plenty of food to share. Email Becky Brindley at rmbcindley@yahoo.com or Gail Reid at reid.gail@gmail.com for more information.

Summer Bible Study Now through August 14

Sunday 12:45pm Bible Study: The Rev. Dr. Philip Turner is leading 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.

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FAMILY LIFE

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.* Wiggle bags will be available in the narthex on July 3. 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.

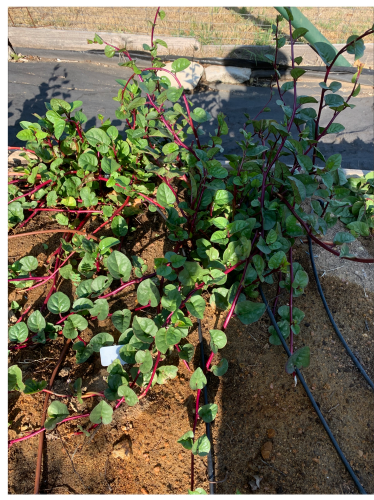
Please email amanda@st-michaels.org for scholarship info.

Click here to register and to volunteer:
<https://stmichaelsfamily.churchcenter.com/registrations>



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. Our new partner is Hope Food Pantry, a non-profit assisting Austin neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity. They love the fresh veggies! 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 Blee 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.

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 PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Bubble Week at the day school included some Bubble Magic, which thrilled and amazed the children. Thanks to Miss Debbi 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.

Parish Prayer List

For Karl Dage, who died unexpectedly; for Gena Tabery, his sister, and all his family and friends as they mourn.

For Tessa, a toddler who is having a biopsy, and for her grandmother, Kay, as they await the results.

For all those affected by the flash flooding in rural Virginia.

For the Diocese of Texas and the Diocese of North Texas on the historic occasion of their reunification.

For all victims of gun violence.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: El Buen Pastor, Waco; Holy Spirit, Waco; St. Alban's, Waco;
St. Christopher's, Killeen

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Tanzania

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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

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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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