



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news



JULY 23, 2023

SMEYC Kicks Off on August 13 We're so excited! High school & j. high peeps, hang out & connect on Sundays. Check out the video below from our college interns, Grace (*left*) & Reagan. They've got a Truth or Lies Challenge for our teens! Come and find out what's true and what's fiction on the 13th and welcome the newest members of the SMEYC team!



SMEYC Connects

Sundays 10-11am

Join us ^{as} we connect to the greater St. Michael's community through gameshows, service projects, our Taco Sunday Challenge, and Spotlight Sessions with people of St. Michael's. Oh, and DONUTS.

SMEYC

Sundays at 5-6:30pm

Come hang out with other high school and j.high peeps as we experience what it means to be connected to a community through shenanigans, games, and exploration of life's big questions in small groups. Also, snacks, because: teens.



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Save the Dates: Fall Edition



JULY 31-AUGUST 3
VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Children 3 yrs - 5th grade
Time: 1:30 - 4:30 pm Cost: \$25

Register & Volunteer: bitly/2023VBCRegistration

AUGUST 6 TACO SUNDAY

VBC CELEBRATION @10:00 am service

AUGUST 13 BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS & FALL KICK OFF

Services back to 7:45, 9:00, and 11:00 am



ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY



AUGUST 13
10 AM SPOTLIGHT SUNDAY: Meet the SMEYC Team
5:00-6:30 pm SMEYC

AUGUST 20
10 AM SERVICE PROJECT SUNDAY (1 service hour)
5:00-6:30 pm SMEYC



AUGUST 27
10 AM PRIEST IN THE HOT SEAT GAME SHOW
5:00-6:30 pm SMEYC

SEPTEMBER 3
10 AM TACO SUNDAY CHALLENGE
5:00-6:30 pm SMEYC



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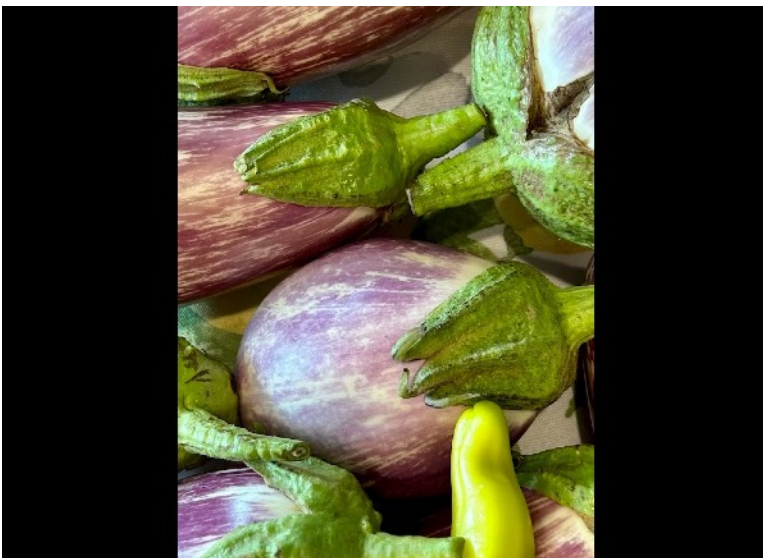
Summer at St. Michael's | June 25-August 6 St. Michael's summer continues with two worship services: 8:00 & 10:00 am; only the 10:00 am service will be livestreamed. Join us after the services for coffee & conversation and for Taco Sunday on August 6. Sunday School will be available at the 10:00 am service,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

Feeling Overwhelmed? Stephen Ministers Care

Sometimes, I tremble under the weight of life. I'm being stretched too thinly by a shredding relationship, others' ceaseless needs or my exhaustion. Imagine what it might be like to have someone hold, with you, the sources of that heavy pressure that tightens and presses on you. To know and understand. I'm pretty sure that my friends and co-workers are willing to listen for a bit . . . and then, well, not so much. A Stephen Minister will listen for an hour, week after week, and not grow weary or frustrated or try to fix. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide safe, confidential Christian care.

Contact the Rev. John Newton (jnewton@st-michaels.org) or Stephen Ministers Julie de Wette (julie@losmadrones.com) or Jeff Robinson (jarobinson100@gmail.com).

YouTube: SMEC's Community Garden Produce from our Community Garden (click on the video or use this link: <https://youtube.com/shorts/39Y1oOzW1zY?feature=share>) makes such a difference to our neighbors who don't always have access to fresh veggies. Thank you for your extravagant generosity in support of this ministry. Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@icloud.com; or Beth Michaels at ebethmichaels@gmail.com to plug into this harvest of love.



SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

JULY 23, 2023
EIGHTH 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.

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.

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

The Seekers' summer meeting schedule: July 2-August 6 at 11:15 am. 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 Blee 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 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.

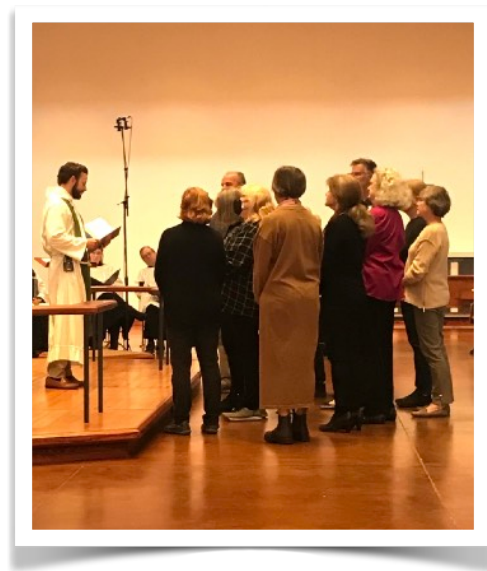
Men's Pub Theology | Second Wednesdays @5:00pm | Join the men of St. Michael's for fellowship and theological conversation. *August meeting TBA.* Contact Andy Hines at ahines@hinespool.com for more information.

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

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 jcsrcc@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.



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).

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Wonders of Wednesday: Mad Science was an adventure with air. It's everywhere!!

Thanks to Ms. Monica & 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 Randy Baldwin & Nancy Springer-Baldwin.

For Jack Michaels, twin brother of Beth Michaels, as he approaches the end of life, after a five-year struggle with cancer. Prayers for his family as well as they prepare for his passing.

For safe travels for Chris Whitty and for his apartment.

For safe travels and in thanksgiving for a new adventure in Nashville for Michael Dale & family (Christine's son).

For all those affected by gun violence.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. John's, Tyler; St. Luke's, Lindale; St. Matthew's, Henderson

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Central Africa

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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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