



# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news for the community*

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JULY 25, 2021

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## A BIG SMEC WELCOME FOR TWO NEW STAFF MEMBERS

On behalf of Fr. John and the rest of the St. Michael's staff, I'd love to introduce you to the newest members of our team: Jeremy Aschenbach, our sound tech/networking guru, and Michael Wiggin, student minister. Many of our parishioners may know Michael already—he's the son of Kathy & Doug Wiggin. He'll be working part-time, and becoming an integral part of the family ministry team under Family Minister Amanda. Jeremy is new to our community, but you may have seen him already on one of the last two Sundays familiarizing himself with our system.

We're so thrilled to have them both sharing their gifts with us. Fr. John notes that he is hopeful that Michael and Jeremy will be a part of the staff for many years and he looks forward to seeing how they grow while here. If you see them on Sunday, please give each a big welcome!

—Christine Havens, Assistant for Admin and Communication

**JEREMY ASCHENBACH** has a few different hobbies/passions, but the one constant throughout his life has been music, and in recent years, sound as a whole. A freelance sound engineer, he's worked with a variety of people online, but has wanted to branch into working in live/church surroundings. Jeremy says, "I am very grateful for the opportunity that St. Michael's has given me and am excited to be a part of the team."



Raised in the St. Michael's community, **MICHAEL WIGGIN** graduated from Westlake HS before attending the University of Iowa for his undergraduate studies in English and Cinema and receiving a post-graduate education at UCLA in screenwriting. He volunteered as an EYC second for Luis in the summer of 2019 before moving to L.A. and serving as a videographer for All Saints' Episcopal Church in Beverly Hills. After being an adult resource for Camp Allen the last two summers, he is humbled and thrilled to work alongside the St. Michael's staff and community as the church continues to innovate and mature in the coming years, though he hopes the Sunday morning breakfast tacos will never change!

## NOTES

**IN-PERSON AND ONLINE WORSHIP AT ST. MICHAEL'S!** We have worship in both kinds at St. Michael's and we invite to join us however you feel comfortable—in-person or online. Our summer services are at 8:00 and 10:00 am. BOTH services are in the sanctuary, and the parish hall restrooms are open. As a reminder, we do have an updated COVID worship policy; you can read it by [clicking here](#).

For those of you participating from home, we are streaming recorded services during July while Fr. John is away. The Sunday morning email will have links to the service and to the accompanying bulletin; it will arrive in your inbox by 8:00 am. You can also access the video and bulletin at [www.st-michaels.org/worship-online](http://www.st-michaels.org/worship-online).

**BOOK STUDY WITH PHILIP TURNER SUNDAYS @NOON!** We have a great summer adult Christian Ed opportunity starting today at noon via Zoom, and continuing each Sunday through August 8. The Rev. Dr. Philip Turner is leading a discussion group on his latest book, *Christian Socialism: The Promise of an Almost Forgotten Tradition*. It's not too late to join—click on the book title to order.

Click here for a comprehensive study guide. Use this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84851264278?pwd=OHZHU2tWU0FYKzRsQ3FZTmZJVFlzQT09> and passcode 779105.



**PHISHING SCAMS: A REMINDER** In the past week, folks may have received an email claiming to be from Fr. John, asking the recipient to contact him by email immediately as he had an urgent need and couldn't be reached by phone. This is actually the second phishing scam within a month, so it might be a good time for a reminder. *Please know that Fr. John would NEVER 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](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org)). Most email services have a way to report phishing scams, so taking the time to do so can be helpful.

## ADULT FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

**SEEKERS BOOK GROUP** The Seekers are currently reading *Mary Magdalene Revealed: The First Apostle, Her Feminist Gospel & the Christianity We Haven't Tried Yet* by Meggan Watterson, a WSJ bestseller about the gospel attributed to Mary and about her role in Christian tradition. The group meets at **11:45 am each Sunday** and all are welcome. *Interested in joining the group?* Contact Phyllis Blees at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more info. Here's the book group Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>, Passcode: 541706.

**ST. MICHAEL'S WOMEN'S VIRTUAL POTLUCK UPDATE!** The SMEC Women's Virtual Potluck group is now gathering at 6:00 pm on the first Monday of each month unless it falls on a holiday. All women of the parish are invited—bring a friend! Stay tuned for news about returning to gathering in person on the church campus in the fall. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019837778?pwd=SGRmQXhoYllXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; passcode is 242636.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY UPDATE:** By popular request, Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study is continuing through July via Zoom each Tuesday at noon. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83976491370?pwd=aUZfekdvUkFENWJNSWRza1BzcC9TUT09>; passcode: 276756.

**ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB** Looking for fellowship and conversation? Love reading? Join the SMEC Book Club! The group will meet again at the end of September (the 29th), but have already chosen the book to read over the summer: *The Library Book*, by master nonfictionist, Susan Orlean. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at [rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com](mailto: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 ON TUESDAY EVENINGS** This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjIVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com). For more about contemplative prayer, click this link: [Heart of Texas Contemplative Outreach](#).

**EVENING PRAYER, WEDNESDAYS @4:30 PM** Each Wednesday at 4:30 pm. Use Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969> and passcode 826364.

**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](mailto:mary.r.healy@gmail.com). Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHGvK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. **PLEASE NOTE** that you should use this passcode: biblestudy.

Family Ministry this Fall!  
**Coming Soon!**

**COMPASSION CAMP**  
JOIN US FOR  
Vacation Bible Camp  
August 2-6  
1-4 pm  
Ages 3+ | \$25

**Hilltop KIDS**  
Beginning on  
August 15  
9 & 11 am  
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Backpack Blessings  
& Back to School Bash

Kicking off  
August 22  
**4th SUNDAYS**  
4 families

Your extravagant  
generosity  
in action...

Email: [Amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:Amanda@st-michaels.org) to register or volunteer for Family Ministry programs

## FAMILY & STUDENT MINISTRIES

Amanda Evans Lang invites you to check out the [Family Ministry](#) and [Student Ministry](#) pages on the St. Michael's website for updates and activities to enrich your spiritual life. Please email her with questions at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

**VBC REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!** Ready to register your children or grandchildren for Vacation Bible Camp? We also need a bunch of helpers. [Click here to register or to volunteer!](#) We're super excited to welcome kiddos and their families back to our campus this summer!

**FAMILY MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Family Minister Amanda is looking for some volunteers to help with prep work. If you enjoy being crafty, helping with tasks like mailing postcards and organizing supplies, and are available during the week, please contact her at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

**THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS** Please email Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org) to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

### NEW PRAYERS

In thanksgiving for McCullough "Mac" Thomas, born July 12; for his parents, Cullen & Sarah Vance; for grandparents Liz & John Vance and Bob & Karen Moody.

For Erin La Rue's youngest godson, Kevin, and his family, as they mourn the recent loss of their beloved Nana just a few weeks after her 101st birthday.

For the people of Cuba during the unrest in their country.

For all those affected by gun violence.

### COVID-19

For Matthew, grandson of Phyllis Foote, who has contracted COVID while in Spain.

For all children and teachers during this unexpected style of attending school.

For all who struggle with loneliness and isolation.

For all those living in eldercare facilities, and for the staff, and for their families.

For all those without employment at this time.

All of our hospital and healthcare workers, including Rosa, J'aime, and Patty, who are keeping healthcare services running.



Slinky fun & shaving cream! This week, the kids were fascinated by visiting reptiles and by messing with foam!

*Photos courtesy of the day school teachers*



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**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God. Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. Dedications can be emailed to: [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org). Your donation can be mailed to the church office or given via the "Give" page of our website: <https://www.st-michaels.org/take-action>.

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**Track 1**

2 Samuel 11:1-15  
Psalm 14  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21

**Track 2**

2 Kings 4:42-44  
Psalm 145:10-19  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21

**FOLLOW ST. MICHAEL'S ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

Facebook: @St.Michaels.Austin  
Instagram: stmichaels\_atx  
Twitter: StMichaelsEpiscopal @StMichaelsATX

**THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Good news about yourself or our parish? Photos of you and your family participating in worship or fellowship activities? Please send your ideas, stories, or photos to Christine Havens, Communications Assistant, ([chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org)) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays. Running event announcements two weeks prior to the date is recommended.

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