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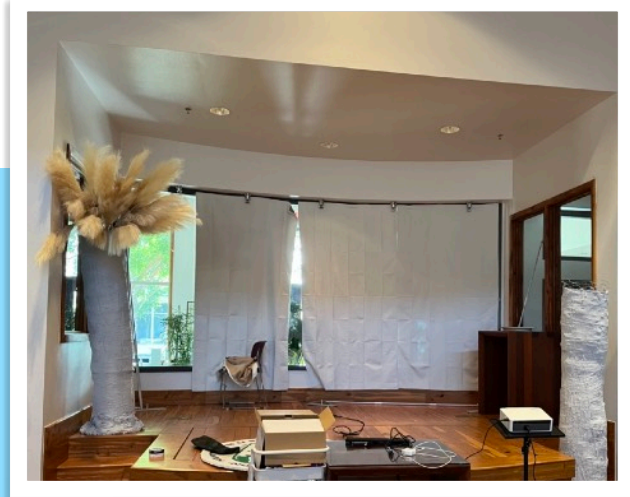
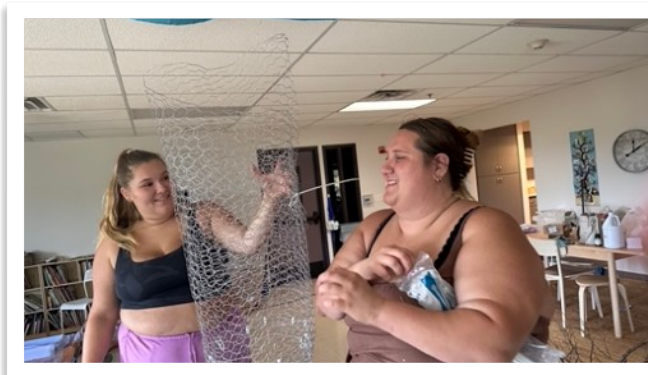
An instrument of good news



JULY 30, 2023

Get Ready for Operation: Restoration Vacation Bible Camp

After church on Sunday, our campus will be transformed into a wonderland where kids learn to be menders in God's world. As they make connections between Bible stories and mending actions, they'll discover simple ways to live out faith in daily life. The Family Ministry team has been hard at work this week, getting our spaces ready for our guests. A big thank you in advance for the extravagant generosity being poured out by all those sharing their gifts to make this possible.



NOTES

 <h3 style="margin: 0;">ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH</h3> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Save the Dates: Fall Edition</h2> 	
 <p>JULY 31-AUGUST 3 VACATION BIBLE CAMP</p> <p>Children 3 yrs - 5th grade Time: 1:30 - 4:30 pm Cost: \$25 Register & Volunteer: bitly/2023VBCRegistration</p>	<p>AUGUST 6 TACO SUNDAY VBC CELEBRATION @10:00 am service</p>
<p>AUGUST 13 BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS & FALL KICK OFF Services back to 7:45, 9:00, and 11:00 am</p>	
 <h3 style="margin: 0;">ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY</h3> 	
<p>AUGUST 13</p> <p>10 AM SPOTLIGHT SUNDAY: Meet the SMEYC Team 5:00-6:30 pm SMEYC</p>	<p>AUGUST 20</p> <p>10 AM SERVICE PROJECT SUNDAY (1 service hour) 5:00-6:30 pm SMEYC</p>
<p>AUGUST 27</p> <p>10 AM PRIEST IN THE HOT SEAT GAME SHOW 5:00-6:30 pm SMEYC</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 3</p> <p>10 AM TACO SUNDAY CHALLENGE 5:00-6:30 pm SMEYC</p> 

SMEYC Kicks Off on August 13 High school & j. high peeps, hang out & connect on Sundays. Click the video below to meet our new youth leaders, Grace (*left*) & Reagan (<https://vimeo.com/846371863?share=copy>). They've got a Truth or Lies Challenge for our teens! Find out what's true and what's new on the 13th! Also, donuts.

Our webpage www.smeyc.org has more info.



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.



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. 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. 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@losmadrone.com) or Jeff Robinson (jarobinson100@gmail.com).

Altar Flower Dedications The St. Michael's Altar Guild does a lovely job with the flower arrangements that grace the sanctuary each Sunday. Did you know that you can celebrate the special people in your life or honor an important event or memory with a dedication that gets printed in the 11:00am service bulletin and the Trumpet? Your dedication can be emailed to: chavens@st-michaels.org. Donations are appreciated; use the QR code on the back page or send a check to the church office at 1500 N. Capital of Texas Highway, 78746; put "altar flowers" as the memo.

They Don't Stop: Clergy Phishing Scams You may have received an email on July 25 that claimed to be from Fr. John asking if you're "less busy" because he needs your help for a "discrete" request.

Now is a good time to remind everyone to be aware that none of our clergy would approach parishioners in this manner or ask for gift cards. There are plenty of other digital scams to be wary of as well; here is a link to an article about the [14 Top Scams to Watch Out for in 2023](#).

SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

JULY 30, 2023
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 8:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I
- 10:00 am Holy Baptism & 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



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*)

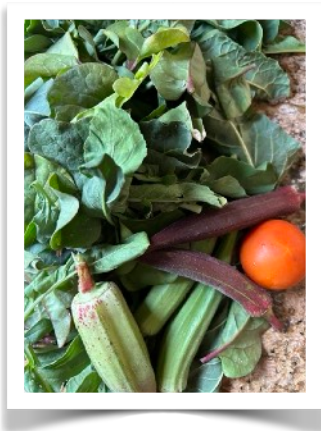
El Buen Samaritano (*family services*)

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.

SMEC's Community Garden Though the pickings are slim due to the heat, produce from our Community Garden makes such a difference to our neighbors who don't always have access to fresh veggies. This week, spinach, chard, tomatoes, and okra were delivered to Hope Food Pantry. 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.



El Buen Samaritano Volunteer Opportunities El Buen Samaritano, one of SMEC's outreach partners, depends on volunteers year-round to maximize limited resources. Volunteer opportunities: Adult Education, Youth Education, Food Pantry, and Community Garden. All volunteer opportunities require a semester-long commitment with a minimum of volunteering one day a week. All in-person volunteer opportunities require COVID-19 vaccination. To sign up or learn more about each opportunity, visit elbuen.org/volunteers.

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 11:15am. 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 Bles 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 Bles 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 meeting is August 9 at the Waterloo Ice House at the intersection of 360 & FM 2222. 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 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.

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

Wednesday was Kona Ice day! The kids sure enjoyed the cool treat on the warm day.
Thanks to Ms. Crystal & Ms. Lorenza 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 Michael Donegan as he recovers from COVID.

For Sara Havens as she recovers from a fall.

For the children, the parents, the volunteers, and the Family Ministry team as they build community with each other and with God through Vacation Bible Camp next week.

In honor of the Philadelphia Eleven, the first women ordained in the Episcopal Church.

For all those affected by gun violence.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Michael & All Angels, Longview; St. Paul's, Kilgore; St. Paul's, Leigh; St. Philip's, Palestine

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The flowers are given to the Glory of God.

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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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