



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news



AUGUST 13, 2023

SMEYC KICKED OFF LAST SUNDAY with a healthy dose of what I'm calling "optimistic imperfection."

Our Spotlight on Grace and Reagan between services was full of impertinent questions, a plethora of donuts, and a Taylor Swift lyric lip-reading game, while our 5pm SMEYC gathering saw 21 curious 5th-12th graders skeptically indulging me in a totally-made-up-on-the-spot game (henceforth known as Penguins), rounded out with snacks and questions about identity. Everything about it was messy and awkward and wonderfully ridiculous.

I'm so grateful to those brave almost-adults who showed up without knowing anyone or what to expect and to those brave actual-adults whose generous time and attention makes all of it possible (and whose left-behind cups inspire new games...).

Join us at 10am this Sunday, August 20, for donuts and an hour of Service Project fun, and come hang out at 5pm for SMEYC, where it's okay to be messy and imperfect—you'll fit right in.

Questions, suggestions and volunteers can contact Bonnie at youth@stmichaels.org.

—Bonnie Walton, Youth Coordinator



SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

AUGUST 20, 2023

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

7:45 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I

9:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II

10:00 am Coffee Hour | Parish Hall
The Seekers | Rm 4, Ed. Wing
SMEYC Service Project Sunday

11:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II

5:00 pm SMEYC | Rm 8, Ed Wing

9:00 & 11:00 am services
livestreamed
at
st-michaels.org/worship-online

Grief Group Begins in October No matter what you've lost—a loved one, a relationship, a pet, your balance due to a life change or move, a job, health, your dreams for the future—you can find help, hope, and healing by joining with others who walk the same path. Your story and pain matters—come share your story.

Meetings will take place Monday evenings at 6:00 pm. Dates are October 9, 16, 23, 30, Nov 6, and Nov 13 at St. Michael's in the gathering room (in sanctuary). Meetings run 90 minutes.

Registration is required. Limit 6 participants.

For more information or to sign up, contact the Rev. Kelly Koonce: kellykoonce@icloud.com or 512-940-9727. Confidentiality will be the bedrock of the group. It will be a safe and grace-filled space.

Prophetic Insights from the Book of Jeremiah: Rector's Bible Study | Begins August 20 & 22 (Sundays 12:45pm and

Tuesdays 12:00pm) Jeremiah's journey is one of faithfulness, sorrow, exile, and redemption. This book raises questions about God's judgment, mercy, forgiveness, and ultimately points to the great Liberator we have in Jesus. Join us this fall as we examine Jeremiah's life and prophetic proclamations, as well as how the various themes of the book are ultimately answered and clarified in the life and ministry of Jesus.

ZOOM INFO: bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink Meeting ID: 832 6049 2080; passcode: bible.

Prayers and Support for Maui Fire Victims Please join SMEC in praying for those affected by the wildfires in Maui. For more information on how to support local recovery efforts through the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai'i please visit: <https://www.episcopalhawaii.org/maui-relief.html>

El Buen Samaritano Volunteer Opportunities The SMEC El Buen Food Pantry team will volunteer every third Thursday on the early morning shift. The next volunteer day is September 21. Contact Father Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org to join the team! There are many other opportunities to volunteer with El Buen which can be found at elbuen.org/volunteer.

SMEC Tuesday Night Women's Fall Bible Study | New Topic Begins Tuesday, August 29 | 6:00 pm |

Church Office The Women's Bible Study has chosen a new book to discuss for fall.

Beginning on August 29 and finishing up on October 17, the group will use *The Book of Philippians*, a video study guide by Jo Saxton. Through Paul's words and example, learn how joy and sacrifice can go hand-in-hand. All women are welcome—the group meets on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the church office. Contact Trish Thompson at home.thompson@gmail.com for more info.

Cook Dinner for the Episcopal Student Center Join the Episcopal Student Center for dinner! Every week after evening Eucharist the ESC shares dinner together, and a home-cooked meal is a simple but profound gift to the students. *All you need to do is bring food for 25 people and they'll provide the rest.* The ESC has a fully-equipped kitchen available for you to use and they can reimburse you for groceries. [Sign up for a Sunday this semester here](#), or contact Fr. Josh (jkulak@st-michaels.org) for any questions.

FAMILY LIFE

Sunday School Summer Schedule | Back to 9:00 & 11:00 am on August 13 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.

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 Susan and her family.

For Chuck, a caregiver of Jai, who has dementia; give him patience, strength, and peace.

For all those who have perished in the wildfires on Maui, for those who have lost their homes, and for those who are displaced, and for those who are otherwise distressed.

For all those affected by 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 Church of England

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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. They are printed here and in the 11:00 am Sunday service bulletin.

You can use this link to send your dedication and make a donation: st-michaels.org/altar-flower-donations. You may also 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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OFFICE HOURS: M-TH 9:00AM-4:00PM