

THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for our community

AUGUST 30, 2020

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

ST. MICHAEL'S DAY SCHOOL: PLAYGROUND RENOVATION

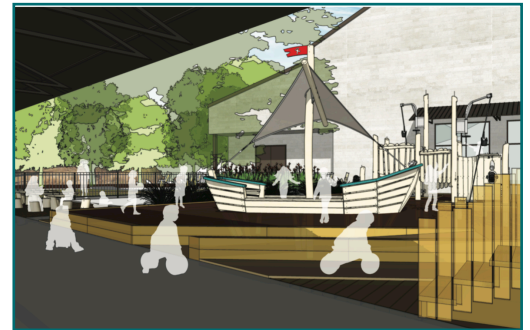
The St. Michael's Day School is reopening on a limited basis on Tuesday, August 31. Rebecca Hope, Head of School, is excited to welcome students back, especially as the playground renovations nears completion. She shares this:

The playground equipment is built and shipped from Denmark, using the same hard Robina wood which was utilized to build the original American settlement still standing at Jamestown. This hearty type of wood will last for decades and is warranted for 20 years.

The back playground area near the garden features multiple water spouts that children can use independently to fill sluices and water tables. The front playground features a wooden pirate ship filled with sand as well as a large gravel pit structure with pulleys and scoops to engage with the sand and gravel boxes below. The front playground also has new picnic tables and a bonded wood fiber trike track great for trikes and giant dump trucks

We feel so blessed to be able to allocate our ample reserve funds in such a tangible way, to benefit generations of children to come at St. Michael's. This massive project overhauling our outdoor learning spaces has allowed us to reopen the Day School next week with a greatly increased capacity to provide children with outdoor engagement and to keep our children safe.

A big thank you to Rebecca, the other teachers at St. Michael's Day School, the school board, and Family Minister Amanda Lang, for their work and extravagant generosity with the children who are entrusted to their care!



GLIMPSES OF GRACE

Thoughts for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost by the Rev. Sherry Williams, deacon

September. For me as a kid, a parent, a teacher, a college administrator, and even as a deacon, the start of the school year has always been exciting and exhilarating. But for some, school is scary. Recently, I saw how fearful and foreboding school can sometimes be for one who is different. As I was watching the Democratic National Convention on TV, a thirteen-year-old boy who stuttered made an heroic speech. School had been difficult for him. He had found that children and adults would sometimes mimic him or jeer. But a few months ago, he met a prominent man who had conquered a similar problem and who sympathized with him. They were "members of the same club." The man took time to encourage the youngster with some specifics he had used to overcome his impediment. Brayden Harrington spoke with a few hesitations but he got his message out. It was a heartwarming moment, a moment of grace for the boy, the man, and for those in the audience who cheered him on. It was the best speech of the evening!

NOTES

WORSHIP SERVICES

10:30AM IN-PERSON WORSHIP SOFT LAUNCH On September 6, we will have a soft launch of in-person worship in the sanctuary. *Space is limited to 10 individuals.* Please RSVP to Christine Havens by calling the church at 512-327-1474 during office hours (M-Th, 9am-4pm); first come, first served.

CHECK-IN INSTRUCTIONS FOR 8:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Attending the 8:00 am service? Text "SMEC" to 312-487-3550 and follow the prompts. Here is a link to the website, which has a video tutorial: <https://www.st-michaels.org/checkin-1>. Christine will be at a table on Sunday morning if you need assistance. If you've checked in successfully using your phone, just grab a bulletin and you're all set!

PICNIC CHURCH This completely outdoor service, complete with blankets and wiggle baskets for the kids, begins Sunday, August 30 at 9:15 am. *Please follow the check-in instructions above, but enter "9:15 am" when prompted.*

MANOS DE CRISTO FOOD DRIVE The Outreach Commission has organized a food drive to help Manos de Cristo, one of our outreach partners. This will be a curbside drop off on two days in September. Please **DO NOT** drop donations off except on the days/times listed below. The **only** foods being accepted are: *1 or 2 lb. bags of dry beans and/or white rice, small cans of tuna, soft granola bars, and canned Vienna-style sausages.* If you would prefer to donate money directly to Manos, go to <http://www.manosdecristo.org/donate.html>.

Curbside Donation Days: Wednesday, Sept. 9, 12:30-2:00 pm **AND** Sunday, Sept. 13, 3:00-4:30 pm. To arrange a home pick up donation, call or text Susie Orum at 512-429-0411.

ONE VOTE DOCUMENTARY Christine Woodhouse, St. Michael's parishioner, recently produced and directed a new documentary called *One Vote*. This movie tells the wonderful and hopeful story of four individuals, and one funky little tavern, who voted in the 2016 election. It is a deeply hopeful, inspiring and thought-provoking piece. Interested in watching the movie and having a zoom conversation with Fr. John and Christine W? If so, visit <https://www.onevote.us/> for more info and email Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org at to express interest.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES TUESDAYS & SUNDAYS @NOON

What was the early church like? How did Christianity spread? What can we learn about the church's mission today by studying the acts and actions of Jesus's first apostles? These are just a few of the questions we will explore over a period of 14 weeks, **starting on September 8**. Sessions will be recorded and made available on YouTube for those who cannot attend a live one. Click the link for the full [syllabus](#).

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84133373380>.

CORONA CARE HANDBOOK NOW AVAILABLE FREE ON AMAZON The One Good Turn organization wants everyone to have their new handbook. Parishioner Dr. Ann Messer is active in this nonprofit and helped develop this project. People can download the book for free on Amazon **now through Saturday, August 29**. You can download [here](#). The *Corona Care Handbook* is an essential guide to the COVID-19 pandemic. It provides practical tips for essential workers, students returning to school, those who are sick, and anyone looking to protect themselves from COVID-19.

REGULAR ZOOM GATHERINGS

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB All are invited! September's book selection is *In a Sunburned Country* by Bill Bryson; that discussion happens on **September 30 at 2:30 pm**. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link.

ST. MICHAEL'S VIRTUAL POTLUCK Table fellowship with friends via Zoom—women of all ages are welcome to join. Alternate **Monday evenings at 6:00 pm** every other week; the next gathering is August 24. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019837778?pwd=SGRmQXhoYlIXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; passcode is 242636.

MORNING PRAYER, TUESDAYS @9:00 AM You're invited to Morning Prayer with Mother Minerva each Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/506672577> or Dial by your location: +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston).

EVENING PRAYER, WEDNESDAYS @4:30 PM Led by Fr. John each Wednesday at 4:30 pm. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969> or look for the information in our weekly Tuesday e-news.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY Weekly Tuesday Bible Study is at 1:00 pm, via Zoom. Please email mskeith@st-michaels.org for the Zoom link and meeting ID. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/210182059>.

CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAY EVENINGS This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Here is the Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjIVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: phyllis.blees@gmail.com.

SEEKERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP The Seekers are currently reading *Divine Dance: The Trinity and Your Transformation* by Richard Rohr and Mike Morrell. They meet at **9:15 am each Sunday**. The Zoom link is the same as for Center Prayer. Please email Phyllis Blees at phyllis.blees@gmail.com with any questions.

STUDENT MINISTRY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS STARTS UP ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2:45-4:00 PM VIA ZOOM! Contact Luis Rivas, Student Minister, at lrivas@st-michaels.org with any questions.

PARENTS & STUDENTS—STAY IN THE KNOW! FOLLOW AUSTIN AREA EYC ON INSTAGRAM! The Austin Area EYC continues having fun activities at a safe distance. Follow [@austin_eyc](https://www.instagram.com/austin_eyc) on Instagram to stay connected to future opportunities for virtual worship and fun with other Episcopal youth from around the city. Direct Message on Instagram for Zoom links. Please contact Luis Rivas, Student Minister, at lrivas@st-michaels.org for more news about youth group happenings.

FAMILY MINISTRY

ONLINE CHILDREN'S OFFERINGS Stay tuned for more details to come! Email Amanda Evans Lang, Family Minister, at amanda@st-michaels.org for information.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

NEW PRAYERS

For Charles Starnes, who died; for his wife, Priscilla, his daughter, Sally Metcalfe, and for the Starnes family.
For Carol, who died; for Kay Allen, her sister, and her family.
For Emma.
For Doris Robitaille, for peace and healing.
For Anne Hoey, for recovery from surgical procedures and other health issues.
For all those who were, and are, in the path of Hurricane Laura.

COVID-19

For Marshall and Madison, family members of Margy Ayres, who have recovered from COVID-19.
For Rob Rhodes, college friend of Donna & Bill Hulsey, who recently died of COVID-19.
For Connor Clark, grandson of Susie Orum, who moved into his dorms at U-Nebraska.
For the Jacob and Abramo families.
For all children and teachers prepping for, and starting, the school year.
For Liz, friend of Donna H., who lost her husband to COVID-19.
For Sue, friend of Donna H., who lost her mother to COVID-19.
For Suzanne, who is struggling with loneliness and isolation during this time, and for all who struggle with these issues.
For Sara, who has COVID-19, and for the Hines family; may she recover safely and the rest of the family stay healthy.
For all those living in eldercare facilities, and for the staff, and for their families.
Prayers for Drew Marye's stepsister, Sherry, who was diagnosed with COVID-19.
For all those without employment at this time.
All of our hospital and healthcare workers, including Stuart Wiggin, Rosa, J'aime, and Patty, who are keeping healthcare services running.
Miriam Carrillo, and Alfred Carrillo, sister and brother of José, whose livelihoods have been affected by the public emergency.
For Hannah M.
For Ed Erdman.

RESOURCES

MEDICAL & MENTAL HEALTH

One Good Turn: <https://www.onegoodturn.org/covid-19-resources>
Corona Care Kit: <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/3/folders/1CTVtsrX6AuO4PfvHSSStKdRLa0Cy95Xvj>
Texas Health & Human Services COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line:
<https://files.constantcontact.com/8f1dee88001/d0a7b37e-45a2-4d63-acc6-ca2dd9aefb03.pdf>

PRAYER

Prayers for Use During the COVID-19 Pandemic: https://episcopalchurch.org/files/wol_prayers_for_pandemic_final.pdf
Mission of St. Clare—Daily Office: <https://missionstclare.com/english/index.html>
Online Book of Common Prayer: <https://www.bcponline.org/>
Venite App: <https://www.venite.app/>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Travis Co. Health & Human Services Family Support Services Division
<https://www.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/community-centers>
United Way Emergency Food and Other Assistance: connectatx.org/

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers this week are given 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 the office: 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>.

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Are you celebrating a birthday or anniversary? We'd love to pray for you during the Sunday service and print your name(s) in the bulletin. The submission deadline is noon of the Wednesday prior to when you'd like to receive a blessing; email to Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org.

READINGS, AUGUST 30, 2020 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

SHARE YOUR STAY-AT-HOME PHOTOS!

Worshipping with your family, friends, pets? Have something else you'd like to share? We'd would still love to see your photos and share them on Facebook and/or in the Trumpet! Please send in as high a resolution as possible to Christine at chavens@st-michaels.org. Thank you!

THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send it to Christine (chavens@st-michaels.org) by 12:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to the date you would like your announcement to appear in the Trumpet. Running it two weeks prior to your event is recommended for most church announcements.

*Your extravagant generosity is appreciated.
Text SMEC1500 to 73256 and follow the prompts to make an e-offering.*