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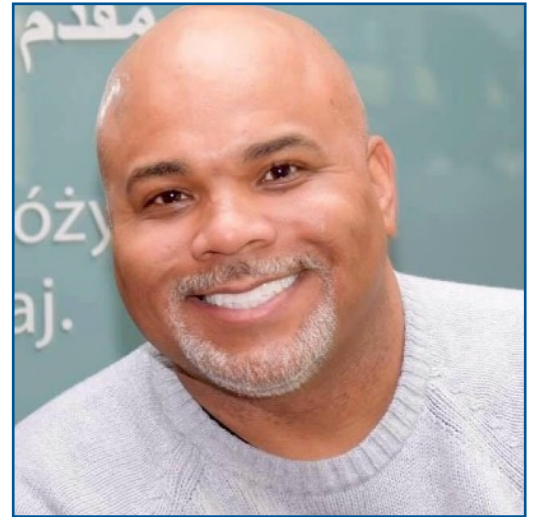


SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

INTRODUCING OUR NEW SEMINARIAN, SCOTT MADISON

I am a middler at Seminary of the Southwest and a postulant for Holy Orders in the Diocese of Texas. I grew up in the suburbs of Washington, DC, and graduated from Morgan State University in Baltimore, MD. I moved to Austin with my husband in 2004 and attended St James' Episcopal Church in East Austin. I enjoy Episcopal Church liturgy and diving into scripture, as well as sports, current events, a good glass of wine, and loving on my two dogs, an English Mastiff named Remus and a Bull Mastiff named Rosco. Next summer I will represent the Diocese of Texas as a lay deputy at the 81st General Convention of The Episcopal Church where I will serve on the Committee for Prayer Book, Liturgy, and Music.

—*Scott Madison*



SEPTEMBER 3—THE FIRST TACO SUNDAY CHALLENGE FOR SMEYC! This month, it's People Bingo! Our youth will be competing to fill their cards because the winner gets to pie Bonnie Walton, youth group coordinator, in the face. The winner also get to wear the coveted Viking helmet during church until the next Taco Sunday.

The People Bingo will begin promptly at 10:05am—be there.



Don't be alarmed
by all the giggling & questions,
it's People Bingo! :)

NOTES

SMEYC Snacks Needed—Help us fuel the fun! Our youth arrive hungry and play hard. Whether homemade or store-bought, snacks not only keep the pre-dinner tummy rumbles at bay, they help the new and nervous acclimate socially. This is a great way to support the program if you can't be there in person, and it's just as essential. Sign up for a Sunday and see more details at bit.ly/SMEYC_Snacks_Signup. Contact Bonnie with any questions: youth@st-michaels.org.



Church Office Closed Monday, September 4 The church office will be closed in observance of the Labor Day holiday. Regular hours, 9am-4pm, resume on Tuesday, September 5.



St. Michael's Day Cake Walk—Baked Goods Needed We're having a Cake Walk as part of our St. Michael's Day celebration. If you'd like to contribute a small cake or a small batch of baked goods, please sign up in the narthex or email Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org. Home-baked or store-bought goodies are welcome; please make sure they're packaged "to-go," in a container.

Sign-up deadline is Sept. 22. Bring your goodies to the parish hall on Sunday, Sept. 24, by 9:30 am. Contact Amanda (amanda@st-michaels.org) or Christine with questions.

 A calendar-style graphic for upcoming events at St. Michael's Episcopal Church for Fall 2023. The title "FALL 2023" is in a brush-stroke font. The main title "Upcoming Events @ St. Michael's Episcopal Church" is in a handwritten font. Three event boxes are shown:

- SEPT 24: ST. MICHAEL'S DAY** (10-10:50 AM) featuring a Petting Zoo, Kona Ice, Cake Walk, and Water Slide.
- OCT 8: ST. FRANCIS DAY** featuring a Pet Blessing at 4 PM.
- OCT 28: TRUNK OR TREAT** from 5-7 PM.

 The graphic includes decorative icons of flowers and pumpkins.

Small Group Leader Training Begins Sunday, September 10 @12:15p in Church Office This fall, we will provide Small Group Leader Training to empower SMEC lay people to facilitate small groups. Our goal is to equip people with the necessary tools, skills, and guidance to successfully facilitate meaningful and transformative group experiences. *Beginning on Sunday, September 10 and continuing through November 11, the six in-person training sessions will last 90 minutes each.* Meet in the church office at 12:15pm. Contact Fr. John at jnewton@st-michaels.org or Trish Thompson at home.thompon@gmail.com with any questions.

Women's Potluck | Thursday, September 14 | 6:00 pm | Parish Hall Join the Women of St. Michael's as they gather for food and fellowship, on Thursday, September 14, 6:00 pm, in the Parish Hall. Bring a dish or adult beverage to share. If you are busy, just join us. There is always plenty of food to share. Contact Becky Brindley at rmbrindley@yahoo.com or Gail Reid at reid.gail@gmail.com with questions.

Prophetic Insights from the Book of Jeremiah: Rector's Bible Study | Sundays @12:45pm and Tuesdays @noon 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. Contact Fr. John at jnewton@st-michaels.org with any questions.

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



Our Episcopal Youth Community gathered in the courtyard for Compline during their second Sunday together.

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.

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 or check out the new Outreach webpage at st-michaels.org/outreach.

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.

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.

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.



Newcomer Connor Shannon @El Buen

Drive a Senior & Chariot Volunteers Needed Looking for a way to plug into outreach? Get involved with *Drive A Senior ATX* (www.driveasenioratx.org) and *Chariot* (chariot.org), two local non-profit organizations that provide free rides to senior citizens, taking them to doctors, stores, and other essential destinations within the greater Austin-Travis County area.

Drivers are greatly needed and scheduling is easy. If you are interested in volunteering as a driver or in another capacity OR if you or someone you know is over 60 and needs transportation assistance, please contact either of the organizations directly or contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@icloud.com or John Boehm at jboehmjr@utexas.edu.

FAMILY LIFE

Sunday School Summer Schedule | 9:00 & 11:00 am | Family Life Center (Rm 8) 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.



Learning about the Tower of Babel in Sunday School.

The St. Michael's Episcopal Youth Community (SMEYC) welcomes youth 5th-12th grade to experience community and connection, to question and explore our faith and ourselves through our relationships with the church, with each other, and with the world beyond Westlake. Here's what we've got on the calendar for September's 10am hour:

3rd Taco Sunday Challenge--People Bingo! (Parish Hall)

10th Spotlight—guest Kristen LeClair (Parish Hall)

17th Priest in the Hot Seat with Fr. John (Office)

24th Service Project--helping with St. Michael's Day celebration (Playground)

Questions? Ready to join? Email Bonnie Walton, Youth Coordinator, at youth@st-michaels.org.

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

The Seekers: Sunday Adult Book Study | 10:00 am | Rm 4 (Education Wing) and via Zoom

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.

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.

SMEC Tuesday Night Women's Fall Bible Study | Tuesdays at 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.

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. *The next meeting is September 13* 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 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.

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).



DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

First day of school for the Dolphins (Pre-K), who quickly jumped into working on their new routine and practicing responsibility. The students learned 8 jobs they will help do to assist in the running of the classroom.
Thanks to Ms. Kayla for the great photos. Thanks to Josh & Jane Mooney for the crosswalk.



SMEDS Chapel begins on Wednesday, September 6. Fr. Josh and Ms. Amanda gather with the students & parents in the sanctuary each week to share Bible-based lessons and lead worship. The first lesson is all about Creation.

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 E. V. Gross.

For Ray Kelly, who passed away recently; for his daughter, Dee Newton, and the rest of his family as they mourn.

For Lanier Harper-Dickson, on the 2nd anniversary of her husband's death.

For all those in Florida, Georgia, South & North Carolina, who are recovering after Hurricane Idalia.

For all those affected by gun violence, especially those affected by the Dollar Store shooting in Jacksonville, FL, and the shooting on the UNC campus.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Martin's, Copperas Cove; St. Paul's, Waco; St. Thomas', Rockdale

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The flowers are given to the Glory of God, by Holly Hargis in loving memory of her late husband, Dick.

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 11am 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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