

THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for our community

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

RESILIENCY AND EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY: THE ST. MICHAEL'S PHONE TREE



In March, St. Michael's grew a phone tree in response to the COVID-19 pandemic that altered how our community cares for one another. This example of the resiliency and extravagant generosity within our faith community sprouted quickly, adapting to the circumstances and needs of those doing the calling and those being contacted. Now, six months into this very unexpected year, the phone tree has finished its work. Please join the staff in thanking these parishioners who served on the phone tree, along with Mother Minerva, who shepherded them. We are grateful for them, and for the entire St. Michael's community who have been so resilient and generous throughout this constantly shifting landscape.

Phone Tree Callers:

Eric Arroyo; Randy Baldwin; Paul Bechtel; Edwina Clift; Lee Crawford; Michael Donegan; Karen Haslund; Marsha Hart; Andy Hines; Donna Hulsey; Barbara Johnson; Jackie King; Kim Rowe Lusero; Julie McConnell; Donna McDonald; Joyce Miller; Michael Miller; Karen Moody; Patricia Newton; Susie Orum; Jenny Pencis; Gail Reid; Marie Rivas; Barbara Rusling; AnnKathryn Scott; The Rev. Elizabeth Turner; The Rev. Philip Turner; Karen Whitty; Doug Wiggin; and The Rev. Sherry Williams.

NOTES

WORSHIP SERVICES *All our services follow COVID-19 precautions as outlined by the Diocese of Texas and the City of Austin.*

CHECK-IN INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES Heading to campus for in-person worship? Please text “SMEC” to 312-487-3550 *each week and follow the texted prompt; you can check in at anytime, right up to the service.* This simply allows us to contact folks if we have a COVID-19 exposure and in case of weather issues. We certainly won’t turn anyone away. Here is a link to the website, which has a more detailed how-to: <https://www.st-michaels.org/checkin-1>. We’ll have a table on Sunday mornings if you need assistance. If you’ve checked in successfully using your phone, just grab a bulletin and you’re all set!

COURTYARD EUCHARIST A spoken Rite I Eucharist that begins at **8:00 am**. Seating is provided.

PICNIC CHURCH This completely outdoor service, complete with blankets and wiggle baskets for the kids, happens every Sunday at **9:15 am** in the courtyard. Bring your own chairs.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II WITH MUSIC Join us in the sanctuary at **10:30 am** for this service, which is in-person and livestreamed on our website.

MANOS DE CRISTO FOOD DRIVE—STILL TIME TO DROP OFF ITEMS 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 only. Please **DO NOT** drop donations off except on the day listed below. The **ONLY** foods being accepted are: *1 or 2 lb. bags of dry beans and/or white rice, soft granola bars, small cans of tuna, and canned Vienna-style sausages.* Cans with pop-top lids are preferable. If you would prefer to donate money directly to Manos, go to <http://www.manosdecristo.org/donate.html>.

Curbside Donation Day: Sunday, Sept. 13, 3:00-4:30 pm. To arrange a home pick up donation, call or text Susie Orum at 512-429-0411.

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, **September 8-December 13**. 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>.

SPIRITUAL AWARENESS ONLINE SMALL GROUP IN OCTOBER/NOVEMBER Joel McAlister, our seminarian, is leading a seven-week online small group, “Spiritual Awareness and the Art of Living in the Present.” Through a combination of meditation, discussion, and other spiritual exercises, the goal is to help you discover an awareness of God’s presence and work in your life during the pandemic. Participants would meet with Joel 1-on-1 via Zoom for 20-30 minutes prior to the first class and then would attend the seven weekly Zoom meetings. If interested, please email Fr. John at jnewton@st-michaels.org.

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.

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. 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.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY @1:00 pm This informal group discusses the Daily Office readings—drop in anytime! Led by Mtr. Minerva Camarena Skeith, mskeith@st-michaels.org, Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/210182059>.

CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAY EVENINGS This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. You can learn more about this ancient Christian practice at [Heart of Texas Contemplative Outreach](#). Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>; 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

SEPTEMBER 13—SUNDAY SCHOOL & EYC KICKS OFF!

Sunday School kicks off online via Zoom at 2:45 pm, but we will be starting a hybrid in-person and online version soon, so be on the lookout!

EYC starts at 4:00 pm and will be gathering outdoors for a check-in and trail walk in the St. Michael's grounds (if the weather allows). Check the Student Ministry webpage at www.st-michaels.org/students for more information or contact Luis at lrvivas@st-michaels.org.

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](#) 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 lrvivas@st-michaels.org for more news about youth group happenings.

FAMILY MINISTRY

HOLY MOLY! SUNDAYS FOR KIDS @12:15-12:45 PM Discover, Relate, and Connect—the three core ideas of Holy Moly! Children are introduced to Bible story characters through animated videos, open Bibles, and lively discussion. Right now, Sunday School is online. Parents, email Amanda Evans Lang, Family Minister, at amanda@st-michaels.org for the Zoom link if you'd your children to participate in this creative and inspiring program. For more about our Family Ministry program, go to www.st-michaels.org/family-ministry.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

NEW PRAYERS

For Grammy Jane, for recovery from a stroke.

For the United States, as the nation and its people commemorate the 19th anniversary of the Sept. 11 attack.

COVID-19

For Rob Rhodes, college friend of Donna & Bill Hulsey, who recently died of COVID-19.

For the Jacob and Abramo families.

For all children and teachers prepping for, and starting, the school year.

For Suzanne, who is struggling with loneliness and isolation during this time, and for all who struggle with these issues.

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-aec6-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.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/community-centers>

United Way Emergency Food and Other Assistance: connectatx.org/



Dr. Ann Messer and Fr. John with a copy of the *Corona Care Handbook* written and published by Ann and the folks at One Good Turn. The book is available on Amazon!

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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, SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 50:15-21
Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

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.*