



THE TRUMPET

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SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

YOU'RE INVITED: ST. MICHAEL'S DAY CELEBRATION

On Sunday, September 24, St. Michael's celebrates our name day. We'll say special prayers during the services as we recall our beginnings in the 1950s and our continued growth in 21st-century Austin.

We'll have a special mini-fest during the 10:00 am hour—full of fun activities for all ages (last time we had Kona Ice, just as many grown-ups as kids enjoyed it). We hope you'll mark your calendar and join in the festivities.



ST. MICHAEL'S DAY FEST
SUNDAY, SEPT . 24 10-10:50 AM

PETTING ZOO **BOUNCY SLIDE**
KONA ICE **CAKE WALK**
& MORE

COME ONE
COME ALL

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.

NOTES

Save the Dates—Fall Edition St. Michael's has some great events coming up this fall! Not only our annual gatherings—St. Michael's Day, a Pet Blessing, and Trunk or Treat—but also a special Seasoning of the Grill to bless the new oven in the parish hall. These are all family-friendly happenings, designed for all ages to enjoy. Stay tuned for details to come.

The Seasoning of the Grill features a fajitas dinner with fixings, served from 5:30-6:30 pm. Happy Hour starts at 5:00 with chips & salsa and plenty of beverages. RSVPs are not necessary, but helpful. Email James Russell at james@russellcpa.com.

Be a Trunk Host! Register Open Halloween is just around the corner and the Family Ministry team is planning our annual Trunk or Treat event. The more trunks, the merrier. If you'd like to dress up your trunk and hand out candy and treats, please register to be a Trunk Host. We had some great trunks last year—kids and parents had a blast.

Trunk Hosts need to arrive between 4:00-4:45 pm and will stay until the event ends at 7 pm. Trunks will be judged in three categories: "spookiest," "kookiest," and "biggest surprise," with a separate contest for the best day school teacher's trunk. We expect 100-150 kids (but there could be more!), so please prepare accordingly.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/SMECHostATrunk>. Email Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org with any questions.



The Rev. Hope Benko & her family did an interactive *Where's Waldo* trunk last year.

FALL 2023

Upcoming Events @St. Michael's Episcopal Church

SEPT 24	ST. MICHAEL'S DAY 10-10:50 AM PETTING ZOO, KONA ICE, CAKE WALK, BIG BOUNCY SLIDE
SEPT 28	SEASONING OF THE GRILL HAPPY HOUR 5 PM FAJITAS 5:30-6:30 PM
OCT 8	ST. FRANCIS DAY PET BLESSING 4 PM
OCT 28	TRUNK OR TREAT 5-7 PM

Job Opening: 11:00 am Choir Director

St. Michael's currently has an opening for a choir director for the 11:00 am Sunday service. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please feel free to share this link to the job description with them:

bit.ly/11amChoirDirectorJobDescription.

Coffee with the Curate

Join Fr. Josh for a cup of coffee and casual conversation at Trianon Coffee every second Thursday of the month from 9:30-11:30 am (December's day is a Wednesday).

Email jkulak@st-michaels.org for more information or to let him know that you plan to stop by.

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.

Small Group Leader Training 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. *Meeting dates: 9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/12.* Meet in the church office at 12:15pm; lunch will be provided. Contact Trish Thompson at home.thompon@gmail.com with any 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.

SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

SEPTEMBER 10, 2023
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- 7:45 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I
- 9:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Rm 8
- 10:00 am Coffee Hour | Parish Hall
The Seekers | Rm 4, Ed. Wing
SMEYC Connects | Parish Hall
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Rm 8
- 12:15 pm Small Group Training | Office
- 12:45 pm Rector's Bible Study | Zoom
- 5:00 pm SMEYC | Rm 8, Ed Wing

9:00 & 11:00 am services
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 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.



Stephen Ministers pack bag lunches for Trinity Center neighbors.

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 | 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 the rest of the September 10am hours:

17th Priest in the Hot Seat with the Rev. Hope Benko (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.bles@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 Blees 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 October 11; stay tuned for location information.* 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

The Owls class was so excited to celebrate Ms. Anna's birthday. They made her a birthday card and a T-shirt with each of their pictures on it. *Thanks to Ms. Debbi for sharing these photos & story.*



SMEDS Chapel takes place every Wednesday at 12:30 pm. Fr. Josh and Ms. Amanda gather with the students, parents, and teachers in the sanctuary for worship & Bible-based lessons. **September 20 is St. Michael's Day!**

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 John R. and for his family.

For Albert, cousin of Erin La Rue.

For Edwina; her sister, Peggy; and her brother, Jerome.

For Jack Michaels, who died recently; for his sister, Beth Michaels, and his family as they grieve.

For Jason, Chris Whitty's friend, as he recovers from surgery.

For Sadie Bondurant, her daughter Tammy Gross, her husband, Joe, and for all her family as they navigate this difficult time.

For John Hyink, who died recently.

For all those in Morocco affected by the 6.8 earthquake.

For all those in Libya affected by the extreme flooding.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: San Esteban, Cleveland; St. Aidan's, Cypress; St. Cuthbert's, Houston; St. Dunstan's, Houston

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..

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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