



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news



SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. Michael's
Episcopal
Church

Extravagant **GENEROSITY**

Do good, be rich in helping others, be extravagantly generous."

-1 Timothy 6:18

In October, we enter a special season in the life of St. Michael's, one in which extravagant generosity becomes the cornerstone of our conversations as we contemplate a pathway of giving in our lives. Each week in October, in a variety of ways—in person, in the Trumpet, via social media—we'll share stories from parishioners, like you, whose extravagant generosity in the form of a financial commitment has empowered St. Michael's to spread beauty and love, offer connection and support, provide worship and pastoral care, and more, to our local community and beyond. Here is a preview of the season to come.

—Christine Havens,
Director of Communications

Generosity Sundays

Lay witnesses share what extravagant generosity at SMEC means to them

October 2
October 9
October 16
October 23

Weekly Meditations

Extravagant Generosity devotional emails
Video message from Fr. John
Bible passage
"Why I love St. Michael's" from parishioners

Ingathering Sundays

A blessing of commitment cards during the services

October 30
November 6

Late October

Giving statements & commitment cards mailed

Resources

Living Gratitude devotional
SMEC Extravagant Generosity booklet

NOTES



**ST. FRANCIS DAY
PET BLESSING**

**SUNDAY, OCT. 9
4:00 PM**

*Bring your pet(s) and help us keep the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi!
Blessings and goodies for your beloved companions in the courtyard.*

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Fall Bible Study w/Fr. Josh Kulak | Sundays @12:45 & Tuesdays @noon Ready to deepen your understanding of scripture? St. Michael's offers a Fall Bible study on Sundays and Tuesdays. Here's what's coming up. All are welcome; no experience needed.

Join our curate, the Rev. Dr. Josh Kulak, for his first Bible Study at SMEC—a 4-week study of the Letter to the Colossians. Did Paul actually write this one, or did someone else, like Timothy? Come and explore.

ZOOM INFO

<https://bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink>

Meeting ID: 832 6049 2080; passcode: bible

Donations Welcome for SMEC Annual Trunk or Treat

Cake Auction Any fall- or Halloween-themed baked goods or other treats—homemade or store-bought—should be delivered to the Parish Hall on Saturday, October 29, between 3:00-4:30pm. Please contact Kirstie Cowan (kirstiecowan@gmail.com) with the official name of your creation and whether there are any allergens in them (nuts, etc.) so it can be labeled. Thank you for sharing your time and talents!



SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

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7:45 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I

9:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Rm 8

10:00 am Coffee | Parish Hall
Seekers Group | Rm 7

11:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Rm 8

12:00 pm Coffee | Parish Hall

12:45 pm Bible Study | Zoom



Watch the 9:00 & 11:00 am services
st-michaels.org/worship-online

Readings for September 18, 2022
Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9;
1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13



Quilt Drive for Saint Francis Ministries Saint Francis Ministries, one of our outreach partners, is opening a new residential treatment facility in Lubbock, TX, for foster children ages 6-18 who need intensive therapy. It will service 12 females and 12 males from all over Texas.

We are partnering with Trinity Episcopal, Marble Falls, and All Saints', Austin, to collect *newly-purchased or newly-hand-sewn* twin bed size simple quilts to help furnish their new houses. Please contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com or 512-917-3018, if you're interested in donating. She is happy to pick up quilts from your home.

Quilt drop off is September 25-30 in the narthex. The quilts will be delivered to Lubbock before the facility's grand opening on October 28. A big thank you to all who have offered donations so far!

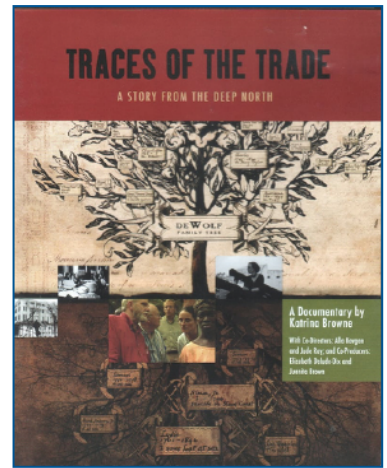
Clergy Phishing Scams on the Rise In the past year, St. Michael's has sent out email warnings of phishing scams from thieves purporting to be from Fr. John at least once a month. These emails share similarities—Fr. John needs a “favor” but he is unavailable for some reason and asks you to contact him or ask you to send a gift card of some sort. With stewardship season coming up, it's important to be aware that none of our clergy would approach parishioners in this manner or ask for gift cards. Here is a link to an AARP article about this: [Clergy Phishing Scams](#). Even though AARP's membership is older folks, their website has a robust Scams & Fraud section that can help improve anyone's digital literacy and cybersecurity.

Traces of the Trade Screening and Dialogue | Sunday, Sept. 25 |

5:00pm | Lakeway Activity Center The Episcopal Church of the Cross invites the people of St. Michael's to a viewing and discussion later this month of *Traces of the Trade*, a documentary film created by Katrine Browne. Ms. Browne is a descendant of the largest slave-trading family in the United States. She and nine of her cousins retraced the Triangle Trade, and this film is the story of their journey. This gathering is sponsored by the Episcopal Health Foundation.

The event happens at Lakeway Activity Center; 105 Cross Creek in Lakeway; Sunday, September 25, 2022, from 5:00-8:00 pm.

Registration is at www.episcopalhealth.org/events/.



Oh Happy Day Arts Festival | St. Matthew's Episcopal Church | Saturday, Sept. 24 St. Matthew's celebrates the art of local artist Lu Ann Barrow with an exhibit of her works on Saturday, September 24. The exhibit is free and open to the public from 3-8pm, with a taco dinner at 5pm (call 512.345.8314 for reservations), and a musical program at 7pm.

FAMILY LIFE

Sunday School | 9:00 & 11:00am | Family Life Center Sunday School is a place where children and their families can practice being compassionate in a community that values love and compassion.

We are back to our 9:00 & 11:00 am schedule in the Family Life Center. Ms. Amanda, our Family Minister, welcomes children and their parents near the education wing entrance (by the playground). You will be reunited with your children in the sanctuary at the announcements—in time for communion together as a family.

Children ages 3 years through fifth grade will want to be a part of this fall's curriculum, *God's Family*, where, as the earliest members of God's family, they will explore stories of God's faithfulness. One day, from this very family—God's family—He would send the One who would make all things right again. The One through whom we are all invited into the family: Jesus.



PLUG INTO OUTREACH

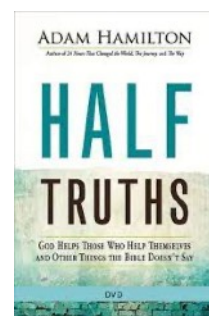
It Takes Many Hands to Share God's Bounty The SMEC Community Garden, which is on the far side of the day school, is in need of more friends to help with this ministry. All the produce—like watermelon, peppers, and tomatoes—that our garden crew pick go to folks who don't have much access to fresh food. Our new partner is Hope Food Pantry, a non-profit assisting Austin neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity. They love the fresh veggies! Gardeners of all ages are invited to volunteer: plant seeds, water, weed, or harvest. Great for families and individuals! Interested? Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@icloud.com. A big thanks to our two new volunteers, Patrice Duff & Noble Jones!

Outreach Partners St. Michael's Outreach partners for 2022 are the following organizations: Seminary of the Southwest, Trinity Center, Refugee Services of Texas, Casa Marianella, Pauli Murray Scholarship, Episcopal Relief and Development, St. Michael's Day School, El Buen Samaritano, One Good Turn, Nicole's Place, St. Francis Ministries, Honduras Mission Project, Del Valle Book Project, and the SMEC garden. Throughout the year, we will try to establish deeper relationships with several of these organizations and offer ways for the parish to "plug in" and participate. Stay tuned!

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

The Seekers | Sundays @10:00am | Rm 7 (Education Wing) and via Zoom The Seekers return to meeting at 10:00am as SMEC returns to our regular services time. Here's what they're talking about:

The group is currently discussing the book *Half Truths: God Helps Those Who Help Themselves and Other Things the Bible Doesn't Say*, by Adam Hamilton. Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com or Phyllis Blee at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info. Here's the Zoom link: bit.ly/SeekersZoomLink, Passcode: 541706.



St. Michael's Women's Potluck | Thursday, September 22, 6:00 pm | Parish Hall Join the Women of St. Michael's as we gather for food and fellowship Thursday, September 22, at 6:00 pm in the parish hall. Bring a dish or adult beverage to share. If you don't have time to cook, just join us. There is always plenty of food to share. Email Becky Brindley at rmbrindley@yahoo.com or Gail Reid at reid.gail@gmail.com for more information.

St. Michael's Book Club 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 via Zoom. The next gathering is September 28. September's selection is *Finding Me* by Viola Davis; October's choice is *Murmur of Bees* by Sofia Segovia. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com for more information and for the Zoom link.



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.

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.

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

Stephen Ministry Occasionally, worry, pain, anxiety or loneliness feel relentless. Jobs, unemployment, family, or eldercare may bring unique highs and weighty lows. A caring Stephen Minister, a trained and confidential listener, not a therapist or friend, may be best equipped to hold your concerns with you for an hour each week, offering understanding, support and prayers.

Learn more at www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry. If you'd like a Stephen Minister, please contact Jeff Robinson (jarobinson100@gmail.com), Julie de Wette (julie@losmadrones.com), or Fr. John Newton (jnewton@st-michaels.org).



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.

Photography Ministry Our photographers take on the role of capturing the special moments in the parish, may they be during worship, parish gatherings, or special events. If you're interested in helping with St. Michael's photography ministry, please email our director of communications, Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org. If you have any photos of community life or at-home worship that you'd like to share, Christine welcomes those, too. Please send via email at the highest resolution possible.

DAY SCHOOL PHOTO OF THE WEEK

During story time, the children read *Boxitects*, “an adorable STEAM-centered book about children who create extraordinary things out of boxes.” This encouraged the class as they built their amazing cardboard city! Thanks to Ms. Jennifer for these great photos!



THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Please email Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org with prayer requests or to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

Parish Prayer List

For Christopher Whitty who is hoping to be employed soon.

For Bob W., who has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

For Ruthann, Christopher's friend, who has COVID.

For Johnson Haley, Christopher's friend.

For Sally Russell, James's mother, who passed away recently; for the Russell family as they mourn.

For Graham McCullough, Margo Russell's father, who has been hospitalized.

For Dr. Ann Messer and staff as they travel to Kenya to provide medical care.

For all victims of gun violence.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Mark's, Beaumont; St. Paul's, Orange; St. Paul's, Woodville;
St. Stephen's, Beaumont

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. They are printed here and in the worship bulletins. Your dedication can be emailed to:
chavens@st-michaels.org.

Donate using Venmo to saint-michaels-austin (use 2207 if prompted for a phone number) or send a check to the church office at 1500 N. Capital of Texas Highway, 78746; put "altar flowers" as the memo.

CONNECT WITH 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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