



# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news for the community*

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SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## A SEASON OF Extravagant GENEROSITY

October 3 kicks off St. Michael's season of Extravagant Generosity, and there's so much to look forward to! Here are some highlights:

On Generosity Sundays, we'll have a guest speaker at the 9:00 and 11:00 am services—one of our parishioners sharing a reflection about leading a generous life within the St. Michael's community. That first Sunday is also Taco Sunday, AND, that afternoon, we will have a pet blessing in the courtyard at 4 pm.

Generosity Wednesdays are devotional days: in the morning, you'll receive an email featuring a meditation, written by a staff member, on a passage of scripture. In the evenings, at 6:00 pm, you're invited to join Fr. John in a discussion of that passage via Zoom.

Four members of the St. Michael's stewardship committee are writing their own testimonies about extravagant generosity and each Thursday, we'll share one with you via email.

I look forward to sharing all this good news with you as we journey together through this season and beyond.

—Christine Havens, Assistant for Communications &

### INTRODUCING OUR NEW SEMINARIAN, JOHN FOUNTAIN, AND HIS FAMILY

Hello St. Michael's! My name is John Fountain, and I am excited to begin my journey with you for field education. Now in my second year at Seminary of the Southwest, my wife, Kelly, and I moved here in August of 2020 from Mobile, Alabama, with our three daughters, Gray(8), Eleanor(6), and Mary Mac(4). We currently live in seminary housing across from campus along with our one-year-old golden retriever, Sonny. We love Austin, especially the outdoor activities and the food. A great part about our location is our ability to walk Gray and Eleanor to their school, Russell-Lee Elementary. Mary Mac has one more year attending St. George's Episcopal School, and then we'll have all three in one place!

We first visited St. Michael's last fall, and from the beginning we felt like it was a good fit. We particularly liked the attention given to our daughters whether through doodle boxes or Sunday school. Moreover, it seemed like a place where I could grow into this new vocation while also being confident my family were being loved in the process. I look forward to learning more about St. Michael's and being a part of your community!



## NOTES

**Mark Your Calendars for St. Michael's Day—Sunday, September 26!** Come help us celebrate St. Michael's Day between the 9:00 & 11:00 am services on September 26—only a week away! We'll have a petting zoo for children of all ages, coffee hour with more than just “extra fancy donuts,” and other intergenerational fun because it's also Fourth Sunday 4 families! The Student Ministry invites youth to mini-golf at Peter Pan after the 11 am service. Stay tuned for details about a pet food drive for St. Francis Day.



**Refugee Services of Texas Donation Drive** St. Michael's has supported the work of Refugee Services of Texas for many years. RST is assisting many refugees, and they have requested the consumables listed to the right. No clothes, please, and only the items listed are needed. *Please bring your donations to St. Michael's on Sunday, September 19.* If you need a home pick up, email Gail Reid at [reid.gail@gmail.com](mailto:reid.gail@gmail.com) or text 512-925-4220.



St. Michael's Episcopal Church

## Rector's Bible Study: Paul's Letter to the Romans

Join Fr. John Newton this fall and take a deep dive into this literary and theological masterpiece!

### 100% ZOOM

Tuesdays at Noon August-December  
Sundays at 12:45pm August-December

### ZOOM INFO

Meeting ID: 842 9031 0446  
Passcode: 582175

## FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

**Seekers Book Group** The Seekers are currently reading *Mary Magdalene Revealed: The First Apostle, Her Feminist Gospel & the Christianity We Haven't Tried Yet* by Meggan Watterson, a WSJ bestseller about the gospel attributed to Mary and about her role in Christian tradition. The group meets at **11:45 am each Sunday** and all are welcome. *Interested in joining the group?* Contact Phyllis Blees at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more info. Here's the book group Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>, Passcode: 541706.

**St. Michael's Women's Virtual Potluck** The SMEC Women's Virtual Potluck group is now gathering at 6:00 pm on the first Monday of each month unless it falls on a holiday. All women of the parish are invited—bring a friend! *The next meeting is September 13 via Zoom.* Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019837778?pwd=SGRmQXhoYlIXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; passcode is 242636.

**St. Michael's Book Club** Looking for fellowship and conversation? Love reading? Join the SMEC Book Club! The group will meet again at the end of September (the 29th), but have already chosen the book to read over the summer: *The Library Book*, by master nonfictionist, Susan Orlean. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at [rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com](mailto: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: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81346686555?pwd=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUUVhUT09>. Passcode: prayer.

**Rector's Bible Study—Paul's Letter to the Romans: Tuesdays @noon; Sundays @12:45 pm** Join Fr. John Newton this fall and take a deep dive into this literary and theological masterpiece. Zoom info: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84290310446?pwd=WG1iK0t6WFVITjdNVTYyTk41S29yZz09> Meeting ID: 842 9031 0446 Passcode: 582175

**Centering Prayer: Tuesdays @6:30 pm** This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com). For more about contemplative prayer, click this link: [Heart of Texas Contemplative Outreach](#).



**Evening Prayer: Wednesdays @4:30 pm** Each Wednesday at 4:30 pm. 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](mailto:mary.r.healy@gmail.com). Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgvK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

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## FAMILIES & STUDENTS

Amanda Evans Lang, family minister, and Michael Wiggin, student minister, invite you to check out the [Family Ministry](#) and [Student Ministry](#) pages on the St. Michael's website for updates and activities to enrich your spiritual life. Please email with questions at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

**Save the Date—Six Flags Youth Trip!** On Saturday, October 23, youth in 6th and up are invited to a trip to Six Flags! The group will depart from St. Michael's at 1:00 pm and return to campus at 12:00 am. \$50 (scholarships available), which includes park admission, dinner, snack, and drinks. Contact Amanda at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org) for more information. Registration link will be available after Sept. 26.

**Hilltop Kids Sunday School** Children 5th grade and younger are invited each Sunday at the 9:00 & 11:00 am services to learn Bible stories and do fun projects. The Family Ministry team will be outside to greet them and lead them into the education wing. They'll rejoin their parents in the sanctuary at the announcements. Youth are welcome to join, too!

**Family Ministry Volunteers Needed!** Family Minister Amanda is looking for some volunteers to help with prep work. If you enjoy being crafty, helping with tasks like mailing postcards and organizing supplies, and are available during the week, please contact her at [amanda@st-michaels.org](mailto:amanda@st-michaels.org).

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## MINISTRIES

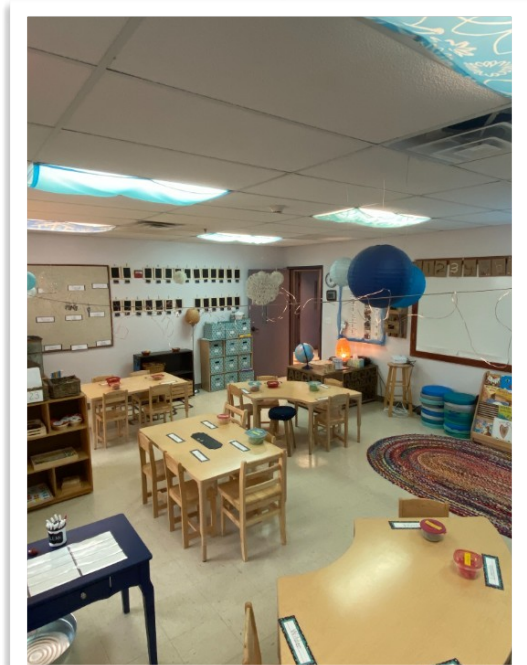
**Stephen Ministry** Would you like a caring person to be with you steadfastly, in and through a hard time in your life? Consider asking for a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministry is a free, confidential program that provides Christian care to hurting people with our congregation and surrounding community. Learn more at [www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry](http://www.st-michaels.org/stephen-ministry). If you'd like a Stephen Minister, please contact Jeff Robinson ([jarobinson100@gmail.com](mailto:jarobinson100@gmail.com)), Julie de Wette ([julie@losmadrone.com](mailto:julie@losmadrone.com)), or Fr. John Newton ([jnewton@st-michaels.org](mailto: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](mailto:reid.gail@gmail.com).

## DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Welcome to the Dolphin classroom! Ms. Diana (left) and Ms. Karen are wonderful teachers—the kids love being in this space where they can explore to their hearts' content.

*Thanks to Rebecca Hope for these photos.*



## THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

*Please email Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org) with prayer requests or to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.*

### **Parish Prayer List**

For Molly as she recovers from hip surgery.

For Lesley Margerrison's mother who is recuperating mother in England, and for Lesley as she serves as caregiver.

For Cheryl Veretto, who recently died; for her family and friends who mourn.

For all those affected by named storm Nicholas.

### **COVID-19**

For all children and teachers during this unexpected style of attending school.

For all who struggle with loneliness and isolation.

For all those living in eldercare facilities, and for the staff, and for their families.

For all those without employment at this time.

All of our hospital and healthcare workers, including Rosa, J'aime, and Patty, who are keeping healthcare services running.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Stephen's, Huntsville; Trinity, The Woodlands

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Church of the Province of Uganda

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## ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God, and by David and Alan Johnson and Karen Hasland in memory of Jennie Johnson's birthday.

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. Dedications can be emailed to: [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto: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>.

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#### Track 1

Proverbs 31:10-31  
Psalm 1  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37

#### Track 2

Jeremiah 11:18-20  
Psalm 54  
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a  
Mark 9:30-37

## FOLLOW ST. MICHAEL'S ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook: @St.Michaels.Austin

Instagram: stmichaels\_atx

Twitter: StMichaelsEpiscopal @StMichaelsATX

## CONNECT TO THE WIDER CHURCH

Episcopal Diocese of Texas (EDOT): [www.epicenter.org](http://www.epicenter.org)

The Episcopal Church (TEC): [www.episcopalchurch.org](http://www.episcopalchurch.org)

## THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send your ideas, stories, or photos to Christine Havens, Communications Assistant, ([chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org)) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays.

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