



# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news for our community*

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

THE FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

## SMEC AND SSW: GOOD NEWS IN ABUNDANCE

Earlier this year, the Seminary of the Southwest kicked off the public phase of their Forming Leaders at the Frontier campaign, inviting the people of The Episcopal Church to invest in SSW's future and that of the future church leaders. *Thanks to your extravagant generosity*, St. Michael's is donating \$15,000 to this effort, in acknowledgement of the ways, large and small, that our community is linked with that of SSW and all the ways in which the Gospel Meets the World through the ministry of this remarkable place. To quote John Bennet Waters, "It is a fabulous institution that makes many good waves in the Episcopal Church today."

There's definitely not enough room here to detail all these connections, such as the work Lee Crawford and other parishioners did to help establish the Pauli Murray scholarship for people of color, or to share the leadership SSW is taking with expansion of the Iona Institute in training people for the work ahead. We have quite a few alums, both students and former SSW staff, in our parish, and we are honored to shine a little spotlight on them (please forgive if we've omitted anyone).

**THE REV. HOPE BENKO** has worked as the Director of Enrollment Management and Admissions for the seminary since June 2016. She particularly loves listening to new students describe how God has led them to Southwest.

**DONNA EMERY** joined the Institutional Advancement team in August 2020. Her focus is on building relationships to further the mission of the Seminary. and she is grateful to the St. Michaels community for embracing the campus improvements necessary to recruit and develop future leaders of the Church.

**CHRISTINE HAVENS** graduated with an MA in Religion in 2014, helping to found *Soul by Southwest*, the literary journal. She knew she was home the moment she set foot on the SSW campus.

**JOEL MCALISTER** is the SMEC seminarian. He has been studying at the Seminary of the Southwest in order to receive a Masters of Divinity. He has completed 2 years of study and is currently in his third and final year.

**THE REV. MINERVA CAMARENA SKEITH** graduated from SSW in May 2019 with an MDiv. degree. SSW's amazing faculty and staff provide an enriching environment that allows every student to identify their gifts that will serve their ministry.

**NANCY SPRINGER-BALDWIN** lead the development office and then the communications office at the seminary after she earned an MA in Religion in 1986.

**THE REV. PHILIP TURNER** was twice employed by SSW: as Professor of Christian Ethics from 1975-1980 and again as Interim Dean from 2005-2007.

**JOHN BENNETT WATERS** served the Seminary of the Southwest for 15 years as Vice President of Administration and Finance. He watched SSW grow with four deans and vibrant staff and faculty while nurturing and forming not only clergy but counselors and chaplains to serve the church and the world.



## 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 text prompt, please include your name and the service you plan to attend. 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.

**SAVE THE DATE! ST. FRANCIS DAY PET BLESSING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, FROM 4:00-5:00 PM** Bring your pet(s) for a blessing in celebration of St. Francis. You have the option of a blessing in the courtyard or you and your pets may stay in your vehicle to receive a blessing. We’ll have medals and treats for your beloved feathered or furry pets! At the 10:30 am service, we’ll show a video compiled of the photos you’ve sent and have a virtual blessing. It’s not too late to show us your pets—the deadline is Wednesday, Sept. 30.



**ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS** The Altar Guild has been keeping the altar looking lovely with colorful arrangements during these last months. Just as a reminder, 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](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org). Your donation can be mailed to the church office or you can use the “Give” page of our website, <https://www.st-michaels.org/take-action>, clicking the “Give Online Here” button, and choosing the “Flowers” option from the drop down box.

**REMINDER: PRAYER CHAIN CHANGES** In July, the weekly Prayer Chain email was updated and reformatted. As a reminder, people listed in the New Prayers section move into the Ongoing Prayers the following week and then cycle off the prayer chain after 60 days if they’re in the Healing and Peace section. Because it’s been 60 days since that change, many long-time names cycled off the list. Please don’t be alarmed; you are welcome to submit a new request to Christine Havens at [chavens@st-michaels.org](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org). It would be helpful to list the full name of the person or persons being prayed for and indicate how we should then share that information as there are many folks with the same or similar first names.

## ADULT FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

**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>.

**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**. If you'd like to get started on October's selection, it is *Blessings*, by Anna Quindlen. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at [rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) with any questions.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

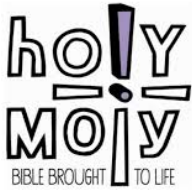
### SUNDAY SCHOOL & EYC

**Sunday School** continues at 2:45 pm, both outdoors on campus and via Zoom. Please email Luis Rivas, Student Minister, at [LRivas@st-michaels.org](mailto:LRivas@st-michaels.org) if you're attending on Zoom.

**Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)** is at 4:00 pm and will be gathering outdoors, too. Check the Student Ministry webpage at [www.st-michaels.org/students](http://www.st-michaels.org/students) for more information or contact Luis at [lrvivas@st-michaels.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.st-michaels.org/family-ministry).

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

### NEW PRAYERS

For Ginger Allen, sister of Ki Allen, just diagnosed with cervical cancer.

For Amy Heller, friend of Elizabeth Turner, recently diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer.

For Brandy Brown, who is dealing with heart valve issues and blood clots.

### 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.

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](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.traviscountytexas.gov/health-human-services/community-centers>

United Way Emergency Food and Other Assistance: [connectatx.org/](http://connectatx.org/)

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## 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](mailto:chavens@st-michaels.org).

## READINGS, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020 The Feast of St. Michael and All Angels

Genesis 28:10-17  
Revelation 12:7-12  
John 1:47-51  
Psalm 103 or 103:19-22

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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