



THE TRUMPET

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OCTOBER 9, 2022

St. Michael's
Episcopal
Church

Extravagant **GENEROSITY**

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

-1 Timothy 6:18

Generosity Sundays

Lay witnesses share what
extravagant generosity at
SMEC means to them

October 2

October 9

October 16

October 23

Meet Carol Rosser: Lay Stewardship Witness

I grew up in Texas City, TX, attending St. George's Episcopal Church for 30 years. I taught Special Education and was a Guidance Counselor, working in Texas City, Eanes, and Austin ISDs, retiring in 2015. My husband Steve and I have been married for 33 years, and we have a 26-year-old son, Matt. We moved to Austin in 1998, and have attended St. Michael's since July of 2021. I am honored to be a part of the Stewardship Commission.



Your Generosity at SMEC

St. Michael's is all about grace and peace to every one, even our animal friends. *Thanks to your extravagant generosity*, each year, we celebrate St. Francis and his extravagant love by blessing our pets who have blessed us. Please join us on Sunday, October 9, at 4pm, in the courtyard for pet & people goodies and plenty of grace. All pets welcome, including photos & stuffed animals.

—Christine Havens, Director of Communications

October 21

Commitment cards available
(online, mail, narthex)

NOTES



SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

OCTOBER 9, 2022
EIGHTEENTH 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
Seekers Group | Rm 7
- 11:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Rm 8
- 12:45 pm Bible Study | Zoom
- 4:00 pm Pet Blessing | Courtyard

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

Host a Trunk for Trunk or Treat! The St. Michael's Family Ministry and the Day School invite parishioners to decorate the trunk of your vehicle and hand out treats to our trunk or treater guests on Saturday, October 29. Register here:

<https://stmichaelsfamily.churchcenter.com/registrations>. Email Rev. Josh (jkulak@st-michaels.org) or Family Minister Amanda (amanda@st-michaels.org) with questions or for more info.

We're having a diaper drive for El Buen Samaritano during Trunk or Treat! Bring any size children's diapers and look for the Rev. Josh Kulak's trunk in the parking lot as you're trunk or treating on October 29! Let's see how full we can fill it!



Readings for October 9, 2022
Acts:13-15, 20-26, 33-35; Psalm 150;
Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 17:11-18



New! Holy Hikes | Saturday, Oct. 15 | 9:00-10:30am Please join Rev. Josh on Saturday, October 15, from 9:00–10:30am for Holy Hikes®—a network of Christian eco-ministries committed to rebuilding Communion between all of God's Creation by worshiping God in the beauty of the outdoors. Sponsored by St. David's Episcopal Church, the hike is family friendly and covers no more than 2 miles at a gentle, prayerful pace. The location of the hike is TBD and will be emailed 24 hours prior to the hike. [Click here to register.](#)

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!

Fall Bible Study | Sundays @12:45 & Tuesdays @noon Ready to deepen your understanding of scripture? St. Michael's offers an online Fall Bible study on Sundays and Tuesdays. All are welcome; no experience needed. This Sunday, join Fr. John Newton and prepare to have your heart moved as you explore this letter to the Hebrews, who needed reassurance that Christ had indeed saved them once and for all.

ZOOM INFO

<https://bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink> Meeting ID: 832 6049 2080; passcode: bible

Names for All Saints' Sunday Prayers During the 9am and 11am services on All Saints' Sunday, November 6, we'll be reading aloud the names of people who have died. If you have family or friends you'd like included, please put them on the sheets available in the narthex beginning this Sunday or email to Claire Bray at claire.bray@sbcglobal.net. The deadline is Tuesday, October 25.

Serve on the SMEC Vestry The St. Michael's vestry (akin to an organization's board) has the role of tending to the financial and organizational health of the church. All adult members of St. Michael's who have been confirmed/received and have been regularly attending worship during the past year are eligible for consideration. If you would like to hear more about this leadership opportunity, email Fr. John Newton, the rector, at jnewton@st-michaels.org. Qualification for serving on vestry is based on the canons of the church, as well as alignment with the core values we have for our leadership. Vestry members are elected to a three-year term at our annual parish meeting in January.

Church-Related 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 here, 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.

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.

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.



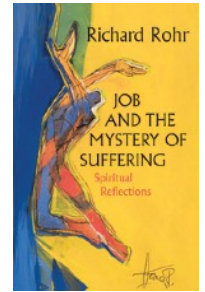
PLUG INTO OUTREACH

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 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.

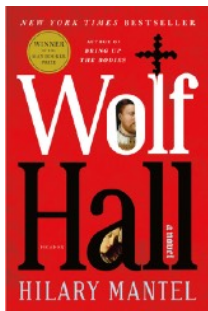
Outreach Partners St. Michael's Outreach partners for 2022 are the following organizations: Seminary of the Southwest, Trinity Center, Refugee Services of Texas, Casa Marianella, Pauli Murray Scholarship, Episcopal Relief and Development, St. Michael's Day School, El Buen Samaritano, One Good Turn, Nicole's 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 meet weekly at 10:00am. Here's what they'll be discussing starting on October 9: *Job and the Mystery of Suffering: Spiritual Reflections* by Richard Rohr. 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 | Monthly | Parish Hall The Women of St. Michael's are invited to gather for food and fellowship at 6:00 pm in the parish hall—stay tuned for October's date. 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 rbbrindley@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 group is reading Hilary Mantel's *Wolf Hall* for discussion on October 26. 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.

Men's Pub Theology | Wednesday, October 12 | 5:00pm | The Grove on Bee Cave Road Join the men of St. Michael's for fellowship and theological conversation. The group's next meeting is 5:00 pm on Wednesday, October 12, at The Grove Restaurant, 6317 Bee Cave Road. 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

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@losmadrone.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.

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 all those in the areas devastated by Hurricane Ian.

For Walt Couser, who died in August of COVID; for his wife, Lynne, who is grieving and dealing with the aftereffects of the hurricane.

For Diana Muzard, friend of Tom and Claire Bray, who died recently.

For these friends & family of Erin La Rue who are near death or are dealing with grave illness & loss: Elena, Jack, Pappa, Ross, Shellie, Laura, and Benjamin. Please pray for all those who love them, also.

For Zoe Chunghui Kim & Joseph Choi as they get married this weekend.

For Dan & Sara Havens, parents of Christine, as they travel from Iowa to Texas over the next two weeks.

For all victims of gun violence, especially the 30+ victims of the day school shooting in Thailand.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Good Shepherd, Granbury; Resurrection, Decatur; St. Catherine's, Hamilton

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Central Africa

DAY SCHOOL PHOTO OF THE WEEK

“This week, we introduced the children to different ways of cooking. They enjoyed making different foods like *pozole*, a traditional food of Mexico. We used flour, food coloring, and basil to represent the hominy used in the soup. These beautiful elements created such an inviting cooking space in the classroom. We are going to continue exploring multicultural foods and cooking techniques as a way to explore and identify with cultures from around the world.”

Thanks to Ms. Judith for sharing this story about multicultural food!



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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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