



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for our community

OCTOBER 11, 2020

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY AT SMEC

This letter from the Central Texas Food Bank arrived in the SMEC mailbox over the weekend. It serves as testimony to the extravagant generosity our community has continued to practice “during this critical time,” to quote Mr. Derrick Chubbs, President & CEO of the organization. He goes on to thank us for our “generous donation” of nearly \$1600, saying that this gift will enable the Food Bank to provide “healthy food options,” especially for programs such as the Kids Café. Children will “receive 5 dinners and 5 snacks each week,” that are “generally made from scratch.” Our donation “helps ensure that the [Food Bank] can keep these children fed and prepared for a new school year.”

This donation was approved by the Outreach Commission, but that wouldn't have been possible if not for your gifts and commitment to the mission of St. Michael's. We might feel frustrated during this pandemic because it's more difficult to be physically doing mission, but that doesn't mean we're not doing God's work in the world. Your donations are empowering others to take action, and that is truly extravagant and generous.

—Christine Havens, Assistant for Administration & Communication



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October 2, 2020

St. Michael's Episcopal Church
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Dear St. Michael's Episcopal Church,

Our organization is humbled to receive your donation during this critical time. The seasons have changed, and we are now entering into a new school year. We are all aware of how COVID-19 has changed the way our youth will learn in school, whether that is through distance learning or in the classroom, but one thing will remain the same; the Central Texas Food Bank will continue to provide food for children in need at school and at home. Our incredible staff and volunteers, particularly in the kitchen, have come together to meet the growing need for nutritious meals outside of school while many are still learning remotely.



Thanks to your generous donation of \$1,583.62, on 9/28/2020, the Food Bank is able to continue providing healthy food options for those in our community. Through programs such as Kids Café, children will receive 5 dinners and 5 snacks each week. These meals consist of fruits, veggies, meats, and grains, and are generally made from scratch. In addition, beginning in mid-September, the Food Bank kitchen will begin producing 900 meals a day that will be delivered to local schools for students.

It is inevitable that this will be a very different school year for our youth, and the need for food to fuel these young learners will remain. Your donation helps ensure that we can keep these children fed and prepared for a new school year.

With sincere gratitude,

Derrick Chubbs
President & CEO

P.S. Thank you for your patience during the pandemic. We apologize that your acknowledgement wasn't sent as promptly as we would send it during regular operating conditions. The policies we have in place currently to keep our staff safe have extended our acknowledgment timeline.

P.P.S. The Internal Revenue Service requires we state no goods or services were provided to you in consideration of this gift.

P.P.P.S. Can your employer match your gifts? Visit <https://www.centraltexasfoodbank.org/matchinggifts> to find out.

Privacy Note: We value and respect your privacy. The Central Texas Food Bank will never rent, sell, or trade your information.



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BEARING WITNESS: BARRY WHEELER

Barry Wheeler has been a part of the St. Michael's community for about five years. He is currently a vestry member, and in pre-pandemic times, he also served as a greeter and is active in other ministries, as well. A native of Austin, Barry studied political science at Texas State University and started a new job in April, at Movement Mortgage. He loves being outdoors, walking and jogging the trails around town, and hunting. Spending time with family, friends, and his dog, Gus, is also very important. Barry is looking forward to being involved with SMEC in the next year and beyond.

Pledge cards for 2021 will be mailed on October 23 and will be available on our website the following week.

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.

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON 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. 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. If you would like more information on how new vestry members are selected or are interesting in serving, please contact Father John Newton at jnewton@st-michaels.org. Vestry members are elected to a three-year term at our annual parish meeting in January.

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS The Altar Guild has been keeping the sanctuary 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. 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.

CANDIDATE ACCOUNTABILITY SESSION The SMEC Outreach Commission and Central Texas Interfaith invite folks to a candidate accountability session via Zoom on **Sunday, October 11, at 3:00 pm**. This is a focused opportunity to hear what Texas candidates from both parties and on all levels—US, state, and local—have to say about issues affecting Austin-area communities. Please click this link to RSVP and receive the Zoom link: https://www.austininterfaith.org/cti_s_travs_county_acctly_session.

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! October’s book selection is *Blessings*, by Anna Quindlen. The gathering happens on **October 28 at 2:30 pm**. November’s title is *White Fragility*, by Robin DiAngelo. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at 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, Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/210182059>. **PLEASE NOTE:** Use this passcode to attend: biblestudy.

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.

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 with any questions.

STUDENT MINISTRY

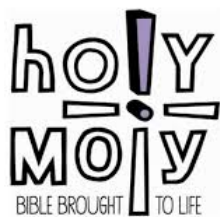
SUNDAY SCHOOL & EYC

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 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 for more information or contact Luis at 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 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 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.

SMEC STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION FOR 2020

A special thank you to this year's stewardship commission! SMEC very much appreciates the extravagant generosity of your time and talents.

- ✦ Melissa Agnese
- ✦ Thomas Carstens
- ✦ Donna Emery
- ✦ Chuck McDonald
- ✦ Holly Hargis
- ✦ Tracy Helms
- ✦ Ian Shelton
- ✦ Michael Donegan (*vestry liaison*)

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

NEW PRAYERS

For healing and peace for Jillian, niece of Karen Moody.

For Julie, Chris Whitty's godmother's mother, who is in hospice care.

For Rodolfo Junco de la Vega "Papito," who passed away, and for his family and friends.

For recovery for Tom Allen, for recent health issues.

For Patricia Whitty, for swift and comfortable recovery from hip surgery.

For good news for Chris Whitty.

For Karyn Pina, who has been moved into hospice care due to lung cancer.

COVID-19

For Gary & Daisy, friends of Mary Hermes; they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 as has Fr. Robert, their parish priest.

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 during this unexpected style of attending school.

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/1CTVtsrX6AuO4PfvHSStKdRLa0Cy95Xvj>

Texas Health & Human Services COVID-19 Mental Health Support Line:

<https://files.constantcontact.com/8f1dee88001/d0a7b37e-45a2-4d63-acc6-ca2dd9aefb03.pdf>

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE—INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

Travis Co. Health & Human Services Family Support Services Division

<https://www.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/community-centers>

United Way Emergency Food and Other Assistance: connectatx.org/

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers this week are given to the glory of God.

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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.

READINGS, OCTOBER 11, 2020 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14

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. Thank you!

THE TRUMPET SUBMISSION DEADLINE

Have a submission for the Trumpet? Please send it to Christine (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.

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