



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for the community

OCTOBER 24, 2021

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GENEROSITY SUNDAY—WEEK FOUR!



Meet Donna Emery, Sunday's Lay Witness

Donna is married to Mark and they have two children: a daughter, Elizabeth and a son, Matthew, both active members of the Camp Allen community. She is a graduate of Texas A&M and has achieved certification as a Certified Fund-Raising Executive (CFRE). Donna is a seasoned community leader and nonprofit professional who works at the Seminary of the Southwest as development director. She takes pride as a cradle Episcopalian and she serves as a vestry member at here at St. Michael's.

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much."

~~Helen Keller

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In September, I met with the core leadership of the parish - the finance commission, stewardship commission, and vestry - with a clear request. "I want you to submit your pledge card for 2022 before the rest of the congregation even receives a pledge card. I want us to model the generosity we are asking others to display." To say that our leaders have "stepped up to the challenge" would be an understatement. We have **100% participation**, and to date, we have received **twenty-five pledges for \$190,400. 18 people** grew in their giving, and others were able to maintain what was already an extravagantly generous commitment. We invite you to be a part of the growth in generosity at St. Michael's that is already underway!

DID YOU KNOW? FR. JOHN'S FUN STEWARDSHIP FACTS

This week I texted a member of the vestry to say thank you for her generous pledge for 2022. Her response? "It was never mine to begin with."

Generosity Wednesdays Bible Study

- 6:00 am "Generous Life" devotional by staff sent
- 6:00 pm Bible study with Fr. John on that day's reading

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ZOOM INFO

Meeting ID: 891 5541 1211

Passcode: 291411

Oct. 6	The Rev. Hope Benko	Luke 17:11-19
Oct. 13	The Rev. Elizabeth Turner	Luke 7:36-50
Oct. 20	Amanda Evans Lang	Luke 6:38
Oct. 27	Christine Havens	1 Corinthians 3:18-19

NOTES

Fourth Sunday 4 families | Painting Pumpkins | Sunday, October 24 Each month, the Family Ministry team hosts an intergenerational activity in the parish hall. All are welcome to join in between the 9:00 and 11:00 am services. This Sunday, October 24, we're painting pumpkins! No Bible Study for 6th-12th grade students—come and be creative!



You're Invited—Trek or Treat! Saturday, October 30, from 5:00-7:00 pm All families are invited to this intergenerational gathering on St. Michael's lovely campus! Food, fellowship, and even a fun bouncy house. The Family Life team welcomes your child-friendly sweet treat donations for Trek or Treat. There will be a basket in the narthex this Sunday, October 24.

Email Amanda Evans Lang, Family Minister, at amanda@st-michaels.org with any questions.

Interested in Serving on the St. Michael's Vestry? All confirmed communicants in good standing at the church at least 18 years of age are eligible for consideration. If you would like to hear more about this leadership opportunity, email the rector at jnewton@st-michaels.org to share any questions or sense of calling to this leadership role you may have.

Generosity Wednesdays Bible Study with Fr. John Zoom Link Our Bible study wraps this Wednesday; join Fr. John for a discussion of Christine's Generous Life devotional all about God's foolishness. Here are the Zoom link and passcode: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89155411211?pwd=S0c3Y2VrbWRWN29UcVZMM3RwRDY1UT09>; 291411.

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 **12:00 pm each Sunday** and all are welcome. *Interested in joining the group?* Contact Phyllis Blee at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info. Here's the book group Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U11WYj1VU3YyZz09>, 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! Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84019837778?pwd=SGRmQXhoYl1XSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; passcode is 242636.

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 discussion is October 27; the book chosen is *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith. 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: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81346686555?pwd=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUFVHUT09>. 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=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U11WYj1VU3YyZz09>; 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 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. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgyK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

FAMILY LIFE

Amanda Evans Lang, family minister, invites 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.

Fourth Sunday 4 families Each month, the Family Ministry team hosts an intergenerational activity in the parish hall. All are welcome to join in between the 9:00 and 11:00 am services. There's usually a youth-oriented activity after the 11:00 am is over. The next Fourth Sunday is October 31—we hope to see you there!



Hilltop Kids Sunday School | Sundays @9am & 11am 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. In October, special attention will be given to learning about generosity. 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.

Family Ministry Volunteers Needed! Family Minister Amanda is looking for some volunteers. 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.

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. If you'd like a Stephen Minister, please contact Jeff Robinson (jarobinson100@gmail.com), Julie de Wette (julie@losmadrone.com), or Fr. John Newton (newton@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.

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

Monsters and monster trucks in the Dolphin class this week! The children can partake in extravagant learning and play because of your extravagant generosity. Thanks to Miss Anna for the 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 Kristin Turner.
For all clergy in the Episcopal Diocese of Texas.
For all victims of gun violence.

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: Christ Church, Matagorda; Good Shepherd Indian, Stafford; Holy Comforter, Angleton

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Extra-Provincial Churches

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God. Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. Dedications can be emailed to: 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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1 Kings 17:8-17
Romans 8:31-35; 37-39
John 3:16-17
Psalm 150

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
The Episcopal Church (TEC): 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) by 12:00 pm on Wednesdays.

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