



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for our community

OCTOBER 25, 2020

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY AT SMEC

To my St. Michael's family,

I want to express my deepest gratitude for the leadership of the church. Each year, I ask the members of our finance commission, stewardship commission, and vestry to make known their financial commitment to the church for the coming year before the congregation receives a pledge card. The staff is invited to participate as well. I do this out of a core belief that the heart of leadership is a willingness to “go first” and to embody and model the behavior in our own lives that we want to see take root and grow in the larger congregation. Every year, I am amazed and humbled by the response of our leaders and am overjoyed to offer you this inspiring report:

- ◆ We had 100% participation in the leadership ingathering.
- ◆ We “begin” the campaign with 27 pledges for a total of \$212,950, which represents an almost 9% increase over and above this time last year when compared to the same group.
- ◆ 17 people grew in their giving compared to 2020; 2 were 1st-time pledgers.
- ◆ Many maintained their level of giving even in the face of financial hardship due to COVID-19.

The author of Hebrews writes, “Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds.” I would like to thank the leadership of St. Michael's for doing just that. I share this news with you in the hope that you will catch some of the generosity, faith, love, and sacrifice that is already being offered to St. Michael's in 2021, and to do so ever-mindful of what we're told in James 1:17: “Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.”

Amen, thank you, and amen,

John+



BEARING WITNESS: MARY HEALY

Mary Healy has been an active member at St. Michael's for over 22 years. Currently, she serves as a lay eucharistic minister and is the Primary Coordinator for our Safeguarding program as well as a Trainer and Systems Administrator. Mary has served on the vestry, worked on staff (as Pastor of Member Connection), and has led and participated in a number of small groups and formation programs.

Mary and her husband, Ed, have been married for 43 years. They have three children who grew up here in Austin and in St. Michael's.

Pledge cards for 2021 will be mailed on October 22
and a digital version is available on our website:
<https://www.st-michaels.org/take-action>.

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; include your full name and the service you plan to attend. Check in at anytime, right up to the service.* This allows us to contact folks easily and rapidly 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.

ALL SAINTS' DAY IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 It has been the St. Michael's custom to read the names of our departed loved ones during our worship on All Saints' Sunday. This year may be slightly different due to the pandemic but we will still honor our saints in some fashion. You can email Claire Bray at claire.bray@sbcglobal.net with your loved ones. **The deadline for submitting names is Wednesday, Oct. 28.**

STEPHEN MINISTRY HERE FOR YOU Lonely? Sad? Discouraged? Pandemic fatigue? Going through a rough time—emotionally or spiritually? Struggling with a life crisis? Consider letting a Stephen Minister help. A Stephen Minister is a parish member who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray, and walk alongside you during difficult times. It's confidential, free, very helpful, and the ministers follow CDC guidelines for safe visits. To learn more, please contact a Stephen Leader: *Jeff Robinson* (jrobinson100@gmail.com or 512-963-6687) or *Julie de Wette* (julie@losmadrone.com or 512-925-7029). Or you may contact our rector: *the Rev. John Newton* (jnewton@st-michaels.org).



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=SGRmQXhoYllXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; 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 Mthr. Minerva Camarena Skeith, mskeith@st-michaels.org. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgvK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. **PLEASE NOTE** that you should use this passcode: 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=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjIVU3YyZz09>; 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 now meet at **11:45 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

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 livas@st-michaels.org.

PARENTS & STUDENTS—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. Please contact Luis Rivas, Student Minister, at livas@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 St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church in Lake Charles, LA, as they recover from damage caused by multiple hurricanes.

For T.L., who died suddenly; for Bunny, Kirstie, and all the Cowan family who mourn his death.

For John Mann, father of Jennifer Austin, that he may recover from the seizure he recently suffered; for Martha, his wife, and for his family as they care for him.

For Tom, who died recently; for Margy Ayres, his niece, and for all his family as they grieve.

COVID-19

For Alex & Sam, son and daughter-in-law of Karen Moody, who have been diagnosed with 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/1CTVtsrX6AuO4PfvHSSStKdRLa0Cy95Xvj>

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

<https://files.constantcontact.com/8f1dee88001/d0a7b37e-45a2-4d63-aec6-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/

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH STAFF

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers this week are given 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 the office: 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>.

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.

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1 Corinthians 13:1-3

John 3:16-17

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.*