



# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news for our community*

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NOVEMBER 1, 2020

ALL SAINTS' DAY

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## STEPHEN MINISTERS: A HEART FOR THE HURTING —KAREN MOODY, STEPHEN MINISTER



*"We all want to be with people around whom we feel safe and forgiven just by being next to them. You know you can show your darkest part to these people, and they'll still receive you."*

—Richard Rohr, Everything Belongs

We all go through tough times in life. Times that are turbulent and unsettling. In the midst of these challenging seasons, it can be extremely helpful to have someone come alongside us to give understanding and encouragement—to provide stability, hope, and a caring heart to help us through the storm.

That is what a Stephen Minister is able to provide: a listening ear, a supportive perspective, and God's Word to help us through the challenges of life.

At St. Michael's, we have compassionate individuals who are trained to help us when we encounter loss, grief, relationship challenges, and a myriad of things that can throw our lives into a tailspin.

Most recently, things such as the pandemic, the election, hurricanes, and wildfires.

Stephen Ministers are not counselors. They are not "know-it-alls." They are not individuals who try to fix everyone's troubles. They simply provide love, care, and support when we need it most. Stephen Ministers are caring individuals who can help us navigate our present situation.

Please note that you do not have to be a member of St. Michael's to have a Stephen Minister from St. Michael's. We follow CDC and St. Michael's COVID guidelines; we meet our care receivers by phone, Zoom, and other platforms consistent with the guidelines being mindful of safety for all.

### Care receivers in the St. Michael's community share praise for the SMEC Stephen Ministry:

*"Stephen Ministry means that I can have a non-judgmental confidant. A sounding board."*

*"My Stephen Minister has given me an open space, in which I can be totally true to myself, the good, the bad and the ugly. She has been completely accepting and compassionate no matter what I've said or done. She has really mirrored the forgiving love of Christ, and I feel so comforted and liberated by her acceptance."*

*"Stephen Ministry was a guaranteed way to make a new close friend. And everyone needs more friends, especially in these times."*

*"My Stephen Minister supported me through cancer treatment and I've found the women and men of St. Michael's to be a lovely circle of sincere, intelligent, and purposeful Christians who challenge me to grow into the person God created me to be."*

*To learn how a Stephen Minister can help you or someone you know, please call or email:*

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## 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 wiggly 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.



## 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! The next title is *White Fragility*, by Robin DiAngelo, which will be discussed on Wednesday, December 2, at 2:30 pm. 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=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. Please note the new Zoom link and passcode: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81346686555?pwd=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUFVHUT09>; Meeting ID: 813 4668 6555 Passcode: prayer.

**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](mailto:mskeith@st-michaels.org), Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgyK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. 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=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 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](mailto: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](http://www.st-michaels.org/students) for more information or contact Luis at [livas@st-michaels.org](mailto: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](https://www.instagram.com/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](mailto: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](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).

## 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*)

Pledge cards for 2021 will be available at the Welcome Table on Sundays and a digital version is available on our website:

<https://www.st-michaels.org/take-action>.

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

### NEW PRAYERS

For Glenn Brunson, neighbor of Julie Hodges, who died, and for his widow, Barbara, and the Brunson family.  
For Lander McNeely, great-nephew of Claire Bray, who broke his arm scoring the winning goal in a soccer match.

For Jason McNeely, nephew of Claire, who suffered a heart attack and a broken jaw.

For Wayne Williams, uncle of Chris Whitty, who passed away, and for his family.

For Ethan Andrews, great-nephew of Joyce Miller, who died suddenly; for Michael and Mary, his parents, that they may be comforted.

For William Medart, father of DeAnna Medart, who died suddenly; for DeAnna and her family as they mourn another loss.

For all those in Louisiana and the southeast affected by Hurricane Zeta.

My sincere apologies for the incorrect initials used in last week's prayer for Kirstie's uncle, Bunny's brother-in-law. Here is the corrected prayer, with additions:

For C. L. Cowan, uncle of Kirstie and brother-in-law of Bunny, who died suddenly; for the Cowan family who mourn his death.

For Jack Cowan, his brother, who is has advanced dementia and is hospitalized.

For David Cowan, another brother, who has COVID-19.

For Linda Cowan, aunt to Kirstie and sister-in-law to Bunny, who is dealing with heart health issues.

### 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.



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## ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers this week are given to the glory of God, and by Joyce Miller in memory of Philip M. Miller.

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

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Revelation 7:9-17  
Psalm 34:1-10, 22  
1 John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12

## 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.

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