



THE TRUMPET

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NOVEMBER 5, 2023

ADVENT & MORE 2023

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



DEC
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Intro to Centering Prayer
Workshop
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

DEC
3

Lessons & Carols
5:00 pm
Reception to follow

DEC
9

Daughters of the King
Quiet Day
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

DEC
17

Santa &
Gingerbread Houses
10:00 am hour

DEC
24

Advent 4
Rite I Worship
9:00 am

DEC
24

Christmas Eve Services
5:00 pm
7:00 pm
10:00 pm

Extravagant **GENEROSITY**

Stewardship 2024

"Go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage.
Do good, be rich in helping, be extravagantly generous."

1 Timothy 6:18, The Message

Pledge cards can
be found online
and in the narthex

INGATHERING SUNDAY

A blessing of commitment cards
during the services.

November 5

NOTES



Junior League Coats for Kids Drive

Sunday, December 3 | 2:00-5:00 pm On Sunday December 3, volunteers from St. Michael's are invited to participate in the Junior League of Austin's Coats for Kids Drive. From 2:00-5:00 pm folks will help sort, tag, hang, and pack coats for the children of Central Texas. The JL of Austin is located at 5330 Bluffstone Lane, 78759.

If you'd like more information please contact Barry Wheeler (barry@homeloanswithbarry.com) or Fr Josh (jkulak@st-michaels.org). To sign up directly please go to: members.jlaustin.org/?nd=user_register_check&code=LTQ5f5yB

Coffee with the Curate

Join Fr. Josh for a cup of coffee and casual conversation at Trianon Coffee every second Thursday of the month from 9:30-11:30 am (December's day is a Wednesday). Email jkulak@st-michaels.org for more information or to let him know that you plan to stop by.



Christians in the Holy Land RSVP Link If you're interested in attending the event on November 5, please use this link to RSVP: <https://stmichaelsfamily.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1986605>.

Introduction to Centering Prayer Workshop & Sacred Movement

Saturday, December 2, from 9 am - 2 pm & six Tuesdays 6:30-7:45 pm

St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Rm 8

No fee Come join us to learn and establish a spiritual practice that has helped transform many lives!

Register by Nov. 20 at phyllis.blees@gmail.com

Questions: 512.426.1266

Facilitators: Kristi Michener with Bob Breckbill and Whitney McFall

Bring: sack lunch; walking shoes

Centering Prayer: A silent meditation method that is similar to mindfulness meditation. However, this meditation practice dives deeper and fosters a deepening relationship with the Divine within us.

Sacred Movement:

Included in workshop are optional walks on the hillside Stations of the Cross or the Labyrinth.

FAMILY LIFE

Sunday Morning Nursery Volunteers Needed

Our nursery ministry is blooming and we need your help. Chelsea, our lead nanny, has begun welcoming babies and toddlers into our beautiful nursery in the education wing. We need an additional adult to read stories, sing songs, and serve snacks at each service. Can you help once a month? Contact Family Minister Amanda at amanda@st-michaels.org to volunteer.



Sunday School | 9:00 & 11:00 am | Family Life Center (Rm 8) Ms. Amanda, our Family Minister, and the Family Ministry team welcome children and their parents at the front of the church and guide them to the Family Life Center in the Education Wing. Parents are reunited with their children in the sanctuary at the announcements—in time for communion together as a family. Contact Amanda at amanda@st-michaels.org for more info.

The St. Michael's Episcopal Youth Community (SMEYC) welcomes youth 5th-12th grade to experience community and connection, to question and explore our faith and ourselves through our relationships with the church, with each other, and with the world beyond Westlake. Here's what we've got on the calendar for the rest of the November 10:00 am hours:

Nov 5 *Taco Sunday (no challenge)*

Nov 12 *Service Project—Phoenix Center Aromatherapy Play Dough*

Nov 19 *No SMEYC (Thanksgiving week)*

Nov 26 *Service Project—Phoenix Center Gift Bags*

Questions? Email Bonnie Walton, Youth Coordinator, at youth@st-michaels.org.



The SMEYC youth hanging out and working on their team building skills on Sunday evenings.

PLUG INTO OUTREACH

2023 Outreach Partners The Outreach Commission is excited to support these organizations in 2023 and seek to grow opportunities for purposeful connections with many of them. Click on the links to learn more about each organization or check out the new Outreach webpage at st-michaels.org/outreach.

Seminary of the Southwest (*theological and pastoral education*)

The Texas Pauli Murray Scholarship (*scholarship for seminary students of color*)

Episcopal Relief and Development (*disaster relief & sustainable development*)

Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT) (*interfaith outreach*)

Trinity Center (*homelessness*)

Casa Marianella (*displaced immigrants*)

Saint Francis Ministries (*foster care*)

El Buen Samaritano (*family services*)

One Good Turn (*global health in underserved communities*)

The Outreach program funds a variety of theological and social service organizations and also continues to support St. Michael's Day School, SMEC community garden, Honduras Mission project, and the Del Valle Elementary School book drive. We also provide volunteer opportunities with several local organizations during the year. If you have a passion for spreading love and grace throughout the community, please connect with Harriett Choffel, Outreach Commission Chair, at harriettchoffel@icloud.com; or Fr. Josh Kulak at jkulak@st-michaels.org

Plug into the Trinity Center | Sunday, November 12 On Sunday, November 12, SMEC will serve at the Trinity Center's Sunday worship service and meal. We would love volunteers from the parish to be present for all aspects of the event: helping with set-up/clean-up, participating in liturgy, serving the meal, dining with guests, etc. If you are interested in participating, please contact Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org for more information.

Hygiene Items Needed for Trinity Center The Trinity Center is running low on the following hygiene items for the homeless. If you would like to donate, please click on the Amazon Wishlist Link: www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/3RBF7FTTI9NUV. The items will be delivered directly to the Trinity Center.

Drive a Senior & Chariot Volunteers Needed Looking for a way to plug into outreach? Get involved with *Drive A Senior ATX* (www.driveasenioratx.org) and *Chariot* (chariot.org), two local non-profit organizations that provide free rides to senior citizens, taking them to doctors, stores, and other essential destinations within the greater Austin-Travis County area.

Drivers are greatly needed and scheduling is easy. If you are interested in volunteering as a driver or in another capacity OR if you or someone you know is over 60 and needs transportation assistance, please contact either of the organizations directly or contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@icloud.com or John Boehm at jboehmjr@utexas.edu.

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

Prophetic Insights from the Book of Jeremiah: Rector's Bible Study | Sundays @12:45pm and

Tuesdays @noon Jeremiah's journey is one of faithfulness, sorrow, exile, and redemption. Join us this fall as we examine Jeremiah's life and prophetic proclamations, as well as how the various themes of the book are ultimately answered and clarified in the life and ministry of Jesus. Contact Fr. John at jnewton@st-michaels.org with any questions. Zoom Info: bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink Meeting ID: 832 6049 2080; passcode: bible.

The Seekers Adult Formation Group: *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr | meets Sundays at 10:00 am in Rm 4 (Education Wing) and via Zoom

The group started discussing a new book on October 22: *The Universal Christ*, by Richard Rohr. Franciscan friar and ecumenical teacher, Rohr bears witness to the deep wisdom of Christian mysticism and traditions of action and contemplation.

Drop in anytime, regardless of whether you've read the book. Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com or Phyllis Bles at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info.

Here's the new Zoom link: bit.ly/SeekersBookGroup, Passcode: 541706.

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.

SMEC Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study-New Topic Begins Nov. 7 | Tuesdays at 6:00 pm

Church Office Our new study on friendship begins Tuesday, Nov. 7, and runs six weeks until Dec 12. It is open to all women. *Description:* Sisters, we were created for community. And because our Father is generous, he's given us one of the most essential, fun, and life-changing relationships for community: friendship. The group meets on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm in the church office. Contact Trish Thompson at home.thompson@gmail.com for more info.

Centering Prayer | Tuesdays @6:30 pm

This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85765348257?pwd=dnIMUXh3dHdBOTBDeUROS2hMRXV6Zz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Bles with questions: phyllis.blees@gmail.com. For more about contemplative prayer, click this link: [Heart of Texas Contemplative Outreach](#).

St. Michael's Book Club | Fourth Wednesdays @2:30pm

Looking for fellowship and conversation? Love reading? Join the SMEC Book Club! The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm. The group is now meeting *in person at St. Michael's*. November's read is *Trust*, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction, by Hernan Diaz. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com or Sue Allen at tom@northcoastbrewing.com for more information.

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/88196769453> and passcode 945676.

Men's Pub Theology | Second Wednesdays @5:00pm

Join the men of St. Michael's for fellowship and theological conversation. *The next meeting is November 8 at the Waterloo Ice House on the corner of FM 2222 & 360.* Contact Andy Hines at ahines@hinespool.com for more information.

St. Michael's Women's Potluck | November 9 | 6pm | Parish Hall The Women of St. Michael's are invited to gather on Thursday, November 9, for food and fellowship. 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 rmbrindley@yahoo.com or Gail Reid at reid.gail@gmail.com for more information.

PLEASE NOTE: Thursday Afternoon Bible Study is Changing Days | New Meeting Time is

Wednesdays at 1:00 pm *Our Thursday afternoon Bible study group is now gathering on Wednesdays.* The group will continue to meet by Zoom (using the same link); and for one hour beginning at 1:00 pm CT. This change of meeting day provides a little bit of a “new beginning” making this a perfect time to invite others to join our group. Please consider inviting a friend or someone you think may benefit from our time together with the Word. 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.

Small Group Leader Training This fall, we will provide Small Group Leader Training to empower SMEC lay people to facilitate small groups. Our goal is to equip people with the necessary tools, skills, and guidance to successfully facilitate meaningful and transformative group experiences. *Meeting dates: 9/10, 9/24, 10/8, 10/22, 11/5, 11/12.* Meet in the church office at 12:15pm; lunch will be provided. Contact Trish Thompson at home.thompon@gmail.com if you have any questions.

MINISTRIES

Daughters of the King The Daughters of the King® is an order for women who are members of the Episcopal Church. The DOK's mission is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism. St. Michael's chapter was established in 2014 and they are meeting regularly again. If you're interested in learning more about the group, they meet in the Gathering Room (next to the sanctuary) the third Saturday of each month at 10:30am. Contact Jonea Raney at jcsrrech@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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.

Feeling Overwhelmed? Stephen Ministers Care Sometimes, I tremble under the weight of life. I'm being stretched too thinly by a shredding relationship, others' ceaseless needs or my exhaustion. Imagine what it might be like to have someone hold, with you, the sources of that heavy pressure that tightens and presses on you. To know and understand. A Stephen Minister will listen for an hour, week after week, and not grow weary or frustrated or try to fix. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide safe, confidential Christian care.

Contact the Rev. John Newton (jnewton@st-michaels.org) or Stephen Ministers Julie de Wette (julie@losmadrones.com) or Jeff Robinson (jrobinson100@gmail.com).

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

In the atelier this week there was an open invitation to explore clay! Friends eagerly removed their socks and shoes and loved how the clay smoothed between their toes. "I never get this dirty!" Some of them said with a big smile. *Thanks to Ms. Kayla for sharing this photo & story.*



SMEDS Chapel takes place every Wednesday at 12:30 pm. Fr. Josh and Ms. Amanda gather with the students, parents, and teachers in the sanctuary for worship & Bible-based lessons.

Lesson for November 8: Jonah

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

Please email Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org with prayer requests or to receive the weekly Prayer Chain emails.

In thanksgiving that all went well with David Gross's surgery.

In thanksgiving that baby Roman Buch's surgery went well.

For Edwina Clift, who underwent surgery again for her pacemaker.

For Pattie Rose, who is recovering from a broken hip.

For Phil V. and his family.

For the congregation of Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Parmalee, South Dakota, and for the community of Rosebud Indian Reservation.

For the people of Israel and Palestine as they endure the violence of war.

For all those affected by gun violence.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Good Shepherd Indian, Stafford; Holy Comforter, Angleton;
Holy Cross, Sugar Land

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The flowers are given to the Glory of God.=

Altar flower dedications are a wonderful way to celebrate the special people in your life or honor an important event or memory. They are printed here and in the 11am service bulletin.

You can use this link to send your dedication and make a donation: st-michaels.org/altar-flower-donations. You may also donate using the QR code below or send a check to the church office at 1500 N. Capital of Texas Highway, 78746; put "altar flowers" as the memo.

GIVE TO 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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