

## THE TRUMPET

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**NOVEMBER 6, 2022** 

## **Grace & Connection from Every One**

Every day for the past year or so, our local postman, Cole Butler, has been honking at the day school children, who love waving to him. For Halloween, he contacted Rebecca Hope, our head of school, to ask if he and his wife could bring treat bags for all of the students. Extravagant generosity abounded as he and his wife visited on Monday and handed the bags out. These simple acts of kindness between children and postman created a connection that all will remember for years to come. You just never know when or where grace will surprise you! —*Christine Havens, Director of Communications* 









St. Michael's Episcopal Church

Extravagant GENER®SITY

PLEDGE CARDS NOW AVAILABLE online: bit.ly/2023PledgeCard & in the narthex

November 6
Ingathering Sunday

A blessing of pledge cards during the services

## **NOTES**



**Acolyte Program Invitation** The acolyte program is a way for our children and youth to act as liturgical leaders during our worship services—carrying the cross, lighting the candles, and more. As they offer their time and talent, they will learn more about what it means to serve God and one another, will become better acquainted with the Episcopal tradition, and will discover that they, too, are ministers of God's love.

Please email Rev. Josh (jkulak@st-michaels.org) if you have children interested in participating.

## Stephen Ministry Leadership Commissioning and Memorial Dedication | Sunday, November 13

Early in the church, it became clear that the pastoral leaders of the church were not able to meet all the needs of the congregation. Seven individuals - one of whom was Stephen - were selected to provide care, and the leaders of the church laid their hands on them and prayed that God would work in and through them.

Acts 6:1-7

Three of St. Michael's newest Stephen Leaders will be commissioned during the 9 am and 11 am services. Then, between services, at 10:30 am, the Stephen Ministry Memorial and bell, located near our new outdoor area, will be dedicated. The memorial recognizes St. Michael's Stephen Ministers who have died. All are invited to come and pray for our new Stephen Leaders and the family members and friends of those who served so well, and to ring that bell! Cake will be served.



**Honoring Our Veterans** St. Michael's loves and celebrates the extravagant generosity of all those who served in the armed forces. On Sunday, November 13, at each of the services (7::45, 9:00, & 11:00 am), veterans will be invited to the altar to be recognized, thanked, and blessed.



**Holy Hikes | Saturday, November 19 | 9am** Please join Rev. Josh on Saturday November 19 at 9am for Holy Hikes®—a network of Christian eco-ministries committed to rebuilding communion between all of God's Creation by worshiping God in the beauty of the outdoors. Sponsored by St. David's Episcopal Church, the hike is family friendly and covers no more than 2 miles at a gentle, prayerful pace. The location of the hike is TBD and will be emailed 24 hours prior to the hike. Click here to register.

**Episcopal 101 Class Begins December 4** New to St. Michael's or to the Episcopal Church? Simply want a refresher on elements of our tradition? Join Rev. Josh during Advent for Episcopal 101. We will meet in the church office from 10-10:50am on December 4, 11, and 18. Sessions will focus on Episcopal History, the Book of Common Prayer, and theology & the Bible.

## **FAMILY LIFE**

**Sunday School: God Rescues | 9:00 & 11:00am | Family Life Center** Sunday School is a place where children and their families can practice being compassionate in a community that values love and compassion.

Ms. Amanda, our Family Minister, welcomes children and their parents near the education wing entrance (by the playground). You will be reunited with your children in the sanctuary at the announcements—in time for communion together as a family.

Children ages 3 years through fifth grade will want to be a part of *God Rescues*, a program full of Bible-based activities to help young people learn about God's love and saving nature.



**Be a Sunday School Helper!** Do you have a heart for God and for working with children? Family Minister Amanda is looking for adults to serve as Sunday School helpers one or two Sundays a month. If you are interested or for more information, please email her at amanda@st-michaels.org.



## PLUG INTO UTREACH

It Takes Many Hands to Share God's Bounty The SMEC Community Garden, which is on the far side of the day school, is in need of more friends to help with this ministry. All the produce—like watermelon, peppers, and tomatoes—that our garden crew pick go to folks who don't have much access to fresh food. Our partner is Hope Food Pantry, a non-profit assisting Austin neighbors who are experiencing food insecurity. They love the fresh veggies! Gardeners of all ages are invited to volunteer: plant seeds, water, weed, or harvest. Great for families and individuals! Interested? Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@icloud.com.

**Outreach Partners** St. Michael's Outreach partners for 2022 are the following organizations: Seminary of the Southwest, Trinity Center, Refugee Services of Texas, Casa Marianella, Pauli Murray Scholarship, Episcopal Relief and Development, St. Michael's Day School, El Buen Samaritano, One Good Turn, Nicole's Place, St. Francis Ministries, Honduras Mission Project, Del Valle Book Project, and the SMEC garden. Throughout the year, we will try to establish deeper relationships with several of these organizations and offer ways for the parish to "plug in" and participate. Stay tuned!

## **FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP**

**The Seekers | Sundays @10:00am | Rm 4 (Education Wing) and via Zoom** The Seekers meet weekly at 10:00am. Here's what they'll be discussing: *Job and the Mystery of Suffering: Spiritual Reflections* by Richard Rohr. Contact Harriett Choffel at harriettchoffel@me.com or Phyllis Blees at phyllis.blees@gmail.com for more info. Here's the Zoom link: bit.ly/SeekersZoomLink, Passcode: 541706.

**Fall Bible Study | Sundays @12:45 & Tuesdays @noon** Ready to deepen your understanding of scripture? St. Michael's offers an online Fall Bible study on Sundays and Tuesdays. All are welcome; no experience needed. Join Fr. John for an in-depth exploration of the Letter to the Hebrews, who needed reassurance that Christ had indeed saved them once and for all.

#### **ZOOM INFO**

https://bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink Meeting ID: 832 6049 2080; passcode: bible

**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 2:30pm. *The next meeting is November 30, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The group will meet in-person at St. Michael's in the Gathering Room,* to finish discussing *Wolf Hall* by Hilary Mantel, and then talk about what books to choose next. There is no meeting in December. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com or Sue Allen at tom@northcoastbrewing.com for more information.

**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.

**Centering Prayer | Tuesdays @6:30 pm** This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: bit.ly/SMECCenteringPrayer; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees 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** All are welcome to join each Wednesday at 4:30 pm for prayer and conversation. Use Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88082768969 and passcode 826364.

Men's Pub Theology | Wednesday, November 9 | 5:00pm | Waterloo Ice House at FM 2222 & 360 Join the men of St. Michael's for fellowship and theological conversation. The group's next meeting is 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 9, at the Waterloo Ice House at the intersection of FM 2222 and Loop 360. Contact Andy Hines at ahines@hinespool.com for more information.

**St. Michael's Women's Potluck** The Women of St. Michael's are invited to gather for food and fellowship. Next date to be determined. 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 <a href="mailto:rmbrindley@yahoo.com">rmbrindley@yahoo.com</a> or Gail Reid at <a href="mailto:reid.gail@gmail.com">reid.gail@gmail.com</a> for more information.

**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: bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

## **MINISTRIES**

**Stephen Ministry** Occasionally, worry, pain, anxiety or loneliness feel relentless. Jobs, unemployment, family, or eldercare may bring unique highs and weighty lows. A caring Stephen Minister, a trained and confidential listener, not a therapist or friend, may be best equipped to hold your concerns with you for an hour each week, offering understanding, support and prayers.

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@losmadrones.com), or Fr. John Newton (jnewton@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.

**Photography Ministry** Our photographers take on the role of capturing the special moments in the parish, may they be during worship, parish gatherings, or special events. If you're interested in helping with St. Michael's photography ministry, please email our director of communications, Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org. If you have any photos of community life or at-home worship that you'd like to share, Christine welcomes those, too. Please send via email at the highest resolution possible.

## 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 David Jackson and his family as they mourn the death of Joyce, David's mother.

For Darrick Eugene and his family as they mourn the death of his grandmother.

For Jai, who is hospitalized for seizures; for Stella, hospitalized for a fall and for pneumonia.

For Bunny Cowan as she travels.

For all victims of gun violence.

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

Holy Cross, Sugar Land.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Church of England.

## **TRUNK OR TREAT 2022**

What a wonderful Trunk or Treat St. Michael's had this year! There were 20+ trunks, hosted by parishioners, staff, and day school teachers. More than 60 families trick or treated with us, including one new family who came to church the next day. The cake auction raised over \$500 for Family Ministry outreach projects. The Kitchen Crew made a delicious taco dinner, kids of all ages made s'mores and enjoyed the bounce house. Even the littles had fun. All this is thanks to your extravagant generosity. *Thanks to Diann Boehm &* 

Gail Reid for the photos!



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#### **ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God, and by Harriett Choffel, in loving memory of her brother, Stan Slife.

Sponsoring altar flowers is a wonderful way to honor loved ones or celebrate an occasion. They are printed here and in the worship bulletins. Your dedication can be emailed to:

chavens@st-michaels.org.

Donate using Venmo to saint-michaels-austin (use 2207 if prompted for a phone number) or send a check to the church office at 1500 N. Capital of Texas Highway, 78746; put "altar flowers" as the memo.

#### CONNECT WITH 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.

Readings for November 6, 2022 Daniel 7:1-3,15-18; Psalm 149 Ephesians 1:11-23; Luke 6:20-31