



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news for our community

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

TWENTY-THIRD DAY AFTER PENTECOST



TREK OR TREAT 2020

Kudos to Amanda Evans Lang, our Family Minister, for a successful intergenerational event!

A big thanks to all who helped out on Friday, October 30!

We had over 100 people participate—families from the day school, from the parish, and even one or two folks who found us online. All enjoyed our beautiful campus, having socially-distanced fun & fellowship!

Hope, resilience, and your extravagant generosity helped scare away the COVID blues, even if only for a while.



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.

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* (jarobinson100@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).

CENTERING PRAYER ON TUESDAY EVENINGS Congrats to Phyllis Blee—the St. Michael’s Episcopal Centering Prayer Group is featured in the Heart of Texas Contemplative Outreach November newsletter! Read Phyllis’ article here: <https://mailchi.mp/1844680f4802/centering-prayer-news-november-2020?e=f9d376a4a6>. This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/158321072?pwd=SE9Zc0hscE13REM1U1lWYjJlVU3YyZz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blee with questions: phyllis.blees@gmail.com.

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>.

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*)



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 for more information and for the Zoom link.

ST. MICHAEL'S WOMEN'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=SGRmQXhoYlIXSUZCZEkrL0hMdFhldz09>; 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=MHFKdmlwWXRnZlVZM2tlb04wUUVhUT09>; Meeting ID: 813 4668 6555 New 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. Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217?pwd=b3RVWmJwOGFRTHgvK0dXMTB3UEM0Zz09>. Meeting ID: 870 3540 9217. **PLEASE NOTE** that you should use this passcode: biblestudy.

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](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 for more news about youth group happenings.

FAMILY MINISTRY

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS ON HIATUS UNTIL NOVEMBER 29 STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES ABOUT FUN ADVENT SURPRISES! For more about our Family Ministry program, go to www.st-michaels.org/family-ministry.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

NEW PRAYERS

For Rick & Dianna Lang, in-laws of Amanda Evans Lang, who have been diagnosed with COVID-19.
For peace and healing for our nation.
For all those in harm's way of Hurricane (currently) Eta.

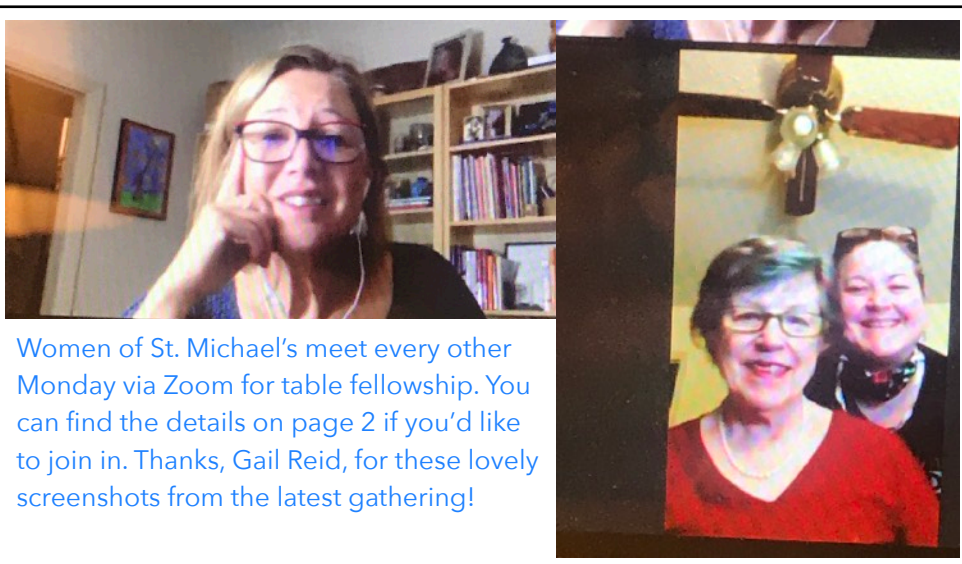
Veteran's Day, November 11 *Prayer adapted from A Prayer Book for the Armed Services*

Steadfast God, you led your people through many lands and through many challenges, and everywhere you were with them to guard and guide them in your way. Accompany these veterans and their families in their civilian lives. Bless those they left behind, and those they will help ahead. Bless the service they have completed, and all that was left undone. Bless the work that is yet to come. Lift them up in your strength and your Spirit of hopefulness, that they may continue to serve faithfully in every place and always walk with honor in your sight. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Since there were some last-minute requests for names for our All Saints' Day list, I've added those and am sharing the entire list here via this link: [2020 All Saints' Day Remembrances](#).

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.



Women of St. Michael's meet every other Monday via Zoom for table fellowship. You can find the details on page 2 if you'd like to join in. Thanks, Gail Reid, for these lovely screenshots from the latest gathering!

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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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Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-18

Psalms 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

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.*