



THE TRUMPET

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

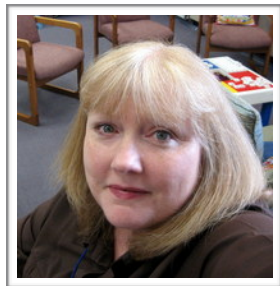
Dear St. Michael's Family—

This Sunday, one of our parishioners, Sandra Borinstein, will share her story—she was a care receiver and is now a Stephen Minister. Here's an excerpt:

Four years ago, I was overwhelmed. I was teaching full-time and had taken on extra responsibilities at work. Our daughter had graduated from college and come home exhausted. An elderly family member needed more care. And I had a bad knee that was getting harder to ignore. I felt I didn't have enough time or energy to manage everything.

When a friend suggested that I meet with a Stephen Minister, I initially declined, thinking, "My problems aren't that bad!" But I later accepted. My Stephen Minister held a space for me once a week for over a year so that I could talk about the things that were worrying me.

You're invited to hear the rest of Sandra's story at the 9:00 and 11:00 am services and learn more about what Stephen Ministry is all about.



Sandra Borinstein grew up in Falfurrias, Texas. She is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. Sandra retired in 2016 after teaching elementary special education/reading intervention for 35 years. She lives in Austin with her husband, Bob. Sandra has been a Stephen Minister since 2017; she also sings with the St. Michael's Music Team.

WHAT IS STEPHEN MINISTRY?

Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

—Galatians 6:2, NRSV

Stephen Ministry is the one-to-one lay caring ministry that takes place in congregations that use the Stephen Series system. In the book of Acts, Stephen was chosen to provide caring ministry to those in need.

Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.



A new Stephen Ministry training class will be starting on January 14 and the group would love for you to join them!

Please contact Barbara Rusling (brusling@sbcglobal.net) or Jeff Robinson (jarobinson100@gmail.com) to sign up.

NEWS THIS WEEK

NOVEMBER 17—LAST SUNDAY TO DONATE TO THE HANDS FOR HOPE CAMPAIGN! Thank you to everyone who has helped to put a feather in the Hands for Hope turkeys in the narthex. You can still donate if you haven't yet. A \$25 *donation* provides a Thanksgiving meal package for one family and puts a feather in one of the turkeys in the narthex. St. Michael's goal is meals for 100 families; El Buen's is 1,000. All cash donations are being matched 2:1 to support the food pantry, so your gift now will help families all year long. You can donate online at elbuen.org/h4h, bring your check to the church office, or give to Bunny Cowan. Contact Bunny at 2000grandbabs@gmail.com with questions. *Interested in volunteering at the El Buen Samaritano campus on November 23?* Please visit elbuen.org/volunteer-application.

THE TABLE—A CONTEMPLATIVE EUCHARIST | SUNDAYS | 5:00 PM You are invited to the Table, an informal and contemplative experience of the Eucharist. Be welcome to be here as you are, where you are, as open-souled as you can be, that in quiet and confidence, you may be still and feel the presence of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

ADVENT WREATH PARTY | SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 | 10:00-10:50 AM We are having an Advent Wreath party on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1, between the 9 and 11am services in the parish hall. St. Michael's will provide the materials to make the wreaths (wreath form, live greens, candles, ribbon, wire, etc). What a great family activity—making a wreath together! It's also Taco Sunday, so there will be homemade taco fixings. No Sunday school that day, either.

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK GROUP The next meeting of the St. Michael's book group is **Wednesday, December 4, at 2:30 pm at Trianon**. We will discuss *A Long and Happy Life*, by Reynolds Price. Please join us! Contact Jackie King for more information: jking2010@yahoo.com.

THE COMMUNITY FIRST VILLAGE OF LIGHTS | SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 | 5:00-9:00 PM St. Michael's is committed to building a tiny home at the Community First Village. Join fellow St. Michaelians out at the Village of Lights celebration and to see what it means to change homelessness into homeyness. An Advent Market, a choreographed light display, and a showing of *Polar Express* are a part of the fun; go to <https://give.mlf.org/event/village-of-lights-2019/e255043> for the schedule as well as for parking info and directions. Please **RSVP by Thursday, December 5**, to the office at chavens@st-michaels.org. The group will meet at 5:00 pm on the 7th at the Community Cinema area inside the Village.

OFFICE HOURS & TRUMPET DEADLINE FOR THANKSGIVING WEEK The church office will have shortened hours the week of Thanksgiving—we will be open 9am-4 pm, Monday, Nov. 25-Wednesday, Nov. 27, and closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday in observance of the holiday. This means that if you have an article for the Nov. 28 Trumpet, the deadline is noon on Monday, Nov. 25 (sooner is appreciated). If you have any questions, email Christine at chavens@st-michaels.org.

ARE YOU MISSING A WEBELOS BADGE? One was found in the St. Michael's parking lot. It has three ribbons. If you know who it might belong to, please call Christine at the church office (512-327-1474) next week.

EXTRAVAGANT GENEROSITY: Do you intend to make a financial pledge to St. Michael's in 2020 but have not yet done so? Bring your pledge card and place in the offertory plates during the service or go to www.st-michaels.org and click the GIVE button.

SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

ADULTS

RECTOR'S BIBLE STUDY Each of the four evangelists offer a unique take on who Jesus is and how his life, death, and resurrection have changed our world. Join us this fall as we tackle topics like discipleship, mission, mercy, healing, forgiveness, the church, our purpose in life, and the Kingdom of Heaven through John's eyes. The class is offered **Tuesdays, 12:00-1:00 pm, in Room 8, and Sundays, 10:10-10:50 am, in the parish hall.** Led by Fr. John Newton, with some guests; see the poster in the narthex for schedule of Sunday classes and facilitators.

SEEKERS' ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL BOOK STUDY The Seekers meet from 10:00-11:00 am, except on Taco Sundays. The group is now meeting in Room 6. Discussion continues through the summer about *The Faith Club: A Muslim, A Christian, A Jew—Three Women Search for Understanding*. Contact Phyllis Blee (phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more information.

CHILDREN

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

1st Sundays Taco Sunday, everyone enjoying tacos together in the Parish Hall

2nd, 3rd, and 5th Sundays Meet in Room 7 in the Education Wing for "What We Do in Church" classes

4th Sundays—Garden Day! Kids meet in Room 7 but then process out to the garden to learn about care for God's good creation

CHILDREN'S CHAPEL CHILDREN pre-K through 3rd grade are invited to Children's Chapel, where we read the same scriptures as "big church," learn prayers, and sing songs. Children in 4th & 5th grade are welcome, too. We rejoice the congregation during the Peace.

WORSHIP BAGS are available in the narthex, as well as in the Gathering Room, the place you can have wiggle room for the little ones, hear the service, and have some coffee.

Kids can **LOOK FOR OUR CHURCH MOUSE DURING WORSHIP.** If they tell Family Minister Lizzie after church where they spotted the mouse, she will give them a sticker!



STUDENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 10:10 AM, RM 8 All students starting from grade 6 are welcome to attend the Youth Class. High school students are invited to join Fr. John's Bible Study in the parish hall from 10:00 - 10:50 am. No class on Taco Sundays!

EYC (EPISCOPAL YOUTH COMMUNITY), 5:45 - 6:45 PM, RM 8 Join for fun and fellowship at EYC this Sunday evening!

MEET OUR NEW INTERNS! Tucker and Natalie are both freshmen at UT and veteran Camp Allen counselors and Happening! staff. They have a real passion for sharing their faith with their younger peers and they both are energetic and welcoming presences to have around. They are both very excited to get to know and share their love and their knowledge with our students.

SKEPTICS' SUPPER CLUB, NOVEMBER 21, 6:00 - 7:30 PM The Skeptics' Supper Club is a new, monthly small group discussion I am very excited to introduce to our student ministry. We will be coming together over dinner to discuss those questions that you might be afraid are too irreverent, too basic, or too out-of-bounds. Join us, dinner is on St. Michael's. RSVP to lrivas@st-michaels.org.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN ACOLYTE? Email Luis at lrivas@st-michaels.org for more information on how to participate in this beautiful part of our Episcopal tradition. Anyone from 5th grade and above, including adults, is welcome to participate! Training for all acolytes, current and new will be on Sunday, December 1, at 12:30 pm.

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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ALTAR FLOWERS

Flowers this week are given to the Glory of God.

A donation to the St. Michael's flower fund is a beautiful way to remember, honor, or give thanks for your loved ones, or to mark a birthday, anniversary, or a special occasion. Donation envelopes are available in the narthex. Please note "flowers" on the memo line of your check. Place the envelope in the alms basin when it is passed, or hand your envelope to the vestry person of the day or to the rector.

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

This week, we pray especially for Shannon, Amber, Peter Leonard, LC Johnson, Jennie Johnson, Anne Hughes and her mother, Amjad, Christa, Priscilla & Charles, Carrie, Lawton, Susan, and Elaina.

WEEKLY PRAYER SERVICES

Morning Prayer

Every Tuesday at 9:00 am in the Worship Space. For more information, contact Gail Reid (reid.gail@gmail.com).

Centering Prayer

Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm in the side chapel. For more information contact Phyllis Bles (phyllis.blees@gmail.com).

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.

READINGS, NOVEMBER 17, 2019

Isaiah 65:17-25; Canticle 9;
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Didn't bring cash?

Text SMEC1500 to 73256 and follow the prompts to make an e-offering.