



# THE TRUMPET

*An instrument of good news*



NOVEMBER 26, 2023

## ADVENT WREATH MAKING PARTY

10:00AM  
PARISH  
HALL



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### INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP & SACRED MOVEMENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
& SIX TUESDAYS 6:30-7:45 PM

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, RM 8

**Register** at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com); drop-ins are welcome

**Questions:** 512.426.1266

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

**Facilitators:** Kristi Michener w/Bob Breckbill & 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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 3

## Lessons & Carols

5:00 PM

FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION

NO RSVP NECESSARY

CHILDREN WELCOME  
ORNAMENT MAKING WITH DINNER PROVIDED  
4:45 - 6:30 PM

## NOTES

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

Ready to make your pledge?  
Commitment cards can be found  
online and in the narthex



### Angel Tree: Gifts in Support of El Buen Samaritano | November 26 - December

**10** St. Michaels will be collecting gifts for families served by our local ministry partner, [El Buen Samaritano](#). The tree will be present in the narthex on Sunday, November 26 - December 10. Please direct any questions to Fr. Josh ([jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org)).

SAVE THE DATES  
ADVENT & BEYOND 2023  
ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**DEC 2** CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP  
9:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Room 8, Education Wing

**DEC 3** LESSONS & CAROLS  
5:00 pm  
Reception to follow

**DEC 9** DOK QUIET DAY  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
Open to all

**DEC 17** SANTA & GINGERBREAD HOUSES  
10:00 am Hour  
Parish Hall

**DEC 24** FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
RITE I WORSHIP  
9:00 am

**DEC 24** CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES  
5:00 pm Pageant  
7:00 pm Festive Eucharist  
10:00 pm Choral Eucharist

**Episcopal 101 | 3 Sundays Beginning on November 26** New to the Episcopal Church? A cradle Episcopalian who needs a refresher? Wondering if we are Anglicans or Episcopalians or both? Join Fr. Josh on 11/26, 12/3, and 12/10 from 10:00-10:50 am in the church office to explore the basics of The Episcopal Church and the Anglican expression of Christianity. We will dive into the history of Anglicanism and the Episcopal Church, the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), and the Bible. All participants will receive a copy of *The Liturgy Explained*. Sign up here to reserve your copy: <https://stmichaelsfamily.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1956039>. Bring your curiosity and questions as we explore our great tradition!



**Daughters of King Quiet Day | December 9 | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
The St. Michael's chapter of the Daughters of the King invite all to join them for a Quiet Day of prayer and meditation on campus. You don't need to be a Daughter in order to participate. No RSVPs necessary. Questions? Contact Jonea Raney at [csrch@gmail.com](mailto:csrch@gmail.com).

**Junior League Coats for Kids Drive Sunday, Dec. 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 Junior League of Austin is located at 5330 Bluffstone Lane, 78759.

If you'd like more information please contact Barry Wheeler ([barry@homeloanswithbarry.com](mailto:barry@homeloanswithbarry.com)) or Fr Josh ([jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org)).

To sign up directly please go to: [members.jlaustin.org/?nd=user\\_register\\_check&code=LTQ5f5yB](https://members.jlaustin.org/?nd=user_register_check&code=LTQ5f5yB)

*THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING*  
*INVITE YOU TO A*

# quiet day

**DECEMBER 9, 2023**  
**10:00 am - 3:00 pm**  
*ALL are welcome*

<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b>
<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Meditation/Reflection</b>
<b>12:15am</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>Lectio Divina</b>
<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Eucharist</b>

**Location:**  
St. Michael's Episcopal Church  
1500 N. Capital of Texas Highway  
Austin, TX 78746

**Contact:**  
Jonea Raney  
[csrch@gmail.com](mailto:csrch@gmail.com)

## 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](http://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](mailto:harriettchoffel@icloud.com); or Fr. Josh Kulak at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org)

**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/guest-view/3RBF7FTTI9NUV](https://www.amazon.com/registries/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](http://www.driveasenioratx.org)) and *Chariot* ([chariot.org](http://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](mailto:harriettchoffel@icloud.com) or John Boehm at [jboehmjr@utexas.edu](mailto:jboehmjr@utexas.edu).



**Refugee Youth Mentors** Our ministry partner Interfaith Action of Central Texas (iACT) is searching for adult volunteers for their refugee youth mentorship program. Mentors meet with students for an hour at least once a week for a minimum of 10 weeks to help with adjustment to life in the US. iACT currently has a backlog of 50 students so volunteers are in high demand. Contact Fr. Josh at [jkulak@st-michaels.org](mailto:jkulak@st-michaels.org) if you are interested in this opportunity.

## FAMILY LIFE

**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](mailto: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* We're making aromatherapy play dough for kids to use in actual trauma-informed therapy sessions at the [Phoenix Center](#) in Marble Falls. Participating youth earn 1 service hour.

**Nov. 19** *No SMEYC (Thanksgiving week)* Have a happy holiday!

**Nov. 26** *Service Project* Putting together gift bags for the [Phoenix Center](#) kids. Participating youth earn 1 service hour.

Questions? Email Bonnie Walton, Youth Coordinator, at [youth@st-michaels.org](mailto:youth@st-michaels.org).



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## 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](mailto:jnewton@st-michaels.org) with any questions.

Zoom Info: [bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink](https://bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLink) Meeting ID: 832 6049 2080; passcode: bible. Dial by location: +13462487799, ID 83260492080#; passcode 543331# US (Houston)

**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** Looking for engaging discussion of theological and spiritual topics? Join the Seekers on Sunday mornings. 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](mailto:harriettchoffel@me.com) or Phyllis Blee at [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto:phyllis.blees@gmail.com) for more info.

Here's the new Zoom link: [bit.ly/SeekersBookGroup](https://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](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85765348257?pwd=dnlMUXh3dHdBOTBDcUROS2hMRXV6Zz09). **Passcode:** prayer.

### **SMEC Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study Now through Dec. 12 | 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. 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](mailto: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=dnlMUXh3dHdBOTBDcUROS2hMRXV6Zz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blees with questions: [phyllis.blees@gmail.com](mailto: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 unless there's a holiday. The group is now meeting *in person at St. Michael's*. November's read is *Trust*, by Hernan Diaz, and is one of the 2022 winners of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. **The next meeting is on November 29, due to Thanksgiving.** Please email Rhoda Silverberg at [rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com](mailto:rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com) or Sue Allen at [tom@northcoastbrewing.com](mailto:tom@northcoastbrewing.com) for more information.

### **Wednesday Afternoon Bible Study | 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 is a perfect time to invite others to join our group. This informal group discusses the Daily Office readings—drop in anytime! Led by Mary Healy, [mary.r.healy@gmail.com](mailto:mary.r.healy@gmail.com). Zoom Link: [bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87035409217) ID: 870 3540 9217. Use this passcode: biblestudy.

**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 December 13, location to be determined.* Contact Andy Hines at [ahines@hinespool.com](mailto:ahines@hinespool.com) for more information.

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## 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 [jcsrcc@gmail.com](mailto:jcsrcc@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](mailto:reid.gail@gmail.com).



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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](https://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](mailto: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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