



THE TRUMPET

An instrument of good news



DECEMBER 3, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 3

Lessons & Carols

5:00 PM

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
NO RSVP NECESSARY

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

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

quiet day

DECEMBER 9, 2023

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

ALL are welcome, no RSVP necessary

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

Location:
St. Michael's Episcopal Church
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Austin, TX 78746

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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

NOTES



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](#). El Buen has identified families for their gift giving program and asked those families to create wishlists.

The Angel Tree team has made an ornament for each participating family member with their specific wishes listed. *The ornaments will be on the tree in the narthex until December 10.*

Instructions

- Select an ornament.
- One ornament = one family member.
- Register your selection at the outreach table.
- The suggested spending amount is \$50 per family member (one ornament).
- Please wrap the gift, unless otherwise specified. If you buy more than one gift per ornament, secure them together either in a bag, box, or with string/ribbon so we can account for every gift easily. Label each gift with your code (e.g. Reindeer #1).
- **RETURN GIFTS BY DECEMBER 10** (place them under the tree). *The Outreach team must deliver them to El Buen Samaritano on December 11.*

Questions?

Contact

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Harriett Choffel (harriettchoffel@icloud.com)

Josh Kulak (jkulak@st-michaels.org)

A vertical graphic for the Advent & Beyond 2023 calendar. The background features a light blue and white pattern of pine needles and snowflakes, with red ornaments. The text is arranged in a series of green rounded rectangular boxes. At the top, it says "SAVE THE DATES ADVENT & BEYOND 2023" in red, followed by "ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH" in black. Below are seven event boxes, each with a date in a white box and event details in a green box.

**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

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) or Fr Josh (jkulak@st-michaels.org).

To sign up directly, please go to: members.jlaustin.org/?nd=user_register_check&code=LTQ5f5yB

Episcopal 101 | December 3 & 10 | 10:00 am | Church Office 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!



Christmas Flower Memorials Sponsoring the poinsettias in the sanctuary at Christmastide is a wonderful way to celebrate your loved ones. Your commemoration will be printed in the 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm Christmas Eve bulletins.

Please call or email Christine (512-324-1474 or chavens@st-michaels.org) **by Tuesday, December 19, in order to have your dedication included.**

Donations toward the cost of the flowers are appreciated—you may mail a check to the church office or use the QR code on the back page of the Trumpet.

Courtyard Cross Needs to be Replaced Our courtyard cross is now 10 years old. The pecan wood got moldy, and is now rotting, making it necessary to replace it. If you have a tree that you would like to donate, we can cut it down and move it to St. Michael's to prepare it as our new cross.

We need a very straight, 12-foot-long section for the vertical, which has an 8-inch diameter base. For the 6-foot horizontal, also straight, a 6-inch diameter piece is required. Ideally, after its bark is removed, the new cross would look as close as possible to our dying one.

If you have a tree that might be a candidate, please take a photo and text it to Tom Bray 512-744-3175, or attach it to an email and send to tom.bray@sbcglobal.net.

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

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/gi/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.



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 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 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.

SMEYC Connect meets on Sundays during the 10:00 am hour.

SMEYC Hangout happens from 5:00-7:00 pm Sunday evenings.

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

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. 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 or Phyllis Blee 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 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 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=dnlMUXh3dHdBOTBDeUROS2hMRXV6Zz09>; 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](#).

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 last Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm unless there's a holiday. The group is now meeting *in person at St. Michael's*. ***There is no meeting in December.*** The next gathering is January 31; the book chosen is *The Soul of America* by Jon Meacham. Please email Rhoda Silverberg at rmorrillsilverberg@icloud.com or Sue Allen at 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. Zoom Link: bit.ly/SMECThursBibleStudy 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 for more information.

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.

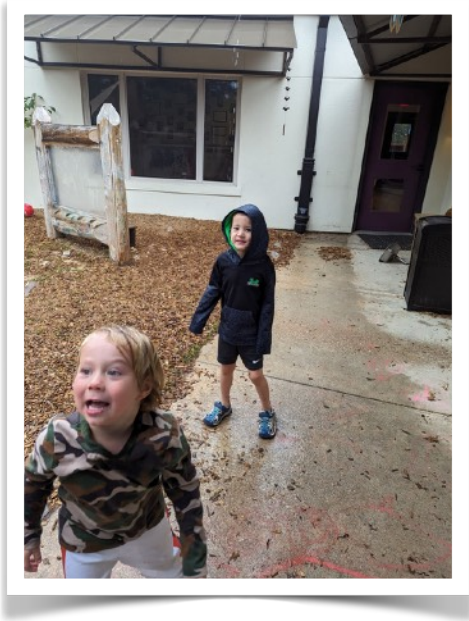
Altar Guild The Altar Guild is always looking for women and men to join this ministry. This group makes sure that the sanctuary is clean and readied for services and other liturgical events that happen at St. Michael's. If you are interested in serving or for more information, please contact Gail Reid 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 you. 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@losmadrone.com) or Jeff Robinson (jrobinson100@gmail.com).

DAY SCHOOL PHOTOS OF THE WEEK

The morning started out wet and the Owls loved it. They tried to catch rain in their mouths and they ran through the rain. The children love to be outside and the wet and muddy day only makes that play more fun. *Thanks to Ms. Sarah for sharing these photos & 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.

Lessons in December are all about Advent

THIS WEEK'S PRAYERS

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

For Erica, friend of Lisa K., whose brain cancer has returned.

For Joe Meo, who died unexpectedly; for his brother, Gary, and all his family & friends as they grieve.

For Kathy Chancellor, who died recently; for her sister, Betty Killion, as she grieves.

For Hilda, who has advanced Alzheimers and must have surgery on both feet.

In thanksgiving that 11-month-old Ollie is recovering from surgery after a brain bleed; for his parents, Matt & Elena, and the rest of his family.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Epiphany, Houston; Holy Apostles, Katy; Holy Spirit, Houston

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of North India (United)

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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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