



THE TRUMPET

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JANUARY 28, 2024

OUR 2024 VESTRY SLATE

Sunday, January 28, is our Annual Parish Meeting, which will begin promptly at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. It's a pleasure to present the 2024 vestry slate. A big thank you to all our vestry members past and present, who do such hard work for St. Michael's Episcopal Church.



Becky Brindley served on the founding committee and founding board of St. Michael's Episcopal School, helped launch the Women of the St. Michael's dinner group, and previously served on the Vestry. She has been a member of both the Executive Committee and Standing Committee for the Diocese of Texas. Becky is currently

head of professional development for ERCOT. She has 3 adult children and 4 grandchildren.

Tom Carstens and his wife, Christie, moved to Austin in early 2019 and later that year joined St. Michael's, where they were married by Father John in 2022. They have four children and a new puppy named Mbappe.

At SMEC, Tom is a member of the Chancel Choir and has served on the Stewardship Commission.



David Jackson is a long-time member of St. Michael's, and a soon-to-be-retired lawyer. He has previously served on the vestry, and currently sings in the 11:00 am choir. David and Robin were married at St. Michael's in 1998 and all four of their children were

baptized at St. Michael's. In addition to their four children, they have two grandchildren.

Mary-Margaret Matranga and her husband, Daniel, joined St. Michael's in 2021 after moving to Austin from Houston. Mary-Margaret is a life-long Episcopalian and has served the Episcopal church in various capacities

since childhood. Mary-Margaret has vast experience in financial reporting and budgeting, as well as leading non-profit organizations.



NOTES

REGISTRATION OPENING SOON!

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

JUNE 3-6 9AM-NOON

CHILDREN 3 YEARS-5TH GRADE

GET READY!



the sacrament of the Eucharist

connecting
to
Communion



a milestone in a child's life

FEBRUARY 4 - 25

Sundays at 10am | Gathering Room
for children entering 1st grade & up

RSVP: Fr. Josh (jkulak@st-michaels.org)

SUNDAY AT A GLANCE

JANUARY 28, 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY

7:45 am Holy Eucharist: Rite I

9:00 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Rm 8
SMEYC | Parish Hall

10:00 am Annual Parish Mtg | Sanctuary
Childcare | Parish Hall

11:15 am Holy Eucharist: Rite II
Sunday School | Rm 8
SMEYC | Parish Hall

12:00 pm Coffee & Donuts

9:00 & 11:00 am services
livestreamed at
st-michaels.org/worship-online

Women's Potluck | Thursday, February 1 @6:00 PM |

Parish Hall Join the Women of St. Michael's as we gather for food and fellowship. Bring a dish or adult beverage to share. If you are busy, just join us. There is always plenty of food to share.

Sunday, February 11 is Scout Sunday During the 10:00 am hour, please join the Scouts of Troop 30 in the parish hall for a variety of scrumptious cobblers made by the Scouts themselves!

iACT coming to SMEC On Sunday, March 3, friends from iACT (Interfaith Action of Central Texas) will join us at the 11:00 am service as part of iACT's Passport Program. This program gives participants the opportunity to travel to various houses of worship of many different faith traditions throughout the year with the aim of increasing understanding and friendship across difference. Questions? Contact Fr Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org.

SMEC at Austin FC Join St. Michael's for an afternoon of family fun on Saturday, April 27, at 12:30 pm as we watch Austin FC take on the LA Galaxy at Q2 Stadium. Tickets cost \$70 per person and scholarships are available. [Please register for the event here](#). We are also asking that attending families consider purchasing a soccer ball to donate to our friends at Casa Marianella. For more information or to sign up, please email Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org.

Book Study: *The Heart of it All* by Samuel Wells January - April Join Fr. Josh for a book study in the New Year as we read Samuel Well's *The Heart of it All: The Bible's Big Picture*. There will be two weekly meeting options beginning on January 29 & 31 and running through April 1 & 3: Mondays from 12:00-1:00 pm in the parish hall (Zoom available) or Wednesdays from 7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom only. We will not meet the week of Spring Break (March 10 & 13). A reading guide will be distributed to anyone interested by January 22. [Please sign up here](#) and email Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org with any questions.

Del Valle Book Drive St. Michael's will host the annual book drive for Del Valle elementary students' summer reading enrichment. It's time for you to begin collecting new or gently-used books (English or Spanish) for distribution in May. We need a coordinator to make this a successful project! For details, contact Harriett Choffel (harriettchoffel@icloud.com) or Fr. Josh (jkulak@st-michaels.org).

PLUG INTO OUTREACH

2024 Outreach Partners The Outreach Commission is excited to support these organizations 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

Cook Dinner for the Episcopal Student Center—Spring Semester Join the Episcopal Student Center for dinner! Every week after evening Eucharist the ESC shares dinner together, and a home-cooked meal is a simple but profound gift to the students. *All you need to do is bring food for 25 people and they'll provide the rest.* The ESC has a fully-equipped kitchen available for you to use and they can reimburse you for groceries. There are still open spots! [Sign up for a Sunday this semester here](#), or contact Fr. Josh (jkulak@st-michaels.org) for any questions.

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.

A Great Cause: 2024 Texas Pauli Murray Scholarship Reception You are invited to attend the Texas Pauli Murray Scholarship Reception on February 29 at Christ Church Cathedral in Houston. This year's event honors the Very Rev. Cynthia Kittredge for her successful efforts to increase diversity at the Seminary of the Southwest. All funds raised support low-income African American students and other students of color as they train for the Episcopal priesthood, including those at the Seminary of the Southwest. Our seminarian, Scott Madison, is one such recipient of this scholarship.

To learn more and purchase tickets please visit: <https://www.texaspaulimurray.org> or contact Lee Crawford at lee.crawford04@gmail.com.

FAMILY LIFE

Sunday School | 9:00 & 11:00 am | Family Life Center (Rm 8) The Family Ministry team welcomes children and their parents at the front of the church and guides 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 the Rev. Hope Benko at hope@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. Questions?

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



New in 2024

Sunday Morning Office Hours
Discussion & Devotionals for Youth
9am and 11am Parish Hall
10am Monthly Service Projects

Sunday Afternoon EYC
Now 4pm to 6pm
Games + Hang, now with 33% more fun!

Sr. High Sunday Fun Days
4 Sundays of ATX-wide adventure with other Episcopal Sr. High Youth.

SMEYC



Sr. High ATX Connect with other Camp Allen Episco-peeps in the greater Austin area.

Sr. High Sunday Fun Days

- February 11
Indoor Rock Climbing
- March 3
Amazing Race Lady Bird Lake
- April 7
Peter Pan Mini Golf
- May 5
Zilker Park

For event details, updates & weekly offerings at St. Michael's on 360, contact the SMEYC team at youth@st-michaels.org and check out smeyc.org.

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

Rector's Bible Study Update for 2024 | Sundays @12:45 pm and Tuesdays @noon Sunday Fr. John's Bible study resumes in 2024, with slightly different schedules for January.

The Sunday study will resume on February 4, due to the annual meeting and some other events.

The Tuesday noon study resumed on January 16; discussing the lectionary readings on January 16, 23, and 30.

In February, both groups will dive into a new book of the Bible—sections of First and Second Corinthians.

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 | 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 is currently discussing *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 Blees 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.

Tuesday Women's 12-part Bible Study: First Corinthians | 6:00 pm | Church Office The Women's Bible Study meets at 6:00 pm in the church office; they're studying First Corinthians now to the beginning of April. Christianity calls us to sacrifice instead of living for oneself. In this 12-part series, author Jennie Allen walks into the messy lives of the Corinthians and takes us through Paul's words to the conflicted church. We'll see how the truth of the gospel and the Spirit of God can empower us to choose to follow Jesus every day of our lives. Contact Trish Thompson at home.thompson@gmail.com with questions or to RSVP.

Centering Prayer—Now In-person and via Zoom | Tuesdays @6:30 pm This ministry is available every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm. Join the group in-person on the SMEC campus (Gathering Room) or join via 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](#).

New Wednesday Evening, Off-Campus Bible Study | January 10 - April 3 Michael and Trish Thompson are leading a twelve-week, co-ed evening Bible study beginning Wednesday, January 10, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. The group will meet in the Capital View Center conference room at 1301 S Capital of Texas Highway (office building next to Westlake fire house). The Gospel of Matthew is the topic, and the group will be using the John McArthur study guide. It is open to everyone. Childcare is not available. The book is available for purchase at [this link](#). Questions? Contact Trish Thompson at home.thompson@gmail.com.

St. Michael's Book Club | Last Wednesday of the Month @2:30 pm 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*. *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 The group meets by Zoom (using the same link) 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 @5:00 pm | County Line BBQ on Bee Caves Road Join the men of St. Michael's for Christian fellowship and theological conversation. *The next meeting is February 14;* the group meets at the County Line BBQ on Bee Caves Road. 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 jsrcch@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

This week, Lamb friends took turns placing various colors of blue paper, pieces of pipe cleaners, yarn, silver stars, and sequins onto contact paper. After they were finished, they put it up in the classroom window. *Thanks to Miss Jessica for the story and the photos.*



SMEDS Chapel takes place with Fr. Josh and Miss Karen every Wednesday at 9:30 am in our bright and beautiful sanctuary.

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 Tom Allen, Jennifer Rusling, and Barbara Johnson, who are all recovering from recent surgery.

For Mary Anne Kuhlmann, wife of Terry Kuhlmann.

For Palestinians, Israelis, and all victims of violence in the Middle East.

For all those affected by gun violence.

Prayer for a Church Meeting

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel at the St. Michael's Annual Parish Meeting for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Alban's (Manchaca), Austin; St. Christopher's, Austin; St. David's, Austin

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

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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 11:00 am 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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