



THE TRUMPET

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MAY 12, 2024

TOWN HALL MEETINGS SUMMARY

On two Sundays in April, parishioners met to engage in a dialogue about the growth and future direction of our church. Fr. John shared some thoughts about the growth of St. Michael's in recent years and reminded us of our mission statement to grow our community through growth in participation, growth in spiritual depth and growth in community impact. We are fortunate that when St. Michael's moved to its current location in 2002, plans were included for future growth of the physical campus and solidified in a Managed Growth Agreement (MGA) with the City of Austin. This MGA, which expires in December 2027, provides significant benefits in terms of time and money as we think about expanding our footprint.

We had a great turnout at the town hall meetings with more than 85 parishioners representing all ages and services and a mix of those who have joined St. Michael's in the last few years and those with a long history at the church. Participants took time to reflect on questions about the future of St. Michael's and then discuss these in small groups at their tables. Many common themes and priorities emerged. Ideas that parishioners would be excited to see in a building project included a family center with multi-use space for all ages, dedicated space for church ministries and the music and choir teams, a focus on our beautiful natural setting with outdoor improvements for community gathering and recreation, and a chapel. Almost everyone also agreed that more parking will be required as we grow!

The next step in the process is for the vestry to consider the parish input along with other priorities and opportunities in the MGA and explore moving forward once Fr. John returns from sabbatical. If you were not able to participate in the town hall meetings and/or have additional ideas to share, please reach out to senior warden Hilary Bellm (hbellm@st-michaels.org). —*Hilary Bellm, Senior Warden*



NOTES

Philadelphia Eleven Documentary screening with special Q&A in Austin this coming Tuesday, May 14!

You are invited to a special local screening of the Philadelphia Eleven documentary at the Regal Gateway theatre in north Austin at 7:15 pm this Tuesday, May 14. A panel discussion with Bishop Kai Ryan and Dean Cynthia Kittredge will follow the screening. **Purchase tickets using this link.** This is the only local theatre showing currently planned and it would be great to see a full house for this Austin event!

Honoring Your Graduates

We'd love to honor your graduating students—college or grade school—in the May 19 issue of the Trumpet. Parents and grandparents, send your graduate's name with a brief, one sentence bio to Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org by 5:00 pm, Wednesday May 15.

Graduating high school seniors who are involved in SMEYC should contact Bonnie Walton, youth coordinator, at youth@st-michaels.org.

Register Now for Camp Firelight! Registration for Camp Firelight is open through June 3: go to <https://bit.ly/2024VBCRegistration> or scan the QR code. Registration questions? Contact Christine Havens at chavens@st-michaels.org or Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org.

Interested in volunteering? Fr. Josh would love to hear from you.

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VACATION BIBLE CAMP

at St. Michael's Episcopal Church!

JUNE 3-6 2024

9AM - NOON

4 year olds - rising 4th graders

\$25 per child

includes snacks, a T-shirt, and **lots of FUN**



SCAN THE QR CODE TO
REGISTER NOW!



Hebrews Bible Study with Fr. Josh |

Sundays @12:45 pm beginning May 5 The weekly Sunday Bible Study will resume with Fr. Josh on May 5 at 12:45 pm, and they will be looking at the Letter to the Hebrews. The study will run from May 5 to June 16 and we will only meet on Sundays. Fr. Josh is looking forward to studying this fascinating letter together!

Bible Study Zoom Link: bit.ly/BibleStudyZoomLinkMeeting
ID: 832 6049 2080 Passcode: bible

Here's the schedule:

Date	Chapter(s)
May 5	1, 2
May 12	3, 4
May 19	5-7
May 26	8, 9
June 2	10
June 9	11
June 16	12,13

OUTREACH IN ACTION

St. Michael's is actively engaged in community outreach efforts, supporting a variety of non-profit organizations through hands-on service and financial assistance. Volunteer opportunities with several local organizations are offered throughout 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.

Trinity Center Worship Service

Our next ministry date at the Trinity Center is **Sunday, May 26**. We would love volunteers from the parish to be present for all aspects of the event: helping with set-up/clean-up, participating in liturgy, serving the meal, dining with guests, etc. If you are interested in participating, please contact Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org for more information.

About the Trinity Center worship service: On Sunday afternoons, the Trinity Center acts as the church for our unhoused neighbors. Usually 30-40 people attend the service and the following meal. St. Michael's is one of many area churches who alternate participation in this ministry

SMEC Garden

The veggies grown in our community garden go to Hope Food Pantry on Speedway in Hyde Park—given to families and students who might not otherwise get fresh food. Would you like to help with this impactful ministry? This is a great service opportunity for all ages.

Ready to dig in?

Contact Beth Michaels at ebethmichaels@gmail.com.

El Buen Samaritano Volunteer Opportunities

The SMEC El Buen Food Pantry team will volunteer every third Thursday on the early morning shift. The next volunteer day is May 16. Contact Father Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org to join the team! There are many other opportunities to volunteer with El Buen which can be found at elbuen.org/volunteer.

Drive a Senior & Chariot Volunteers Needed

Drive A Senior ATX (www.driveasenioratx.org) and Chariot (chariot.org), two local non-profit organizations that provide free rides to senior citizens in the greater Austin-Travis County area needs drivers. 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.

Go and Do Likewise Initiative Originating in 2019 with a partnership between St. David's and Casa Marianella, [Go and Do Likewise](#) helps people seeking asylum to move toward housing stability by locating and acting as guarantor for short-term housing in the Greater Austin area. Building on this original partnership, the Austin Convocation of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas is building a coalition of churches and other partners to expand this Gospel work. Churches and individuals can participate by locating apartments, co-signing leases, and/or making financial contributions.

For more information or questions, please contact Fr. Josh at jkulak@st-michaels.org.

2024 Community Investment Partners

[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*)

FAMILY LIFE

Sunday School | 9:00 & 11:00 am | Education Wing

The Family Ministry team welcomes children and their parents at the front of the church and guides them to Room 8 in the Education Wing. Parents are reunited with their children in the sanctuary at the announcements—in time for communion together as a family. We also have the Gathering Room and wiggly bags in the narthex for extra wiggly children. Contact the Rev. Hope Benko at hope@st-michaels.org for more info.

SMEYC SUNDAY SCHEDULE

MAY 12

9:00 & 11:00 am Youth Devos--Parish Hall

5:00 - 7:00 pm EYC

For more details about what's happening this summer, click the newsletter link:

SPRING/SUMMER SMEYC NEWSLETTER

2024 Graduating Seniors Families planning to honor their graduates on Senior Sunday, May 19, should contact Bonnie Walton to learn more: youth@st-michaels.org.

St. Michael's Episcopal Youth Community welcomes youth 5th-12th grade to experience community and connection, to question and explore 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.

FORMATION & FELLOWSHIP

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 at 10:00 am (10:20 am on the first Sunday of the month for Taco Sunday). On May 19, the group begins reading *In the Heart of the Temple*, by Joan Chittister. 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. Zoom link: bit.ly/SeekersBookGroup, Passcode: 541706.

Morning Prayer | Tuesdays @9:00 am You're invited to Morning Prayer each Tuesday at 9:00 am. Please note the Zoom link and passcode: bit.ly/SMECTuesMorningPrayer. **Passcode:** prayer.

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=dnIMUXh3dHdBOTBDeUROS2hMRXV6Zz09>; passcode: 541706. Please email Phyllis Blee with questions: phyllis.blees@gmail.com. For more about contemplative prayer, click this link: [Heart of Texas Contemplative Outreach](#).

Tuesday Women's Bible Study: Minor Prophets | April 23 - May 28 | 6:00 pm | Church Office On April 23, the Women's Bible Study will begin a study topic: Minor Prophets. The study will examine six of the 12 minor prophets. The term "minor" comes from their relatively short stories; each has a very important message, though! As you come to a better understanding of each prophet, you will be amazed by God's relentless pursuit of a relationship with us. The group meets at 6:00 pm in the church office. Contact Trish Thompson at home.thompson@gmail.com with questions or to RSVP.

St. Michael's Book Club | Last Wednesday of the Month @2:30 pm This group meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 2:30 pm unless there's a holiday and takes a break during summer months. The group is now meeting *in person* at *St. Michael's*. May's selection is *Poverty, by America*, by Matthew Desmond. If you'd like to get a start on the summer read, it's *James: A Novel*, by Percival Everett. 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 June 12*; the group meets at the County Line BBQ on Bee Caves Road. Contact Andy Hines at ahines@hinespool.com or Rich Noland at richnoland@eversheds-sutherland.com for more information.

MINISTRIES

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.

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.

Stephen Ministry Overwhelmed? Despite our prayers, resilience, and best efforts to remain positive, there are times when we all feel discouraged, weary, frustrated, or simply overwhelmed. A Stephen Minister can provide one-to-one, fully confidential emotional and spiritual support. Wouldn't it be a comfort to allow a Stephen Minister to love you as Christ has loved each of us? To learn more, contact Julie de Wette (julie@losmadrone.com), or Fr. John Newton (jnewton@st-michaels.org).

FROM OUR FRIENDS AROUND THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2024 Bailey Concert & Lecture at All Saints' Episcopal Church Austin Registration is now open [HERE](#) for the 2024 Bailey Concert & Lecture featuring the Rev. Dr. Sam Wells (*The Heart of It All, Improvisation, Walk Humbly*) & St. Martin's Voices Emerging Artists, May 17-19. The events are free and open to the public.

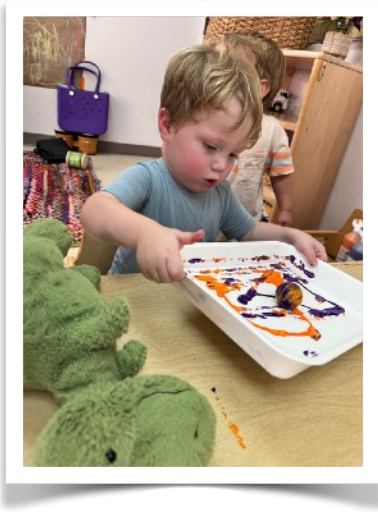


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ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL DAY SCHOOL

On Wednesday, the Puppies class made art using balls. We asked the kids to experiment with a ball and paint! What happens if we move the tray instead of the ball? Does the ball move faster or slower? What colors do you see when they mix? Is the ball making lines? Afterward, they got to play outdoors. *Thanks to Ms. Ileana for 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 Mike Murphy, who is dealing with a severe foot infection; for his wife, Julie de Wette.

For Veda, friend of Erin La Rue, and Veda's son Myron, who both have severe influenza; may God's presence be known to them.

For Karen Erickson, who is awaiting shoulder surgery delayed due to nerve damage.

For James Martin, who is recovering from cardiac surgery; for his wife, Gina, in her care and concern.

For all those affected by the recent tornadoes and severe storms in the central and midwestern US.

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

For all those affected by gun violence.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Luke's in the Meadow, Fort Worth; St. Luke's, Stephenville; St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Keller; Ayodeji Oloyede Omoniyi

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Burundi

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ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God,
by Roslyn Breen in memory of her mom,
Carolyn Patterson.

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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