



WOMEN OF SAINT MICHAEL

2024-2025

Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

Rejoicing in God's Creation

2024-2025 SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Why Women Carry the Burden and Mantle for Brain Health

Center for BrainHealth, 2200 West Mockingbird Lane | 11:45 check-in | 12 Noon meeting/lunch
Dr. Sandra Chapman, Chief Director for BrainHealth at The University of Texas at Dallas and the Dee Wyly Distinguished Professor, School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences

We are fearfully and wonderfully made indeed, especially our intellect and capacity to learn and reason. Come learn from Dr. Chapman what neurologists have discovered about maximizing our mental acuity.

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Getting Dirty for Good: The Restorative Power of Growing

St. Michael Youth Center, 2nd floor | 11:15 check-in | 11:30 meeting/lunch
Julie Eggers and Donna Letier, co-founders of Gardenuity

Join Julie Eggers and Donna Letier, cradle Episcopalians, cultivators of faith, and nationally recognized entrepreneurs, to learn how gardening and being close to the earth can feed our spiritual well-being and growth. Green thumbs optional!

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

Christmas Shopping at the Exchange

5 Highland Park Village | 5-7 p.m.

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

All Things Related to Art Forgery

St. Michael Youth Center, 2nd floor | 11:15 check-in | 11:30 meeting/lunch
Clay Small, author of *The Forger's Forgery and Heels Over Head*

Hear the story of the most dramatic art forgery of the 20th century and learn why art forgery has soared in recent years. Mr. Small was General Counsel for thirty years for PepsiCo. He received his JD from SMU and is now a Cox School of Business Professor. Informed by his experiences as a husband, father, professor, executive, and world traveler, Clay Small has shaped multidimensional characters and thrilling storylines in his novels, bringing readers to the front lines of human engagement.

Friday, February 21, 2025

The Women of St. Michael Mardi Gras Party

Dallas Country Club | 7-11 p.m.

4155 Mockingbird Lane

Beads and Bling – It's a Saint Michael Mardi Gras Thing!

Saturday, March 7, 2025

WOSM Day of Service at Jubilee Park and Community Center

907 Bank St. | 9:30 – 12 noon

Friday, April 5, 2025

Jubilee Mother-Daughter Tea

Jubilee Park and Community Center, 907 Bank St. | 3 p.m.

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

WOSM Spring Luncheon

Practicing Thankfulness, Kindness and Mercy...and Having Fun Doing It
7000 Park Lane | 10:30 a.m.

Kay Willis Wyma, author, blogger, video podcaster and mother of five

Kay writes on cultural and societal issues that impact friends and family. She regularly speaks, contributes and is a guest on local and national platforms, having appeared on NBC's *Today Show*, CNN, *The New York Times*, and more. Kay's latest book, *The Peace Project* explores how to practice thankfulness, kindness and mercy in our everyday lives.

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*"I praise you, for
I am fearfully and
wonderfully made;
Wonderful are your
works. My soul knows
it well."*

— Psalm 139:14

President's Message



Dear Friends,

As I sat in the auditorium this spring at our annual luncheon, I was reminded again of what an amazing, inspired group of women embodies the WOSM, as we affectionately refer to ourselves. What we have achieved together is truly remarkable. Not only do we enjoy being together, but we also enjoy serving our community, and we've made that a central focus of the WOSM. This year, the WOSM Gifts

Committee achieved two milestones. First, we awarded a record \$712,000 in grants, and second, we distributed those funds to more nonprofit organizations serving the needs of people living in poverty than ever before. I hope you are all bursting with the same amount of pride as I am!

I am honored to serve as the President of the Women of Saint Michael and look forward to getting to know you all better. Welcome to what I hope will be a year to rejoice! This year, our programming and events are inspired by Psalm 139:14: "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Wonderful are your works. My soul knows it well." We are indeed fearfully and wonderfully made, in the image of God with remarkable gifts, including our intellect, ability to connect with nature, creativity, and compassion. Each of our luncheon series speakers has a story to tell about how we can enhance and share God's gifts with others. Please take a minute to review the front page of the Newsletter for a full description of our speaker series and put those dates on your calendar!

This year, the annual **Christmas shopping event at the Saint Michael Woman's Exchange** will be held before Thanksgiving on Wednesday, November 13th, so I hope you will kick off your Christmas shopping where your gift gives twice, as all the proceeds go to support local charities. On February 21st, we will host our bi-annual "FUN raiser", the **Mardi Gras Party**, at the Dallas Country Club, where we can all rejoice in being together and cherish our connection to St. Michael. In March and April, join me as we come together for our always popular Day of Service and the annual Mother-Daughter Tea for the ladies at the Jubilee Center. Finally, on May 7th, we will conclude our year with our **annual Spring Luncheon** at 7000 Park Lane with our special guest speaker, Kay Willis Wyma, who is wry, witty, and full of ideas on how to practice thankfulness, kindness, and mercy.

As you all know, our Church is in the midst of a lot of construction as we improve our gathering spaces and physical plant. A little construction dust isn't going to slow down the WOSM, but please be flexible and understanding as we work to find places to be together!

Our calendar is full and brings lots of opportunities to be together, but there are many more ways to get involved! I know, for me, it has made a huge difference to have made connections by getting involved, whether by chairing a WOSM committee, going on a pilgrimage, or working as a gift wrapper at the Exchange. Find your place to shine! Be sure to sign up for the WOSM Day of Service and the many volunteer opportunities through Mission & Outreach. Contact information for committees, programming, the Altar Guild, St. Mary's Guild, and the Exchange are listed in this newsletter as well.

My board, committee chairs, and I look forward to meeting, reconnecting, and working with all of you this year. We need everyone's gifts and energy to make this a year to **Rejoice in God's Creation!**

Judy Conner, President
WOSM 2024-2025

Chaplain's Letter

Psalm 139:7-14

⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit?

Or where shall I flee from your presence?

⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there!

If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!

⁹ If I take the wings of the morning

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me,

and your right hand shall hold me.

¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,

and the light about me be night,"

¹² even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

¹³ For you formed my inward parts;

you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,

intricately woven in the depths of the earth.



As I was reflecting upon the Psalm and the verses chosen by Judy Conner to guide her work this year, I was reminded of a summer when I was in middle school. My mother signed us up for a summer program at our school. Instead of academics, we had the great joy of trying all sorts of arts and crafts workshops over the weeks of the program. One of the projects I tried was weaving a tapestry on a wooden loom. We used different colored yarns to create patterns in our work. These can be intricate pieces of art that combine colors and textures and math, as you count the strands as you weave over and under the warp threads. The trick is to use the appropriate color in the appropriate space.

I love the image that we are each a tapestry knitted together by God. God uses the events and circumstances of our lives as He weaves us into the work of art He created us to be. If you are a weaver, you know that the wrong side of the tapestry, the underside, is a mess of colored thread, some of which are the colors waiting to be woven in at the appropriate time. Our lives are like that, the undersides of life can be messy. But our Creator knows how to use every thread, even the ones that are dark and knotted, along with the gold threads of our love, and our rainbow colors that glow in our unique way – God can use it all to weave together the tapestry of our life.

My prayer for each of you this year is that you will draw ever closer to God in all circumstances, inviting Him to be a part of your entire life – as you grow in body, mind and spirit. And may the tapestry of your life sparkle boldly and brightly in His world!

Blessings,

The Rev. Robin H. Hinkle

Chaplain to the Women of Saint Michael

Rector's Bible Study: PAUL

Wednesdays, Beginning September 18, 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel



Paul, an energetic, first-century man, traveled from city to city throughout the Roman Empire talking about the One God and his "son" Jesus. He set up small communities of people who accepted what he said and then wrote them letters that are as explosive and fresh today as when they were first written. Paul's teachings on Jesus, God, the world, and the essence of being genuinely human were creative, compelling, and controversial. What did he think he was doing, and why was he doing it? How did his background and upbringing lead him to speak, travel, and

write in this manner? Join our rector Chris Girata in a year-long exploration of Paul through his epistles and the communities who heard them.

Community Outreach

Through Mission and Outreach, SMAA is in partnership with amazing ministries in Dallas and beyond where we can share our gifts and talents. These programs include Austin Street Center, Bachman Lake Together, Gateway of Grace, Jubilee Park and Community Center, North Dallas Shared Ministries, St. Philip's School and Community Center, Telas Honduras Mission Trip, and VNA Meals on Wheels.

Interested in learning more about community outreach opportunities? Please visit <https://www.saintmichael.org/outreach>.

WOSM – An Overview

Who exactly are the Women of Saint Michael and what do you have to do to join?

It could not be simpler: all women who are members of our parish are automatically members of Women of Saint Michael (WOSM). There is no form to complete, box to check or button to push. Membership is indeed automatic.

Since 1945, the WOSM have had organized activities that included, in the early days, publishing cookbooks, organizing home tours, producing musical performances, and holding Christmas bazaars. Today's robust programming offers luncheon and evening speakers addressing a wide range of timely and enriching topics. In addition, the WOSM provides other parish-wide programming as well as volunteer opportunities through St. Mary's Guild, the Gifts Committee, and other outreach within the church and the wider Dallas community.

Another enduring institution of the WOSM is the Saint Michael Woman's Exchange (SMWE) which began life in Highland Park Village in 1939 as a consignment shop called the "Woman's Exchange." Originally, the store served as a source of income for consignors, for whom jobs were scarce. Several years later, the Junior League of Dallas purchased the store to be a fundraising project. By 1958, the WOSM bought the store from The Junior League for \$1,500 to create the St. Michael's Woman's Exchange we all enjoy today. Our store has occupied #5 Highland Park Village for over six decades and is an institution in the shopping center. On the surface the "Exchange" looks like other chic gift shops. But it is far more than that. Our store is run by volunteers and is a true community effort!

Every year, the WOSM Gifts Committee makes grants to nonprofit agencies with funds generated from sales at the Exchange, fundraising activities such as the Parish Party, and generous individual donations. Since 1958, the WOSM has distributed over \$12 million to more than 200 different agencies, reviewing some 70+ grant applications each year. Women of Saint Michael grants focus on supporting crisis needs and addressing financial stability for those living in poverty in Dallas County and beyond. The Gifts Committee uses the criteria outlined in the book of Matthew 25:35-36: "For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me. I was in prison and you came to me."

**Women of Saint Michael
Purpose Statement:**

To be the extension of Christ's Kingdom by uniting the women of the parish in a program of worship, study, service, and fellowship; leading them into service for the Church, in the parish, the community, the diocese, the nation, and the world.

WOSM Gifts Committee

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Matthew 25:35-36

At the Spring Luncheon, the Women of Saint Michael Gifts Committee made an exciting announcement: they awarded a record-setting grant total of \$712,000 to 73 nonprofit organizations who serve the needs of people living in poverty.

The funds that were granted were raised during the program year, August 2023 through May 2024, through WOSM events, fundraising opportunities, the Parish Party and the St. Michael's Woman's Exchange.

Remarkably, over the past sixty years, the Gifts Committee has given back to the community grants totaling more than \$12.3 million.

For questions on how to get involved, contact WOSM Gifts Committee Chair, Monique Black, at mblack@mhblack.com.

This year, we are thrilled to support the following agencies:

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| AIN-AIDS Interfaith Network, Inc. | Jubilee Park & Community Center |
| American Friends of the Episcopal Church of the Sudans-AFRECS | Legacy Cares |
| Annie's Place | Men of Nehemiah |
| Aspire | Metropolitan Dream Center |
| Association for Independent Living (AFIL) | Mosaic Family Services |
| Austin Street Center | Network of Community Ministries |
| Bachman Lake Together | New Friends New Life |
| Behind Every Door | North Dallas Shared Ministries, Inc. |
| Brother Bill's Helping Hand | One Man's Treasure |
| CareCenter Ministries | Our Friends Place |
| Catch Up & Read, Inc. | OurCalling |
| Center for Survivors of Torture | Pleasant Grove Food Pantry |
| CitySquare | POETIC |
| Cornerstone Crossroads Academy | Project Transformation |
| Crossroads Community Services | North Texas |
| Dallas Bethlehem Center | Rainbow Days |
| Dallas CASA | Readers 2 Leaders |
| Dallas Christian Women's Job Corps | Restored Hope Ministries |
| Dallas Eviction Advocacy Center | St. Philip's School and Community Center |
| Dwell with Dignity | Texas Ramp Project |
| Educational Opportunities, Inc. | The Agape Clinic |
| Elevate North Texas | The Family Place |
| Exodus Ministries | The King's Academy |
| Family Compass | The Visiting Nurse Association of Texas |
| Gateway of Grace | Tomorrow's Women |
| Genesis Women's Shelter & Support | Traffick911 |
| Grant Halliburton Foundation | Treasured Vessels Foundation |
| Heart House | U&I |
| Hope Clinic of Garland | Under 1 Roof |
| Hope Cottage | Viola's House |
| HOPE Farm | Well Community |
| Hope Supply Co. | Wesley-Rankin Community Center |
| Housing Crisis Center | White Rock Center of Hope |
| Human Rights Initiative of North Texas | Wilkinson Center |
| Incarnation House | Youth Believing in Change |
| Interfaith Family Services | Youth With Faces |
| Irving Cares, Inc. | |
| Jonathan's Place | |



WOMEN OF SAINT MICHAEL
MARDI GRAS
 PARTY

SAVE THE DATE!

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St. Mary's Guild

St. Mary's Guild members will have monthly opportunities to provide homemade savories and sweets and/or staff the bake table on celebration Sundays. Monthly celebration Sundays are either holidays or church feast days. Proceeds from bake sales are donated to local charities. If you are interested in helping with this church ministry, please reach out to SMG and be part of our email sign up list. You can help whenever and however it fits your schedule - baking, selling, or both. We'd love to have you join us! Please contact Bitsy Hudnall, bitsy_hudnall@yahoo.com, 214-587-7732

Altar Guild

Every church service begins and ends with the work of the Altar Guild. Each week members assist the clergy and serve the Parish by preparing the sacraments and maintaining all supplies necessary for the worship services. Caring for the sacred items used is a true ministry. If you are interested in volunteering for the Altar Guild, please scan the appropriate QR code below.



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Want to Make a Difference for Dallas?

Support the outreach efforts of the WOSM by shopping at The Exchange!

Where should you shop for birthday gifts, hostess gifts, housewarming gifts, thank you gifts, shower gifts, baby gifts, baptism gifts, Christmas gifts... and have them beautifully gift wrapped too?

Dallas' favorite store, of course.

Looking for More?

Join us as a volunteer at the most beautiful and unique shop in Dallas.

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