



# WOMEN OF SAINT MICHAEL

## 2018-2019

Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

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*"With God all things  
are possible."*

— Matthew 19:26

### *Finding Purpose Through Passion and Prayer*

#### 2018-2019 SPEAKER SERIES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2018, 11:30 AM – PARISH HALL

**Mobilizing the Church to Reach Refugees**

**The Rev. Samira Izadi Page, Executive Director, Gateway of Grace**

**Do not oppress a foreigner; you yourselves know how it feels to be foreigners, because you were foreigners in Egypt. (Exodus 23:9)** How can we as individuals and as a church reflect on our own history and commit ourselves to refugees? Rev. Dr. Samira Izadi Page, founder and Executive Director of Gateway of Grace Ministries will tell us about her own experience as a refugee: having moved to the U.S. from Iran, and later converting from Islam to Christianity. She will also share with us how Gateway of Grace fulfills its mission of meeting the physical and spiritual needs of refugees in our community.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2018, 11:30 AM – PARISH HALL

**Seeking Solutions to the Opioid Crisis**

**Dr. Theodore (Ted) Price, Ph.D., UT Dallas Texas Pain Research Consortium**

Understanding the opioid crisis in the United States is the first step to combating it. Dr. Theodore Price will share with us how opioids affect our brains, why they can be addictive, and what non-addictive alternatives are being developed to overcome this epidemic. Dr. Price is one of the foremost researchers in understanding molecular mechanisms in our bodies that cause chronic pain. Come learn about his cutting edge research aimed at providing options for patients and physicians which could help overcome the opioid crisis.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2018, 11:30 AM – PARISH HALL

**Eating Mindfully and Feeling Good**

**Joanne Bondy of Stocks and Bondy**

After recognizing a need in the market for artisanal stocks, stews, and bone broths, Chef Joanne Bondy created Stocks and Bondy in 2014. Chef Bondy provides her stocks and soup-bases to some of the finest restaurants in Dallas and sells them at her storefront at the Dallas Farmers Market as well as our own Saint Michael's Farmers Market. She believes in using high quality ingredients that are fresh, local, and sustainable. As we approach the holiday season, come hear Chef Bondy share her culinary thoughts and happenings that can enhance our culinary experience.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2019, 7:00 PM – CHURCH

**Islam, Judaism, and Christianity – The Conversation Continued**

How do we increase our understanding of and respect for all 3 major monotheistic faiths? What do we have in common and how are these characteristics important as we build a unified and respectful community in Dallas? Join three distinguished faith leaders: Rabbi Nancy Kasten, Imam Omar Suleiman, and our own Rev. Dr. Christopher Girata as they discuss issues facing the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian faiths as we grow together to form a stronger interfaith community.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019, 11:00 AM – 7000 PARK LANE

**Annual Spring Luncheon**

**Embracing a Meaningful Life Through God's Small Acts of Faithfulness**

**Melanie Shankle, New York Times Bestselling Author**

It seems to be a rite of passage for every woman: you wake up one day and think, "Wait. This is the life I signed up for?" We've all been there. Author of several books including *Church of the Small Things*, *Nobody's Cuter Than You*, and *The Big Mama Blog*, Melanie will share her hilarious reflections on being a mom, wife, and writer and how we can embrace a meaningful life as we find the beauty and laughter that lie just beneath the surface of every ordinary, incredible day. With humor and her light-hearted style, she invites us to find how God uses the smallest acts of faithfulness to love and influence the people around us.

#### 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.

## President's Message



Dear Friends,

I am excited to welcome you to another great year at Saint Michael and All Angels. I am honored to serve as the President of the Women of Saint Michael (WOSM). Our programming and events this year are built around Matthew 19:26 – **With God all things are possible**. This verse truly captures the heart of what makes WOSM such a unique and special group. For over 72 years WOSM has been a joyful, dynamic, and energetic group of women of all ages who join together in fellowship, worship, and service. As we join together this year to pray, learn, celebrate, and give, I hope that each of you has a

renewed sense of the endless possibilities of what we can accomplish in our lives, our parish, and the community in which we live.

Our theme this year is *Finding Purpose through Passion and Prayer*. Christi Morrow has planned an inspiring luncheon series that truly embodies our theme and shows the powerful things that we can accomplish when people follow their passions. There is information about each speaker on the front page of this newsletter. We hope you will join us and invite a friend! I encourage you to become a **Season Ticket Subscriber**, which includes the luncheons in September, October, and November as well as the always popular Spring Luncheon in May. There is also an opportunity to make an additional gift in honor of or in memory of a friend or loved one. If a subscription is not right for you this year, you are always welcome to make single luncheon reservations or buy a ticket for a friend!

Due to the amazing response of our Interfaith Panel last January, we have decided to continue the conversation and again open our church to the community. We are pleased to offer this evening free of charge to all attendees. It is the generosity of our WOSM ticket underwriters that makes this a possibility! Last year over 800 people of all religions were truly inspired by the evening at our church. We are looking forward to continuing this amazing interfaith conversation next January!

Please mark your calendars for the **2019 Parish Party – Mission Possible** on Friday, February 1. We are excited to have it at a new venue this year – the Frontiers of Flight Museum! Parish Party Chair, Angela Jackson, and her committee promise an unforgettable night of fellowship and fun for everyone! As always, proceeds from the party are given to non-profit agencies in our community through the efforts of our hard working WOSM Gifts Committee, chaired this year by Allison Bovard. So, when you receive your underwriting letters in September from Stacey Malcolmson, Lydia Addy, and Adele Broughton, I urge you to give in abundance!

At the forefront of our giving efforts are the many dedicated women who have donated their time and talents to running the St. Michael's Woman's Exchange, our unique gift store in Highland Park Village that is celebrating its 60th Anniversary this year! Profits from the Exchange combined with other funds raised by the Women of Saint Michael allowed the gifts committee to fund \$395,500 in grants to 67 nonprofits this year. Over the years, we have been able to distribute over \$9 million in grants!

My special thanks goes to Melissa Hensarling for producing this newsletter, as well as other members of the WOSM board for the special roles you play. I appreciate each of you and your friendship.

**This is truly a year of fellowship!** Please come enjoy both old and new friendships at our Parish Party and at our other special occasions in the spring. The popular Top Angel Chef's Cooking Challenge is back by demand! I hope that this year WOSM can help you find a renewed sense of purpose and connection within our amazing church community. I urge you to come to the Luncheons, join a Bible study, volunteer at the Exchange, join the Altar Guild, be a part of MoMs, or serve on one of the many WOSM committees.

Becoming an active volunteer and member of the WOSM has been one of the greatest gifts of my life, and I wish that for each of you. One of the things I cherish about WOSM is the amazing things we are able to accomplish because we really are a family. Please help spread the word that **every woman who is a member of our parish is a member of the Women of Saint Michael** – we need everyone's gifts and energy to help us this year!

Faithfully,  
Christine Paddock  
President  
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## Chaplain's Letter



Friends,

Our theme for WOSM this year is *Finding Purpose through Passion and Prayer*. This is an invitation not only to look within and discern where God is calling you to roll up your sleeves and get involved in His work, but also to determine where God is calling us as the WOSM to be vessels of His love and care and witness to others.

Our amazing program calendar for this year invites us into discussions of relevant topics impacting our communities today – immigration and care of refugees, the national opioid epidemic, relationship-building conversations with those from other communities of faith. We're invited to enter these discussions in ways that witness to our faith; that reflect Christ's teaching and example. These conversations will provide opportunities for us to see where God is at work in the world and to stir within us a passion for that work.

Our inspiring scripture verse for this year is Matthew 19:26, **with God all things are possible**. As accomplished women in our many roles and vocations, we've experienced success through our gifts and efforts. And yet, when it comes to God's greater work, we can often feel overwhelmed; we can doubt that anything will change, that we can have a significant impact on the issues and situations facing our communities. This verse reminds us that we are not asked to do it all. We are simply asked to do our part and then trust that God will bless and use it for His purposes.

The WOSM is such an amazing witness to this truth. For over 70 years this group of faithful women has knocked down one 'impossible' milestone after another – the growth of St. Michael's Woman's Exchange and the over \$9 million in grants to a variety of non-profits and agencies in our community; the beloved Parish Party that has become a 'must attend' and grows larger every year; the increased involvement with Jubilee Center and its neighborhood, and the deep friendships that have formed among our members. The first ladies of the WOSM, some 70 years ago, could not have imagined this breadth and depth of ministry, outreach and fellowship was possible. And in our efforts alone, it is not possible. But for God, as we partner with Him and one another, all things are possible.

As we begin another program year, may God continue to work among us, using our gifts and efforts to His purposes and to the blessing of our families, our congregation and our community.

Peace,  
The Rev. Mary Lessmann  
Chaplain

## In Memory

We are so thankful for all of the former WOSM presidents who have passed over the years. This year we especially remember Effie McCullough and Chandler Lindsley. Their generous and loving devotion to the WOSM and the larger community will always be cherished.

## WOSM Gifts Committee

*For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me 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.*

*Matthew 25:35-36*

Over more than 50 years, the WOSM has returned more than \$9 million to Dallas County and beyond through its fundraising activities and profits from the St. Michael's Woman's Exchange. **In 2018, the WOSM Gifts Committee allocated \$395,500 to 67 agencies.**

### Beneficiaries of the 2018 WOSM Gifts Committee

2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday CDC	Jonathan's Place
Aberg Center for Literacy	Jubilee Park & Community Center
Achieve	La Bajada Urban Youth Farm
AIDS Interfaith Network	Legacy Counseling Center
AIDS Services of Dallas	LIFT – Literacy Instruction for Texas
Alley's House	Literacy Achieves
Association for Independent Living	Mosaic Family Services
Attitudes and Attire	Network of Community Ministries
Austin Street Center	New Friends New Life
Avance – Dallas, Inc.	North Dallas Shared Ministries
Brighter Tomorrows	North Texas Food Bank
Brother Bill's Helping Hand	One Man's Treasure
Bryan's House	Our Friends Place
City Square	OurCalling
Cornerstone Crossroads Academy	Promise House
Creativity for Peace	Rainbow Days
Crossroads Community Services	Restored Hope Ministries
Dallas CASA	Senior Source
Dallas Christian Women's Job Corps	Services of Hope
Dallas Furniture Bank	Shared Housing Center
Dwell With Dignity	SMAA Austin Street Shelter Cooks
East Dallas Community Organization	SMAA Tela, Honduras Mission Trip
Exodus Ministries	St. Philips School & Community Center
Family Compass	The Family Place
Gateway of Grace	The Well Community
Genesis Women's Shelter	Turtle Creek Manor
Girls Inc.	Under 1 Roof
Heart House	VNA (Meals on Wheels)
Honduras Threads	Wesley-Rankin Community Center
Hope Supply Company	White Rock Center of Hope
Housing Crisis Center	Wilkinson Center
Human Rights Initiative of North Texas	Youth Believing in Change
Interfaith Family Services	Youth With Faces
Irving Cares	

**For more information, contact WOSM Gifts Committee Chair, Allison Bovard, at [abovard@filgo.net](mailto:abovard@filgo.net)**

## Meals on Wheels

Nationally, Texas has the 7<sup>th</sup> highest rate of hunger among seniors. Meals on Wheels delivers freshly prepared hot meals to the elderly and other homebound residents Monday through Friday. We are always looking for additional drivers to volunteer for a shift, so grab a friend and sign up. It takes 2 to 3 hours in the morning. To volunteer, contact Mary Bartholow at [mary.bar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mary.bar@sbcglobal.net).

## Rector's Bible Study

**Wednesdays at 10:30 AM**

The Rev. Dr. Christopher Girata will lead a Bible Study every Wednesday at 10:30 AM in the Saint Michael Chapel beginning Wednesday, September 19. This year, we will be studying Acts of the Apostles. The companion books, *Acts for Everyone* (Part 1 and Part 2) by N.T. Wright, will be available for purchase in the Saint Michael Book Shop.



### SAVE THE DATE:

Don't miss the all-parish party including dinner, entertainment, wine pull, and auctions (live, big board, silent, and art). ALL proceeds go to WOSM Gifts Committee for distribution to non-profit agencies in our community.

### HELP US ACCOMPLISH OUR MISSION!

## FRIDAY • FEBRUARY 1, 2019

**7 O'CLOCK**  
**FRONTIERS OF FLIGHT MUSEUM**

### FEATURING

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**LIMELIGHT**  
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Wine Gathering:	Pam Quarterman
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## WOMEN OF SAINT MICHAEL



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## WINE GATHERING PARTY

THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 25  
6-8 PM

FEATURING  
**LEON**  
SPECIAL GUEST  
BARTENDER

**SCHUEPBACH HOME**  
**6315 PRESTON PARKWAY**

Help us stock the **Wine Pull** for the **PARISH PARTY!** Enjoy cocktails and bites when you bring a bottle of wine (\$25 or more) or make a \$25 donation.

**Can't make it?**

Before Jan 25, 2019, drop a bottle or mail a check (made to WOSM) to:

7418 Malabar Ln, Dallas, TX 75230 \*

Questions:

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SAVE THE DATE • PARISH PARTY

Friday, Feb 1 • Frontiers of Flight

## Jubilee Park Mother Daughter Tea

**Saturday, March 2 Noon to 2:00 PM**

Celebrate Women's History Month by honoring the women and girls of Jubilee Park and Community Center at our annual Mother Daughter Tea. The day's activities will include lunch, an inspirational speaker, arts and crafts, games, and more. Volunteers are needed to help with food donations, set up, lunch service, and clean up. Please contact Nicole Girata at ngrata@gmail.com or 214-404-8555 if you are interested in donating your time to this special event.

## Day of Service at Jubilee Park

**Friday, April 12 9:00 AM to Noon**

Join us for the third annual WOSM Day of Service at Jubilee Park & Community Center. Together, we will gather to garden, host senior bingo, read to children at David's Place and O.M. Roberts Elementary, rock infants at Jeannie's Place and much more. Take this opportunity to make an impact in your community while enjoying fellowship with friends. To volunteer, please contact Squeaky Connolly at squeakyconnolly@att.net or 214-402-9656.

## Special Occasions

Please mark your calendars for some of our favorite fellowship opportunities. Tickets for each of these events will be available in January – be ready, they sell out fast!

- Monday, March 25th: Top Angel Chef's Cooking Challenge
- Thursday, April 4th: Greenway Parks Dine Around
- Friday, April 26th: Ladies Only Tennis Party
- Thursday, May 16th: Louisiana Style Crawfish Boil

## Advent Retreat

**Saturday, December 1 9:00 AM to Noon**

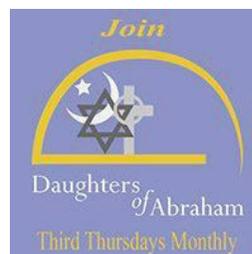
Heidi Haverkamp, Episcopal priest and the author of *Advent in Narnia: Reflections for the Season* will be joining us for our annual Advent Quiet Day. Presented by SMAA Adult Formation.

## Lenten Retreat

**Saturday, March 30 9:00 AM to Noon**

Brother James Koester of Society of Saint John the Evangelist will lead our annual Lenten Quiet Day. Presented by SMAA Adult Formation.

## Daughters of Abraham



After our very successful interfaith event in January, 2018, we discovered that Daughters of Abraham is a meaningful way to stay connected with our Jewish and Muslim sisters. Monthly gatherings with light refreshments are on the third Thursday of each month from 7-8:30PM and rotate from synagogue to mosque to church. Going forward, we hope to host events at Saint Michael. While there is an occasional presenter, the format for gatherings is typically an open discussion led by a facilitator. Topics have included refugees, our creation stories, forgiveness, prayer, salvation, and gratitude. Look for more information to follow in the coming weeks!

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