



# WOMEN OF SAINT MICHAEL

## 2022-2023

Saint Michael and All Angels Episcopal Church

### *Bridging the Divide*

## 2022-2023 Speakers and Events

### FALL 2022

**Sunday, September 11, 2022**

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Parlor, SMAA

*WOSM Parlor Party*

Come join the Women of Saint Michael in the Church Parlor to learn more about our organization, meet our new Chaplain, The Rev. Robin Hinkle, and sign-up to volunteer!

**Monday, September 19, 2022**

6:30 p.m. Main Sanctuary, SMAA

*Bridging the Divide: Public Education in America*

The Honorable Margaret Spellings, President & CEO, Texas2036 and Former Secretary of Education, and Mr. Todd Williams, Chairman & CEO, The Commit Partnership

**Wednesday, October 19, 2022**

11:15 a.m. Parish Hall, SMAA

*Bridging Cultural Divides Through Storytelling and International Cooking*

Ms. Jin-Ya Huang, Founder, Break Bread, Break Borders

**Monday, November 7, 2022**

6:30 p.m. Main Sanctuary, SMAA

*Perspectives on Faith, Science, and Deciphering the Universe*

Dr. Fredrick Olness, PhD, Professor of Physics at SMU

**Wednesday, November 30, 2022**

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. 5 Highland Park Village

*Christmas Shopping at the Exchange*

### SPRING 2023

**Tuesday, January 24, 2023**

6:30 p.m. Main Sanctuary, SMAA

*Connecting Dallas Communities through Partnerships and Revitalization*

Mr. Peter Brodsky, Real Estate Developer and Community Builder, RedBird

**Saturday, March 4, 2023**

3:00 p.m. Jubilee Park and Community Center, 907 Bank St.

*Jubilee Mother-Daughter Tea*

**Spring Luncheon**

TBD, May, 2023

*Bridging the Divide in Politics and Foreign Policy*

The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison, Former United States Ambassador to NATO & Former United States Senator

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*In everything do to  
others as you would  
have them do to you;  
for this is the Law  
and the Prophets."*

*Matthew 7:12*

## President's Message



Dear Friends,

Welcome to a very exciting time for the Women of Saint Michael (WOSM) as we, hopefully, are in-person for the duration of the year! Our theme this year is "Bridging the Divide" which will encompass not only our programming but also the changes in the church due to our ongoing construction projects. Our guiding Bible verse

is Matthew 7:12 "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the Law and the Prophets".

This year's programming will encompass a five-part speaker series addressing structural divides in America today and providing some hopeful solutions. Topics include education, faith and science, acculturation, community partnerships, and politics tackled by some truly fabulous speakers. (Please see the front page of this newsletter for a full description of our speakers.)

Additionally, we would like to focus on generational divides within the WOSM by having both evening and luncheon speakers thereby encouraging women who work or who are caring for young children to be able to attend. Childcare and children's meals will be provided during all the speakers, lunches or receptions, allowing for more flexibility of schedules. This happens to dovetail well with the construction in the Parish Hall that will render it unusable for a portion of the year.

The speaker series will be priced slightly differently this year. A subscription will be for the first four speaker events with a separate fee and sign-up for the Spring Luncheon. Unfortunately, the cost of lunches and receptions has risen, and so a fee of \$20 per speaker will be charged – \$75 for the regular series of four speakers. The Spring Luncheon will be a separate fee of \$40 per person.

In addition to our speaker series, we will host a "Parlor Party" at the very beginning of the year – Sunday, September 11, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at which we will introduce ourselves. Our new Chaplain, The Rev. Robin Hinkle, will be available for any questions and we will have sign-ups for volunteering and enjoy some fellowship. I cannot think of a nicer way to kick-off our year!

The Saint Michael's Woman's Exchange has graciously offered to host us for another wonderful Christmas Shopping Evening just after Thanksgiving, and then we will host the annual Jubilee Mother-Daughter Tea in March. Lastly, we will hold the not-to-be-missed Spring Luncheon in May with a very special guest speaker, The Honorable Kay Bailey Hutchison, Former United States Senator, 1993-2013, and Former United States Ambassador to NATO, 2017-2021.

Please consider joining us for our speaker series, Spring Luncheon, volunteering for our internal and external events and generally having fun while doing good works. All women of the Parish are de facto Women of Saint Michael, and my committee and I look forward to meeting you all.

Zoe Hart, President  
WOSM 2022-2023

## Chaplain's Letter

Dear Friends!

I am completely delighted to be serving with you as your new Associate for Mission and Outreach. I want to thank you for the lovely hospitality you have shared with me and my family as we have transitioned to Dallas. I have enjoyed the whirlwind of initial introductions, both with many of you here at St. Michael's and with our partners in ministry in the Dallas community. I have especially appreciated getting to know our long-time ministry partners. I have visited many of their sites, and have had wonderful conversations about their COVID experiences, their re-opening and their dreams for the future. All our partners had to adjust during the COVID shutdown, which they used as an opportunity to revitalize and re-think the programs they provide. I know these primary partners are just the tip of the iceberg as to the ways in which St. Michael is called to serve our broader community.

I see my position as work in two broad areas: 1. Creating expanded volunteer opportunities for impactful outreach for all ages to deepen our faith as disciples of our Lord; and 2. Working in collaboration with community partners to address, through major initiatives, some of the issues that impact many of our neighbors including poverty, addiction, mental health and education. Your work through The Exchange, the grants process and the hospitality of the St. Mary's Guild on Sundays certainly undergirds the outreach of SMAA, while paving the way for new opportunities as we grow in grace together.

I therefore invite you to let me, your Mission and Outreach Committee, or Christi Morrow know of your ideas for outreach ministry – we are actively expanding our network. We can also help you find a place to plug in. On the following pages is a taste of the ways you can serve. And I hope each one of you will sign up to be a part of our ministries where you can share your unique gifts with our neighbors in need!

The Rev. Robin Hinkle  
WOSM Chaplain

*1 Peter 4:10*

*Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.*



## Rector's Bible Study



*RBS is on break until the Fall! We will start again on September 21 and meet weekly on Wednesdays 10:30 a.m. in the Saint Michael Chapel or Streamed Live (see below)*

Join our Rector, Chris Girata, for this weekly Bible study beginning **Wednesday, September 21** as we continue a fascinating character study of great leaders in the Bible! This year, we focus on The Kings: Saul, David, and Solomon. We will direct our study on 1 and 2 Samuel, as well as the early chapters of 1 Kings. Although knowing about the united kingdom period of Israel is helpful to us, we will spend most of

our time studying King David specifically. David is a truly complicated character and absolutely integral to our understanding of Jesus Christ. Although not required, this year's companion book will be *1 and 2 Samuel for Everyone* by John Goldingay, and will be available in the **Saint Michael Book Shop**. Email Bhav Masih at [bmasih@saintmichael.org](mailto:bmasih@saintmichael.org) to be added to our email mailing list or for more information.

### Season Speaker Subscriptions

Purchase your season subscription for the WOSM Speaker Series. Your subscription includes speakers in September, October, November, and January. The Spring Luncheon in May requires a separate reservation.

Go to [www.saintmichael.org/wosmspeakers](http://www.saintmichael.org/wosmspeakers) to subscribe online today!

### 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 provide 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 have distributed over \$11 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 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."

We look forward to another wonderful year together of fellowship and good works!

#### 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*

This year, the Women of Saint Michael Gifts Committee has announced more than \$500,000 in grants to nonprofit organizations working with impoverished people locally and abroad. Funds were raised during the program year, August 2021— May 2022, through WOSM events, fundraising opportunities, and the St. Michael's Woman's Exchange. Over the past sixty years, the Gifts Committee has given back to the community grants totaling more than \$11 million. For more information, please contact WOSM Gifts Committee Chair, Nicole Girata, at [ngirata@gmail.com](mailto:ngirata@gmail.com).

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

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| 2ndSaturday                        | Jubilee Park and               |
| Access and Information Network     | Community Center               |
| Achieve                            | Legacy Cares                   |
| AIDS Services of Dallas            | Literacy Achieves              |
| American Friends of the Episcopal  | Men of Nehemiah                |
| Church of the Sudans               | Mental Health America of       |
| Aspire                             | Greater Dallas                 |
| Association for Independent Living | Metropolitan Dream Center      |
| Austin Street Center               | Mommies In Need                |
| AVANCE                             | Mosaic Family Services         |
| Behind Every Door                  | Network of Community           |
| Brighter Tomorrows                 | Ministries                     |
| Brother Bill's Helping Hand        | New Friends New Life           |
| Bryan's House                      | North Dallas Shared Ministries |
| Catch Up & Read                    | North Texas Food Bank          |
| Center for Survivors of Torture    | One Man's Treasure             |
| CitySquare                         | Our Friends Place              |
| Cornerstone Crossroads Academy     | OurCalling                     |
| Crossroads Community Services      | POETIC                         |
| Dallas Bethlehem Center            | Project Transformation         |
| Dallas CASA                        | North Texas                    |
| Dallas Christian Women's Job Corps | Rainbow Days                   |
| Dwell with Dignity                 | Shared Housing Center          |
| Exodus Ministries                  | Southern Dallas Link           |
| Family Compass                     | St. Philip's School &          |
| Gateway of Grace                   | Community Center               |
| Genesis Women's Shelter            | The Family Place               |
| and Support                        | The King's Academy             |
| Heart House                        | The Well Community             |
| Honduras Threads                   | Tomorrow's Women               |
| Hope Cottage                       | Traffick911                    |
| Hope Supply Co.                    | Under 1 Roof                   |
| Housing Crisis Center              | Visiting Nurse Association     |
| Human Rights Initiative of         | Wesley-Rankin                  |
| North Texas                        | Community Center               |
| ilooklikeLOVE                      | White Rock Center of Hope      |
| Incarnation Place                  | Wilkinson Center               |
| Interfaith Family Services         | Youth Believing in Change      |
| Irving Cares                       | Youth With Faces               |
| Jonathan's Place                   |                                |





ST. MICHAEL'S WOMAN'S EXCHANGE  
GIFTS AND GIVING SINCE 1958

*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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**St. Mary's Guild**

St. Mary's Guild members provide home-baked goodies and/or staff the guild's Sunday morning bake sale table in the church's South Entrance, ordinarily from late August through May, with proceeds going to local charities. If you are interested in volunteering for St. Mary's Guild, please scan the appropriate QR code below.



**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.



**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>.

**Community Outreach Opportunities**

**Austin Street Center** ~ Transforming lives of the homeless through innovative programs while providing the basic needs of food and shelter.

**VNA Meals on Wheels** ~ Providing hot meals each weekday to homebound seniors.

**Aunt Bette's Community Pantry at St. Philip's School and Community Center** ~ Client-choice food pantry located in the heart of South Dallas which provides quality food items to hungry individuals and families.

**NDSM North Dallas Shared Ministries** ~ Interfaith community partnership providing emergency assistance to families in North and West Dallas including food, clothing, medical and dental services, and housing assistance.

**Gateway of Grace** ~ Integrating and empowering refugees, including those from Afghanistan and Ukraine, to become productive members of society by mobilizing the Church and building Christ-centered relationships.

**Jubilee Park and Community Center** ~ Comprehensive community revitalization.

**Tela Honduras Mission Trip** ~ Week-long mission trip (February 2023) where teams support a local Episcopal Church through construction projects, children's Christian Education programs, distribution of fluoride to children and distribution of eyeglasses to adults.

**Contact Us to Volunteer**

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