

THE MESSENGER

ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS EPISCOPAL CHURCH



STMAA RECEIVES AWARD FOR MINISTRY TO NEEDY FAMILIES

The STMAA group and friends who wrap diapers every month to be distributed to needy families earned a trophy for raising the most money in last month’s fundraising campaign. An estimated 21,000 children in our metropolitan area need diaper assistance, and the Happy Bottoms nonprofit helps families be able to take better care of their children.

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MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE AND KITCHEN ANGELS BRUNCH



The youth choir performed a rousing Mother's Day toe-tapper and then the Kitchen Angels hosted yet another outstanding brunch on May 11.



APRIL 27 HAITI FUNDRAISING EVENT

STMAA hosted a Zoom conversation with the rector of St. Paul's in Torbeck, Haiti, celebrating four decades of our ministry in Haiti. Gary Welker and Matt Tidwell hosted the Zoom connection and Jane Wilson organized kids' activities.



YOUTH ARTS CAMP



Youth Arts Camp

July 7-11

STMAA's Youth Arts Camp will include visual arts, music, and drama for children entering grades 1-6. Camp runs from 9AM-3PM with lunch and supplies are included. Space is limited and registration is required. Click [here](#) for registration information.



MEN'S LUNCH GROUP

DATES SET FOR THE “SENIOR MEN” LUNCHES

The tradition of the “senior men’s lunch group” has continued strong in 2025. The group meets the second Tuesday of every month at a different restaurant in Johnson County. To join us at any future lunches and to learn that month’s location, contact Cecil Allen at ca1372@aol.com. The sole guideline for attending: “any guys ‘fiftyish and over.’ All men who match that description are invited to come and break bread and share stories about our Christian journey, fatherhood, the Royals, and life in general.

Looking ahead at future dates for this summer:

- June 10
- July 8
- August 12



Let's Connect (STMAA's online resource)

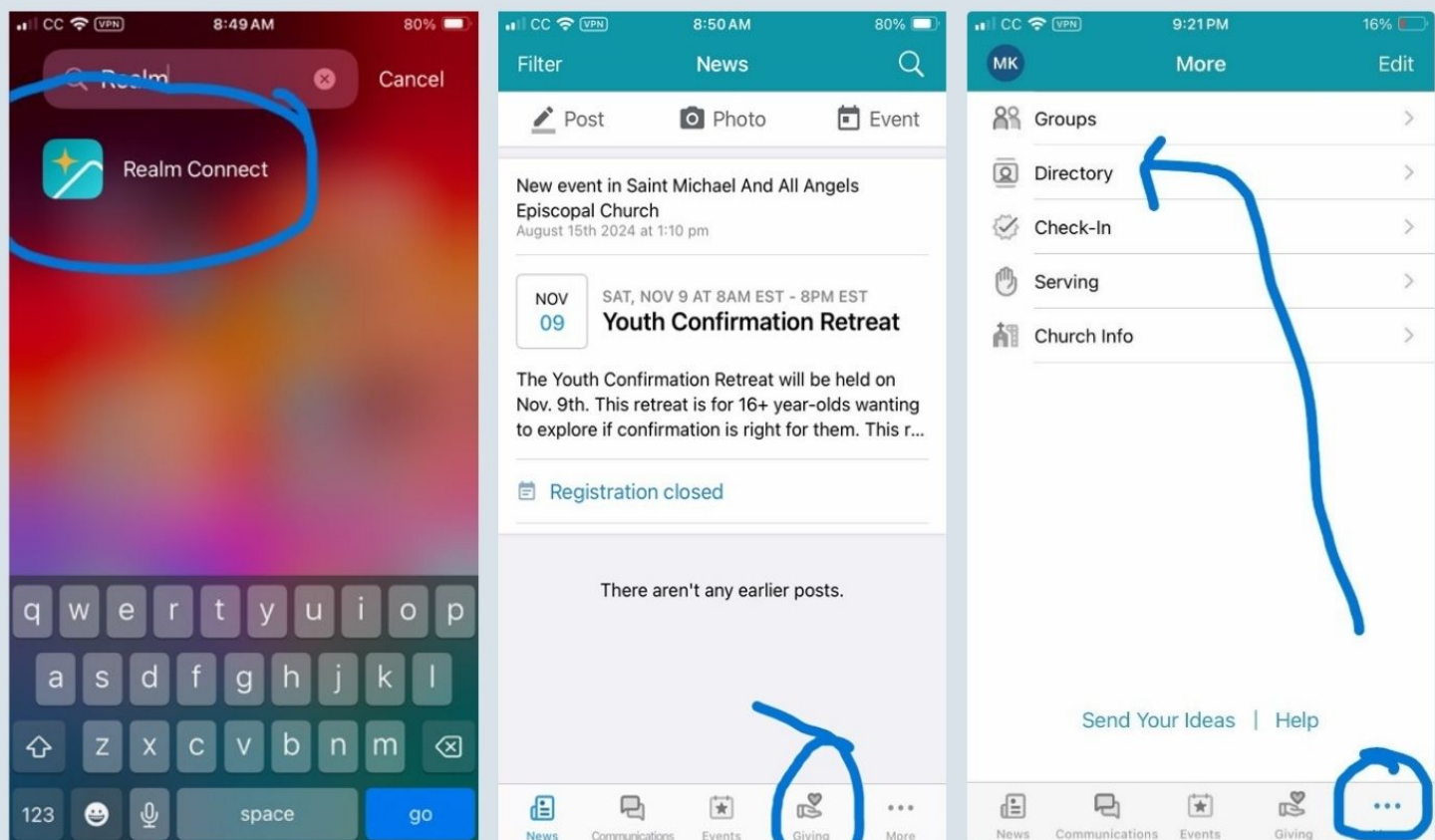
A REMINDER ON HOW TO USE REALM

by Margareta Knopik

After much anticipation and preparation, the REALM app is now live and available for anyone who has a smartphone. (It can also be accessed on a tablet or desktop computer.)

The purpose is to enhance communication among and between members of Saint Michael's and generally make it easier to find those random pieces of information we need such as "I wonder what events are coming up" or "Have I made my pledge payment this month?" Right now, the church directory has been populated (check to make sure your information is correct) and the personal financial information is current. As time goes by, the site will become more robust and our hope is that it will enhance our interactions with each other due to ease of reaching out.

Vestry member Erik Coon has been instrumental in getting this up and running. Below are some screenshot pictures to help get you started.



Take some time and explore this new tool. Let's connect! 😊

EXPERIENCING GOD

SUE PINGLETON PRESENTS GOD IN THE VISUAL ARTS: ALL ART IN GERMANY IS NOT GERMAN ART

By Linda Brown

**Thursday, June 19th at 10:00 a.m. in the Bingham Classroom
All are welcome!!**

As part of its summer program of speakers and topics, Experiencing God is delighted to welcome our favorite art maven, Dr. Sue Pingleton, for another of her outstanding programs highlighting God in the visual arts.

“Sue Pingleton Presents” has been a welcome feature at EG and we take pleasure in sharing Sue with the entire parish! Sue’s June program, entitled All Art in Germany is Not German Art, features an overview of pieces from eight museums she visited this spring in Berlin, Dresden, and Munich. She brings a wealth of knowledge, a deep love of art, and strong grounding in art history, along with professional-quality slides of German art across multiple timelines and artistic styles. Her emphasis is on God speaking through art.

Sue Pingleton Presents has introduced us to a variety of topics over the years, including The Devil in Art, The Birth of Jesus in Crèches and Nativities, Spirituality in Art, and Exceptional Women Artists. Each one is a treat for the eye and the soul! Don’t miss this latest offering!



EXPERIENCING GOD SUMMER SERIES

Experiencing God Summer 2025



Join Experiencing God with a change of pace this summer ~

three conversations & a volunteer opportunity! All are welcome!

Thursday June 19th

Dr. Susan K. Pingleton ♦ God in the Visual Arts: All Art in Germany Is Not German Art



Dr. Sue Pingleton, a retired pulmonologist and EG's favorite art maven, makes a repeat appearance this summer, with a review of art found in eight museums in Berlin, Dresden, and Munich. Sue will sketch an overview of German art across multiple timelines and artistic styles. Her professional-quality slides showcase art from her recent trip to these museums, with an emphasis on God speaking through art. Sue's interests include art and art history. She is active in KC/Arts, the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, and the art committee at KU Med.

The Week of July 7th – 11th

Volunteer at the Youth Summer Arts Camp

Experience God through the energy and eyes of children at STMAA's Youth Summer Arts Camp! Contact Donna Kirkwood to volunteer: donna@stmaa.com.



Thursday July 31st

Dr. Richard M. Liantonio ♦ De-Weaponizing the Bible: Interpretation, Inclusion, and Infinite Love of God for LGBTQIA+ Persons



Many have experienced the pain of a weaponized Bible used to tell them they are unwelcome, unloved, inferior, or "intrinsically disordered" for being LGBTQIA+. Dr. Liantonio will discuss how faithful reading and interpretation of the Bible can open a path toward experiencing God's love, welcome, and affirmation of LGBTQIA+ persons. Dr. Liantonio studies the Psalms. He is Campus Librarian & Equity Compliance Officer at Saint Paul School of Theology.

Thursday August 7th

The Reverend Dr. Don H. Compier ♦ Poet, Prophet, Pop Star: The Cultural Significance of Bob Dylan


Recently retired dean of the Bishop Kemper School for Ministry, our own Father Don is author of *Listening to Popular Music: Christian Explorations of Daily Living* (Fortress Press: Minneapolis, 2013), a masterful conversation between the sacred and the secular in contemporary Western culture, demonstrating how Christian faith shapes what we hear while contributing positively to Christian spiritual formation. His subject today is the iconic singer/songwriter Bob Dylan!




All gatherings in the Bingham Classroom at 10:00 a.m.

ECUSA OFFERS “FAITH IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE” PROGRAM

For those looking for an ongoing series dedicated to the intersection of civic life and a life of faith, the Episcopal church this year is encouraging all parishioners of all stripes to attend a free webinar program that the New York diocese is hosting, called Faith in the Public Square. ECUSA is promoting this as a chance to learn about the place of current trends in how we worship together and how we live together in communities. Each date is a separate discussion and attending the first is not necessary for following along on the next.



Episcopal Diocese of New York 

Faith in the Public Square

Wednesday, May 7th
Wednesday, June 18th
Wednesday, July 16th
7 pm -8:30 pm EST

webinar

June session: Wednesday, June 18, 6:00-7:30 pm Central Time
“Transgender Spirituality and Theology” led by The Rev. Dr. Cameron Partridge, Rector, St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, San Francisco; The Rev. Flourish Klink, Curate, St. Matthew and St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church, Manhattan; and The Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool, Bishop Assistant, Diocese of New York

July 16 session: The Sanctuary Church: History, Theology and Mission

Register: https://dioceseny.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xD5AsEFgR-CD6fx5Ljl7eA

FINAL THOUGHTS

Senior Send-Off, Class of '25

Another class of graduating seniors has come through the hallowed halls of STMAA. Congrats to those who finished high school with us and are moving on to new adventures near and far. STMAA presented our seniors with personalized Bibles on May 4th.

