



A publication of St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church

Cross Currents

Worship: Sunday at 8:00 and 9:45 am

March 2019 Edition

Lengthen

(Lent)

Lent. I start off every year explaining that Lent is a shortening of the Old English word for Lengthen. It derives from the lengthening of days in the spring.

In Western Christianity, Lent is counted as the 40 days (Mondays through Saturdays) from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday (actually sundown Easter eve). Sundays are not considered part of Lent (add up the days on a calendar and you'll see).

Lent is based Biblically on Jesus going out into the wilderness *after* his baptism to prepare for his ministry. In the church the 40 days of lent were originally used as a time of preparation for those *about to be baptized* (just the reverse of Jesus). As Christianity became more popular and accepted throughout Europe, Lent was used not so much as baptismal preparation, as a time for all Christians to grow in their faith.

Most churches offer some kind of program or activity to help their parishioners during these 40 days. At St. Michael's we do something special on Wednesday nights in Lent to help people get ready for Easter: we take time to learn. And eat together. And grow.

This year we have speakers on the 5 Wednesday nights in Lent:

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| March 13 | Imam Talal Eid- Imam and Director of Religious Affairs at the Islamic Center of Greater Toledo |
| March 20 | Gerald R. Kowalski- an attorney and Buddhist |
| March 27 | Rabbi Sam Weinstein- the Rabbi at Temple Shomer Emunim |
| April 3 | Fr. Jeremy Miller- Pastor at Corpus Christi Catholic Church |
| April 10 | Anant Dixit- Priest at Hindu Temple of Toledo |



Each week we'll listen to a different clergy talk to us about their religion, their beliefs, their High Holy Days, and we'll learn what we have in common. This is our 40 days to learn.

And one more thing. Each Wednesday night we'll begin the evening with a simple dinner at 6:30 pm. Soup (both with and without meat), salad, bread, and beverages. We'll talk and eat. And then from 7-8 pm, we'll listen and learn. Sound like a good Lent?

It's an opportunity to actually grow over 40 days. Sign up in the hallway if you know you can come, or just show up (knowing numbers helps the dinner preparers). But this year in Lent, make a decision to grow a little. We all have the same 40 days, it's just a matter of how we use them.

John+

Building a People who Love, Learn & Serve in Christ's Name!

LENT BEGINS



MARCH 6

7 am

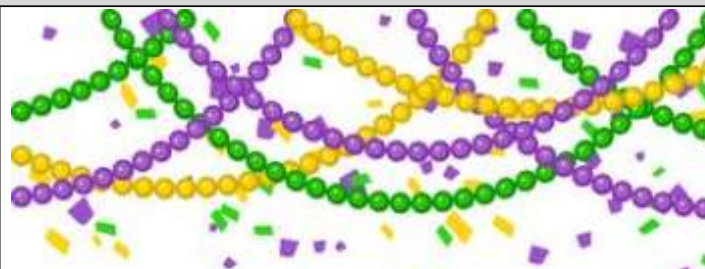
**Holy Eucharist,
with imposition of ashes**

10 am

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with imposition of ashes**

7 pm

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“Farewell to Alleluia”
Pre-Lenten Celebration
&
Pancake Breakfast

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

*Immediately following the 9:45 am
service, join us for a Pancake
Breakfast, hosted by our youth.*



Want to be inspired by some saintly souls this Lent and have fun along the way? Join with thousands of Christians across denominations who have discovered the joyful online learning community that is Lent Madness. With its unique blend of competition, education, and humor, Lent Madness allows participants to be inspired by the ways in which God has worked through the lives of saints over the generations. Based loosely on the

NCAA basketball tournament of a similar name, this online devotion pits 32 saints against one another in a single-elimination bracket as voters choose their favorites throughout Lent. Here's how to participate: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at www.lentmadness.org about two different saints. Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Sainly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo. www.LentMadness.org

Observing Lent

Dear People of God: The first Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church to prepare for them by a season of penitence and fasting. This season of Lent provided a time in which converts to the faith were prepared for Holy Baptism. It was also a time when those who, because of notorious sins, had been separated from the body of the faithful were reconciled by penitence and forgiveness, and restored to the fellowship of the Church. Thereby, the whole congregation was put in mind of the message of pardon and absolution set forth in the Gospel of our Savior, and of the need which all Christians continually have to renew their repentance and faith. I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. (BCP 264)

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

Homebound Ministry is a new undertaking on behalf of the Lay Visitation Ministry & Pastoral Care Teams. Not only will the homebound members of the congregation be visited by our Lay Visitation Ministry, but a greeting card will be sent once a month to each person on the same list. Under the Pastoral Care Team, Carol and Andrea Kanfield will be starting this ministry on March 1st. On special holidays, cards will be placed on a table in the vestibule and/or Common Grounds for all parishioners to sign. For Easter, which is on April 21st, cards will be set out on April 14th. With questions or suggestions, please contact Carol at cakanfield@sbcglobal.net or Andrea at andrearkanfield@outlook.com



LENTEN RESOURCE

Living the Way of Love offers forty brief reflections about the seven Jesus-centered practices identified by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry in "The Way of Love" initiative (Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest.) Author Mary Bea Sullivan tells stories from her own and others' experiences as a starting point for discussion about how to seek and find a deeper connection to God. Rotating through each practice so that each is covered once a week, going deeper into the practice throughout the forty days, each reflection ends with questions designed to spur further discussion and assist readers in making the practices their own. This book is available on Amazon or www.ChurchPublishing.org.

Living
THE
Way of Love

"What do you most desire in your life today? A renewed prayer life? A deeper connection to Jesus? Balance? Clarity? Peace? I invite you to join me in this forty-day pilgrimage of practices for living the way of love." —Mary Bea Sullivan

COMPLINE SERVICE

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7PM

Please join us for prayer on Wednesday evenings from 7—8pm. We often use the Night Prayer service from the New Zealand Book of Common Prayer. All are welcome. This is a midweek opportunity to share thanksgivings and petitions. If you have questions, contact David or Diane Braun at (419) 344-2524 or Scott or Susan Hendricks at (419) 882-2978.



MORNING PRAYER

We will celebrate Morning Prayer at both the 8:00 and 9:45 am services the last Sunday of each month. Services on March 31st will be led by Susan Hendricks. Services on April 28th will be led by Barb Reszko.



MUSIC DIRECTOR UPDATE

The Music Director Search Committee is pleased to report that so far we have five strong candidates for this position. We are currently evaluating their credentials, and, in at least some cases, conducting interviews and scheduling times for them to meet and work with our adult choir. Stay tuned for further updates!



When you are sick, hospitalized or in need of pastoral care, please notify the church office or Father John. Privacy laws prevent institutions from sharing such information. Also, the church office is happy to keep a record of your emergency contact info. should someone need to be contacted. Fr. John Hagan can be reached on his cell phone at: (304) 545-1734.





JOIN US SUNDAYS IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWING THE 9:45 AM SERVICE.

Grab a cup of coffee, and enjoy stimulating programs and discussion! Each program ends between 11:45-11:50 am.

March 3 All Parish Pancake Feast and Alleluia Party



Join us for a traditional pancake feast as we get ready for the fasting of Lent. This is an event for the whole parish! There will be music, noise makers, masks to decorate, and more. Come enjoy fellowship, food and fun!

March 10 **Criminal Justice Reform: It's Not a Choice**



We are honored to have as our guest Lucas County Commissioner, Tina Wozniak Skeldon, bringing us up to date on this timely issue. Tina has served as County Commissioner since 2002. She brings her background as a social worker (MSW from OSU) and prior career as a counselor/case manager at the LC Correctional Center, and 15 years as a social worker at the Toledo Hospital. Her focus includes increasing access to treatment for those with mental health conditions and substance abuse disorders. She and her colleagues are partnering with the local criminal justice system to pursue meaningful CR reform. She lives downtown with her husband, Russ, and has 3 sons and 2 granddaughters.

March 17 **What's new in the Boy Scouts?**



Parishioner and UT Professor, Ricky Becker, has spent many years in leadership with Boy Scouts of America. He will share his pride in son, James Becker, recent achievement of the rank of Eagle Scout, and what it means to participate in this organization serving youth in our community. When Ricky, James, and William are absent from church choirs, it's a good bet that they are off camping somewhere!

March 24 **Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia**



Lynn Ritter Ph.D., Education Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association, Northwest Ohio Chapter, will give us some basics, on this important subject. Long life will mean increasing risks we will have one of the forms of dementia. And many of us already are facing this with our loved ones. Lynn is a dynamic speaker and brings knowledge we all will need in, even as a congregation ready to help one another.

March 31 Protecting what we have, Restoring what has been lost



Since 1993 the Black Swamp Conservancy has been working to "protect and preserve natural and agricultural lands in NW Ohio for the benefit of future generations." Executive Director, Rob Krain, will tell us what they do and share their inspiring story. Mr. Krain has been with the group since 2007 and Executive Director since 2013. He holds a degree in Environmental Policy and Analysis from BGSU, and the Executive Certificate in Non-profit Management from Georgetown University.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

Church Family,

I think that I told you about how blessed I was to attend the FORMA Conference in January. I was so much more rooted and grounded in my faith by engaging "The Way of Love." The Lord has blessed me with some ideas about the ways in which we can foster and grow "The Way of Love" amongst our smallest disciples. Every Sunday School activity during Lent will be geared towards incorporating Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, and Rest into our spiritual discipline and life. Please consider joining us.

Holy Ghost Power to you,
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THANKS TO ALL WHO CAME FOR "HOT CHILI AND COOL GAMES!"



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|---|---|
| 1 Pamela Cousino | 19 Mikayla Gomulinski |
| 2 Becky Hauck Shirley Hancock John Shelly Donna Wipfli Matthew Hileman Elizabeth Lathrop | 22 Helen Williams Terri Ward Kenneth Webb |
| 3 Dick Hutchinson | 24 Jano Nolette Lois Shelly Jeff Boyer |
| 6 Dee Becker | 25 Rod Durgin Charlotte DeRosa |
| 10 Scott Hendricks Maya Francisco | 26 Gayle Kurrelmeier Cam Smith |
| 12 David O'Connell Ron Boller Hannah Spengler Neal Cousino | 27 Kent Gardam |
| 13 Nancy Hughes | 29 Jack Christopher |
| 14 Alex DeRosa | |
| 18 Millie Walker Sage Egan | |



March birthday and anniversary blessings will be on March 10.

— OFFICE NOTES —

Church office hours:

Monday–Tuesday from 9 am to 2 pm.

Wednesday– Friday from 9 am to 4 pm.

April Newsletter: *Articles due March 15.*

Please check in at the office when entering the building. It is helpful for the staff to know who is coming and going — so we do not lock anyone in or set the alarm on them.

Please schedule meetings at the church through the church office. All meetings should be written on the church office calendar. Just send us an email or call!

Updated Parish Directories are always available. Contact the office to request one.

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS...

Homebound: Betsy Bailey, Isabelle Carter, Carolyn Cousino, Kay Marion, Al Reiser, and Jo Youngen.

Parishioners: Alma, Dick Aldinger, Dan, Jack Christopher, Susan Gilbert, Elmer and Letty Haigh, Gillian Heckler, Carol and Dennis Kanfield, Gayle Kurrelmeier, Jackie Moore, Marion Boyer, Marilyn Palermo, Jean Schaefer, John Shelly, and Lillian Spaulding.

*Family & Friends: Dan, David, Didi Beckham, Dixie, Emily, Evelyn, Lee Gable, Joan, Jean, Karen, Leonard, Lexi, Sandra, Santee, Tori, Victoria, and Gloria Weller.

For those in harm's way: Jake, Michael, Ian Reinheimer, John P. Smith and Scott Sykes.

**Family and Friends remain on the prayer list for one month unless the Church Office is otherwise notified.*



KNIT AND PRAY SHAWL MINISTRY



The Knit and Pray Shawl Ministry would like to welcome any other knitters or crocheters out there! They meet the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am in the Office Conference room. Join them March 12th. If you have any questions, contact Anne Morris, 419-277-6449 or librarianne@bex.net.

Create
in me a
clean heart
oh God, renew a
right spirit
within me
-KJV, Psalm 51:10

| READINGS | DATE | SERVICE | ACOLYTES | ALTARGUILD | GREETERS | LECTORS & LEM | USHERS |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Last Epiphany | Sun. 3/3 | 8 a.m. HE | | Julia MacLachlan | | George Shirk | |
| Exodus 34:29-35 | | 9:45 a.m. HE | Sam Reszko | Penny Cobau-Smith | Larry & Carol Nichols | Ruth Ann Sailstad (L1) | Edwina Ledgard |
| 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 | | | Mitchell Gomulinski | Terri Ward | Nancy Elzinga | Susan Hendricks (L2) | Nancy Lehmann |
| Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a] | | | Catherine Kight | | | Joe Gerhardinger (P) | |
| Psalms 99 | | | | | | David Braun (LEM) | |
| Ash Wednesday | Wed. 3/6 | 7 a.m. HE | | Julia MacLachlan | | | |
| Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 | | | | | | | |
| or Isaiah 58:1-12 | | 10 a.m. HE | | Kay Gerhardinger | | | |
| 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 | | | | | | | |
| Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 | | 7 p.m. HE | Sarah Jewell | Jano Nolette | | David Braun (L1) | |
| Psalms 103 or 108-14 | | | Emily Porter | Julia Burtcher | | TBD (L2) | |
| | | | Meredith Randall | | | | |
| Lent 1 | Sun. 3/10 | 8 a.m. HE | | Kay Gerhardinger | | Vicki Creekmore | |
| Deuteronomy 26:1-11 | | 9:45 a.m. HE | Mikayla Gomulinski | Jano Nolette | Brent Cousino | Debbie Carlisle (L1) | Henry Merce |
| Romans 10:8b-13 | | | Catherine Kight | Julia Burtcher | Pam Cousino | Nancy Burton (L2) | Mike Porter |
| Luke 4:1-13 | | | Myles Waweru | | | Nate Keiper (P) | |
| Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16 | | | | | | Ricky Becker (LEM) | |
| | Wed. 3/13 | 4 p.m. Sunset House | | Edwina Ledgard | | | |
| Lent 2 | Sun. 3/17 | 8 a.m. HE | | Julia MacLachlan | | Ben Dansard | |
| Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 | | 9:45 a.m. HE | Will Gerhardinger | Nancy Burton | Charlotte Halloran | John Waweru (L1) | Kyle Randall |
| Philippians 3:17-4:1 | | | Walker Kight | Sara Roberts | Edwina Ledgard | Jeff Boyer (L2) | Jeff Smith |
| Luke 13:31-35 | | | Nolan Walker | | | Anne Morris (P) | |
| Psalms 27 | | | | | | Nancy Burton (LEM) | |
| Lent 3 | Sun. 3/24 | 8 a.m. HE | | Sue Merce | | Cam Smith | |
| Exodus 3:1-15 | | 9:45 a.m. HE | Charlotte DeRosa | Nancy Burton | Marilyn Palermo | Dani Zoorob (L1) | Al Stephens |
| 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 | | | Lucy Porter | Edwina Ledgard | Joan O'Connell | Mike Ward (L2) | Scott Tuttle |
| Luke 13:1-9 | | | Grace Waweru | | | Laura Randall (P) | |
| Psalms 63:1-8 | | | | | | Barb Reszko (LEM) | |
| Lent 4 | Sun. 3/31 | 8 a.m. MP | | Kay Gerhardinger | | Carole Shirk | |
| Joshua 5:9-12 | | 9:45 a.m. MP | William Becker | Penny Cobau-Smith | Cheryl & Laurel Volk | Scott Hendricks (L1) | James Carlisle |
| 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 | | | Sophie Jewell | | Ann Verner | Sam Reszko (L2) | Ron Volk |
| Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 | | | John Kight | | | Lindsay Smith (P) | |
| Psalms 32 | | | | | | | |

MARCH SERVICE SCHEDULE



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THE VESTRY

David O'Connell, *Senior Warden*

Julia Burtcher, *Junior Warden*

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Jaymie Fontana
Julie Hagenbuch
David O'Connell
Jeff Smith

Class of 2021

David Braun
Julia Burtcher
James Carlisle
Barb Malkoski

Class of 2022

Nancy Elzinga
Kay Gerhardinger
Eboné Waweru
Dani Zoorob

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Justin Bays – Interim Director of Music

Michelle Knecht & Kim Schrinel – Administrative Assistants

Diane Reeves & Lisa Watson – Sextons

Gretchen Rohm – Financial Administrator

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Julia Burtcher – Junior Warden

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