



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

Cross Currents

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

May 2019 Edition

SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. MICHAEL'S!



Hot Cars • Cool Dads
PART TWO!

On Sunday June 16th (Father's Day) we will do it again! Remember last year? We had tractors, sports cars, LuxeMobiles, and one-of-a-kinds. Welllll, this year we will do it all again. Right after the 9:45am service we'll adjourn to the lawn (where the kids can play on the new playground), consume way too many hot dogs and chips, and walk around and see cool cars and talk to proud owners.

In the next few weeks we will be "targeting" those who own hot vehicles, and asking (begging?) proud dads to bring their precious babies and show them off (if you don't get asked, call the church!).

So come one, come all. Start your Father's Day by making positive cooing noises as you walk around the vehicles and get transported to another place and time. Come and have some fun!

Ginger Snaps!

You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream. —C. S. Lewis

Guess what!? Ginger Ryan turns 100! On Sunday, May 12th we will have ONLY ONE SERVICE at 9:45am. We will celebrate ALL MOTHERS! OUR YOUTH! And especially anyone turning 100!



On May 12th we will have only one Ginger and everyone else will be named Fred (Astaire and Rogers). So come and enjoy some great food, a 100 pound cake, a dance with a certain centenarian, and poems with 100 words (special prizes for those who have a 100 letter haiku (a poem of seventeen syllables, in three lines of five, seven, and five, traditionally evoking images of the natural world, or a limerick that begins: "There once was a centenarian named Ginger".)

So May 12th, come to the ONLY service that day (9:45 am), eat treats, praise anyone turning 100!, and enjoy all the moms.

It's Beginning to Look A lot Like VBS!

Greetings Church Family, the first quarter of the year just flew by, didn't it? I'm gearing up for a super fun Vacation Bible School and I need your help! Please save the date, June 24-June 28, 2019. We do an evening VBS to allow busy, working parents an alternative to daytime VBS.

As is our custom, we combine our talents and resources with our sister parishes in West Toledo and the youngest disciples from All Saints and St. Andrew's join in the fun and fellowship. We also reach out to the surrounding community to encourage people to bring their little ones to VBS. Here are some ways that you can help:

1. Pray! Pray that God gives us the will and the vision.
2. Volunteer - Would you like to lead a group or help with design preparations?
3. Sponsor - We provide dinner every evening... Would you be able to help serve meals or sponsor the pizza party?

Thank you for your faithful service and support of the children and youth of St. Mike's!

— JUNE 24-28 —

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

ST. MICHAEL'S IN THE HILLS MUSIC DIRECTOR: MEET JUSTIN BAYS!

On behalf of the Music Director search committee I am delighted to introduce Justin Bays as our new music director! Justin had been our bass, then tenor section lead in our choir, and his incredible voice and positive attitude always added so much to our choir. At the end of last year he stepped in as interim music director, leading us and giving us the gift of time to do a search for our new director. Justin did not do the bare minimum to just 'keep us going'. From the very beginning he was fully committed to leading our choir and actively working with us to achieve our best. His thoughtful planning, enthusiastic learning of our liturgy and traditions, and his natural ability to teach has already yielded results, and we are so lucky to have him! As you can see from his bio, he has spent a lot of time on stage and his experiences there only contribute to his unique ability to connect with all of us and enhance our worship through music. Welcome, Justin!

—Julia Burtscher



Justin Scott Bays is a native of Ohio and with recent roles including: Demetrius in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with The University of Toledo, Papageno in *Die Zauberflöte* with Toledo Opera on Wheels, Fiorello in *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* with Toledo Opera, Marullo in *Rigoletto* with West Bay Opera, Masetto in *Don Giovanni* with The San Francisco Conservatory of Music (SFCM) Sid in *Albert Herring*,

Bill Sauer in *Money Tree* at SFCM, Boy 2 in *Trouble in Tahiti* at SFCM, Masetto in *Don Giovanni* with Waffle Opera, *The Merry Widow* as Pritschitsch and *The Pearl Fishers* as chorus with Pocket Opera, Elviro in *Serse* at SFCM, and Schaunard in *La Boheme* at SFCM. Mr. Bays has extensive training in musical theater with roles including: Emcee in *Cabaret*, Malcolm in *The Full Monty*, Hucklebee in *The Fantasticks*, Gordon in *A New Brain* at SFCM, Guido in *Nine* at SFCM. Other Musical Theater roles include Sander in *Grand Hotel*, Singer/Dancer in *The World Goes Round*, *The Wizard of Oz* as an Ozian/Jitterbug/Crow, and *42nd Street* as Chorus. Justin has also performed in dance shows; *Folklorico*, *15 Years of Dance*, and *Rhythm in Shoes* at Ohio Northern University. Mr. Bays has also gone on national tours, as well as an international tour to New Zealand as a featured soloist. He has performed in China with the iSING International Young Artist Program where he performed with the Shanghai Symphony and the Shanghai Philharmonic. Justin received his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music from Ohio Northern University where he studied under the instruction of Micah Graber. Also, Mr. Bays received a Master of Music and Post Graduate Diploma from SFCM under the instruction of Catherine Cook.

Make a
Joyful
noise
Unto The
Lord!



COMMON GROUNDS

A D U L T S E M I N A R

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.

May 5 "Joseph Campbell and the Hero's Journey"

What do Moses, Odysseus, Katnis, Frodo, Dorothy, Luke, Hamlet, and Harry Potter have in Common? Joseph Campbell (and parishioner-teacher Joe Gerhardinger) would know! Join us this Sunday for Common Grounds to watch clips from some famous movies and have fun placing them in the archetypal Hero's Journey.

May 12 Birthday Reception for Ginger Ryan

On Sunday, May 12th, we will celebrate parishioner Ginger Ryan turning 100! Join us for a festive reception with brunch and cake following the 9:45 service.

May 19 "To Be a Pilgrim"

Like the inspiring hymn verse by John Bunyan, Fr. John Hagan has made good on his "avowed intent to be a pilgrim." John will tell us about his life as a pilgrim and especially about his and Debby's upcoming summer travels to walk "The Pilgrim's Way" in England, from Winchester to Canterbury.

May 26 Liturgy for Memorial Day Weekend

After the 9:45 service, let us follow the cross and choir out doors to the flag pole, to honor the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, to remember those lost, and to pray for peace.

GOT WATER?



A dedicated crew of volunteers got up early to serve water, Gatorade and energy gel to runners during the Glass City Marathon!

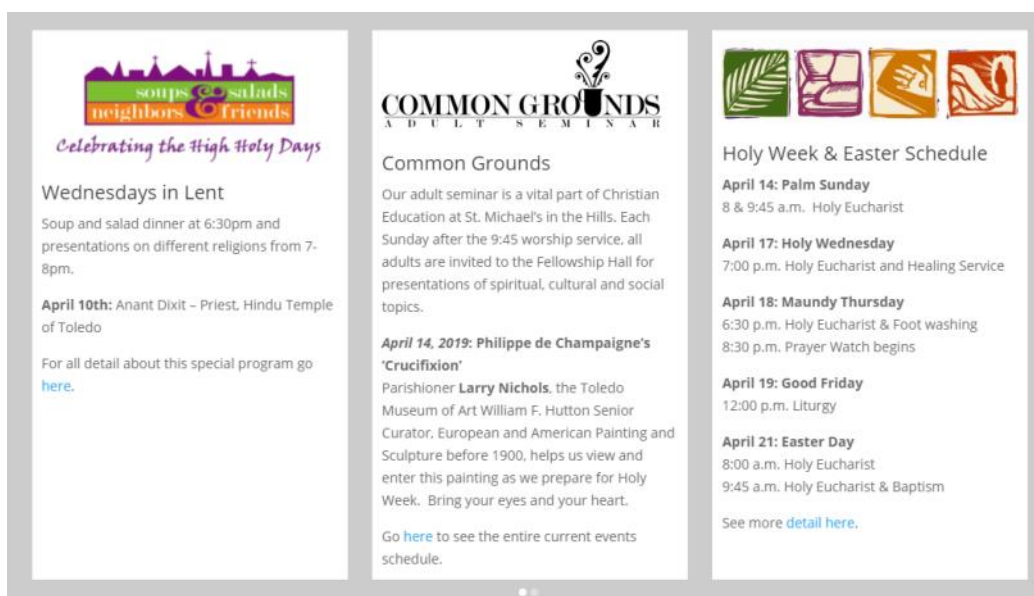
WEBSITE UPDATE!

BY JULIA BURTSCHER, JUNIOR WARDEN

We have been working over the past year or so to re-platform and refresh our website at lovelearnserv.org. I cannot thank Mike Moore enough for the hard work and thoughtful diligence he has put into our website! Because of his vision and skills, the 'bones' of the site are so good that at first glance you may not notice much has changed.

I invite you to take a look at the changes and additions we've made, but here are some highlights:

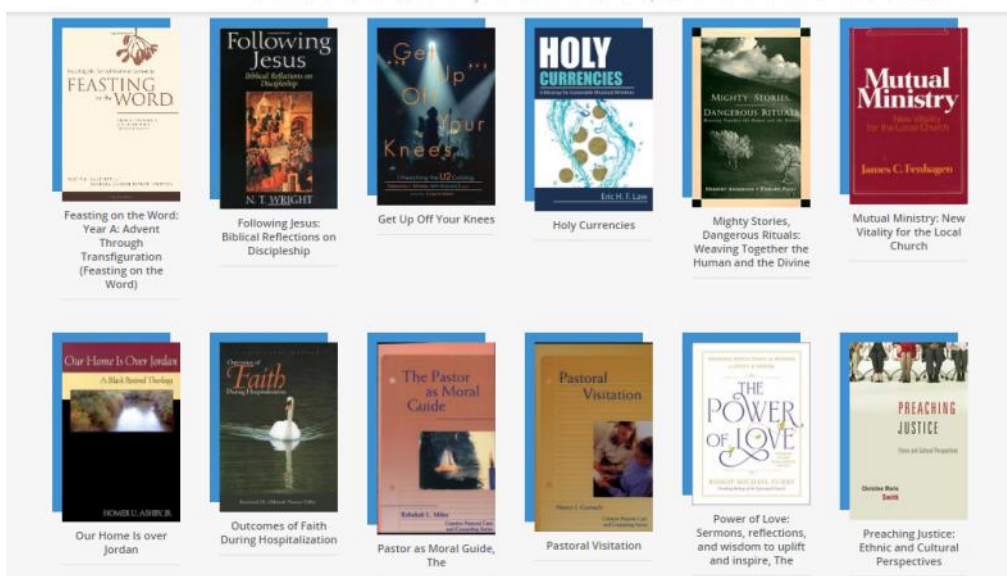
Front page: the main picture has right and left arrows, so to have more beautiful pictures to scroll through. Immediately below the main picture we have highlighted current events, most recently our Wednesdays in Lent series, the Holy Week & Easter schedule, and common grounds. This is also a 'slider', so you can scroll through to see what's happening, what's coming up. This screen is updated weekly, and by the printing of this Cross Currents, this will already have changed!

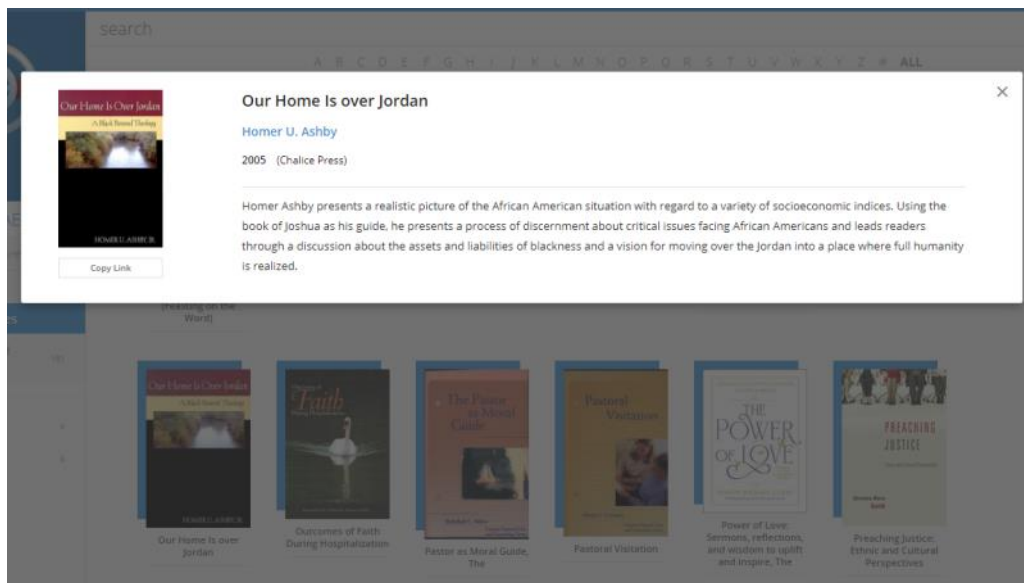


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Under the 'Learn' tab we've added the Claudia Hannaford Library. My thanks to Pam Cousino for writing a description introducing the library! If you click 'Go To The Library' you will see the entire offering of books available to you! Be sure to click on a book image for a description of that book. (See next page for a screen shot.)





We've changed the last menu tab to Resources, where you'll find the calendar and issues of our Cross Currents; we've also added menu items for Altar Guild and Vestry (both still under construction), where we intend to have resources available to those who serve in those groups who prefer to 'go paperless'. More to come on that! Finally, we've added a Youth Activities page under the Learn menu item which is also still under construction but here is a sneak peek:



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Youth Activities



Farewell to Alleluia

Mar 3, 2019 | Youth Activities

Pre-Lenten Celebration & Pancake Breakfast
Sunday - hosted by our youth!



Hot Chili and Cool Games Night!

Feb 15, 2019 | Youth Activities

Puzzles, giant jenga, hide-and-seek and a chili cook-off made for a fun night!



Bath Fizzies!

Jan 13, 2019 | Youth Activities

Sunday, January 13th all age groups met to make bath fizzies! We learned a few science concepts: acid / base and organic liquids. We also learned Biblical concepts – why gold, frankincense and myrrh? What are the types of oil that priests use in anointing?

We want this website to represent the incredible parish life we have here. We welcome any feedback, questions, or ideas you have, so please reach out to Julia Burtscher with your thoughts. Don't forget to bookmark the site! www.lovelearnserve.org

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



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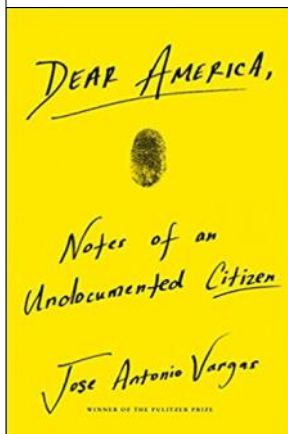


BOOK CLUB

A small but mighty band (8) has gathered twice now to discuss important books with the goal of increasing our understanding of the racial world we live in.

The first book we read, *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity In a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown, the memoir of a young Christian woman who spent part of her time growing up in Toledo, was a good start. A compelling read that fostered a meaningful discussion amongst us.

The second book, *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism* by Robin Diangelo, is an IMPORTANT BOOK. We all found it eye opening, challenging and compelling. Many of us feel it is a book everyone should read (I repeat challenging!) and we encourage our St. Michael's family to do so. We are considering a larger group read at some point. There is also a Book C-SPAN interview with the author that conveys many of the salient points available at: <https://www.c-span.org/video/?447421-2/robin-diangelo-white-fragility>



As a result of the positive growth we feel we have accomplished to date, our group has decided to continue on and we welcome you to join us in discussion and prayerful reflection.

Our next meeting will be held at St. Michael's on Friday, May 10 at 1:00 pm and we will be reading *Dear America, Notes of an Undocumented Citizen* by Jose Antonio Vargas. ALL ARE WELCOME! The Claudia Hannaford Library at church has limited copies of the first two books mentioned available to be borrowed. If you have questions or plan to attend, please contact Sarah Schendel at 419-472-8779 or schensar@sbcglobal.net

Love, Learn and Serve!

Best,
Carol Nichols



UNITED THANK OFFERING SPRING INGATHERING

Our UTO Spring Ingathering will be on May 19th. Blue UTO boxes are available on the hall or narthex tables. How does the UTO (United Thank Offering) work? Keep a blue box in your home and when you're reminded of your blessings, place your extra change in your blue box, and then twice a year, bring your offerings to church to help bless others. On Sunday, May 19th, special envelopes will be available so you can easily make a donation to UTO. Envelopes and pamphlets about the UTO can be found on the hall and narthex tables.

OUR NEW PLAYGROUND!

The last week of April our new playground was installed! Children of St. Michael's and neighborhood friends of all ages will enjoy it! On June 9th, we will have a ribbon cutting celebration after the 9:45am service. Join us!



Thank you to everyone who supported our Wednesday Lenten Supper and Program!



We had a wonderful turnout every week. The soup & salad supper was always fabulous and we are grateful to all who contributed. We enjoyed seeing so many visitors who came to learn alongside us during the Lenten season.



Fr. Jeremy Miller, Corpus Christi



Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday



Palm Procession begins in the Commons Room



Flowering of the Cross

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Annette Boice Ginger Ryan	18 Joe Gerhardinger Wyatt Wilson
3 Will Gerhardinger	19 Robert Lloyd Bella Iorio
4 Jim Lindeen	21 Cheryl Volk
5 Grant Croy	23 Austin Nafziger
8 Dick Creekmore	25 Lindsay Smith Irene Ehrmin Holly Van Horsten
9 Jeff Smith Dan Walker Allison Nafziger	26 Tessa Iorio
14 Anna Becker	30 Thomas Crawford James Carlisle
15 Mitchell Gomulinski	
16 Robert Nolette	
17 John Graham Aurora Gilbert	



May birthday and anniversary blessings will be on May 12th.

— OFFICE NOTES —

Church office hours:

Monday–Tuesday from 9 am to 2 pm.
Wednesday– Friday from 9 am to 4 pm.

June Newsletter: *Articles due May 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, Carol and Dennis Kanfield, Gayle Kurrelmeier, Jackie Moore, Marion Boyer, Scott, Marilyn Palermo, Jean Schaefer, John Shelly, and Lillian Spaulding.

***Family & Friends:** Leland Ames, Brittany, Cindy, Didi Beckham, Dixie, EldaRae, Emily, Evelyn, Lee Gable, Joan, John, Jean, Curt Johnson, Karen, Leonard, Lexi, Lisa, Salli & Dick, Sandra, Santee, Tori, Victoria, and Gloria Weller.

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

For those who died: Richard Newell and Bill Lathrop.

**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 **May 14th**. If you have any questions, contact Anne Morris, 419-277-6449 or librarianne@bex.net.

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.



READINGS	DATE	SERVICE	ACOLYTES	ALTARGUILD	GREETERS	LECTORS & LEM	USHERS
3rd Sunday of Easter	Sun. 5/5	8 a.m. HE		Nancy Lehmann		Ben Dansard	
<i>Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)</i>		9:45 a.m. HE	Will Gerhardinger	Nancy Burton	Carol & Dennis Kanfield	Joan O'Connell (L1)	Mike Porter
<i>Revelation 5:11-14</i>			Sophie Jewell	Julia Burtscher	Nancy Elzinga	Anne Morris (L2)	Kyle Randall
<i>John 21:1-19</i>			Emily Porter			Jeff Boyer (P)	
<i>Psalms 30</i>							
	Wed. 5/8	4 p.m. Sunset		Edwina Ledgard			
4th Sunday of Easter	Sun. 5/12	No 8 a.m. Service					
<i>Acts 9:36-43</i>		9:45 a.m. HE	Mikayla Gomulinski	Barb Malkoski	Marilyn Palermo	YOUTH (L1)	Jeff Smith
<i>Revelation 7:9-17</i>			John Kight	Kay Gerhardinger	Charlotte Halloran	YOUTH (L2)	James Carlisle
<i>John 10:22-30</i>	Youth Sunday		Myles Waweru			YOUTH (P)	
<i>Psalms 23</i>						Joe Gerhardinger (TEM)	
5th Sunday of Easter	Sun. 5/19	8 a.m. HE		Nancy Lehmann		Carole Shirk	
<i>Acts 11:1-18</i>		9:45 a.m. HE	Sam Reszko	Sara Roberts	Joan O'Connell	Penny Cobau-Smith (L1)	Al Stephens
<i>Revelation 21:1-6</i>			Sarah Jewell	Penny Cobau-Smith	Larry & Carol Nichols	Mike Ward (L2)	Scott Tuttle
<i>John 13:31-35</i>			Lucy Porter			Vivian Bork (P)	
<i>Psalms 148</i>							
6th Sunday of Easter	Sun. 5/26	8 a.m. HE		Sue Merce		Vicki Creekmore	
<i>Acts 16:9-15</i>		9:45 a.m. HE	Sophie Jewell	Dee Becker	Jano Nolette	Donna Wipfli (L1)	Joe Gerhardinger
<i>Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5</i>			Nolan Walker	Jano Nolette	Edwina Ledgard	Susan Hendricks (L2)	Julie Graham
<i>John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9</i>			Grace Waweru			Nate Keiper (P)	
<i>Psalms 67</i>							

MAY SERVICE SCHEDULE



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