



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

# Cross Currents

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

August 2019 Edition

Dear Loved Ones in Christ,

It is so good to finally be here with you. I am so grateful for the warmth and hospitality with which you have welcomed Linda and me. It is so comforting; it has felt like basking in the sunlight. No sooner have I put these words to paper than Peter's words to Jesus come to mind, "Lord, it is good for us to be here ..." [Matthew 17:4].

At first I smile, pleased by the spontaneous recollection. Then I recall the rest of Peter's words, "if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Immediately I reconsider the simile of basking in the sunlight. This pericope from Matthew is about the epiphanic transfiguration of Jesus in the presence of Elijah, Moses, and God as witnessed by Peter, James, and John. In the face of this story the pleasure I feel at the fulfillment of your call pales in comparison, yet I find commonality in how we may respond to these different stories.

It is natural to revel and even bask in the significant experiences of our lives. These experiences may feel like moments of having captured light in a bottle. And sometimes as we try to give expression to the **moment it may come out like Peter's sleep-deprived or nonsensical response to build booths to honor the moment.** But the moment is just that – a passing moment – from which Jesus calls Peter, James, and John to move forward toward the moments that will come. In essence Jesus cautions Peter, James, and John not dwell on the moment; instead he prioritizes ministry by embracing the opportunities that present themselves. Jesus is looking forward.

That said it is important for us to take our rest and – perhaps more importantly – to engage in recreation while we can. Recreation is not purely intended for basking in the moment, rather it is essential for rejuvenation of mind, body, and spirit so that we can engage in acts of imaginative re-creation.

To this end I am embracing the relative quiet of the remainder of this summer season to engage in conversations with leaders, staff, ministry teams, and individuals about hopes, aspirations, and concerns as we reflect upon what it means to be transformed by living out and looking forward through the lens of our **mission statement; to Love, Learn and Serve in Christ's name.**

I am looking forward to hearing your stories and reflections about St. Michael's and our mission. **In the mean time, may you make room amid your basking for imagination and rejuvenation in anticipation of Rally Sunday and the ministry opportunities that will present themselves.**

Yours in Christ's love,



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

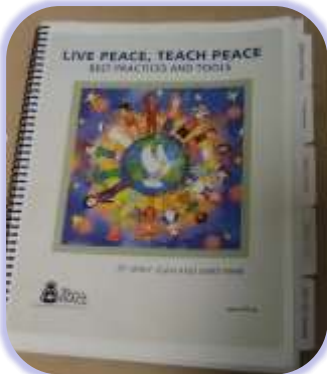
# CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

I'm a product of my generation and, as such I love Disney movies. I love when Belle sings, "there must be more than this provincial life!" at the beginning of Beauty and the Beast. The Diocese of Ohio is a part of Province V (province five) of the Episcopal Church. I recently attended Province V's Big Provincial Gathering in Kalamazoo, MI.

The following dioceses make up Province V:

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Diocese of Chicago           | Diocese of Eau Claire       | Diocese of Fond du Lac      |
| Diocese of Northern Indiana  | Diocese of Indianapolis     | Diocese of Michigan         |
| Diocese of Northern Michigan | Diocese of Eastern Michigan | Diocese of Western Michigan |
| Diocese of Milwaukee         | Diocese of Missouri         | Diocese of Ohio             |
| Diocese of Southern Ohio     | Diocese of Springfield      |                             |

This gathering was the first of its kind. The Reverend Heather Barta and Gennie Callard worked diligently to make this event a success! The goal was to help people get connected to others to build networks which then support each other in their future ministry exploration and development. I attended workshops on Confirmation, Peace Camp for children and Mission and Evangelism in the 21st Century. One personal highlight was meeting Sharon Ely Pearson (pictured below) a lifelong Episcopalian who authored many books. Another highlight was hearing about Province V Becoming Beloved Community and Racial Reconciliation taskforce. The members of this committee praised Bishop Hollingsworth and the Commission on Racial Unity. Let's continue to pray for the world, the church, as well as our province and diocese.



Be blessed, Imani



## Vacation Bible School



## CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY



VBS



We had a wonderful time at Vacation Bible School this summer. Our curriculum, "Who is My Neighbor? Learning to Love Like Jesus" was designed by the Mennonite Church. The curriculum emphasized reflection, contemplation and meaningful activities around learning to love our neighbors in the local community and around the world. We set some ambitious goals and, with God's help, we met them!

I began praying about Vacation Bible School in early May, right after Youth Sunday. I asked God to invigorate me and the Children's, Youth and Family Ministry Committee (CYFM) with new and fanciful ideas about how to reach out to the children in our local community. I prayed about having 40 children come to VBS each night. We serve a prayer-answering God! Vacation Bible School ran from June 23rd to June 27th and we had over 40 kids on 3 of the nights and 37 kids on the other 2 nights! We taught the children about learning to live peacefully with neighbors and recognizing the aspects of a good neighbor.

I would like to thank the whole parish for their love, prayers, and support! Thank you to everyone who staffed the kitchen! Thank you to Diane Reeves and Lisa Watson for their help with the "neighborhood set." Diane Reeves made the playhouses.

The following youth and youth young adults were such a great help: Anna Becker, Mikayla Gomulinski, Mitchell Gomulinski, Sarah Jewell, Lucy Porter Meredith Randall, Samantha Reszko, Grace Waweru and Miles Waweru.

We partnered with our sister parishes, St. Andrews', All Saints and Trinity. We had participants from many local churches including: The Tabernacle Toledo, Toledo Mennonite Church, Cedar Creek, McCord Road Christian Church, The Pilgrim Church, St. George Antiochan Orthodox Church, and Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. I love it when Christians work together! God be praised!

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## SOMETHING NEW IS COMING TO ST. MICHAEL'S!

Have you ever wandered “Off the Beaten Path” and discovered something new, exciting, even life-changing?

“Off the Beaten Path” is a brand new St. Michael's events series designed to inspire ideas and reflection as we engage in unique cultural experiences, compelling discussions and purposeful activities with renowned guest presenters.

Stay tuned as we reveal events, topics, presenters, and all sorts of volunteer opportunities. Let's invite our friends and neighbors “Off the Beaten Path” to discover St. Michael's in the Hills as we Engage, Learn, and Grow together.

The “Off the Beaten Path” creative team is Lovi Aldinger, Sarah Schendel and Steve Wipfli.



## COME SING WITH US!



Our Youth Choir (for ages 12-18) will rehearse Wednesday's at 6:00 p.m. (Stay tuned for start date!)

The Senior Choir will resume their rehearsals on Thursday, August 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Contact Music Director Justin Bays if you are interested in joining either of our choirs!

[justin@lovelearnserv.org](mailto:justin@lovelearnserv.org)



## ANNUAL MEMORIAL GARDEN SERVICE: AUGUST 25



Our annual Memorial Garden Service will be held on Sunday, August 25, at 9:45 a.m. As always, the names of those buried in the Memorial Garden, and parishioners laid to rest in Joy Cemetery, will be read during this special service. Beautiful instrumental music and hymns led by the Tower Brass Quintet, as well as punch in the garden all mark this annual tradition. Volunteers are needed to help our Sexton set up the chairs for the service. A sign-up sheet can be found on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

## WELCOME FR. FOSTER!



We were delighted to welcome Fr. Foster Mays to St. Michael's officially on July 14<sup>th</sup>!



## MEMORIAL GARDEN WORK DAY

We have one more Memorial Garden work day scheduled this summer! Join us on August 17 from 9-11 a.m. (weather permitting). Come prepared for the weather and to do some weeding. Gloves and a water bottle are usually a good idea. Everyone is welcome to attend. Youth service hours are available. Contact Dee Becker with any questions (dbckr08@gmail.com)



### Save your stuff for our Rummage Sale!



Saturday, September 21  
9 am—2 pm

We'll be collecting donations from  
September 15-19,  
during the following times:

Sunday, 9 am—1 pm

Monday-Tuesday, 9 am—4 pm

Wednesday-Thursday, 9 am—8 pm

\*NO donations accepted Friday, Sept 20.

If you can help with set-up or the day of the sale,  
please sign up on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

**Thank you!**

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Dan Lehmann<br>George Shirk                  | 13 Mary Lathrop<br>Thomas Lathrop  |
| 2 Connie Mullikin                              | 15 Julia MacLachlan                |
| 3 Claudia Handwork<br>Daniel Kight             | 16 William Maltese                 |
| 6 Muffy Quinn<br>Henry Merce<br>Michael Jewell | 20 Al Reiser<br>John Ehrmin        |
| 7 Heather Keleher                              | 23 Julie Boesel<br>Andrea Kanfield |
| 8 Mary Anne Brown                              | 27 Grahm Hileman<br>Mattie Wilson  |
| 10 William Lloyd<br>Ginger Graham              | 28 Dick Aldinger                   |
| 11 Laura Randall<br>Tom Hauck                  | 29 Marilyn Palermo                 |
| 12 Nancy Lehmann                               | 31 Jeff Glosser                    |



*August birthday and anniversary blessings will be on August 11th.*

## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

September Newsletter: *Articles due August 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 e-mail or call! *Thank you!*

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, Elmer and Letty Haigh, Nancy Hughes, Carol and Dennis Kanfield, Gayle Kurrelmeier, Jackie Moore, John Waweru, Marion Boyer, Scott, Marilyn Palermo, Jean Schaefer, John Shelly, Vivian, and Lillian Spaulding.

\*Family & Friends: Leland Ames, Amy, Beth, Candy Corbett, Didi Beckham, Dixie, Evelyn, Lee Gable, Joan, Jean, Karen, Kit, Leroy Loy, Lexi, Lyle, Randy, Sandra, Tori, Victoria, and Gloria Weller.

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

*\*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 August 13<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions, contact Anne Morris, 419-277-6449 or [librarianne@bex.net](mailto:librarianne@bex.net).

**The month of August will bring us a new parking lot!**

**Keep an eye on our weekly Friday e-mails and Sunday bulletins for updates!**



READINGS	DATE	SERVICE	ACOLYTES	ALTARGUILD	GREETERS	LECTORS & LEM	USHERS
8th Sunday after Pentecost	Sun. 8/4	8 a.m. HE		Jano Nolette		Carole Shirk	
Hosea 11:1-11			Charlotte DeRosa	Sara Roberts	Annette Boice	Scott Hendricks (L1)	Henry Merce
Psalms 107:1-9, 43		9:45 a.m. HE	Sophie Jewell	Julia Burtscher		Mike Ward (L2)	Nancy Lehmann
Colossians 3:1-11			Myles Waweru			Susan Hendricks (P)	
Luke 12:13-21							
9th Sunday after Pentecost	Sun. 8/11	8 a.m. HE		Sue Merce		Vicki Creekmore	
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20			John Kight	Penny Cobau-Smith	Larry & Carol Nichols	Penny Cobau-Smith (L1)	Kyle Randall
Psalms 50:1-8, 23-24		9:45 a.m. HE	Emily Porter	Terri Ward		David Braun (L2)	Jeff Smith
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16			Grace Waweru			Barb Reszko (P)	
Luke 12:32-40							
10th Sunday after Pentecost	Wed. 8/14   4 p.m. Sunset			Jano Nolette			
Isaiah 5:1-7	Sun. 8/18	8 a.m. HE		Nancy Burton		George Shirk	
Psalms 80:1-2, 8-18			William Gerhardinger	Kay Gerhardinger	Jano Nolette	Ruth Ann Sailstad (L1)	Al Stephens
Hebrews 11:29-12:2		9:45 a.m. HE	Mitchell Gomulinski	Carol Kanfield		Joe Gerhardinger (L2)	Scott Tuttle
Luke 12:49-56			Lucy Porter			Vivian Bork (P)	
11th Sunday after Pentecost	Sun. 8/25	8 a.m. MP		Nancy Lehmann		Cam Smith	
Jeremiah 1:4-10			Sam Reszko	Barb Malkoski	Joan O'Connell	Meredith Randall (L1)	James Carlisle
Psalms 71:1-6		9:45 a.m. MP	Sarah Jewell			Nate Keiper (L2)	
Hebrews 12:18-29			Nolan Walker			Laura Randall (P)	
Luke 13:10-17							

# AUGUST SERVICE SCHEDULE





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### Church Office Hours

Monday–Tuesday, 9 am to 2 pm

Wednesday–Friday, 9 am to 4 pm

\*Closed for Lunch from 12-12:30pm

### THE VESTRY

David O'Connell, *Senior Warden*

Julia Burtscher, *Junior Warden*

#### *Class of 2020*

Jaymie Fontana  
Julie Hagenbuch  
David O'Connell  
Jeff Smith

#### *Class of 2021*

David Braun  
Julia Burtscher  
James Carlisle  
Barb Malkoski

#### *Class of 2022*

Nancy Elzinga  
Kay Gerhardinger  
Eboné Waweru  
Dani Zoorob

### PARISH STAFF

Imani Driskell – Director of Children's, Youth and Family Ministry

Rebecca Park – Organist

Justin Bays – Director of Music

Michelle Knecht & Kim Schrinel – Administrative Assistants

Diane Reeves & Lisa Watson – Sextons

Gretchen Rohm – Financial Administrator

### PARISH LEADERSHIP

The Rev. Foster Mays – Priest-in-Charge

David O'Connell – Senior Warden

Julia Burtscher – Junior Warden

John Graham – Treasurer

David Braun – Clerk