



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

Cross Currents

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

October 2019 Edition

Dear Loved Ones in Christ,

Last month I asked you to join me in praying about what the Holy Spirit may be telling us about sharing the gifts God has entrusted to us. A few of you have graciously shared how challenging this prayer has been. I am grateful for both your candor and for the effect it has had. Nonetheless, there may be lingering questions about what to do with our insights.

Within a week of publishing the September issue of *Cross Currents*, we – not coincidentally – celebrated Rally Sunday and incorporated a Ministry Fair in our celebration. By all metrics the Fair was a success, particularly as assessed by the fun we were having and the lingering conversations. Of course ice cream sundaes may have been a factor as well. (For event pics, see page 4!)

Beyond providing an occasion for us to catch-up on what is going on around St. Michael's, the Fair also afforded each of us a chance to express our interests in St. Michael's varied ministries by signing up for those that caught our attention. While not a statistically valid survey, our responses did provide a snapshot in time of where our various interests or giftedness lay. The most conspicuous concentration of giftedness or interests is overwhelmingly in ministries of hospitality.



In addition to ministries of hospitality, there are another half dozen ministries that have in common a consistent share of interest. Four of these are what I would classify as aesthetic: Worship Arts; Altar Guild; Courtyard Gardens; and Off the Beaten Path. And in the realms of fellowship and study are Monday at Mike's and Men's Bible Study, respectively.

I am delighted by the revelations of this informal survey, and I'm looking forward to learning with these ministry teams and their liaisons ways to capitalize upon their expressed interests and gifts, and to discern what opportunities the Holy Spirit is presenting.

Because of the overwhelming interest in hospitality, and in light of the Letter to the Hebrews admonition, "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it," I have already invited those whose interests include hospitality to join me in a seven-week book study of Mary Parmer's *Invite, Welcome, Connect*.

In this study, among other things, we will assess St. Michael's current stewardship of its gift of hospitality, and we will consider ways in which we may take this innate grace and nurture it into an abundant and pervasive grace. In gratitude for your engagement and stewardship of these ministries, I am ...

Yours in God's abundance —

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

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

On Elsa and Evangelism

I recently had an opportunity to attend a child's birthday party. One of my friends from The Tabernacle Church invited me to share in the celebration of her daughter's 5th birthday. I was ready for cake, candles and ice cream but, I didn't realize that I would meet Elsa, from Disney's Frozen. Elsa is a princess who learned to embrace her icy powers. Elsa is loosely based on a Danish fairytale by Hans Christian Andersen. Now, I loved Disney movies as much as the next kid, while growing up but, I wasn't too familiar with Frozen. This birthday celebration taught me a lesson about evangelism. Talk about Spiritual Serendipity!

I was late to the party; I am a chronic napper and sometimes my naps run longer than expected. I entered my friend's house and tried to slip in quietly. I greeted the other moms and placed my gift on the gift table. As I tried to find a seat somewhere out of the way, little Jurnee turned her attention my way and said loudly, "Elsa, you have to meet Miss Imani!" I walked over to the middle of the living room to shake Elsa's

hand. Jurnee was dressed up like Elsa. Jurnee said, "Elsa, Miss Imani is one of my friends and we have fun together." In this experience, I realized that Jurnee is an evangelist as she set me up to meet a Disney princess. We can be evangelists, too! Take an opportunity to turn your attention to someone and tell them, "Jesus is my friend." It's not too difficult, just give it a try!



Be blessed,
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BLESSING OF THE PETS OCTOBER 5TH

Our annual "Blessing of the Pets" service will be Saturday, October 5th at 10 am, in honor of St. Francis. Bring your pet and join us on the side lawn near the playground for this brief service of celebration of God's creation.



DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENT OCTOBER 4TH-6TH

Meet other middle and high schoolers from across the Diocese. This year's theme is "Faith and Fun through Farm and Forest." We will do our own soil testing and we'll learn how to slice and dice DNA. Learn to merge your faith with science!

See I mani if your student is
interested in attending!





Join us Sundays in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:45 service for this adult education hour.

Grab a cup of coffee, and enjoy stimulating programs and discussion!

Each program ends between 11:45-11:50 am.

October 6 "Off The Beaten Path", St. Michaels in the Hills new event series

You are hearing a lot about the Sphinx Virtuosi Concert on October 15, but there is more to come! Learn about the genesis of Off The Beaten Path, the other 3 events planned, and how you can help welcome the visitors we hope will be inspired, along with us, to Love, Learn, and Serve. Steve Wipfli, Lovi Aldinger, and Sarah Schendel will share what's ahead in this new venture.

October 13 "Bellwether Farm" The Diocese of Ohio Camp and Conference Center

Our own Mary Gerhardinger worked at Bellwether, located in Wakeman, Ohio, as a counselor for its inaugural camping season this past summer. Mary will be home from her sophomore year at Kenyon College and will tell us the "Bellwether" story. Bellwether (and Mary) are treasures!

October 20 RESPECT: Guidelines for Communication, Fr. Foster Mays

Fr. Foster is jumping in to Common Grounds, sharing a set of ideas about communication especially applicable to a church "family." We will reflect together on deepening our bonds as a community of faith.

October 27 "Trunk or Treat"



All are invited to stay after the 9:45 service for this fun Fall event! We invite kids to dress up and come ready to 'trick or treat' from car to car in our parking lot! In order for this event to be a success, though, we need parishioners who are willing to pass out candy from their car! It's tons of fun if you decorate your car, but if you aren't able, we welcome you to simply come and enjoy the presence of the children and sit by your car & hand out candy! This event is for EVERYONE, so please invite your friends, family and neighbors! (For trunk decorating ideas, see page 8!)



SPHINX VIRTUOSI CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

As part of our “Off the Beaten Path” series on peace and justice, we are offering a concert by the Sphinx Virtuosi, a top group of Black and Latinx musicians. Their music program includes Jessie Montgomery’s Source Code, which pays tribute to African American artists prominent during the peak of the Civil Rights era in the United States. Please plan to join us!



off the beaten path
A NEW EVENTS SERIES

*Sphinx Virtuosi
Chamber Orchestra*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2019 7:30PM
"FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE"

St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church
4718 Brittany Road, Ottawa Hills, Ohio
(419) 531-1616

Tickets: sphinxtoledo.brownpapertickets.com
General Admission \$20 Students \$5

More details...

- ◆ Tickets can be purchased online with a credit card (see web address above) or in the Church Office with cash during regular Office hours.
- ◆ Tickets will also be sold after the 9:45 service on October 6. Payment can be cash or checks made out to “St. Michael’s in the Hills.”
- ◆ No paper tickets will be issued. There will be a list of ticket purchasers and check in will take place at the door.



Rally Sunday: September 8



SERMON ARCHIVE

Wishing you could hear a sermon one more time? Fr. Foster has made his sermons available online! Please go to www.lovelearnserve.org, click on 'Resources', then click on 'Links' and you'll find the first item is the clickable link to Fr. Foster's sermons.



All men are invited to a new Men's Bible Study which is meeting on Friday's at 7 a.m. They gather in the large Youth Room from 7 to 8 a.m. for fellowship, a light breakfast and Bible study. Please contact Duncan Thomas if you would like more information: (419) 320-1782.

COMPLINE SERVICE EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 7PM

Compline meets every Wednesday at 7:00 pm for a Lay led service, usually using the New Zealand office of Compline. This version is refreshing in both language and the time spent (about 30 to 40 minutes) and is a welcome respite at midweek. All our welcome. Please give it a try. Attend as your schedule permits. Questions? Contact Scott or Susan Hendricks, David or Diane Braun, or George or Carol Shirk.

"Again, I tell you truly that if two of you on the earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven."

Matthew 18:19-20

IN SEARCH OF VETERANS

Commons Grounds is looking for parishioners and/or their family members who are veterans. We'd like to hear your/their story on Common Grounds after church on November 10th! Please contact Gretchen Rohm or Joe Gerhardinger if you or your family member would like to share with us. *Thank you!*

*All past and current Altar Guild members
and anyone interested,
are invited to our annual*

*Altar Guild
Potluck Luncheon & Meeting
Sunday, October 27th
12 Noon*



You are invited to bring a salad or dessert.

*We will also be thanking Dee for being
our leader for the past 3 years!*

*Questions? Please contact Penny Cobau-Smith
or Kay Gerhardinger.*

*We look forward to having you join us...
Please invite a friend who may be interested!*

INTRODUCING... OUR SENIOR CHOIR SECTION LEADERS

The choir is busy at work creating music for our fabulous congregation and I have to say we are off to a great start. I am so excited to continue working with this amazing group of singers, that I keep forgetting to introduce the new faces to everyone during announcements. We have four fabulous singers who work as the Resident Artists for Toledo Opera. So keep an eye out for them in the operas upcoming performance of *Macbeth* October 5th and 6th and be sure to give them a warm welcome if you see them in passing as we are so lucky to have these amazing performers. Below you will find their bio's to learn a little bit more about their performance history.

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything." — Plato

—Justin Bays, Director of Music

TOLEDO OPERA Resident Artists

Caroline Miller, soprano



Caroline Miller is an innovative and theatrical singer with a particular interest in contemporary opera, operetta, and film. She appeared with Ohio Light Opera as Phyllis (Iolanthe), Mascha (The Chocolate Soldier), and the dramatic diva Bellabruna (Blossom Time). Ms. Miller appears on the only contemporary professional recording of Blossom Time, produced by Albany Records. Opera News lauded her portrayal of Bellabruna, writing "Miller projects all the confident insouciance of a pampered prima donna." She is a co-founder of The Pleiades Project, which tells women's stories and brings opera to new audiences through film. Ms. Miller starred in the short-film *Così*, which was named an official selection in the NY Indie Theatre Film Festival. She holds a Masters of Music in Vocal Performance from the Eastman School of Music and a Bachelor of Arts from Washington University in St. Louis.

Mary Cloud, mezzo soprano



Mary Cloud is a mezzo-soprano from Atlanta, Georgia, and is thrilled to join the Toledo Opera as their mezzo-soprano Resident Artist for the 2019-2020 season. Ms. Cloud performed the role of Despina (*Così fan tutte*) at the Hawai'i Performing Arts Festival and the Metro Detroit Opera Workshop. She also sang the role of the Second Lady (Die Zauberflöte) at the Hawai'i Performing Arts Festival. Also at home in the world of musical theater, Ms. Cloud performed the role of Ladybug in *Pasek and Paul's James and the Giant Peach* at Tulane Summer Lyric Theater in New Orleans. Ms. Cloud was recently a member of the New Orleans Opera Chorus and performed with the company's Opera on Tap chapter. She holds degrees from Loyola University, New Orleans (MM) and Indiana University, Bloomington (BM).

OUR SENIOR CHOIR SECTION LEADERS....

Jaewook Lee, tenor



Jaewook Lee, tenor and native South Korean, received a BM from Seoul National University and a Diploma and a Master's degree from Southern Methodist University. His operatic roles while at SMU included Don Basilio (Le nozze di Figaro), The Mayor (Albert Herring), Count Belfiore (La finta giardiniera) and Sam Polk (Susannah). He sang the role of Tamino (The Magic Flute) at the Amalfi Coast Music Festival in Naples, Italy, Nemorino in the Dallas Opera's outreach production of The Elixir of Love and Alfredo (La traviata) at Opera in the Ozarks. Mr. Lee was a finalist in 2012 and 2014 at the Dallas Opera Guild Vocal Competition and 2014 at the McCammon Voice Competition and won fourth place at NATS. He just finished his Artist Diploma program at Texas Christian University where he performed the roles of Don José (La tragédie de Carmen), Fenton (Falstaff), Lysander (A Midsummer Night's Dream) and Rinuccio (Gianni Schicchi).

Rahim Mandal, baritone



American baritone Rahim Mandal who is known for his vocal power and charismatic presence, is thrilled to be one of Toledo Opera's Resident Artists for the 2019-2020 season. Recently, Mr. Mandal was seen singing Usciere (Rigoletto) with New Orleans Opera. Other professional engagements include the Big Bad Wolf in Samuel Barber's Little Red Riding Hood with New Orleans' MetroPelican Opera Company's outreach program, Wagner (Faust) with Natchez Music Festival, and Aeneas (Dido and Aeneas) with Teatro Lírico in Havana, Cuba. Mr. Mandal has also been a soloist for many concerts including a benefit concert of Faure's Requiem. Mr. Mandal holds two degrees in vocal performance, a Bachelor's from Loyola University New Orleans and a Masters from Florida State University.

WELCOME, STURTZ FAMILY!

On Sunday, September 22,
we welcomed into
Christ's family through Holy Baptism,

Jacqueline Sturtz

daughter of
Dave and Angela Sturtz.

They are pictured here with Jackie's godparents,
Andy Carr and Meredyth Grycza.



TRUNK OR TREAT

→ OCTOBER 27TH
SUNDAY 11 AM ←
FUN FOR ALL!

St. Michael's in the Hills Church
4718 Brittany Rd, Toledo

- DECORATE YOUR CAR •
- WEAR A COSTUME •



See page 3
for more
event details!

TRUNK
DECORATING
IDEAS!



TREASURER'S NOTE FROM JOHN GRAHAM

Our parking lot and lighting was made possible by the generosity of many individuals. The Bill and Anna Mary Heywood Memorial Fund was also used. This letter from William H. Heywood to Brent Cousino speaks to the impact our church had on the Heywood Family.

Hello Brent:

Thanks for the update. Our parents would be extremely gratified to know that the Bill and Anna Mary Heywood Memorial Fund has been of such benefit to the parish they knew and loved so well. They would also bless the committee's plan to contribute the remaining \$45,720.96 toward the parking lot and related lighting project, quite an undertaking indeed.

On behalf of our parents, my sister, brothers and myself, thanks to you and St. Michael's for your careful stewardship and thoughtful use of Bill and Anna Mary's gift to the parish. The role of St. Michael's in their lives, from the Tennis Club to Brittany Road, was significant. They would be pleased to know that the parish is alive, well and that its future is in the hands of people such as you and your colleagues, who are so attentive to its needs.

Best, Bill

ST. MICHAEL'S MEDAL NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Each year St. Michael's offers the opportunity for parishioners to nominate individuals for the St. Michael's Medal. Nominations for 2020 are now being accepted until November 15.

By way of background, the awarding of the St. Michael's Medal is the highest honor that St. Michael's in the Hills can bestow. The St. Michael's Medal may be awarded to communicants who have provided years of dedicated and distinguished service to St. Michael's.

The following are the medal candidate eligibility criteria:

- Medal candidates must be communicants in good standing who have performed dedicated and distinguished service to St. Michael's. Examples of dedicated and distinguished service include:
 - ◊ Time: At least a decade of service attending to the various needs of the parish;
 - ◊ Talent: Outstanding leadership in the mission of St. Michael's; and
 - ◊ Treasure: Generous financial gifts.
- Medal candidates cannot be serving on Vestry during the year of nomination or the year in which the St. Michael's Medal is awarded.
- Medal candidates cannot have previously received a St. Michael's Medal. (For a list of some previous recipients, see below!)

Vestry member Julia Hagenbuch is chairing the Medal Committee.

Nomination forms are available on the hall and narthex tables, or via email. Nominations are due by Noon on November 15, 2019 in the church office.

The Vestry will vote on the Medal Committee's recommendation by the end of the year and medals will be awarded at the church's annual meeting in January, 2020.

Prior Year Medal Recipients



1992	Isabelle Carter Neil Rudy Joan O'Connell	2012	Edwina Ledgard John Ehrmin
1993	Joan Boyer	2013	Annette Boice
1994	Heyward Drummond	2014	Rev. Margaret Sammons Rev. Gregory Sammons
1996	Howard Hull	2015	Dan Lehmann Nancy Lehmann Shirley Hancock
2000	Joseph Stykemain Benjamin Coe	2016	Irene Ehrmin Ben Dansard
2003	Paul Marion	2017	Maxine Christopher Jack Christopher
2004	John Morrison	2018	Joe Gerhardinger Kay Gerhardinger
2007	Mary Anne Brown David Carter Lorraine Coe	2019	Jim Boyer Marion Boyer Marilyn Palermo
2008	Bernadine Kimbrough Virginia Ryan		
2010	Jeff Boyer		
2011	Ralph Cochran		

Please note this list when considering who you would like to nominate!
For recipient list prior to 1992, contact the office.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

6 Gretchen Rohm	14 Will Cousino
7 Andrew Boesel	23 Nancy Dansard
8 Craig Van Horsten, Jr.	24 Eleanor Drummond
9 Daniel O'Connell	25 Edwina Ledgard
10 Laurel Volk Marilyn Stuckey	27 Darin Croy William Estes
11 Sheila Johnson Ricky Becker	28 Jennifer Nafziger
12 Sarah Schendel	29 Kristina Green-Hill
	31 Louis Stuckey



October birthday and anniversary blessings will be on October 13.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

November Newsletter: *Articles due October 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: Dick Aldinger, Elmer and Letty Haigh, Carol and Dennis Kanfield, Gayle Kurrelmeier, Jackie Moore, John, Jim Lindeen, Jim and Marion Boyer, Marilyn Palermo, Jean Schaefer, John Shelly, Vivian, Lillian Spaulding, Peter Handwork, and Nancy Loughlin.

*Family & Friends: Buck, David, Dick Hanson, Leland Ames, Didi Beckham, Dixie, Evelyn, Lee Gable, Linda, Jamie Jones, Jennifer, Joan, Jean, Karen, Kit, Lexi, Lyle, Sandra, Scott, 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 October 8th. If you have any questions, contact Anne Morris, 419-277-6449 or librarianne@bex.net.

PASTORAL CARE

If you need to contact Fr. Foster after office hours in the event of a pastoral emergency, he can be reached at (419) 482-8383.



READINGS	DATE	SERVICE	ACOLYTES	ALTARGUILD	GREETERS	LECTORS & LEM	USHERS
17th Sunday after Pentecost	Sun. 10/6	8 a.m. HE		Jano Nolette		Vicki Creekmore	
Lamentations 1:1-6		9:45 a.m. HE	Anna Becker	Nancy Burton	Annette Boice	Alex DeRosa (L1)	Kyle Randall
Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137			Mikayla Gomulinski	Sara Roberts	Nancy Elzinga	Joe Gerhardinger (L2)	Jeff Smith
2 Timothy 1:1-14			Lucy Porter			Susan Hendricks (P)	
Luke 17:5-10							
18th Sunday after Pentecost	Sun. 10/13	8 a.m. HE		Julia Burtischer		George Shirik	
Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7		9:45 a.m. HE	William Becker	Jano Nolette	Edwina Legard	Joe Myers (L1)	Al Stephens
Psalm 66:1-11			Mitchell Gomulinski	Terri Ward	Larry & Carol Nichols	Laura Randall (L2)	Duncan Thomas
2 Timothy 2:8-15			Walker Kight			Ricky Becker (P)	
Luke 17:11-19						(TEM)	
19th Sunday after Pentecost	Wed. 10/16	4 p.m. Sunset		Edwina Legard			
Jeremiah 31:27-34	Sun. 10/20	8 a.m. HE		Kay Gerhardinger		Ben Dansard	
Psalm 119:97-104		9:45 a.m. HE	Sam Reszko	Penny Cobau-Smith	Becky & Tom Hauck	Donna Wipfli (L1)	Scott Tuttle
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5			Charlotte DeRosa	Gretchen Thomas		Vivian Bork (L2)	Ron Volk
Luke 18:1-8			Emily Porter			Nate Keiper (P)	
20th Sunday after Pentecost	Sun. 10/27	8 a.m. HE		Sue Merce		Cam Smith	
Joel 2:23-32		9:45 a.m. HE	Will Gerhardinger	Dee Becker	Duncan & Gretchen Thomas	Debbie Carlisle (L1)	James Carlisle
Psalm 65			Nolan Walker	Carol Kanfield		Carol Nichols (L2)	Joe Gerhardinger
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18			Myles Waweru			Mike Ward (P)	
Luke 18:9-14							

OCTOBER SERVICE SCHEDULE



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Monday–Tuesday, 9 am to 2 pm

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*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

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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

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Julia Burtscher – Junior Warden

John Graham – Treasurer

David Braun – Clerk