



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

# Cross Currents

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

March 2020 Edition



My Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

On Ash Wednesday, we once again heard the invitation to the observance of a holy Lent. For those of us who have been around the block a few times, we may have already mapped out what our observance will look like. For others of us, we may not cross that bridge until we come to it.

Regardless of where you stand in preparation, I invite you to join all of us for *+Dinner Church* on Wednesday evenings beginning March 4<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall. As for what *Dinner Church* looks like, in some respects it may be similar to the soup and salad dinners many of you are familiar with; the notable exception being *Dinner Church* is set within the context of Holy Communion.

In the recent past we have looked outward and learned about different faith traditions in the Toledo area. This year, in contrast, we will look inward and consider our own faith tradition as Episcopalians. Because of St. Michael's inclusiveness we have drawn people from a variety of denominations and maybe even some of no particular tradition. In addition, those of us who have been immersed in Episcopal liturgy for years may find that we are a little sketchy in our own recollection of why we do what we do. Thus a Lenten invitation to participate in *Dinner Church* for worship, fellowship and learning seems timely.

*Dinner Church* uses an order for celebrating the Holy Eucharist and incorporates a meal as an integral part of the communion as well as discussion to explore some of the essential practices of the Episcopal Church. Our weekly discussion will be framed by scripture and based upon our personal and collective study of Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices. Our gathering for *Dinner Church* will occur weekly over the course of six weeks as we prepare ourselves for the Sacred Three Days (*Triduum Sacrum*) of Holy Week.

*Dinner Church* is a refreshing way for families and individuals to inquire, learn, and renew ourselves, especially for newcomers to the Episcopal Church and those for whom it has been a long time since affirming our baptismal vows. So bring a friend, your appetite and questions, and join us in Christ's abundant life.

Yours in Christ's love,

*+ See page 2 for more details!*

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



## *Join us each Wednesday in Lent for Dinner Church!*

*March 4<sup>th</sup> —April 8<sup>th</sup>*

*6:30—8 pm*

What is *Dinner Church*? It's where a meal and worship and conversation come together for fellowship and learning. This Lent we will be learning about the beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church as a refresher for many and new learning for others as we grow together in communion and community.

We'll enjoy a soup and salad dinner, as many are familiar with, and ask that you sign up to help with set-up, clean-up, or providing part of the meal. Our weekly discussion will be based upon our personal and collective study of Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices.

Copies will be available for purchase in the office for \$16 or you can purchase the book on your own.

*Please sign up each week that you plan to attend, for dinner planning purposes!*



This month, our Monday at Mike's Men's group will take a road trip to the Traumatic Brain Injury Resource Center\* on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm. Parishioner Mike Moore and his wife Jackie will be leading us on a tour of the facility and have been kind enough to offer to make us dinner at the facility. Monday at Mike's dinners usually have a free will offering involved to keep the dinners coming for future meetings, however this time our free will offering will be donated in it's entirety to the TBI Resource Center. Please consider giving generously so we can assist Mike and this worthy organization to complete its work.

Sign up on the church bulletin board or email Scott Hendricks if you plan to attend (scott\_and\_sue@buckeye-express.com). A head count is always important to plan our dinner, but this one in particular is important so that the TBI Resource Center can plan accordingly.

\* TBIRC is located at 7430 Central Ave, Suite # 1397, Toledo, 43617. It is located on the north side of Central Ave. just east of King Rd (next to Bloudan Mediterranean Restaurant).



## MEN'S & WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

For the winter months, we are combining our Men's and Women's Friday Bible Studies. We meet for fellowship, a light breakfast and a study of the coming Sundays gospel on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Commons Room. All are invited and guests are also welcome. Please join us!

## COMPLINE SERVICE

Due to the weekly Lenten program starting March 4, we will not be meeting for Compline until April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

All are encouraged to attend Dinner Church each Wednesday at 6:30 pm.





*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.*

March 1

### *Coffee and Community Building*

Enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation to get to know your St. Michael's community better!

March 8

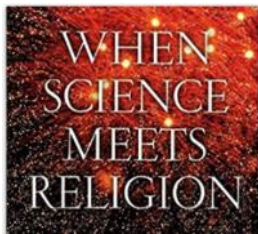
### *I Arise Today : St. Patrick's Song of Faith*

Parishioner David Braun looks back at how he became intensely interested in Irish language, culture, and history through a tune used in our Episcopal hymnal.



March 15

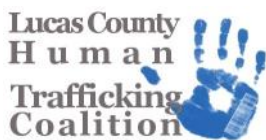
### *Science and Religion, Part 1*



Our guest teacher will be Andy Jorgensen, University of Toledo Associate Professor Emeritus, and parishioner at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Andy recently taught a course by the same name for Lourdes Lifelong Learning Program. The course examines various views of the relationship between science and religion, based primarily on "When Science Meets Religion," by Ian Barbour. You are welcome to attend without doing any reading, but two copies of the book are available in our church library. If so moved, Dr. Jorgensen recommends reading the first chapter which provides an overview.

March 22

### *Human Trafficking 101*



Pastor Chuck Campbell, member of the Lucas County Coalition Against Human Trafficking, will dispel myths, giving us the most current information about local, state, national, and international factors that impact this issue. Chuck is a retired Lutheran pastor who is an activist for education. Attending Chuck's class will connect directly to the last event in "Off The Beaten Path", May 6, The Thistle Farm Story, when Rev. Becca Stevens will share the remarkable story of recovery in the treatment program she founded in Nashville TN for women victimized by human trafficking, addiction, and other forms of abuse.

March 29

### *Science and Religion, Part 2*

Please attend either or both sessions of Science and Religion. There will be much to learn even if you can't attend both.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup>. With questions, contact Anne Morris, 419-277-6449 or [librarianne@bex.net](mailto:librarianne@bex.net).

# A CALL TO PRAYER, FASTING, AND REPENTANCE LEADING TO ACTION

## *An Invitation from Presiding Bishop Curry to Turn and Pray on Behalf of our Nation*

February 11, 2020

As the season of Lent approaches, Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites Episcopalians and people of faith to turn and pray on behalf of our nation:

“In times of great national concern and urgency, people of faith have returned to ancient practices of repentance, prayer and fasting as ways of interceding with God on behalf of their nation and the world. This is such a moment for us in the United States.

“On Ash Wednesday I will join with other Christian leaders observing this Lent as a season of prayer, fasting and repentance on behalf of our nation, with continued fasting each Wednesday until the Wednesday before Advent begins.

“Our appeal comes during a time of profound division and genuine crisis of national character. This is not a matter of party or partisanship, but of deep concern for the soul of America.

“The group of religious “Elders” who share this commitment – the same group that over a year ago published the “Reclaiming Jesus” statement – includes Evangelical, Roman Catholic, mainline Protestant leaders. While we hold diverse political affiliations and positions on many issues facing our country, we find common ground in two shared convictions:

- First and foremost, we are committed to Jesus Christ as Lord, and his way of love as our primary loyalty.
- Second, because we love our country, we are concerned about its moral and spiritual health and well-being.

“For me, this call is rooted in my personal commitment to practice Jesus’s Way of Love, by which I turn, learn, pray, worship, bless, go and rest in the way of our savior. Especially now, drawn together by love, hope and concern, and recalling the wisdom of our ancient traditions, I am grateful to join others in the spiritual practice of prayer, fasting and repentance for our nation. If you feel called to join us in this practice, the invitation is attached. The full text, together with the “Reclaiming Jesus” document can be found on the Reclaiming Jesus website.” (<http://www.reclaimingjesus.org/>)

Let us pray.

Almighty God ... We humbly pray that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Your brother,



The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry  
Presiding Bishop and Primate  
The Episcopal Church





## GETTING TO KNOW YOU... THE SENIOR CHOIR!

We have been introducing you to our Senior Choir members and sharing about a new member each month. This month, we would love to introduce you to **Anne Morris**.

*Justin Bays, Music Director*

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Anne began attending St. Michael's in 2006. She had been a lifelong Presbyterian, where she served on both the Session and Diaconate. Joining the choir was an automatic response, as she had been singing in church choirs since elementary school. Before joining St. Michael's, Anne sang at Covenant and Collingwood Presbyterian Churches.

Anne says she was too timid to audition for UMS Choral Union while she attended U of M, which is something she regrets. But when she moved to Toledo in 1965, she joined the Toledo Choral Society briefly and then spent several years with the Velvetone Choraliers, a group based in Oregon, OH. But now she is in her 45th season in Masterworks Chorale.

Anne prefers listening to Classical music: symphonic works, brass and wind ensembles, and vocal groups such as The King's Singers, Robert Shaw Chorale, etc., but is broadening her interests bit by bit.



Anne has one biological daughter and granddaughter, but also has six stepchildren, their nineteen children, and eight (going on ten) great-grandchildren, thanks to her late husband, Jim.

After earning a BA in art history and a Master's in Library Science at U of M, Anne spent 44 years as head librarian at the Toledo Museum of Art, retiring in 2009. Now she spends three mornings a week sorting books for the Friends of the Library book sales which benefit Toledo's public library system.

Anne's hobbies are reading, knitting, and, in the past, gardening.

### WEST MISSION AREA MEETING

On Sunday, March 8, there will be a West Mission Area council meeting at 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 2770 West Central Ave. All are welcome to attend.

### Off the Beaten Path

#### COMING EVENTS

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 7:30pm

### The Thistle Farm Story

Rev. Becca Stevens



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday evening, March 7<sup>th</sup>



## CHILDREN'S, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

### *"Dusty and Ashy"*

Do you remember your time in High School?

I especially remember how much we snapped on each other! Snapping or, dissing is the trading of insults. Some youth also say roasting. Sometimes it is done in fun but, most often, it is hurtful.

One of the worst insults you could give to a guy you didn't like was, "Boy bye, ashy!" or, "You look dusty, there ain't no lotion at your house?" While I type this, I'm smiling remembering the nonsense of high school days. On Ash Wednesday, as we receive ashes, we hear the words, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." Is Jesus roasting us? No, siblings in Christ, certainly not! During Lent we are to remember that we are all the same. We are reminded to practice humility. When I think of the cross of Christ, I don't mind being dusty or ashy.

Be blessed,  
Imani



### FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL K-5TH GRADERS: MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup> (THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT)

#### *Three Teaching Points:*

***Dirt, Earth, Ashes*** – For the creation story, the leader uses the imagery and language from Genesis 2. While recounting the story, they mix dirt and water in a bowl. They make a paste in their hands and then blow on it. This imagery is a good way to recall the creation story and how God made the first human being from the earth and God's Spirit. This dirt is like the ashes that are used to mark our foreheads on Ash Wednesday. It's important to make the connection for everyone – "from ashes to ashes" is a poetic way of saying from "earth to earth" (or as kids might think of it: "from dirt to dirt").

***Water, Baptism, Marked As Christ's Own*** – The leader then moves to the baptismal font if it's close by (pro tip: have a wet cloth nearby to wipe your hands!). Alternatively, the leader can put a bowl on the altar or a table and pour water into the bowl to mimic the baptismal font. At Jesus's baptism, God made clear his love for Jesus. God loves us too. Baptism is also a good way for the leader to talk about the shape of the ashes imposed on Ash Wednesday. At our baptism, the priest marks a cross on the person's forehead to seal them as "Christ's own forever." The ashes imposed on Ash Wednesday are in the shape of a cross to remind us that we belong to Jesus and he loved us, and lived, died, and rose again for us.

***Sin, Confession, Forgiveness*** – The last piece of learning comes when the leader talks about the importance of saying we are sorry as part of Ash Wednesday. They can use real-life examples of when an apology is appropriate, so that all ages can understand. This teaching moment leads into a modified, all-ages confession of sin.

(Adapted from [www.buildfaith.org](http://www.buildfaith.org))

## CHILDREN'S, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES

When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

John 21:15-17

This is one of the last post-resurrection meetings that Jesus has with the disciples. In many ways it provides Jesus' instructions on what the disciples should do once Jesus ascended to the Father.

Jesus says with increasing emphasis - Feed my Lambs, Take care of my sheep, Feed my sheep.

This is a charge that everyone should take seriously.

In my mind, feed my lambs = take care of my little ones, take care of my sheep = tend to the youth and young adults, and feed my sheep = look after all of humanity. This is the goal of intergenerational ministry, let's work together, church!

## MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH!

*Do you know about the following women in ministry?*

The Philadelphia Eleven  
The Right Reverend Barbara Harris  
The Reverend Doctor Pauli Murray  
Deaconess Anna Alexander

The Reverend Florence Li Tim-Oi  
The Right Reverend Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows

Come join us during Sunday School and Youth Group as we share and learn about how the women's rights movement impacted the church.

Affirming Women in Ministry enabled us to more fully live into God's call! The discussion group is for youth, while there are activities for K-5<sup>th</sup> graders in Sunday School.

Be blessed,  
*Imani*





## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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



*March birthday and anniversary blessings will be on March 8.*

## WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS...

Homebound: Isabelle Carter, Carolyn Cousino, Kay Marion, and Al Reiser.

Parishioners: Bob Butler, Dick Aldinger, Elmer and Letty Haigh, Carol and Dennis Kanfield, Gayle Kurrelmeier, Jackie Moore, John, Jim Lindeen, Jim and Marion Boyer, Marilyn Palermo, Lindsay Smith, Lillian Spaulding, Peter Handwork, Puffin Coe and Nancy Loughlin.

\*Family & Friends: Eldaray, Bernadette, Nancy, Hunter, Julie, Leland Ames, Didi Beckham, Dixie, Evelyn, Lee Gable, Joan, Jean, Karen, Lexi, Sandra, Salli and Dick Rohm, 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.*



## FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR

Please donate nonperishable food items to support the local food bank. Drop off baskets are in the narthex and at the side entrance. They need canned carrots, corn, sweet peas, peaches, and fruit cocktail. Please bring your donations in sturdy bags to make transporting the food easier. *Thank you!*



## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

**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 e-mail or call! *Thank you!*

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



When you are sick, hospitalized or in need of pastoral care, please notify the church office or Fr. Foster. 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. In the event of a pastoral emergency after office hours, Fr. Foster Mays can be reached at: (419) 482-8383.



READINGS	DATE	SERVICE	ACOLYTES	ALTAR GUILD	GREETERS	LECTORS & LEM	USHERS
<b>Lent 1</b>	Sun. 3/1	8 a.m. HE		Nancy Lehmann		Ben Dansard	
<i>Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7</i>		9:45 a.m. HE	Emily Porter	Penny Cobau-Smith	Carol & Dennis Kanfield	Marilyn Palermo (LJ)	Kyle Randall
<i>Romans 5:12-19</i>			Meredith Randall	Laura Randall	Ann Verner	Susan Hendricks (L2)	Julie Graham
<i>Matthew 4:1-11</i>			Grace Waweru			Scott Hendricks (P)	
<i>Psalms 32</i>						Al Stephens (TEM)	
<b>Lent 2</b>	Sun. 3/8	8 a.m. HE		Charlotte Halloran		Cam Smith	
<i>Genesis 12:1-4a</i>		9:45 a.m. HE	Charlotte DeRosa	Jano Nolette	Marilyn Palermo	Ruth Ann Sailstad (LJ)	Al Stephens
<i>Romans 4:1-5, 13-17</i>			Mikayla Gomulinski	Sara Roberts	Joan O'Connell	Barb Reszko (L2)	Duncan Thomas
<i>John 3:1-17</i>			Sam Reszko			Sam Reszko (P)	
<i>Psalms 121</i>						Anne Morris (TEM)	
<b>Lent 3</b>	Sun. 3/15	8 a.m. HE		Julia Burtcher		George Shirk	
<i>Exodus 17:1-7</i>		9:45 a.m. HE	Anna Becker	Dee Becker	Larry & Carol Nichols	Gretchen Rohm (LJ)	Scott Tuttle
<i>Romans 5:1-11</i>			Sam Reszko	Penny Cobau-Smith		Julia Burtcher (L2)	Ron Volk
<i>John 4:5-42</i>			Lucy Porter			Bill Jenks (P)	
<i>Psalms 95</i>						Ricky Becker (TEM)	
<b>Sunset House Service</b>	Wed. 3/18	4 p.m. HE		Edwina Ledgard			
<b>Lent 4</b>	Sun. 3/22	8 a.m. HE		Kay Gerhardinger		Vicki Creekmore	
<i>1 Samuel 16:1-13</i>		9:45 a.m. HE	William Becker	Jaymie Fontana	Tom & Becky Hauck	Joe Myers (LJ)	James Carlisle
<i>Ephesians 5:8-14</i>			Mitchell Gomulinski	Julia Burtcher	Annette Boice	Nate Keiper (L2)	Joe Gerhardinger
<i>John 9:1-41</i>			Nolan Walker			Jeff Boyer (P)	
<i>Psalms 23</i>						Julia Burtcher (TEM)	
<b>Lent 5</b>	Sun. 3/29	8 a.m. HE		Sue Merce		Carole Shirk	
<i>Ezekiel 137:1-14</i>		9:45 a.m. HE	Will Gerhardinger	Terri Ward	Nancy Elzinga	Donna Wipfli (LJ)	Julie Graham
<i>Romans 8:6-11</i>			Mitchell Gomulinski	Kay Gerhardinger	Carol & Dennis Kanfield	Joe Gerhardinger (L2)	Mark Keleher
<i>John 11:1-45</i>			Myles Waweru			David Braun (P)	
<i>Psalms 130</i>						Laura Randall (TEM)	

## MARCH SERVICE SCHEDULE



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

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Eboné Waweru  
Dani Zoorob

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