



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

Cross Currents

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

June 2021 Edition

Dear Sister, Brothers and Others,

It may not feel like summertime as I write this, but as sure as the sun rises in the east, it will be summer soon. So, appropriately, we have been and are still turning our attention to summer plans. The happy news is that, unlike last year, these plans may more closely resemble summer plans of the past. There will be more outdoor worship and more opportunities to gather socially outdoors, such as picnics, concerts, and movies. The reason for the emphasis on being outdoors is that it's the setting that permits the widest and safest participation of those who are unable to be vaccinated.

We are also doing something different this summer. In cooperation with the Episcopal Churches of the West Mission Area, we are offering preparation for those curious about joining the Church through Baptism, Confirmation, Reaffirmation, or Reception. These classes will occur at St. Michael's twice a month at 3:00 pm on the second and last Sundays of the month. Finally, on Tuesday, September 14th, Holy Cross Day, we will gather in the evening at St. Michael's with Bishop Mark Hollingsworth to celebrate your study and welcome you into the Episcopal Church.

In addition to these existing plans, there is a new opportunity - for all who are interested - to brainstorm about other engaging activities we might consider as we continue to progress toward less constrained programming for the coming year.

In gratitude for your curiosity and your desire to be engaged, I am ...

Yours in Christ's love,

2021-2022 Program Year Brainstorming Session



Join us Saturday, June 12th at 9:00 a.m. to brainstorm on the new program year. It's exciting to think about throwing open the doors and gathering back together. So bring your ideas for anything: music, mediation, meals, games, outings, Bible study, special services, art, exercise, etc. We will put a calendar together and present it to the Vestry. If you can't join us, email your ideas to Linda at lindamays91@gmail.com.

Join us for an outdoor service!



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

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS FROM MAY

As COVID restrictions start getting lifted, we are transitioning into a time when we can start resuming our church activities and enjoying our connections as one big community — the family of parishioners at St. Michael's in the Hills. The vestry has discussed multiple summertime activities to engage everyone, adults and youngsters, including monthly picnics as well as movie nights. The dates will be sent out soon to all parishioners. Live events, entertainment, and charity work will be integrated into many of the events. For example, the movie nights that are planned will offer an opportunity for purchase of concessions where benefits will be used to support the choir activities.

The vestry has also had a very productive dialogue focused on the youth ministry — a significant component of the most recent mutual ministry review. A milestone has been achieved in that the position has been vetted and a job description developed by a parishioner committee of educators, with the focus being the rekindling, engagement, and support of our youth, whether through activities or otherwise. The job description will be posted soon and open for recruitment. Forwarding the job to acquaintances who could be interested would be very much appreciated as we look for the right person (s) to elevate our youth ministry.

Additionally, the vestry focused on the dumpster relocation process while ensuring aesthetic appeal and environmental service access. Zoning is in progress and the parishioners will be updated with any short-lived driving restrictions near the fellowship hall for safety reasons.

Many exciting current and upcoming events!! We so look forward to sharing these times with you all and hope that you can bring friends and loved ones along.

—Dani Zoorob, Sr. Warden

WEEKLY COMPLINE INVITATION

Every Wednesday at 6:00 pm



We offer Virtual Compline on Wednesday evenings at 6 pm. We offer this service via Zoom web conferencing. To access Zoom, visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4493892523>. The first time you use this, you will need to download a software program, but it is very fast. When prompted, click "Join Audio Conference by Computer."

If you'd like to join by phone, dial +1 (312) 626-6799, and when prompted enter the Meeting ID: 449 389 2523.

MEMORIAL GARDEN WORKDAYS

There will be Memorial Garden work days the 3rd Saturday of the month 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. Contact Dee Becker with any questions.

UPCOMING SCHEDULED DAYS:

June 19, July 17, August 21, and September 18.



A FAREWELL AND HELLO



The month of May held Rebecca Park's final service with St. Michael's in the Hills. This announcement may come as a shock to some of you, but Rebecca had asked for a quiet exit and I was more than happy to oblige. Rebecca has taken a job with another church that is closer to home and I know that she will be a great fit for them as we wish her well on her new adventure. With this farewell we must also say hello to Dr. David Saunders. Dr. Saunders has agreed to be our Interim Organist and we are so lucky to have his talents here at St. Michael's. Please be sure to welcome him on June 6th as this will be his first service in the position.

Masterworks Chorale

Music in The Air

*Outdoor performance of solos,
duets, and trios*

**Saturday, June 12, 2021
3:00 PM**

*Appropriate distancing and masking to ensure audience and
performer safety*



**Masterworks Chorale will present "Music in the Air,"
a concert of vocal solos, duets, and trios, performed on the side lawn
at St. Michael's in the Hills on Saturday, June 12, at 3:00 pm.**

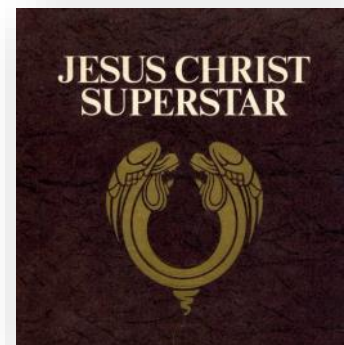
Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy a program that spans from
jazz standards to Sara Bareilles, and from folksongs to musical theater.

Appropriate distancing and masking for audience and performers at this
outdoor concert will ensure health safety
and provide an opportunity to gather again for live music
by the members of the Chorale.

Visit masterworkstoledo.com for tickets and more information!



St. Michael's Music Department is inviting you to join us on the side lawn for a Movie Night on Wednesday, June 30th at 9:00 pm. This is a new monthly event that the church will host for your enjoyment. We will be playing 'Jesus Christ Superstar' at our first viewing and offering prepackaged concessions for you to purchase. All proceeds will go to the music department to help with the purchase of new music for the choir but more importantly we are just looking for an excuse to be around one another. All you will need to bring is a blanket or chair to sit on. We hope to see you there!



CONFIRMATION INQUIRY



Beginning Sunday June 13th at 3:00 pm, those interested in being confirmed into the Episcopal Church are invited to attend our Confirmation Inquiry class. The class will meet the second and last Sunday each month, through September 12th and will conclude with a Confirmation service with Bishop Hollingsworth at St. Michael's in September. If you are interested in taking part, please let Fr. Foster know.

SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP AND PICNIC



We are looking forward to this new opportunity for fellowship — meeting together for a picnic outdoors, following a worship service on a Saturday evening! We plan to offer these June 19, July 17, and August 21 with the service at 5 pm and picnic to follow. We ask that those who will attend bring their own chairs and/or blankets and picnic dinners. Hope you can join us for a Saturday evening worship and picnic this summer!

PLANNING TO VISIT THE OFFICE?

We had a new security system installed at the Church a few months ago and wanted to fill you in on some changes/additions. When you stop in during the week, you will notice the front doors are locked. There is a new silver panel on the left side of the brick entryway (see circle on picture below) and a small button at the bottom you can push which will ring the bell and alert the staff in the Office someone is at the door. They have the ability to then speak to you through the intercom, and also unlock the door for you to enter. This adds more security for those who may be working alone in the building. You will also notice that the door will chime when you enter, and this chime can be heard on the other side of the building as well. This is a helpful feature so anyone in the building knows when someone is coming or going.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP GATHERING GUIDELINES

*We have happily resumed in-person worship at St. Michael's in the Hills
and extend an invitation for all to join us each Sunday at 9 am!*

PER THE DIOCESE OF OHIO AND EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2021:

These guidelines apply beginning the Day of Pentecost, 2021, to all church activities including worship, pastoral services, governance, formation, mission, outreach, and use of church buildings by outside organizations. Clergy and lay leaders are encouraged to work together using relevant science, appropriate caution, and their best judgment to implement these guidelines as best serves their congregation. Updates to guidelines will likely be issued as the pandemic situation changes.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- All participants (including choir members and musicians) should remain socially distant.
- Wind and brass musicians are permitted, with the expectation that ample distance will be maintained from communicants, appropriate to the specific instrument.
- The maximum number of people at any event is the number that can comfortably fit in the space while remaining socially distant.
- Prayer books, hymnals, and bulletins may be used.
- Communion will be received in one kind only, save for the celebrant.
- Appropriate distance should be maintained during the passing of the Peace, which will preclude physical contact other than with household members.
- Pastoral services may resume without previous liturgical restrictions, while observing responsible caution appropriate to the setting.

OUTDOOR GATHERINGS:

- Masks are not required to be worn, though are encouraged for non-vaccinated teens and adults, per CDC guidelines.
- Singing by the congregation is allowed. Please continue to sing in quiet voices. Refreshments may be served in individual portions. Participants may also bring their own food for picnics or other meals and events.

INDOOR GATHERINGS:

- Masks are required of all participants, except while preaching, reading lessons or intercessions, officiating, or otherwise leading an event, as long as such persons are **fully-vaccinated**. Note: Fully-vaccinated means two (2) weeks after receiving the second dose of a two-dose vaccine or two weeks after receiving a single dose vaccine.
- Singing by the congregation is allowed. All must wear masks. Please continue to sing in quiet voices.
- Refreshments may be served in individual portions by a person wearing a mask.



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ONLINE GIVING OPTIONS

Supporting our summer ministries and mission is only a click away! We offer convenient online giving, available anywhere, anytime, right from your computer, smartphone or tablet. You can make a one-time contribution or set up recurring gifts – a great option for members who are out of town or traveling frequently. Get started by visiting our website: www.lovelearnserve.org. See the “Give Online” option in the upper right hand corner.

Resources ▾

Give Online

To give through our mobile app, download the free GivePlus app from the App Store or Google Play and search for our church by name or ZIP code.

**GIVE
PLUS+**

We appreciate your generosity and we hope that you will consider giving a gift to support our congregation!

If you prefer to mail your weekly / monthly / quarterly pledges, please feel free to do so. *Thank you!*

NEEDED: GARDENERS!

Our St. Francis and St. Clare Gardens are in need of some love! If you enjoy gardening, please give us a call in the office and let us know.

St. Michael's is blessed to have such beautiful interior gardens, but we need volunteers to maintain their beauty. Any help is appreciated!



CONNECT WITH US ONLINE!



Check out our YouTube Channel!
Visit www.youtube.com
and search for “St. Michael’s in the Hills”

When you see the organ graphic below, you will know you’ve found the right channel! Here you will find videos of sermons, services and enjoy some anthems by our Senior Choir section leaders.



ONLINE RESOURCES:

- Weekly Compline Services via Zoom, every Wednesday at 6:00 pm
<https://lovelearnserve.org/worship/worship/>
- West Mission Area Group Studies
<https://westmissionarea.org/>
- Every Sunday, Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am, Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland
<https://trinitycleveland.org/worship/>
 - Daily Worship at the Washington National Cathedral
<https://cathedral.org/>
 - Bible readings from the Episcopal Lectionary at
<http://lectionarypage.net/>

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 Kate O'Connell
Kay Marion | 20 Ann Heckler
Anne Hutchinson |
| 4 Thomas Kight | 21 Dani Zoorob |
| 9 Steve Wipfli | 23 Mike Booth
Sue Merce |
| 10 Walt MacDonald | 25 Sandy Gardam |
| 12 Penny Cobau-Smith | 27 Sherman Hawley |
| 13 Jillian Casey-DeBacker | 28 Angela Sturtz |
| 15 Caroline O'Connell | |
| 16 Kyle Randall | |
| 17 Charles Estes | |



WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS...

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

Parishioners: Dick Aldinger, Elmer and Letty Haigh, Carol and Dennis Kanfield, Gayle Kurrelmeier, Jackie Moore, John, Marilyn Palermo, Lindsay Smith, Lillian Spaulding, Ginger, Mark, Vivian, and Rod and Joan Durgin.

*Family & Friends: Didi Beckham, Dixie, Evelyn, Lee Gable, Jean, Karen, Lexi, Sandra, Nancy, Bill, Michele, Dick, Terry, Beth and Jane.

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

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



NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

The Church Office is now open

Wednesday and Friday
from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Fr. Foster is in the Office
from 9:00 am to 4 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday and
Thursday. Please call
before stopping in
Tuesday through Friday.



July Newsletter articles are due
in the office June 21st.

Church Directories are always available.
You can find copies on the tables in the
narthex. Or you can email or call the office
to request a digital or printed copy.

WELCOMING A NEW BLESSING!

Hannah Soojung Bailey was born to Brian and Michelle Bailey on April 13, 2021. Hannah is the granddaughter of Craig and Barbara Bailey and great granddaughter of Mary Anne Brown.



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.



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Maureen Latigo, *Junior Warden*

Class of 2022

Jim Boyer
Kay Gerhardinger
Eboné Waweru
Dani Zoorob

Class of 2023

Jen DeBacker
Joe Myers
Carol Nichols
George Shirk

Class of 2024

Maureen Latigo
Al Stephens
Nancy Lehmann
Donna Tozer-Wipfli

PARISH STAFF

Michelle Knecht & Kim Schrinel – Administrative Assistants
Gretchen Rohm – Financial Administrator
Justin Bays – Director of Music
Rebecca Park – Organist
Diane Reeves & Lisa Watson – Sextons

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Dani Zoorob – Senior Warden
Maureen Latigo – Junior Warden
Al Stephens – Clerk