



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

Cross Currents

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

July 2021 Edition

My Dear Sister, Brothers and Others,

It seems the emergence of summer vacation season, the waning cases (at least for now) of COVID-19, and pent-up demand for some normalcy have converged to create a sense of optimism about the months to come. Such optimism may have been a factor in the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio giving parishes the latitude to determine for themselves the guidelines to govern their return to in-person gathering.

Regardless of the origin of this freedom, given the diversity among the parishes of the Diocese, it seems reasonable to expect there will be a diverse variety of guidelines implemented among parishes. So, if you have occasion to visit other parishes, don't be surprised if they have made choices that are different from ours. For the past two weeks, the Vestry has been at work drafting the guidelines for St. Michael's in the Hills, which I am pleased to share with you [here](#) (or they can be found on page 5) as they will guide our regathering over the course of this summer.

St. Michael's has opted for what I describe as a balanced approach, that is inclined toward the hope and optimism that many are expressing while simultaneously acknowledging the need to protect those who are vulnerable to or wish to remain vigilant in avoiding infection. The result is guidelines that permit the fully vaccinated to forego masks when we are gathered indoors or outdoors, while encouraging the unvaccinated to continue to wear their masks. Yet the guidelines do permit congregational singing. With respect to maintaining social distance, we continue to encourage seating that respects the choice of those who chose to maintain their distance; we accomplish this by limiting attendance of indoor gatherings to 30% of the maximum occupancy allowed for the space. In addition, Communion will continue to be distributed in one kind (the Host) only. This is an incomplete summary of St. Michael's guidelines for in-person regathering, so please do read, learn, and inwardly digest the guidelines as found at the link above.

In gratitude for your attention and the Vestry's good judgment, I am...

Yours in Christ's love,



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

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS FROM JUNE

It has been an exciting month so far with the return of parish activities whether through baptisms, outdoor picnics, and musical performances. Additionally, with the alleviation of many COVID restrictions, further engagement and fellowship would become easier.

Thank you to all who gave input regarding the youth ministry position. We received excellent guidance and suggestions, and thus we are close to initiating recruitment. As most know, the input from the parish had been requested in written and verbal formats to engage all interested. Although lengthy, the time spent was carefully allocated to ensure that parishioners can focus on the church's needs and its future vision.

On another note, the construction in the dumpster area will be starting soon; thus, we apologize for any inconvenience from a dust or parking standpoint.

As the prime targets of the youth ministry are addressed, there will be another ministry survey that will be sent out in the Fall. We kindly ask that input be provided to help guide the vestry towards what is further needed. Regarding the format, we hope that we can ultimately offer and connect in both electronic and written forms so as to get as much input as possible.

As a side note, the Vestry will be observing July as a holiday break from regular meetings; however, the team will still be focusing on church needs behind the scenes. A major community event for the month of July will be on the 17th when we host our second outdoor picnic with accompanying entertainment (see page 4 for details). Our church is well known for its appreciation of worship and liturgy, sense of community and fellowship, and value of the arts and music. We aspire to keep embracing these as we transition out of the pandemic times.

Please note that the previously scheduled August outdoor service & picnic will be moved to the following month and thus merged with our Rally Sunday event on September 12th (details to follow shortly). This is intentionally being changed to permit for focus on the Memorial Garden Service in August.

Thank you again and again for your continued support to our church and community...

—Dani Zoorob, Sr. Warden

CALLING ALL SINGERS!



*Do you like to sing in the shower or in the car?
Have you taken a small break from singing in a group setting?*

Well, maybe now would be a good time to show off your skills by joining the choir this fall! The choir's first rehearsal of the Fall season will be on

Thursday, September 2 from 7 pm—9 pm

That will give the choir two rehearsals before their first performance on Rally Sunday, September 12. We would love to add your name to our choir family here at St. Michael's. Please reach out to me at: justin@lovelearnserv.org if you have any questions!

JUNE 19TH PICNIC & CONCERT

Thank you to everyone who came & enjoyed our very first service, picnic and concert on June 19th!



Due to anticipated poor weather, we had the service in the Fellowship Hall, and then decided to move outdoors for the picnic and concert. It turned out to be a beautiful evening!

If you couldn't make it in June, plan to join us for another outdoor service, picnic and concert on Saturday, July 17th.

See page 4 for more details!



There will not be a service on Sunday, July 18th, due to the Saturday evening outdoor service, picnic & "Jazz in July" concert on July 17th at 5:00 pm.

Please plan to join us that Saturday instead!



St. Michael's Music Department is inviting you to join us on the side lawn for a Movie Night on Wednesday, July 21st at 9:00 pm. This is a new monthly event that the church is hosting for your enjoyment. The movie for July is still being decided, and we will offer prepackaged concessions for 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!

In the event of inclement weather, movie night will take place in the Fellowship Hall.

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:

July 17, August 21, and September 18



BRAINSTORMING SESSION

One Saturday in June, a group of parishioners met to brainstorm on the 2021-2022 Program Year. They talked about priorities and traditions as well as lots of great new ideas: a parish retreat, spiritual studies and practices, yoga or tai chi classes, game nights, walk and talk, community service, etc. We desire to bring lots of great, diverse programs to St. Michael's this year! If you couldn't attend the gathering and there is an idea you are willing to explore and organize, please email Linda Mays at: lindamays91@gmail.com



SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP, PICNIC & CONCERT: JAZZ IN JULY!



On Saturday, July 17th at 5 pm we will enjoy a service of Holy Eucharist on the side lawn, followed by a picnic and beautiful concert. We ask that those who will attend bring their own chairs and/or blankets and picnic dinners. All are welcome to join us!

St. Michael's "Off The Beaten Path" Events Series is pleased to sponsor this "Jazz in July" concert which will feature popular jazz singer Lori Lefevre and guitarist Chris Buzzelli.



A well known jazz singer in the Toledo, Ann Arbor, Detroit region, Lori Lefevre began her career touring as a musical theatre performer and pop singer. Through theatre and music Lori has had the opportunity to travel the United states and Europe. Lori calls Toledo home and has been singing jazz in the midwest for the last four decades with some of the finest musicians anywhere. In addition to performing at places like Rusty's Jazz Cafe, Murphy's Place, Degage Jazz Cafe in Toledo, and The Bird of Paradise in Ann Arbor, Lori has been the featured vocalist with the Toledo Jazz Orchestra, The Paul Keller Orchestra, Ron Kischuck's Masters of Music and The Toledo Symphony, as well as many regional concerts and festivals. As a graduate assistant at the University of Toledo, Lori was blessed to work with jazz legend Jon Hendricks, traveling to Paris as a member of his Vocalstra. Her own vocal jazz group, 6th Edition, was born from that experience and performs regionally as well. Lori has had the pleasure of teaching jazz voice at The University of Toledo, Toledo School for the Arts and Hillsdale College and is grateful to be able to share her love of jazz with students and audiences alike.



Chris Buzzelli, guitar, was a member of the music faculty at Bowling Green State University from 1984 to 2015, where he was Professor of Guitar and Jazz Studies, director of the Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and founding director of the New York Voices Vocal Jazz Camp. Buzzelli maintains an active performing schedule, mostly in the Northwest Ohio area and is a frequent collaborator with Lori Lefevre.

If there is inclement weather, the service, picnic and concert will be held indoors in the Fellowship Hall.

REVISED IN-PERSON 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!*

Effective as of Wednesday, June 23, 2021:

These guidelines reflect the decision of St. Michael's Vestry based upon the relevant science, caution, and their best judgment as to the best interest of the congregation. These guidelines will apply to all church activities including worship, pastoral services, governance, formation, mission, outreach, and use of church buildings by outside organizations.

GENERAL GUIDELINES:

- All participants will respect the preference of those who choose to wear masks and maintain their social distance.
- The maximum number of people at any event is 30% of the maximum occupancy of the space in question. Requests for exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Wardens and Clergy.
- Wind and brass musicians are permitted, with the expectation that ample distance will be maintained from communicants, appropriate to the specific instrument.
- 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, and will preclude physical contact with those who prefer to maintain social distance.
- Pastoral services may resume without previous liturgical restrictions, while observing responsible caution appropriate to the setting.

OUTDOOR GATHERINGS:

- Masks are not required of those who are fully vaccinated; however, they are recommended and encouraged for non-vaccinated children, teens, and adults. 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.
- 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 not required of those who are fully vaccinated; however, they are recommended and encouraged for non-vaccinated children, teens, and adults. 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.
- Refreshments may be served in individual portions by a person wearing a mask and gloves.

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.lovelearnserv.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!

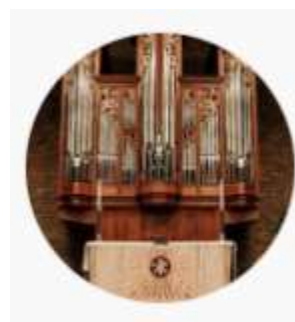


CONNECT WITH US ONLINE!



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://lovelearnserv.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/>

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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| 8 Lillian Spaulding | 16 Carol Simmons |
| 10 Isabelle Carter
Barney Stewart
Claire Waweru | 17 Kate Arnos
Laurie Webb |
| 11 Steven Randall
Catherine Kight | 23 Al Stephens
Grace Wipfli |
| 12 Marilyn Rossnagel | 28 David Ensing
Max Braun |
| 13 Tami Keleher | 30 Vivian Maltese
Craig Van Horsten |
| 15 Anne Morris
Carol Kanfield | 31 Valerie Wiley |



WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS...

Homebound: 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, Malcolm, 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.

For those who have died: Carolyn Cousino

**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

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

FR. FOSTER IS IN THE OFFICE

from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on
Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Please call before stopping in during the week.

AUGUST NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

are due in the office July 23rd.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES

can be found on the tables in the narthex.
Or you can call or email the office
to request a digital or printed copy.



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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Carol Nichols
George Shirk

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Nancy Lehmann
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