



St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church



OCTOBER 17, 2021



Common Grounds will meet in the Fellowship Hall on October 17th and 24th following the 10 am service:

October 17 *Home to Home: A partnership between Scott HS and Ottawa Hills Jr./Sr. HS*

Speakers are Benjamin S. McMurray, Principal of Ottawa Hills Junior/Senior High School, and Erica Silk Director of Development and Alumni Relations. They will talk about how the partnership between Scott High School and Ottawa Hills High School offers the two schools and the Greater Toledo community a unique and powerful opportunity to carve a new path, build bridges, develop shared understandings, and continually create a partnership to build a common future.

October 24 *The Power of Inclusion and Representation in the Lives of LGBTQ Teens: Noreen Hanlon, Ottawa Hills High School French Teacher and GSA Advisor*

The Ottawa Hills GSA (Gender and Sexuality Alliance) strives to create a safe and accepting climate for all students, especially those who identify as LGBTQ. The group consists of LGBTQ teens and a number of allies and meets every other week. In addition to these meetings, the group plans events throughout the school year to raise awareness and foster a sense of community among all students. The group recently hosted their second annual community-wide Village Celebration of National Coming Out Day. Speakers will share their coming-out stories and advice on how to be a better ally.

Office Staff is available in the Church Office on Monday and Tuesday from 8 am to 1 pm and Wednesday and Friday from 9:30 am to 3 pm. Fr. Foster is in the Office from 9 am to 4 pm Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Phyllis is in the Office Sunday through Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm. We recommend that individuals please call before stopping in during the week.



**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31
FOLLOWING THE 10:00 SERVICE**

Everyone is invited to wear Halloween costumes to the service on October 31st – both the young AND young-at-heart!

Decorate the trunk of your vehicle, wear spooky/fun Halloween attire, and pass out treats and trinkets to our younger parishioners.

A sign-up sheet is located on the hall bulletin board. Or talk to Angela Sturtz or Phyllis, call the church or email Phyllis phyllis@lovelearnserve.org to get involved.

MUSIC NOTES

The harmonization and descant for the fourth verse of today's sequence hymn was composed by Lance Massey (1948 - 2013). He was organist and choirmaster at St. James' Episcopal Church, Grosse Isle, MI, and before that served episcopal parishes in Texas, as well as the Catholic Cathedral of St. Augustine in Kalamazoo, Michigan. During his tenure in Corpus Christi, Texas, he composed a large body of accompaniments and descants such as the one being sung today. Although unpublished, Lance gifted his collection of these to Dr. Saunders when he was director of music at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church, Wyandotte, MI. Massey's style incorporates harmonies that are at times striking and unexpected, but always with the Anglican tradition in mind.

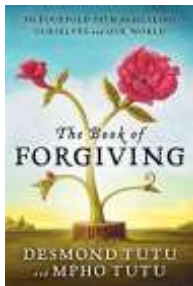
NEEDED: Children's Chapel & Sunday School Volunteers

Do you enjoy working with kids? We are in need of several adults who would like to offer their gifts of service to our children and youth. For more information, chat with Phyllis after the service, or ask her to contact you to explore your involvement by signing up on the bulletin board in the hallway. You can also call the church (419-531-1616), or email Phyllis (phyllis@lovelearnserve.org).



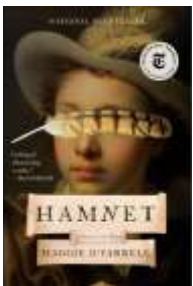
SPIRITUAL STUDY

Each Wednesday at 5:00 pm, Fr. Foster is leading a Spiritual Study on "The Book of Forgiving" by Desmond Tutu and Mpho Tutu. This group is meeting via Zoom, and concludes each week with a Compline service around 6 pm. The Zoom meeting link to join the group can be found in the Friday email or on the Church website, under the "Worship" tab, by scrolling to the bottom and using the link for Compline.



BOOK + DINNER CLUB

We look forward to the second meeting of our Book + Dinner Club and meeting some new friends and enjoying dinner & a book discussion. Join us on Monday, October 18th at 6 pm at Irene Ehrmin's home (RSVP to Irene: 419-536-7358). We are currently reading a book by Maggie O'Farrell, called *Hamnet: A Novel of the Plague*. Please plan to read it if you plan to attend on the 18th.



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God by Donna and Steve Wipfli, in honor of their parents, Helen and Leonard Wipfli and Betty and Eliot Tozer.

DIOCESAN YOUTH EVENT

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to attend a weekend of formation, education, and community. The event will be held **November 5-7** here at St. Michael's in the Hills.

Topics will include: Terminology and intersectionality; scripture/tradition and spirituality; queer history and advocacy/policy; mental health and allyship; and storytelling with Episcopalian members of the LGBTQ+ community. All loving experiences, identities, and expressions are welcome! More information and registration is available at: www.dohio.org/DYE. Have questions? Plan to attend? Please see Phyllis.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- **Meal prep and serving:** Please contact Irene Ehrmin if you can help her with serving meals to our youth & adult guests during this weekend retreat! (419-536-7358)
- **Episcopalians who identify as members of the LGBTQ+ community** to join us for storytelling and relationship-building on Saturday, **November 6** in the afternoon/evening. If you are able to join us to talk about your experiences, or feel equipped to lead a session on one of the above topics in an informal/relational setting, please contact the Rev. Anna Sutterisch, Canon for Christian Formation, at asutterisch@dohio.org.

