



St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church



CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING

Thank you to everyone who took a gift tag for a resident at Sunshine Communities! **Please return your gift by Sunday, Dec. 5**, wrapped OR unwrapped, with the name/item card attached, to the donation box in the hallway.



Sunshine has shared with us a more general wish list, which we have posted on the bulletin board, for those who may still like to make a purchase for a resident at Sunshine. Feel free to contact Ann Heckler with any questions: 419-539-4330. To learn more about Sunshine, visit www.sunshine.org

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT NEWS

We need YOUR help to make this the BEST Christmas Pageant EVER! Anyone who has participated in a previous pageant at St. Michael's is invited to join the children and youth this Christmas Eve...

This includes pageants which predate the familiar script of recent years. In other words, if you were the narrator in a 1970's Christmas Pageant at St. Michael's, we want YOU to be a part of this year's pageant, too! **Thank you for considering participating and for inviting others to be involved!** Visit the bulletin board to grab a flyer to pass along, or to learn more information. Let Phyllis know by Nov. 28th if you wish to participate.



Office Staff is available in the Church Office on Monday and Tuesday from 8 am to 1 pm and Wednesday and Friday from 9 am to 4 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.

DEDICATION CEREMONY



A new fair linen was purchased earlier this year in loving memory and in appreciation of the service of Isabelle Spaulding Carter. We will be dedicating this linen during the 10:00 service on **Sunday, November 28th**. A reception will follow and all are invited to attend!



December 5: *"We Walked: Our Pilgrimage along the Via Francigena, October 2021"*

Come to Common Grounds on December 5th to hear about the recent adventures of some of your friends from St. Michael's in the Hills who spent the month of October hiking in Italy from Lucca to Rome (and for one pilgrim, from the Alps to Rome.) Several folks from St. Michael's and others took on this challenge and have stories to tell (and more than a few pictures.) Learn about the ancient pilgrim's path from Canterbury to Rome known as the Via Francigena, and what it has meant to those of us lucky enough to have shared this experience. Look for familiar faces in the picture below, as we set out from Lucca in Tuscany, on October 1, 2021!



ADVENT CONTEMPLATION



Wednesdays in Advent

This Sunday, November 28 marks the beginning of Advent for us and we again consider how to welcome Christ and prepare room for him in our lives, and, more importantly, how to make room for him in our hearts.

This year, I invite you to join me at 5:00 pm on Wednesdays beginning December 1 for a series of contemplations intended to introduce us to a variety of practices that may help us expand our awareness that we are beloved children of God so we might also grow in awareness of God's presence and accessibility.

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| Dec 1 | Mindfulness |
| Dec 8 | Yoga with Ann Heckler |
| Dec 15 | Practice of Centering Prayer |
| Dec 22 | Story by Tomie dePaola |

Each of these gatherings will take place via Zoom (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4493892523>) and will conclude with the Book of Common Prayer office of Compline at 6:00 pm.

-Foster+

BIRTHDAY'S THIS WEEK

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| Nov 28 | Herm Kurrelmeier |
| Nov 28 | Jim Boyer |
| Nov 30 | Ron Volk |
| Dec 1 | Nicole Dunwald |
| Dec 3 | Su Pokorney |



BOOK + DINNER CLUB

Join us for our Dinner and Book Club on **Monday, December 13th at 6 pm** at RuthAnn Sailstad's home. This is open to all men and women of the parish. Our book for December is *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce. From the bestselling author of *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* comes an uplifting, irresistible novel about two women on a life-changing adventure, where they must risk everything, break all the rules, and discover their best selves—together. Please let Ruth Ann know if you plan to attend: ruthannsailstad@gmail.com.

VOICE RECITAL



On **December 1st at 7:00 pm**, come hear a Student Voice Recital from the studios of Justin Bays and Lena Miller in the Fellowship Hall. A reception will follow the recital.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & MUSIC

If you would like to remember a loved one this Christmas by making a gift for our Christmas music and flowers, special envelopes are on the hall and narthex tables. Please print your name legibly and indicate whether your gift is for flowers or music. Please turn in your envelope by Sunday, December 19th. Thank you!

TOWER BRASS AT CHRISTMAS

Tower Brass returns to our church on Friday, **December 10 at 7:30 pm** for an hour-long, family-friendly performance. What a perfect opportunity to welcome old friends and new friends to St. Michael's in the Hills. Admission is free.



The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of David and Isabelle Carter, from their family.