



St. Michael's in the Hills Episcopal Church



THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY!

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. We recommend that individuals please call before stopping in during the week.



OUR ORGANIST

You might have noticed a small change in the bulletin this week and if not, I hope this announcement brings you as much joy as it does me. Dr. David Saunders has accepted the Organist position here at St. Michael's in the Hills!

During Dr. Saunders' time as Interim Organist he has elevated the level of music during the service by masterfully playing the organ in all of its complexities, contributed interesting hymnal arrangements that compel us to listen, and has been a fantastic colleague to work alongside. I know I personally am excited to begin our musical journey together and can't wait to continue to elevate our services through music. Congratulations, David and welcome to the St. Michael's family!



—Justin Bays, Director of Music

PLEDGE ENVELOPES

If you requested pledge envelopes for 2022, they are available on the table by the St. Clare garden. If you would like envelopes & don't see a set with your name, please write your name on the sheet provided and we will get envelopes for you. *Thank you!*

ALTAR POINSETTIAS



Please feel free to take a poinsettia from the altar home today after the service. Happy New Year!

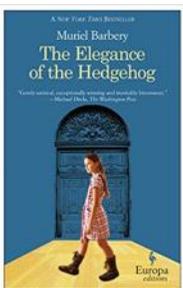
January 9: *Learn about Toledo Opera's presentation of "Blue"*



Alyssa Greenberg, Director of Community Engagement, will share with us this ground-breaking, moving opera being staged by The Toledo Opera, February 11 and 13, 2022.

"Blue" is about An African American couple in Harlem who anticipate the birth of their firstborn, a son, with both hope and fear. As the baby grows into a young man, the mother worries for his future, and the father tries to prepare his son for the realities of 21st century America, while wrestling with his own identity as a police officer, a "Black man in blue." When their deepest fears come true, the family is forced to navigate a devastating reality seeking answers and support from their church and community.

BOOK + DINNER CLUB



Join us for our Dinner and Book Club on Monday, **January 17th at 6 pm**. This month we are reading *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by Muriel Barbery. Scott Lundgren is hosting our group in January, so please let him know if you plan to attend: slundgren20@aol.com

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. Items to consider: canned vegetables, soup, ravioli, peanut butter, and cereal.

ANNUAL MEETING

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on **Sunday, January 23rd** for our Annual Meeting following the 10 am service.

ALTAR FLOWERS FOR 2022

The 2022 Altar Flower chart is posted on the hall bulletin board. If you wish to provide flowers for the altar on a Sunday in memory of a loved one, please sign up. The church office makes the weekly arrangements with the florist, and the florist will direct bill the donor for \$100. A memorial note will appear in that Sunday's bulletin.



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

January 4 Ruth Ann Sailstad