



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.



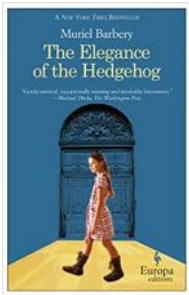
The program scheduled for today about Toledo Opera's presentation of "Blue" will not occur today. Stay tuned to when it will be rescheduled.

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.

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

ANNUAL MEETING

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on **Sunday, January 23rd** for our Annual Meeting following the 10 am service. Printed copies of the Annual Report will be available on the tables next Sunday. Digital copies are available via email.

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 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.



POINSETTIAS

Please feel free to take a poinsettia home today after the service. They can be found in the corridor by the St. Francis garden.



FROM THE ORGANIST

Permit me to share a bit about my background. I was born and raised in Perrysburg, and began piano studies at the age of 10 with Margaret Stone. While in high school I was active in both instrumental and choral music - playing sousaphone in the marching bands and bass clarinet in the concert bands, singing in the full choir as well as the Jazz Singers, and also serving as accompanist for the choirs and soloists in local and state competitions. I entered the Oberlin Conservatory of Music in the Fall of 1982 as a piano and music education major, taking organ as a secondary instrument. I found the organ much more satisfying and changed my principal instrument to organ in the studio of Haskell Thompson. I completed my sophomore year, passed my "committees" for that year, and transferred to Western Michigan University to complete my Bachelor of Science degree in music as a student of Kathryn Loew, graduating in 1987.



I also hold a Master of Music in organ from Bowling Green State University ('91), and a Doctor of Musical Arts in organ and church music from the University of Michigan ('07), where I was a student of Marilyn Mason. This is where my history and that of St. Michael's intersects, as she was both the consultant and the dedication recitalist for the beautiful Wilhelm organ. I was in the audience at that recital in 1992, and it was one of several encounters I had with "Madame" (as she liked to be called) in which she would ask what I was doing and immediately respond, "Wonderful! Come study with me!" So, I took her up on the invitation in 2000, and worked full-time in church music while completing my studies.

In addition to my music degrees, I hold a certificate in litigation management from the Philadelphia Institute, and was hired at Marshall & Melhorn as a paralegal in 1992. I left in 1997 to pursue my career as a church musician, which included my U of M studies. I'm now back at M & M as the Records and File Room Manager, having "retired" from full-time church work in 2017.

I can't think of a better instrument to play, or a more appreciative and welcoming congregation to work for, as a "retired" organist. I'm looking forward to helping St. Michael's celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Wilhelm!

—Dr. David Saunders

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

January 11

Christopher DeRosa

January 14

Letty Haigh



WEDNESDAY COMPLINE

We typically offer a Compline service via Zoom each Wednesday at 6 pm. For the time being, this service is on hold. Please stay tuned for our future plans for a Wednesday evening Lenten program beginning March 9th.

This is the confidence we have in
approaching God: that if we ask anything
according to his will, he hears us.

1 JOHN 5:14

Bible Study Tools