



St. Michael's in the Hills  
Episcopal Church



November 12, 2023

### Worship Schedule

- Nov. 12 10 am** Holy Eucharist with Rev. Robert Gahler
- Nov. 19 10 am** Holy Eucharist with Rev. Nancy Kin
- Nov. 26 10 am** Holy Eucharist with Rev. John Hagan

welcome

We are so glad you have joined us today! Please take a minute to grab your name tag off the rack before the service. *Need a name tag?* Let us know on the sheet provided on the table in the narthex.

### A NOTE FOR FAMILIES

**Children of all ages are welcome in worship!** Crayons, pencils, activities and a children's bulletin are available in the Children's Corner in the narthex. This area can also be used during the service.

**We offer nursery and childcare** for children ages 6 months—5 years old during the service. Our student caregivers have gone through extensive training and are looking forward to greeting your child! Ask the Usher for directions to our Nursery.



*Common Grounds meets after the service in the Fellowship Hall for fellowship, learning, and exchange of ideas and coffee, tea, or cocoa.*

### Nov. 12: Gifts of Time & Talent: What We Do For Love!

Many of us have been blessed to find "work" outside of our paid professions, either before or after retirement. Today, we'll celebrate these sometimes little known talents, interests, and gifts to our community. Steve Wipfli, Penny Cobau-Smith, and Anne Morris will each share a story or two of their volunteer "jobs" and what it has meant to them.

### SUNSHINE BELL CHOIR

This Sunday, we welcome the Sunshine Bell Choir who will be playing during the service. This choir represents Sunshine communities which has supported people with developmental disabilities since 1950.

The Sunshine Bell Choir was founded in October of 2012 with a group of 5 individuals. They currently have 8 individuals that perform for others in a way to spotlight the gifts and talents of every person. Their rehearsals are held weekly at their campus in Maumee. For the musicians, the regular practices and public performances build confidence, strengthen self-discipline and sharpen communication and social skills. After practices, they enjoy a snack and social time together and have really bonded as a group.

Their very first performance was at Sunshine's Christmas Program in 2012. Since then they have performed at Sunday Church services, Good Friday Services, Senior Centers, Preschools, People First Holiday parties, Toledo and Walbridge City Council Board Meetings and Rotary club meetings, just to name a few. *Help us welcome them on Sunday!*



*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in celebration of the anniversary of Todd and Julia Burtscher.*

## VESTRY TRANSITION COMMITTEE

As we continue last week's introduction of Rev. Gayle Catinella, our new Rector, let's discuss some of the opportunities coming our way. We believe that with God's grace, with mutual trust, with good will and good cheer, St. Michael's will continue to grow closer into our inheritance and potential.

As Rev. Gayle shared during the search discernment, 'the future of the church will be wonderful, and we have to believe and prepare for that... We have to move away from our defensive work that binds us to an office chair and we meet our neighbors... We see where the strengths of the parish line up with the dreams of the neighborhood and we say, Come Lord Jesus!' This is life-giving work.



It's not a coincidence that 'the way to grow the church is to be present in the community'. In her two-decade ministry as priest, she has led in several areas of community involvement which are passions of hers. She's been an effective leader in Youngstown in the fight against racism, she's a police chaplain, she's active in food insecurity ministries, a board-serving member of Rotary, and more. Again, this is life-giving work, but Rev. Gayle also shared that because of this work, it's common for her Youngstown church to welcome new guests for liturgy most weeks.

A wonderful adventure awaits us! Please pray for St. Michael's, so that we meet change and uncertainty with confidence and grace. Please continue to pray for Rev. Gayle as she says goodbye to others and hello to us.

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

November 14	Andrzej Gomulinski
November 17	Donald McIntyre
November 18	Patsy Suter

### Guests & Visitors:

We would love to hear from you! Scan the QR code and fill out our visitor card online, or reach for a pew card available in each row and place your completed card in the offering plate.

*We're glad you visited St. Michael's!*



## SAVE THE DATE: DECEMBER 3



Join us on **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>**, as we welcome our new Rector and we also celebrate the Advent & Christmas season! Plan to stay after the 10 am service to enjoy our annual Advent Event.

This year, we are inviting the whole community and having a 'Christmas Market' in addition to our Advent activities! Several local crafters will be with us and we can't wait for this festive Sunday. Come enjoy food, fellowship, shopping and greeting our Rector!

*Invite your friends & family and take a flyer off the hall and narthex tables!*

## CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING



THANK YOU to everyone who took a gift tag last week for residents at Sunshine Communities! Each gift should be wrapped & returned to church (with tag attached) by **Sunday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>**. If you're having trouble finding an item, email the church office at: [office@lovelearnserve.org](mailto:office@lovelearnserve.org) and let us know. If you didn't get a tag, but wish to participate in the gift giving, there are copies of a general wish list on the table with directions on how to participate.

## DINNER + BOOK CLUB

All are invited to enjoy fellowship, dinner and a book discussion! For November, the group is reading *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Murray. They will meet on **Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** at the home of Nancy Lehmann. Contact Nancy if you plan to attend: [nslehmann64@gmail.com](mailto:nslehmann64@gmail.com) or (419) 450-7500.