



St. Michael's in the Hills  
Episcopal Church



November 19, 2023

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.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETS TODAY

— *Kids of all ages are welcome to attend today!* —

We offer Sunday School after the 10 am service on the first & third Sunday of each month. Kids have fun exploring ways to love, learn and serve through storytelling, singing, crafts, reading scripture and enjoying a snack!

## ADVENT WALKING

All are invited to bundle up and go for a walk in Wildwood at **3:00 pm on Sundays during Advent**. Let's meet at the Ward Pavilion (the parking lot near the schoolhouse and farm house) to begin the walk. *Happy Walking!*  
-Kay Gerhardinger

## Worship Schedule

- Nov. 19 10 am** Holy Eucharist with Rev. Nancy Kin
- Nov. 26 10 am** Holy Eucharist with Rev. John Hagan
- Dec. 3 10 am** Holy Eucharist with Rev. Gayle Cantinella



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

### November 19: *The Gospels:*

#### *A Prescription for Spiritual Growth*

*(\*and a little help getting ready to be with your family for the holidays!)*

The life of Jesus is an intensely human family-rooted story. This is intentional and purposeful by the inspired Gospel writers. The goal of Christian living is to become conformed to the mind of Christ (Philippians 2.) Jesus, therefore, becomes the standard of measurement.

This Common Grounds presentation will be a very brief exploration of some Gospel stories in light of family systems theory, and how Jesus invites disciples to make everyday choices in defining themselves in the mission of God.

Bill Roman, LPCC, is a private practice psychotherapist here in Toledo. He and his wife, Karen, regularly attend St. Michael's. They have two grown daughters.

— **There will not be Common Grounds on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>** —



*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Joan O'Connell in loving memory of Maurice & Leila O'Connell and Robert & Ruth Landers.*

## VESTRY TRANSITION COMMITTEE

A priest's position in her parish involves serving three very different roles: celebrating worship, offering pastoral care, and exercising leadership in the life of the church. Let's explore these as we continue our introduction of the Rev. Gayle Catinella, our new Rector.

In Rev. Gayle's own words, her liturgical style is 'joyful invitation. If the celebrant doesn't look happy to be worshipping, no one else will.' She loves celebrating with different communities within her parish and reports that although she is flexible about worship style as the occasion calls, she is 'never sloppy or unprepared.'

Rev. Gayle's pastoral ministry is important to her because as a priest she is called 'to love with the love of Jesus Christ'. While humans do this but imperfectly, she 'has deep faith in the power of healthy relationships.' Rev. Gayle reports it's her favorite thing to be out of the office visiting with people and listening to their stories, which she considers an honor. Because the ministry is large, she relies on a team of Lay Ministers to assist her.

Although Rev. Gayle is an accomplished parish administrator, there are bound to be growing pains as we see to the internal life of the church and discern our expanded role in the community. Even without considering new leadership, we have experienced conflict amongst ourselves these past several years. Our new rector believes we need to normalize the addressing of conflict, realizing it is a part of every healthy human relationship, and, in addressing it, to call upon a history of mutual care. With open and respectful communication, respecting the leadership structure in place with vestry, wardens, and priest, we will remain in God's good hands!

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 23  
November 25

Carleen McIntyre  
Debbie Carlisle

## CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING



THANK YOU to everyone who took a gift tag 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 need help finding an item, email the church office ([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.

## FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR

We have a list of needs from the *Feed Your Neighbor* food pantry at Epiphany Lutheran Church. Please check out the sign on the basket in the Narthex and grab a "shopping list" to take with you.



## NOTE FROM STEWARDSHIP

Thank you to everyone who has made a generous pledge to St. Michael's for 2024. If you haven't turned in your pledge card yet, please drop it off or mail it to the Church Office as soon as you can. *Thank you!*

### 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!*

