



St. Michael's in the Hills  
Episcopal Church



November 26, 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.

## MEET & GREET OUR RECTOR

Would you like to host Rev. Gayle for a meal or tea to personally get to know her? This is a parishioner-led opportunity to welcome our new Rector, host her for a meal at your home or a restaurant, and have an opportunity to chat and get to know Rev. Gayle on a personal level. Angela Sturtz has offered to help coordinate these small group dinners / get-togethers. We ask that the groups remain small (6-8 or less). Please email Angela if you are interested in taking part: [DASTurtz13@gmail.com](mailto:DASTurtz13@gmail.com)



## Worship Schedule

**Nov. 26 10 am** Holy Eucharist with Rev. John Hagan

**Dec. 3 10 am** Holy Eucharist with Rev. Gayle Cantinella

## JOIN US ON DECEMBER 3!



*Come celebrate the start of the Advent & Christmas season by shopping local vendors & parishioners for unique, handcrafted gifts!*

We look forward to **Sunday, December 3**, as we welcome our new Rector, The. Rev. Gayle Cantinella, and enjoy our annual *Advent Event*, plus *Christmas Market*! The fun begins at 11:30 am and will last until 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy fellowship, shopping, Advent wreath-making and other crafts for kids, and food! *Invite a friend or neighbor!*



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

— There will not be Common Grounds today—

**December 10: Meet our new Rector, Rev. Gayle Catinella!**

Come enjoy refreshments and fellowship while Jen DeBacker, Co-Chair of our Rector Search Committee, will MC an informal Q and A session for all to meet our new Rector. *Come for a great "welcome!"*

## VESTRY TRANSITION COMMITTEE

Our new rector, the Rev. Gayle Catinella, begins her ministry with us next week. In this final note of introduction, let's use the lessons of Advent to get ready.

It's no secret that the holiday season can contain stress and unexpected sadness, but there are two big things one can do in preparation to minimize these: we can let go of the notion that everything has to go a certain way, and we can try placing God and others before ourselves and our wants.

These actions are healthy for us as we welcome Rev. Gayle, too. Memories of the past are wonderful, and we ought to cherish them. But that doesn't mean we can't even entertain the thought of putting up the Christmas tree in a different corner of the house, does it?

Instead of seeing things as we've always seen them, instead of seeing things through our eyes only, let's consider other viewpoints. Empathy leads to a growing sense of possibility and responsibility, and then the joys of helping and connecting with others. Such an expansive and other-focused holiday season not only brings true peace; it also leaves us ready for the coming of Christ, ready to help bring about God's kingdom.

Rev. Gayle's experience shepherding parishioners on this other-focused and thus joyful journey was most impressive to the search committee and vestry. Please pray for St. Michael's, as we prepare to welcome her in our own new adventure.



## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

November 28	Herm Kurrelmeier
	Jim Boyer
November 30	Ron Volk
December 1	Nicole Dunwald



*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Val Wiley in loving memory of John Wiley.*

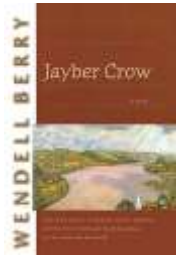
## CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING



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! The group is reading *Jayber Crow* by Wendell Berry for the month of December. Join them **Monday, December 18 at 6 pm**, at the home of Ruth Ann Sailstad. If you can attend, contact Ruth Ann:(419) 266-8886, [ruthannsailstad@gmail.com](mailto:ruthannsailstad@gmail.com).



## 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.

## 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*

### 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!*

