



St. Michael's in the Hills
Episcopal Church



December 10, 2023

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 REV. GAYLE

Would you like to host Rev. Gayle for a meal or tea to get to know her, or simply attend a gathering? This is a parishioner-led opportunity to welcome our new Rector, share a meal with her at your home or a restaurant, and enjoy time getting to know Rev. Gayle on a personal level. Angela Sturtz is helping coordinate these get-togethers. If you'd like to host, or join a group that's already scheduled, please email Angela: DASTurtz13@gmail.com

ASSIST WITH THE SERVICE

We are looking for adults who would be interested in being a Verger at our Sunday service, as well as anyone age 10 and above who can serve as an Acolyte. This is a wonderful way to deepen your relationship with God by serving at the altar & during the service. Contact the church office if interested or email Rev. Gayle: revgayle@lovelearnserv.org

welcome

We are so glad you have joined us today! Please take a minute to grab your name tag off the new rack before the service. If you need a name tag, let us know on the sheet provided on the table in the narthex.



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

December 10: *Meet our new Rector!*

Come enjoy fellowship & refreshments 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!"*

December 17: *Christmas Story-telling (for All Ages!)*



This year we return to the nourishing tradition of hearing a story, read by one of our wonderful readers, Donna Wipfli. Maybe this is also a "cocoa" kind of morning! Come for a cup of something warm and a memorable journey with Donna as the guide.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS + MUSIC

You're invited to make a donation toward Christmas Music & Flowers in memory of a loved one. Special offering envelopes are on the hall & narthex tables. Envelopes should be turned in to the office by Sunday, Dec. 17th.



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by David & Kate O'Connell in memory of loved ones.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS

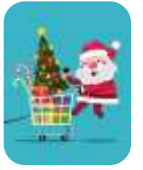
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SANTA'S NIGHT OUT

Bring your kids, or grandkids, to St. Michael's & enjoy an evening to finish up your Christmas shopping! Dinner, movie, and activities will be provided. Kids will be supervised by our trained Sunday morning caregivers.



Join us on Friday, December 15th from 6:00—9:00 pm. Children ages 2—8 years old are welcome, and the cost is \$15/child (\$30 max/family). Scan the QR code to visit our sign-up link by December 13.

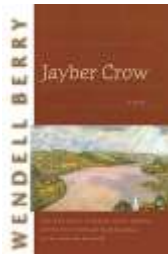


ADVENT WALKING

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

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 18th at 6 pm**, at the home of Ruth Ann Sailstad. If you can attend, contact Ruth Ann:(419) 266-8886, ruthannsailstad@gmail.com.



BETHLEHEM DINNER

Save the date! All are invited to our 2nd Annual "Bethlehem Dinner," on **Friday, February 2nd**. We will again enjoy a wonderful evening of friendship, charity, and music to honor the grace & life of Rev. Peg Sammons. We will share a meal together, hear a presentation from Toledo charity *Leading Families Home*, and enjoy singing together. *More details to come!*

8:00 AM SERVICE

We would love to offer an 8:00 am service starting in the new year! We are looking for individuals who would be willing to commit to attending this service for 6 months as we gauge interest. It would be a Rite I Eucharist service with no music. If you are interested, please email or call the office & let us know!

WINTER CONVOCATION

Save the date for Winter Convocation, February 2-3, at Kalahari Convention Center in Sandusky. This is an opportunity for people across the diocese to gather and become engaged and inspired with ideas and information to help us move forward into the future together. For more info, visit www.dohio.org.

WEEKLY COMPLINE

Our weekly Compline Service meets each **Wednesday at 6:00 pm**. Visit St. Michael's website & click on the worship tab: www.lovelearnserve.org/worship and scroll to the bottom of the page for meeting log-in information.

FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR

Please help support our local *Feed Your Neighbor* pantry by dropping off non-perishable items in the basket in the Narthex. *Thank you!*

FAMILY EVENT: JANUARY 13

Families are invited to attend a Walleye Game with others from St. Michael's on **Saturday, January 13th at 7:00 pm**. It will also be the Walleye's first ever Looney Tunes Night; players will be wearing special Looney Tunes jerseys. Tickets are \$19/person and can be purchased by scanning the code at right. *Hope to see you then!*

