



St. Michael's in the Hills
Episcopal Church



December 3, 2023

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.

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.

Welcome to St. Michael's!



Rev. Gayle Catinella

TODAY AFTER THE SERVICE!



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

We will enjoy fellowship, shopping, food and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall, and Advent wreath-making and plenty of crafts for kids in the Commons Room!

Dear Ones,

Thank you for calling me as your new Rector. I am so excited to meet you and start our good work together. I want to hear your stories, learn your dreams, and worship together!! There is so much to look forward to in all that God is calling us to be.

In your generosity I would also ask for your prayers for the selling of my Youngstown house. I am ready to be fully present and explore this wonderful place. I will keep you posted when there is progress.

The most important thing for you to know about me is that I believe God loves us completely, unconditionally and eternally! It is our job to live into that love with patience, intention and joy. Buckle your seatbelts and let's go!

Praying for you every day!
Gayle+

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



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, food & 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!"*

BIRTHDAYS

December 2	Olivia Summons
December 3	Susan Pokorney
December 5	Brooke Simonds



ADVENT WALKING

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



The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ben Dansard, from his family.

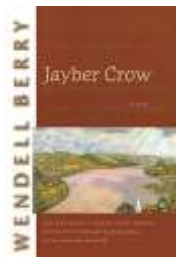
CHRISTMAS GIFT GIVING



THANK YOU to everyone who took a gift tag for residents at Sunshine Communities! **All the gifts are due TODAY!** Please place yours by the gift table in the hallway. After the service, some helping hands are needed loading them up for delivery! Thank you!

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.



8:00 AM SERVICE



We would love to offer an 8:00 am service once again, 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!

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.



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!

