

THE CHIMES

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Breathe Respite Night- Friday, April 15

Our next Breathe Respite night for families of children with special needs will happen on Friday, April 15, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. (volunteers to report at 5:15 for dinner). Registration is open on the church website. Breathe requires many volunteers in a variety of roles, from connecting with a child to serving food. Volunteer training is required. If you have not been trained previously, please contact Renee Leonard at rleonard@chsaviour.org to schedule training. We invite you to this wonderful mission!



GOOD NEWS Collaborative Service– April 10

On April 10th at the 11:00 sanctuary service, GOOD NEWS will present a special worship service in collaboration with the Rev. Andy Call. The theme of the service is the “Wesleyan Understanding of God’s Grace.” Each of five aspects of God’s grace is elaborated through Scripture and through readings excerpted from John Wesley’s own sermon edited and rendered in modern English. GOOD NEWS sings an anthem to complete each aspect. The music includes a bluegrass version of “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” with Bill Benish as soloist, a lively arrangement by André Thomas of the spiritual “Until I Found the Lord,” and a simple but beautiful piece based on the book of Ruth called “There Will I Be” with soloists ShaRon Johnson, Wanda Smart, Karl Kaups and Lauren Lanphear. Jonathan Short will play percussion and Laura Shuster will play violin. GOOD NEWS will sing two of their selections at the beginning of the 9:30 LifeSong Service as well.

Church Wide Game Night on April 8

Friday, April 8th is a game night for everyone (young, old and in between) in the Great Hall. Starting at 6:00, we will have pizza from the famous locally owned Dewey's Pizza, followed by a night (7:00) of fun filled games for all....cornhole, youth and adult led treasure hunts throughout the church, Apples to Apples, Candyland, Jenga, card games, Connect 4, hula hoop, Trivial Pursuit, marbles. You name it, we have it! Cost is \$4 a person for pizza and beverages. Please consider bringing a side dish, snack or dessert for the evening to share. The popcorn machine will be popping, too! Babysitting is available. Reservations for dinner and babysitting are due by Tuesday, April 5th. Contact the church office at 216-321-8880 or office@chsaviour.org.

UMW Celebrates!

On Sunday, April 24 we will recognize and honor United Methodist Women and all that they do in mission to support women, youth and children at the local, national and international level. Women from our local unit will participate in all three services.

We are so pleased to have as our guest speaker Reverend Ashley Steele, Executive Director of Urban Mission Ministries in Steubenville, Ohio. Rev. Steele was ordained an Elder in the East Ohio Conference in 2010. She has done missionary work in Liberia and Uganda. She currently serves as chair of the Jefferson/Harrison County Coalition on Housing and Homelessness and is a certified Bridges Out of Poverty trainer.

Equally important, please offer your congratulations to our Special Recognition Pin recipient that morning. This person is recognized for exceptional support of the efforts of our UMW. An easel display in the parlor will inform you of the many places in the world that benefit from the missions of United Methodist Women. We look forward to seeing you!

Worship Schedule

APRIL 10

Worship at 8:30 a.m. in Myers Chapel, 9:30 a.m. in the Great Hall. Rev. Andy Call preaching: *Emmaus Experience* (Luke 24:13-35). 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary: GOOD NEWS Collaborative Service focused on the Wesleyan understanding of God’s grace. Catalyst topic: Go March Around a City, 6:30 p.m., Great Hall.

APRIL 17

Worship at 8:30 a.m. in Myers Chapel, 9:30 a.m. in the Great Hall and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Judy Wismar Claycomb preaching: *Talitha Cum: Little Girl, Get Up!* (Acts 9:36-43) Catalyst topic: Go Wash in the River, 6:30 p.m., Great Hall.

APRIL 24—UMW SUNDAY

Worship at 8:30 a.m. in Myers Chapel, 9:30 a.m. in the Great Hall and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Ashley Steele, Director of Urban Mission, preaching: *Poverty Ends Where Community Begins* (2 Corinthians 5:17-18) Catalyst topic: Go Feed 5,000 People, 6:30 p.m., Great Hall.

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Worship at 8:30 a.m. in Myers Chapel, 9:30 a.m. in the Great Hall and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Rev. Judy Wismar Claycomb preaching. Holy Communion at all three services. Catalyst topic: Go Raise the Roof, 6:30 p.m., Great Hall.



ALONG *the* WAY...

*I know that my Redeemer lives, and though death destroys this body, yet will my eyes have a sight of God, whom I, even I will see, face to face.*¹

What ever happened to the flash-in-the-pan story about the Jesus Family Tomb? A few years ago it captured news headlines following a Discovery Channel documentary about ancient stone ossuaries, allegedly inscribed with derivatives of the names “Jesus, son of Joseph,” “Mary,” “Judah, son of Jesus” and “Joseph.” I went on-line and read everything reasonable I could find about the story. The dormant archaeologist in me was vicariously thrilled simply at the prospect of that fascinating find. The biblical scholar in me was dismissive, knowing how common at the time were the names Jesus, Mary, Judah and Joseph. The skeptic in me clucked my tongue at Discovery Channel’s slumming sojourn with tabloid journalism. The human relations student in me marveled at the contradiction in our human inclinations:

- willingness to be instantly persuaded of the truth of some emerging proposal, purportedly about Jesus of Nazareth, however flimsy the evidence, while
- reluctant to be persuaded by age-old proclamations about this same Jesus, borne by centuries of people’s life transforming experience and testimony

The preacher of Resurrection asks the question, “What difference will this make in our faith and in our lives?” (Never mind that the story seems to have vanished from public interest as quickly as it arrived, which suggests to me that its truth was more holey than holy.)

If some most orthodox beliefs were to be refuted by archaeological evidence; if Jesus’ DNA could be established and was discovered in some buried remains; if previously unknown, yet verifiable historical writings should be unearthed which suggest that Jesus married, as was Jewish custom, and had a family, what difference would this make in our faith and in our lives?

Would this refute the extraordinary (divine) power, evidenced in Jesus’ touch, to heal those who were sick, to restore sight to unseeing eyes, and peace of mind to those who were disturbed?

Would this diminish the unparalleled (divine) connection of people finding their identities, their meaning, their purpose, their rebirth in lives characterized by God’s justice, mercy and peace, for which Jesus has been the Door, the Gate, the Way, the Catalyst for the last 2000 years?

Would this extinguish the eternal (divine) transformation that is worked in human beings by the power of love alone?

- love which accompanies us through our suffering, and, in fact, which is willing to suffer in the place of another?
- love which demonstrates itself stronger than sin, in fact, which triumphs over evil?
- love which rises from the ashes of death?

Not for me, it wouldn’t. All that I have seen from God, leads me to trust God in situations where I have not yet seen. And all that I have learned of Christ Jesus, persuades me to preach the same faith which he imparted to his disciples.

And all that I have witnessed from disciples of his same love through the ages persuades me to proclaim the unique revelation of God in Christ Jesus and the truth of resurrection to eternal life beyond the grave.

*I know that my Redeemer lives, and though death destroys this body, yet will my eyes have a sight of God, whom I, even I will see, face to face.*¹ (Job 19:25ff)

May it be so, yes, even today, along the Way, *-Judy*

Our Connectional Ministry

A new connectional ministry has come to Church of the Saviour! The office of Pastoral Care and Counseling has been offering Christian Formation groups for pastors in different districts in the Conference for several years. It is a time for pastors to come together and just spend time in quiet meditation and prayer. Each month there is a different focus for prayer, and it is led by the Director of PCC, Howard Humphress. Pastors are invited to come away for a short time and to be renewed in Spirit. Our first meeting was in March, and it promises to be a welcome opportunity for our North Coast pastors. It is also a reminder for us to continue to keep our pastors in prayer as we welcome this new ministry.

Small Group Leader Training!

On Sunday, April 24, right after the 11:00 a.m. sanctuary service, Eric Lewis and Dianne Tobey Covault will provide tools and tips to empower you to join one of our churches most important initiatives—small group ministry. You will learn about print and electronic resources that can be used in a small group setting to build the Body of Christ.

Our church will be offering a number of small group opportunities in the summer and in the fall. We are looking for several fun and uplifting people to help lead this effort. If you are curious about what group leaders do, join us! Experience not necessary. Whether you have never led a group, or are a seasoned leader who can offer insights, you are welcome! Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office or to dianne.covault@gmail.com

Electronic Giving Statements

The preferred method of distribution for giving statements is now electronic. In order to make sure you receive yours, classify Church of the Saviour as a “safe” sender in your email program so that your giving statement does not end up in the Junk folder or Clutter folder.



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In a world where it is hard to be a kid, AND it is hard to be a parent, let church camp be your partner in faith and in nurturing your child. Lifelong Friendships, Positive Christian Role Models, Outdoor Adventure, Meaningful Conversations, Exciting Worship, Time to Unplug and much more!

With hundreds of camp sessions to choose from, you will find the right fit for your child. Camperships are available—contact Renee Leonard (rleonard@chsaviour.org, 216-321-8880).

Visit www.EOCsummercamps.org.

A Note from Curt Campbell

I've got young kids, ages 2, 5, and 8. They get excited about stuff – like Christmas, vacations, and Fruit Loops. They're looking forward to spring, and I am, too. And here's what I'm excited about:

There's a shift that's happening in the youth and children's ministries. It's significant. Both ministries teams looked at where we want to be in 2-3 years if we are functioning well for the sake of the mission of the church (Bringing New Life to Greater Heights). And both teams decided we want to place a stronger emphasis on serving. It's not that we're not already engaging in loving God by loving others, but we could be doing more of it and we think it should be a core component of our identity.

This just happens to be coinciding with some conversations Renee Leonard, Director of Children's Ministries, and I have been having with Janeen Hughes and Steve Richardson (our counterparts at New Life Cathedral in East Cleveland). We're working on identifying how our groups can come together as the Body of Christ to make a difference in some lives. What better common ground is there than serving alongside each other in the name of Christ? I don't know yet exactly how it's going to work out, but it's in God's hands and I know it will be great.

In the meantime we're exploring how we can include the youth and leaders from New Life Cathedral on our upcoming Youth Mission Trip to Detroit. We're partnering with Motown Mission Experience to work on homes, serve the homeless and hungry, and beautify the city. It's going to be different from what we're used to, it's in God's hands, and it's also going to be great.

So what are you excited about? How is God stirring your heart? How is God moving in your personal ministry? I pray that each of us is getting excited about what God is doing. God is good!

-Curt Campbell



Spring Choir Concert

Sunday, April 24, 2:30 p.m.
Sanctuary

Many of our music ensembles, both singing and ringing, will present a wide variety of music to the glory of God in this free hour-long concert. One of the highlights will be a work for handbells, flute, percussion and choir called *As the Wind Song* which compares the movement and power of God's Spirit to that of the wind "never seen, ever known."

The second half of the concert features Bach Cantata # 131 *Aus der Tiefe* (Out of the Deep) a setting of Psalm 130 which Bach was asked to write by a friend who was a pastor and wanted to give comfort and hope to his congregation in Mühlhausen, Germany after the town suffered a tragic fire. This work will be performed by our Chancel Choir, organ and chamber orchestra. Vocal soloists will be Jonathan Short, tenor, and Stephen diLauro, bass.

Steam Pipe Repairs

On Sunday, January 31, our GOOD NEWS choir discovered something was wrong – it was very hot in the choir room, and some of the floor was damaged. That led to an inspection of our heating system and the determination that we had a break in our steam pipe. The diagnosis turned out to be the easy part. The repair was not so simple, since that portion of our heating system is hidden beneath a 6" concrete sub-floor and behind a mass wall.

After an insurance claim, visits from contractors, and a considerable delay as the wheels of bureaucracy slowly progressed, repairs were made on the system the week of March 7 (see photos). We were blessed with a relatively mild winter, though several individuals and programs were displaced during the time of the outage. Very soon, all will be made as it was. Thanks to everyone for your patience while the issue was resolved.



COTS Youth

Thursday, April 7

Sr Youth: Dinner & Sprockets, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Friday, April 8

Jr Youth & Sr Youth: Church-wide Game Night & Pizza Party, 6-9 p.m.

Thursday, April 21

Sr Youth: Dinner & Sprockets, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Friday, April 22

Jr Youth: Gaga Ball & Great Hall Dodgeball, 7-9 p.m.

Sr. Youth: Senior High 1 day Retreat, Friday at 6 p.m.– Saturday at 6 p.m.

Friday, April 29

Jr Youth: Church Pizza Dinner & Capture the Flag at Squire Valleyvue Farm, 6-11 p.m.

Sr Youth: Church Pizza Dinner & Ultimate Frisbee & Milkshakes, 6 - 11 p.m.

Great Hall Pizza Night & Parent Discussion, 6-8 p.m.

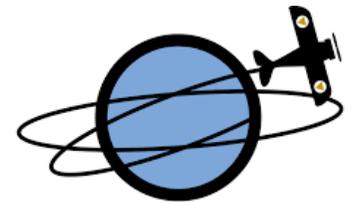
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Friday, April 29

Great Hall Pizza Night & Parent Discussion, 6-8 p.m.



MISSION TRIP

Mission Trip 2016

Youth Mission Trip 2016 destination has been announced! We will head to Detroit and serve through the **Motown Mission Experience** on July 17-23. More details coming soon!

Website and Podcasting
www.chsaviour.org
catalystchanging.org

Radio Ministry

Sunday morning:
10:00 a.m. WHKW Radio 1220 AM

Ministry Team

Judy Wismar Claycomb, Lead Pastor
Andy Call, Pastor
Dianne Tobey Covault, Pastor
Lois Annich, Pastoral Counselor
Judith Higbee, Director of Music
Jonathan Short, Contemporary Worship Leader
Robert Day, Organist
Curt Campbell, Director of Youth Ministries
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**OUR CHURCH FAMILY'S
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Heartfelt sympathy is extended to **Barbara Kirchner** on the recent death of her daughter, Alyssa Gottschalk.

UMW Spring Flea Market

The UMW Spring Flea Market sale is scheduled for **May 6-7. Donations will be accepted from Monday, May 2 to Wednesday, May 4.** Encourage your neighbors and friends to donate and shop. Please donate only clean, usable items. More details to follow in the Sunday bulletins.

Many volunteers are needed for set up, pricing, sales, food prep and clean-up. We hope more men volunteer to help with security, to aid customers who need assistance with their purchases, and to help with loading leftover items into Goodwill truck. Even if you can only give an hour or two, we would be grateful.

You can sign up to volunteer at SignUp-Genius.com. The link is on church website (chsaviour.org). Contact Mary Freer, at cotsfleas@gmail.com or at 216-956-3629 with any questions.

Reformation and Celebration Tour

Announcing the **next tour Charlie and Barb Yoost will be leading: Reformation and Celebration Tour; Sept. 25-Oct 8, 2017 in Germany, Switzerland and France.** Price includes airfare, hotel, day tours and breakfast and dinner daily. Pick up the flier in the church office and start planning for the tour!

VBS Registration Now Open

Save the date for our **Cave Quest VBS**—coming this year the week of June 27–July 1, 9:00 am to noon. At VBS, kids will hear about how following Jesus gives us hope, courage, direction, love, and power. **VBS Registration is now LIVE at www.chsaviour.org**

Nuns, Mud and Silk - A Story of the Great War

United Methodist Women invite everyone to come to the parlor on **Tuesday, April 12** at 10 a.m. Sue Palmer will take us on a journey back to the trenches of World War I. Devotions and lunch will follow the program. Cost of the lunch is \$5 and reservations are due by Sunday, April 10.

Men's Breakfast on April 9

COTS Men: Please join us for our next quarterly breakfast on **Saturday, April 9 at 7:30 a.m.** Rev. Lorenzo Smart, retired Methodist minister, will be our speaker. As always, there will be lots of food and fellowship. The coffee arrives at 7:15 so come early to hang. We end promptly at 9:00 so you can get home to your families. Hope to see you there.

Tom Sperl
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UPCOMING DEADLINES

Monday, April 11

Mid-Month digital reminder page

Monday, April 18

May Chimes newsletter

Send all information to
chimes@chsaviour.org