



## A Letter from the Pastor: by Pastor Jay Anderson

One of the many blessings that we all experience at Church of the Master is the outstanding music ministry. Starting with our M&Ms children's program which introduces our children to the joys of singing and music, all the way up to our Chancel Choir, music is a vital part of ministry and life here at Church of the Master. I have always been a part of the music ministry at every church I've ever been involved in, all the way back to childhood, so I've seen and been part of a lot of music programs in my 62+ years, and this is one of the best. Often times churches don't like it when the pastor also sings in the choir ("Stay in your lane!" are the words I've heard used) so I appreciate the fact that Chris and the choir have welcomed me into their midst, even when my robe doesn't match! It's a blessing to make a joyful noise with these friends.

I also love to hear our Exultation Ringers play (whom I lovingly refer to as "The Ding-a-lings") and wonder at the eye-hand coordination it requires to do that so well. We start folks ringing early with children's chimes and youth bells, but handbell ringing of any kind is a joy to behold, in part because it's beyond me. But I also really enjoy hearing children and young people singing as well. I see the effects of M&M Thursday nights in our own family as our grandkids sing throughout the week the songs they've learned here.

I say all of this because on May 8th we are going to celebrate all of our music ministry with a special service dedicated to just that. I know you'll read more details about that elsewhere in this newsletter, but I just want to tell you - as someone who came here from outside this church - what a blessing we have here in our music ministry. On May 8th we'll hear from all (or nearly all) of our various musical groups, sharing their gifts and their songs, in a wonderful worshipful experience. The piece of handbell music that was commissioned in honor of Kim Hoessly's many, many years of service and ministry here at Master will be debuted and there will be other celebrations and recognitions along the way. I know EVERYONE will want to be a part of this service, so I would be remiss if I didn't remind you at every possible opportunity, that on that Sunday, May 8th 2022, which is also Mother's Day, we will have **ONE SERVICE AT 10AM.**

I know Chris and Tyler and Kim and Marilyn and Kitty are all working hard with the various choirs and ensembles to make this a day to remember and so I hope you will make a point of planning to be in worship that week - May 8th - Mother's Day and Music Celebration Sunday - **ONE SERVICE AT 10AM!**

Blessings,

Pastor Jay

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# Children's Ministry Newsletter

## May 2022



### Sundays: Rainbows, Dewdrops, and U2!

Families are encouraged to worship together during the 9:00 a.m. service - we have activity bags to help your children stay engaged.

Our Sunday morning children's church programs are offered at the 11:00 service, during which we also offer Nursery care. After the Children's Message, 3-year-olds through 6th graders are invited to meet their teachers in the Gathering Space to transition to their classrooms (see below). Or, families may choose to have children remain in Worship – children's sounds, energy, and emotions are welcome as part of God's joyful noise!

The first Sunday of each month is "Family Worship," with all children remaining in the Sanctuary to participate with the traditional liturgy and hymns, and to receive Communion. Including this practice regularly will allow our children to more fully participate in our congregation, and learn from an earlier age what it means to worship in Christian community! (Nursery care will still be offered as an option during "Family Worship.")

Class	Ages/Grades	Bible Literacy Content
Dewdrops	3 years* - Kindergarten	Children are introduced to the Bible, by being read to from a "storybook Bible" format, following the 3-year lectionary cycle.
Rainbows	Grades 1-3	Children deepen their understanding of Biblical persons and content by repeating the 3-year lectionary, this time reading a "storybook Bible" for themselves, and occasionally a "children's translation" Bible with teacher guidance.
U2	Grades 4-6	Children begin to explore a more mature understanding of the 3-year lectionary content, by regularly engaging with a standard Bible (CEB), and with additional historical and social context.

*\*3-year-olds attending Dewdrops must be potty-trained*



### Join "Church of the Master Children's Ministry" Facebook group!

This is a private group for parents of kids involved in our children's ministry programs. We can share stories and pictures, and Miss Cindy will sometimes share activities and ideas to keep your children engaged with God's love outside of worship and M&Ms! Having this additional connection point will also be helpful if we would need to switch to a virtual format again. [www.facebook.com/groups/chmasterchildren/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/chmasterchildren/)

## West Ohio Camps

The West Ohio Conference of the UMC provides various summer camp opportunities for children, youth and families at Camp Otterbein, Camp Wesley and Camp Widewater. Church of the Master recognizes summer camp plays an amazing role in the faith formation process of our kids and youth and provides camp scholarships to assist with the cost of camp for any Church of the Master child or youth attending a West Ohio Camp. **These scholarships are available to all children/youth of church members and are not based on need.**

If your child is attending a West Ohio Camp this summer, you must let Cindy Hughes know by June 1, 2022 in order to be eligible for the Church of the Master camp scholarship. To see all of the camp offerings and register online go to [www.westohiocamps.com](http://www.westohiocamps.com)

## Upcoming Events:

### **Sunday, May 1st: "Family Worship"**

All children remain in the Sanctuary to share in the traditional liturgy and hymns, and to receive Communion. Grab an activity kit or book from the Gathering Space to help keep younger children engaged. (Nursery care is available.)



### **Sunday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 10AM! Chimes, Cherub & Junior Choirs in Worship**

Join us for "A Celebration of Music" in combined worship at 10AM! All of our church ensembles will be performing, including our children. Chime ringers should meet Miss Marilyn in the balcony at 9:15 to warm up, and Cherub and Junior Choirs should meet Miss Kitty upstairs in Rm 17 at 9:30. We're looking forward to the joy that our children bring in Worship!

### **Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>: VBS/Day Camp Volunteers Meeting**

Join us at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall (Youth Group will meet only 5-6 that evening). This meeting will be so important in ensuring that staff at each location know what to expect, and are working as a cohesive team! We'll establish camp procedures, review each day's Biblical focus, and learn a few songs.

### **Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>: Acolyte Recognition and Training**

During 11AM Worship on 5/22, we will recognize and thank all our children who gave their time to serve as Acolytes this school year - please plan to attend if your child has been part of this important ministry! Immediately following worship, we will have Acolyte training for all rising 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders who would like to begin serving God and the church in this special way. (Expected to last 15-20 minutes)



**Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup>: VBS/Day Camp**

**\*\*\*STILL ACCEPTING VOLUNTEERS\*\*\***

Our theme this year is *Food Truck Party*, based on Matthew 6:11 “Give us this day our daily bread.” Together we’ll explore how we can trust in God to meet our daily needs, and so in turn, we can become the hands of God, to provide love and care for others. Kids will participate in memorable, Bible-learning activities, create fun crafts, explore amazing science experiments and serve God through mission projects.



**Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>: VBS Sunday, 10 AM Combined Worship**

Come to Worship on the Sunday following camp, so we can celebrate our week together, and share all the fun with our families – plan to stay afterward for our “Food Truck Party” in the parking lot, featuring the *Broke Johnny* brunch food truck, and *Little Ladies Soft Serve* ice cream truck!

## U2 Ministry News— Introducing Bob and Amy Keep

Hello Church,

Our names are Bob and Amy Keep. We are excited to begin to serve as the new U2 coordinators at Church of the Master. We have been members of the church since 2008 after attending Otterbein University. We were then married in the church in 2009. Our sons (Noah, 11 and Ezra, 6) were baptized and are actively involved in chimes choir, junior choir, and M&Ms. Bob and I have both taught in our children’s ministry with Rainbows and Dewdrops, and most recently within U2. We served last summer in the VBS program as a camp leader and a game station leader. As our children have gotten older we have found our calling to serve more within our Church.



Bob grew up in Ashtabula County in a small town on a dairy farm. I grew up just down the road from the Church of the Master in Westerville. Both Bob and I are educators in Big Walnut Schools. Bob teaches STEM for 5th and 6th graders, and I am a special education teacher for 3rd and 4th grade students. Noah is in fifth grade at Bob’s building and Ezra is in first grade in my building. When we are not at church or at school, you can find us at swim practices, soccer practices, running, golfing, kayaking, or paddle boarding. We love to be active as a family.

As we look to the future of U2, we are excited to collaborate with Cindy Hughes in order to continue to build this program to best serve our 4th-6th graders. We know how crucial a time this is for our children to find a sense of belonging in the church but in their lives as well. We are looking forward to planning many fellowship opportunities that hit high interest activities driven by the children. We will be planning events for our children to serve the community in a variety of mission work along with continuing the current program of study during service.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out to us or find us at church. Thank you for allowing us to serve, grow, and love.

Yours in Christ,  
Amy and Bob Keep

# Confirmation 2022

We are excited to welcome 6 of 8 confirmands into membership. Our mentors had a faith journey of their own in this process, so it was transformational for all involved.

## The 2022 Confirmation Class



### Confirmand

Janie Catherine  
Connor Huston  
Lilyan Kelly  
Luke McGinnis  
Sophie Patterson  
Allen Price  
Micah Stauffer  
Brady Priser



### Mentor

Kitty Laurich  
Steve Perry  
Margaret Doone  
Sam Dorff  
Marilyn Rogers  
Chuck Erickson  
Emily Patterson  
Brent Rogers



## Music Notes

by Christopher Bowling

As the regular music season comes to a close, there are some music opportunities I want to share with everyone.

- Sunday, May 8 at 10AM is a celebration of music service featuring children's and adult music ministries. We look forward celebrating our music ministry that morning.
- As summer approaches, I am looking for folx to share their gift of music in the 11AM worship service. If you are interested please contact me via email at [music@chmaster.org](mailto:music@chmaster.org) and we will get your scheduled.
- Also, for summer, I am designating the last Sunday of each month (June 26, July 31 and August 28) as "Summer Choir Sunday." This is an opportunity for people, outside the choir, who love to sing to come together and share the gift of music in worship. Singers will gather at 10:30AM before worship and go over the piece to be shared that morning. Music and rehearsal aids will be emailed out prior to anyone interested in singing. Again, email me if you are interested in join us in singing this summer.

I ask that you continue to pray for our music ministry, we have many exciting opportunities on the horizon.

Peace,

Christopher

## Called to Love

Called to Love invites YOU to "Lunch and Learn" on Sunday, May 15th! EVERYONE IS WELCOME to join us after 11am worship on 5/15 for a light lunch, followed by a viewing of "For the Bible Tells Me So." This award-winning documentary from 2007 explores the *perceived* conflict between Christianity and homosexuality. Lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall, and then we'll return to the Sanctuary for the film, beginning at 1pm (run time is 98 minutes).

"Called to Love" is a group seeking to educate ourselves about the experiences of LGBTQ+ persons, and explore our own implicit biases and behaviors to find ways we can grow as individuals and as a church community. Questions? Contact Cindy Hughes at [hughes\\_cindy@yahoo.com](mailto:hughes_cindy@yahoo.com)



## Master's Men



Attention, we're planning a cookout!

Master's Men will have a cookout and corn hole competition on Sunday afternoon May 22. We plan to use the patio and new picnic tables for our gathering which will begin at 5:00 pm. Men of all ages are invited. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served. In addition to showing off our corn hole skills, we will discuss some ideas for future activities. Please join us! Look for a signup sheet in the gathering space so we can plan for food. If you have any questions please contact Greg Shaw at 740.965.5600, or [gwshaw@att.net](mailto:gwshaw@att.net).

## United Methodist Women— Now called United Women in Faith

We believe love in action can change the world

United Methodist Women has a new name! We are now United Women in Faith! We are still the official women's organization of the United Methodist Church, but UMW directors were motivated by a strong desire for women's mission efforts to remain connected "whatever may happen" with a possible division of The United Methodist Church. In addition to updating its programs and operations, our new name enables women of faith of other churches to become members. We are still the mission-oriented women's organization that focuses on issues affecting women and children. There is also a new website ([www.uwfaith.org](http://www.uwfaith.org)). While we are in transition, United Methodist Women is still our legal name and United Women in Faith is our "DBA". Learn more about this change on p. 32-35 in the March/April *Response* magazine link below. <https://online.fliphtml5.com/eiek/knab/#p=1>



This issue has very good information about the changes ahead for us plus all the wonderful devotionals and mission information that is in each issue.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Combined Circles Sarah and Lydia will meet on Tuesday, May 10 from 1:30- 3:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. We welcome all women to join us. Come to learn about the many ways women promote missions around the world and here in the U.S., and to enjoy some informal fellowship.
- Also, mark your Calendar! June 11 is the return of the Elsie MacKenzie Memorial Scramble for Missions! Watch for details in upcoming church bulletins and the June RENEW.

Questions? Contact Judy Christian at [mw.jm.christian@gmail.com](mailto:mw.jm.christian@gmail.com) or 614-306-2930.

## Mission Spotlight

This is the second in a series spotlighting the various local and global ministries our congregation at Church of the Master supports to make a difference in people's lives.

The Charitable Pharmacy of Central Ohio began as a joint project of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. Its purpose is to provide affordable pharmacy services along with coordinating access to health care for people living at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. The pharmacy is located at the Livingston United Methodist Church on Parsons Avenue. Due to the generous support of the central Ohio community, they have been able to expand to a second location in the North Linden Area. The North Linden location also has a fresh market and training to provide clients with nutritional food.



The following is a quote from a letter I received from the Charitable Pharmacy I would like to share:

“One patient in particular stays with me. He came to the pharmacy for the first time after he lost his apartment and health insurance. We qualified him for 12 months of service, prepared his prescription medications, and took them out to his car. While there, our advanced pharmacy student informed him that she wanted to set up his next appointment to pick up his refills. He looked at her in disbelief and said “You mean I get to keep coming back?” and began to weep. Your support and advocacy provided him with his medications and support at a time when he needed them the most.”

For more information, check out the website: [www.charitablepharmacy.org](http://www.charitablepharmacy.org)

## May Health Cabinet Huddle

The Church of the Master Health Cabinet would like to invite you to come walk with us again this Summer! This year our theme is “Around the ‘Ville in 98 days”. We are encouraging you to explore Westerville and deepen your faith through a guidebook of devotions and meditations. In addition to physical exercise, we hope you will find your own thin places and God-sightings around Westerville. A thin place is any place where heaven and earth have come close together, and you have felt the presence and power of God. Somewhat similarly, a God-sighting is where you see evidence of God on earth, for example in the first spring blooms rising from “dead” earth.



Our Summer walking program will once again be collecting your miles, and our goal will be to walk 12,740 miles to represent the 12.74 square miles of Westerville. We will be collecting your miles from Sunday of Memorial Day weekend (5/29) until Saturday of Labor Day weekend (9/3)- 14 weeks total, or 98 days. Rest assured- You DO NOT need to walk all 98 days of the Summer to participate!

We will be handing out our guidebooks starting Sunday, May 22 in church. We look forward to walking with you in fellowship this summer and hope you will share some of your God-sightings, thin places, and photos with us!

## Westerville Habitat Partnership

Enjoy a tasty meal and raise money for affordable housing at our next event:

# Minico's Italian

## RESTAURANT



1180 County Line Road

614-899-1100

[www.minicositalian.com](http://www.minicositalian.com)



## Fund Raiser

**May 9, 10 & 11**

15% of your bill will be donated to Habitat  
*Just mention Westerville Habitat*

Take out Monday - Saturday 11-8pm  
Dining room opens Tuesday-Saturday 4-8pm





**“When Kids Come Out” – A Four-Session Class for Parents of LGBTQ Children offered this time on Zoom**

When a child comes out to his/her/their family, it often raises many questions for both the child and for the family. For example:

What does it mean for the family when a child comes out to his/her/their parents?

What does it mean for the parents’ relationship to their church?

What does it mean for the parents’ own faith?

How do parents navigate their own “coming out” after their children have come out to them?

What does the delay in the General Conference mean for me and my family and our church?

**The sessions are designed to provide a safe space where questions and concerns can be dealt with openly and honestly.**

**These questions are among those that will be addressed in the series of four classes that will be held on Wednesday evenings: April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 2022.**

***This session of the class will be held on Zoom this spring. The meetings will begin at 7:00 pm and conclude by 8:30 pm.***

**If you want to participate in the class, please email Jim at [jwaugh3@mac.com](mailto:jwaugh3@mac.com). Put “Kids Class” in the subject line. A few days prior to the class session, you will receive a Zoom invitation from Jim for the sessions.**

The Rev. Jim Waugh, retired pastor in the West Ohio Conference, will lead the group. Jim and his wife, Carol, have an adult daughter, Lisa, who came out to them several years ago. Jim just completed a four-year term as the chair of the Parents Reconciling Network Board (a group related to the Reconciling Ministries Network).

If you have questions or need more information, please feel free to email Jim: [jwaugh3@mac.com](mailto:jwaugh3@mac.com).

# MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:00 am Worship 11:00 am Livestream Worship 11:00 am Nursery 5:00 pm Youth Group	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm SPRC	<b>3</b> 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 Tai Chi	<b>4</b> 6:00 pm Exultation Ringers 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8 MOTHER'S DAY</b> 10:00 am Music Celebration Sunday 10:00 am Nursery/ Rainbows & Dewdrops 5:00 pm Youth Group	<b>9</b> 7:00 pm Finance Committee	<b>10</b> 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Tai Chi 1:30 pm UMW/United Women of Faith	<b>11</b> 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:00 am Worship 11:00 am Livestream Worship 11:00 am Nursery/ Rainbows & Dewdrops 12:00 pm Called to Love Lunch and Movie 5:00 pm Youth Group 6:00 pm VBS Volunteer Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Tai Chi	<b>18</b> 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00 am Worship 11:00 am Livestream Worship 11:00 am Nursery/ Rainbows & Dewdrops 12:00 pm Acolyte Training 5:00 pm Master's Men Cookout and Cornhole 5:00 pm Youth Group	<b>23</b> 6:00 pm Mission/ Outreach Committee 7:00 pm Administrative Council Meeting	<b>24</b> 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 pm Tai Chi 7:00 pm Health Cabinet	<b>25</b> 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 9:00 am Worship 11:00 am Livestream Worship 11:00 am Nursery/ Rainbows & Dewdrops	<b>30 MEMORIAL                      DAY– OFFICE                      CLOSED</b>	<b>31</b> 10:00 am Staff Meeting 12:00 Tai Chi				



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