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Official Newsletter of Church of the Master



Easter Blessings!

A Letter from the Pastor:

by Pastor Jay Anderson

Friends,

As you receive this April newsletter we are in the midst of Holy Week.

We have two midweek service offerings for you this year. The first is on Holy Thursday, April 1st, and will be a livestream service including Holy Communion at 7:00pm. That service will actually serve as a lead-in to the Good Friday service that will be pre-recorded later on Thursday evening and come to you via email on Friday, April 2nd. The Good Friday service is built around a liturgical drama set in the Upper Room in the aftermath of the crucifixion. Our worship team is working hard to create a powerful and meaningful Holy Week worship experience for us all and I hope you will make the time to worship on both of those nights.

Easter Sunday will be a little different this year - who knew, right? Weather permitting, we will hold an abbreviated in-person outdoor service at 8:30am in the church parking lot, lasting approximately 30-40 minutes. You received an email from the office on Friday, March 26th with a signup to attend that in-person outdoor service. There is no limit on the number of people who can attend, but we need to have an idea of how many to expect. We ask that you please bring your own chairs for that service and remind you that masks will be required. Further details are in that March 26th email.

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Following that outdoor service, we will have a live-stream only service at 10:00am with our Chancel Choir joining us for the first time in over a year. This service will be a traditional Easter Sunday service and will also include Holy Communion. We hope you will plan to join us, either in-person and outdoors weather permitting at 8:30am or online at 10:00am.

As we prepare for our Easter Sunday outdoor worship service and for our return to regular in-person worship beginning in May we are in need of an ongoing group of volunteers to serve as our “Road Crew” to help set up and tear down the outdoor services. On May 2nd, when we return to in-person worship we will also offer an outdoor service each week at 9:00am when the weather allows and need folks who can take charge of moving the sound system, keyboard, tables, and other miscellaneous equipment in and out of the building each week. If this is something that you would be willing to help with please reach out to either me or our Worship Chair, Julie Porretta. Like you, we are anxious to return to in-person worship, but as I indicated last month, some things will be a bit different for us as we make our way back and this is one of those things. While many people are vaccinated, there are still many who are not and there is currently no plan or schedule in place for the vaccination of children under the age of 16. We want everyone to have an opportunity for in-person worship, however, so offering an outdoor service when the weather allows is one way we can do that while caring for the health and safety of all of our brothers and sisters. I pray that you will support this effort and one another by your willingness to help us make this happen.

As we move towards this most holy of days on Sunday, my prayer for you is that in the midst of all that brings us worry, all that brings us pain, all that brings us sorrow, that in our worship of the God who makes all things new again, the God who takes death in all of its forms and resurrects new life, that you might find joy, comfort, and peace in the presence of that same God who is with you and within you this day and every day. Amen.

Grace & Peace,

Pastor Jay



Children's Ministry News

by Erin Flory

Virtual Music and the Master

During our weekly virtual M&Ms, our children will continue to "Dig In" and explore the foundations of our faith. As we tackle both new and familiar stories we will contemplate the big question "Who is God?"

Our topics for April include:

Bible Story	Bible Point
Jesus Comes Back to Life	Jesus is Alive
Jesus Dies on the Cross	God is Loving
God Always Was and Always Will Be	God is Forever

End of M&Ms Celebration - Thursday, April 29th

Join us in the parking lot to celebrate as we wrap up our year of M&Ms. We will enjoy music with Miss Kitty and take pictures that will be hung up in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate M&Ms this year. Please wear your M&Ms shirt!

5:15-5:45 p.m. Preschool/Kindergarten Families

6:00-6:30 p.m. 1st-5th grade Families

*If you have children in both age groups you are welcome to come for both or pick one that works best for your schedule.

*In the event of rain, the M&Ms celebration will move to May 6th.



Teachers Needed!

We are looking forward to reopening the nursery and our Rainbows and Dewdrops classes during the 11:00 worship service beginning on May 16. In order to do so safely, we need volunteers to help nurture and teach our young disciples. Please contact Erin Flory (children@chmaster.org) if you would be willing to serve in the teaching rotation this summer.

Pop-Up Canopies Needed – Can you help?

Do you have a pop-up canopy that we could borrow the week of June 21-25? We are planning to hold our preschool VBS outside this summer and are looking for creative ways to create some shade and outside learning spaces for our little ones. Please let Erin Flory know if you might be able to help. Thank you!

Join us on Adventure Island!

We are so excited to be able to offer in-person VBS/Day Camp/Survivor this summer. It will take lots of help from the whole congregation to do this safely. Please reach out to Erin Flory if you might be able to help in one of the following ways.

- Lead a small group of preschoolers at VBS (9:00-11:30 a.m.)
- Lead a small group of elementary students at Day Camp (9:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.)
- Help with our middle school students at Survivor Camp (9:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m.)
- I'd be able to help with a special activity one day but can't commit to the whole week.

Discovery on Adventure Island VBS/Day Camp/Survivor Camp

June 21-25, 2021



This year our theme is Discovery on Adventure Island. Together we will learn to shine God's light in the world! Kids will participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, create fun crafts explore amazing science experiments and serve God through mission projects. Plus, campers at Sugarbush get to enjoy the fun of traditional camping activities such as hiking, campfires and creaking! We are excited to return to "in person" VBS/Day Camp and Survivor Camp this summer. We will follow all current health guidelines (masks, small groups, social distancing, hand washing, etc). Preschool VBS (for 3 year olds-rising kindergartners) will be held outside at the church from 9:00-11:30 a.m. Day Camp (for rising 1st-5th graders) and Survivor camp (for rising 6th-8th graders) will be held at Sugarbush Day Camp from 9:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. We will also offer an "at-home" VBS option for our preschool and elementary families. Families who choose the "at-home" option will be able to pick up crafts, science experiment and Bible activities to do along with interactive videos for the week.

This year we are asking families to pre-register to help us safely plan for enough volunteers and supplies. Feel free to invite your friends!

Please complete the online pre-registration:

<https://chmaster.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

Families who pre-register will receive more specific information and be asked to return final registration forms along with the registration fee later this spring. The cost is VBS \$25.00, Day Camp \$35.00 and Survivor Camp \$35.00. There is a family cap of \$70.00 for children in the same family attending VBS and/or Day Camp. Survivor Camp is not included in the family cap. Partial scholarships are available if needed.



Church Reopening Guidelines



ACCESS TO THE SANCTUARY

When we return, please use the eastern most doors on Main Street closest to the parking lot. For those who

cannot negotiate the stairs the handicapped entrance on the south side of the building will be available. If you come in from the south side entrance, sit on that side of the sanctuary. We would ask that if a member of your family needs to use the handicapped entrance that all members of the family use this entrance so as to stay together. This will minimize congestion in the Gathering Space and allow for the ushers to more easily seat your family together.



RESERVATIONS

A link to reserve seats will be sent out on Monday and you will have until Friday at noon to reserve your spots. If you do not have access to email, please call the church office before Friday at noon to reserve spots. Understand that once capacity in the sanctuary has been reached, overflow seating is available in the fellowship hall.



WORSHIP TIMES

We will return to in-person worship services on May 2, 2021. There will be a 9:00 a.m. outdoor service and an 11:00 a.m. indoor service. Masks are required at both worship services. If weather permits for the outdoor service, we request you bring your own chair. Parking in the church parking lot is unavailable until the conclusion of the outdoor service.



WELLNESS

Anyone who is sick, coughing, has a sore throat, or a fever is asked to remain

home. We're committed to continuing to provide worship online, so anyone who needs to remain at home whether due to illness, being in a vulnerable group, or other reasons can still join us in worship.

As we enter the building, we will use no-touch thermometers to take everyone's temperatures. Anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or higher will need to return home where you can worship with us online.

Everyone over the age of 3 will be required to wear a mask. If you forgot your mask, we'll provide one to you. If you're unable to wear a mask, we ask that you continue to worship with us from home until masks are no longer needed.

Everyone who enters the building must sanitize their hands with provided hand sanitizer, unless a health condition prevents it.

At this time, coffee service will not be available. Please limit use of the restrooms to emergencies only and limit occupancy to one person (and a parent or aide) at a time if at all possible. A changing table will be available in the Nursery room.



WORSHIP

Our services will be designed to be as touchless as possible by holding doors open, eliminating paper bulletins and

hymnals, individually packaged communion elements, and using offering collection boxes after worship instead of passing the plate. Masks will be required for the entire service and during liturgy and singing.



CHILDREN

Rainbows, Dewdrops and Nursery care will be available during that 11:00 a.m. service starting on May 16th. Families attending the outdoor service are encouraged to

worship together. Nursery care will not be provided during the 9:00 a.m. outdoor service. Ongoing Children's Ministry activities will continue throughout the summer. To be added to the Children's Ministry email list please contact Erin Flory [children@chmaster.org].



SAFE DISTANCING

Individuals or families should maintain safe distancing in the sanctuary and Gathering Space. Seating and exiting will be guided by the pastor and the ushers.

We are all looking forward to seeing each other again and will naturally want to give each other hugs or handshakes; but during this season we will greet each other with smiles and waves that maintain 6 feet of safe distancing.

THANK YOU!

We thank you all for working with us to take care of each other. You may not be someone who is in a vulnerable group or concerned about catching the virus, but these measures will help us to protect those who are. They only work if all of us buy in and do our part to keep each other safe. Thank you for putting the safety of our Church of the Master family members first! These guidelines serve as a roadmap for reopening the building based on currently available information. Nothing in these guidelines are to be considered absolute as the current COVID-19 situation is fluid and evolving.

Easter Outdoor Service

In case you missed the email that went out last week, we are excited to see you for an Easter outdoor service on April 4, 2021 from 8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m., if weather permits. If there is rain at 8:00 a.m., assume that the service is cancelled. You will also be notified by email that the outdoor service is cancelled.

Please also note:

- Masks are required
- Bring your own chairs
- Easter Sunday Live Stream will still be available at 10:00 a.m. on YouTube



The below sign up genius link is available for you, family, and friends to RSVP by Friday, April 2nd at 12:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084da4ad28a5fa7-outdoor>

Attention committee chairpersons and leaders of other group activities:

We are tentatively planning to return to in person meetings and activities at the church starting in early May. As we move to our summer season, please let me know about anticipated changes in meeting days or times or cancellations so that we may keep our calendar up to date. Please send me an email or call me at the church office with your updates or your questions. My current work hours are normally Monday through Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm (lunch from 12-1). Thank you very much! April

Smith facilities@chmaster.org

GRADUATE RECOGNITION IS COMING!

If you or someone in your family will be graduating from high school, college, graduate school, technical school or otherwise receiving a diploma, degree, or certificate this spring we want to recognize you! Please reach out to the church office at office@chmaster.org and let us know who will be graduating, from what school, with what degree, and what future plans look like at this point. In early June we will celebrate all things graduation in worship and we want to make sure we include everyone. So please just drop us a note to let us know. Thank you!

Donation Drive

by Mission & Outreach Committee

Southern Ohio has experienced significant flooding since mid-February due to warming temperatures and heavy rains. This has left many homes, particularly in Lawrence County, ravaged and heavily damaged. Bishop Palmer has asked for donations towards cleaning kits badly needed to help our neighbors. Church of the Master will be collecting donations on Saturday, April 17th from 10:00 to 12:00 as a drive-thru in our parking lot. If you would like to donate to help our neighbors in Southern Ohio, please see the list below. Thank you in advance for your help. Money donations are also welcome. Checks can be made out to Church of the Master, with West Ohio Disaster Response written in the memo line.

Items for donation:

5-gallon round bottom bucket with

resealable lid. (no screw top)

32 to 64 oz. Bottle liquid concentrate.

Household cleaner

16 to 40 oz bottle dish soap

4 to 8 oz pump spray air freshener

6 to 14 oz pump spray insect repellent

Scrub brush (with or without handle)

Re-usable cleaning wipes (no Terry cloth, microfiber or paper towels)

Scouring pads (no stainless steel pads with soap on them)

36 to 50 clothespins

50 to 100 ft clothesline (cotton or plastic)

N95 particulate respirator dust masks

Kitchen gloves

Work gloves (cotton with leather pads or all leather)



Health Cabinet Huddle

With Laurie Bowman, BSN RN

Happy Spring! If you are like me, you have been readily awaiting the season of Spring to reach Central Ohio. With Spring comes more sunshine, warmer weather and the sights and sounds of new growth and new life. While I am realistic about Ohio weather and the fact that we are still due at least 1 if not 2 more snows since the forsythia bloomed, I am excited that the weather recently has been nice enough to enjoy time outside.

Did you know that being outside has a lot of good physiological benefits for you? In addition to soaking in some (healthy amount) of Vitamin D, being outside can lower your blood pressure and stress levels, improve your mood and improve your focus! Some studies have even shown that being outside can improve or speed up healing!

Some good ideas to get active:

Looking for new nature parks to explore? Check out the website Trek Ohio <https://trekohio.com>

TrekOhio is a website that provides information on parks all over the state of Ohio and includes information on helpful things like BATHROOMS and trails/mileage.

Take an after dinner walk as a family and point out the signs of spring you see (like more birds, cheerful flowers, people gardening, ducklings/goslings etc.)

Call a friend or two to meet up outside somewhere with your folding chairs spaced 6 feet apart

Listen to Podcasts (like Lucy Kelly's! at <https://chmaster.org/campus-ministries-1>) or call a friend to talk on the phone while going for a walk



AND COMING SOON

The Health Cabinet is going to co-sponsor a walking program for the church to “walk together” to El Porvenir, Nicaragua! We will track the miles participants walk between May 2 and Labor Day to see how long it takes us to get to El Porvenir.

ALSO COMING SOON

Introduction to Formational Prayer

Join us for a Zoom class on Tuesday ,April 20th from 7 - 8:30 PM

Do have trouble with prayer? It might be a brain issue. Our modern western society emphasizes using our left brains, that is doing things that require logic, numbers, reading and the like. But research has shown that prayer is a right brain activity. Our right brains are the seat of our emotions, our senses, and our imaginations which God uses to communicate with us. Join Ann and Harry Peat and Michele Beach for an evening experience with God using some ancient prayer exercises and some newer ones and exercise your right brain. Contact the office to get on the list to receive the Zoom link for the class. For questions, contact Ann at 614-890-3802 or annpeat@columbus.rr.com.

SPRING MEETING

Capitol Area North District United Methodist Women

“Single Parenthood and Financial Impact on Children and Youth”

Speaker: Bridget D. Hawkins, Program Administrator/Staff Attorney

Child Support Unit, Logan County Department of Job and Family Services



Saturday, April 17, 2021 (via ZOOM)

Gathering at 9:45 a.m. with the meeting starting at 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

To register, contact: Kim Hoessly, Treasurer, khoessly@columbus.rr.com - link to join our ZOOM meeting will be forwarded to you

There is no cost for this meeting, however, please consider making a donation to United Methodist Women: Go to unitedmethodistwomen.org, click on Give Thanks, Give Now, click on Direct my gift to: and select a program. You can select World Thank Offering. Select Gift amount or enter an amount. Choose one time gift. A little further down the page you can select Credit your church and Conference and fill that out. Then you fill out the payment info, etc.”

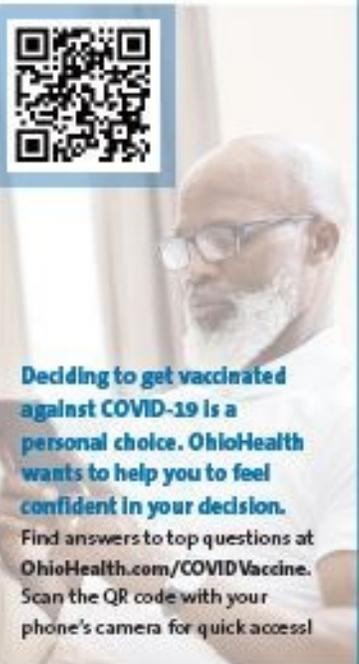
We have missed you and hope to see you via ZOOM at our Spring Meeting.

**Margie Hewitt, President, Capitol Area North District United Methodist Women, hewitt@watchtv.nwt
Carolyn Johnson, Vice President, cjohnson3253@yahoo.com – 614-565-4121**

Make an informed choice about COVID-19 vaccination.

Why OhioHealth recommends vaccination

- + The vaccine will protect you from the virus. The Federal Drug Administration will only approve COVID-19 vaccines that are highly effective. Getting vaccinated will make you less likely to be infected, and experts believe it may prevent severe symptoms if you do get sick.
- + The vaccine is a safe way to gain immunity. Nobody can say for sure how a COVID-19 infection will affect you, but we do know it can cause serious, life-threatening symptoms. The vaccine will help your body produce antibodies to fight the virus, without the risk of getting sick.
- + The vaccine can help end the pandemic. Wearing masks, social distancing, and washing your hands reduce your chance of getting COVID-19, but a vaccine makes your immune system ready to fight the virus if you do. Experts say combining safe practices with vaccination is our best shot at beating COVID-19.



Deciding to get vaccinated against COVID-19 is a personal choice. OhioHealth wants to help you to feel confident in your decision.

Find answers to top questions at OhioHealth.com/COVIDVaccine. Scan the QR code with your phone's camera for quick access!

HOW TO SCHEDULE WHEN YOU'RE READY



Option 1: OhioHealth MyChart

If you received care at OhioHealth in the past three years and have an OhioHealth MyChart account, we will notify you when you can schedule your first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine through MyChart. Sign in today to verify your email address. If you do not have a MyChart account, request an activation code at MyChart.OhioHealth.com or through the OhioHealth app.



Option 2: OhioHealth COVID-19 Vaccine Hotline

If you're not an OhioHealth patient or can't schedule online, call (614) 533.6999 weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Option 3: Retail clinics and community locations

Visit Vaccine.Coronavirus.Ohio.gov for a list of locations providing the vaccine across Ohio. If you have the opportunity to get the vaccine at another location in your community, we encourage you to take advantage of it.

At OhioHealth, appointments are limited by the number of doses we receive. If no appointments are available when you try to schedule, check back. We will continue to add new openings as we get more vaccines. OhioHealth physician offices cannot schedule your vaccine, so please do not call or message your providers with appointment requests.

STAY
INFORMED!

Check appointment availability and prepare for your vaccine at OhioHealth.com/COVIDVaccine.



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The Choice is Yours



Introducing WARM's New Online Ordering System

Eligible families in the Westerville School District can now choose what they receive from WARM. Our new **ONLINE Choice Market** allows clients to order their food, household supplies, and other items before they visit. This program is similar to the online ordering system used at grocery stores but made specifically for food pantries. Orders are picked up curbside when clients schedule their visit.

Income Eligibility Guidelines for Food Assistance:

If you live in the Westerville School District and have a total combined income of all people in the household which is currently below these levels, you can visit WARM up to every two weeks for food and household supplies for your family.

Household Size	Maximum Gross Household Income		
	Monthly	Weekly	Hourly
1	\$2,394	\$552	\$13.81
2	\$3,242	\$748	\$18.69
3	\$4,089	\$943	\$23.59
4	\$4,936	\$1,139	\$28.47
5	\$5,783	\$1,334	\$33.36
6	\$6,630	\$1,530	\$38.25
7	\$7,477	\$1,725	\$43.14
8	\$8,325	\$1,921	\$48.02
9	\$9,173	\$2,116	\$52.91
10	\$10,018	\$2,312	\$57.80

Two Ways to Order Through the ONLINE Choice Market

Order Online:

You can access the

ONLINE Choice Market

through www.warmwesterville.org/order.

To log in and place an order, you will need a Shopper ID and PIN, assigned by WARM. Call our Help Center at 614-568-8700 Monday through Friday between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM to sign up and to make arrangements to pick up the instructional packet or have one emailed to you.



Order by Phone:

If you do not have internet access or are not comfortable ordering online, you can place an order

in the **ONLINE Choice Market** by phone. Call our Help Center at 614-568-8700 Monday through Friday between 10:00 AM and 1:00 PM to sign up and place an order.



WARM
Westerville Area Resource Ministry
Serving Since 1972

If you have any questions about the **ONLINE Choice Market**, call the Help Center at 614-568-8700.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
APRIL 2021				1 7:00pm-Holy Thursday Live Stream Worship Service 8:15-Recording for Good Friday	2 All Day-Good Friday Worship Service on YouTube	3
4 8:30 a.m.-Easter Sunday Outdoor Service 10:00 am- Live Stream Worship	5 Day After Easter Sunday-Church closed 7:00m- ZOOM SPRC Meeting	6 10am- Staff Meeting	7 7:00 p.m.- Zoom Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.- Book Study led by Jim Wagner	8	9	10
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LIVE TO SERVE.**

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